



## Corvallis under snow advisory above 500 ft.

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The National Weather Service in Portland has issued a snow advisory for the central and southern Willamette Valley. This advisory includes Gresham, Salem, McMinnville, Dallas, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and Hillsboro.

The snow advisory applies to areas above 500 feet of elevation. This snow advisory is in effect from 9 p.m. Monday evening to 10 p.m. today.

"Another storm will move into the area later [Monday night] through Tuesday. As this system moves in [Monday night], snow levels will lower to near 500 feet with snowfall accumulations of 2 to 4 inches possible above 500 feet tonight," according to The National Weather Service.

"There may be a short period of time with rain mixed with snow on the valley floor before daybreak Tuesday. The snow level will rise to near 100 feet on Tuesday with 2 to 4 additional inches of snow possible above 500 to 1,000 feet."

The OSU Hyslop experiment station is located at 225 feet above sea level. The station is located just off of Highway 20.



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Corvallis' historic Whiteside Theatre has been closed for the past six years. The Whiteside Theatre Foundation hopes to use the theater as a venue for movies, concerts and local films. The foundation hopes to team with OSU and New Media Communications on the project.

## Historic theater on the market

Whiteside Theatre Foundation proposes to acquire venue from Regal Entertainment

By Craig Bidiman  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The historic Whiteside Theatre, located in downtown Corvallis, has been closed for the past six years.

The Whiteside Theatre Foundation has worked diligently toward a reopening.

"This group brings many complementary talents, skills and resources to the table," said Susan Morr , spokesperson for the Whiteside Theatre Foundation.

According to its website, the Whiteside Theatre Foundation supports an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable multi-purpose venue in the historic Whiteside Theatre and currently complements existing arts venues.

"We feel the name change reflects our purpose," Morr  said, "to adapt the venerable

Whiteside Theatre to changing entertainment market conditions while meeting existing community needs."

A major conflict with the foundation's motivation concerns the Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals, who have been previously considering a Portland-based developing company to rework the theater's configuration and erect a retail complex.

Due to time and delays, the company backed out of the deal.

"It is a truly beautiful building," Morr  said.

"We'd rather keep the historic downtown core rather than have the national retail chains take over the local business that thrive in downtown."

The WTF submitted a proposal to Regal Entertainment Group, who took over the property rights and eventually closed down the theater in 2002, hoping to acquire the building.

The group, which consists of 20 downtown business and property owners, is motivated

to acquire the theater, built in 1922, due to its importance and history in downtown Corvallis.

"We envision a robust mix of activities," Morr  said. "A market opportunity exists for a downtown event hall with a seating capacity that existing venues cannot meet."

The venue, which features a balcony and seats 922 patrons, anticipates opening its doors and potentially hosting film festivals, classic films, live music and second-run films.

"We do not want to compete with Majestic or Darkside," Morr  said. "We want to be another complement on the already-flourishing downtown lifestyle."

"Our group is excited because we know there have been efforts in the past to buy the theater, but they could never quite get their funding together," Morr  said.

According to Morr , a major accomplishment for the WTF would be gaining nonprofit status.

With the status acquired, the foundation can

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## Correction

Jason Milo Wood, 26, was arrested for a warrant served by the Corvallis Police Department on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 12:14 p.m. Wood faces charges of burglary in the second degree and theft in the first degree. CPD Officer Gabriel Sapp was incorrectly identified as the suspect for this arrest.

The Daily Barometer deeply regrets this error. The Barometer hopes to be fair and accurate in the coverage of OSU's campus and the Corvallis community. Please report errors to editor@dailybarometer.com.

## Craft, tradition come together at Longhouse



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A group of students make chokers at the Native American Longhouse Monday night. The craft event was planned by the community outreach coordinator of the longhouse.

Jewelry, crafts serve as cultural tradition, education, physical and spiritual armor

By Nicholas Schram  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Every few weeks, the Native American Longhouse puts on a craft night where students are welcome to participate in making traditional Native American crafts.

Monday marked the first craft night of winter term, which took place from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Native American Longhouse.

Participants were invited to come assemble their own Native American choker, a form of neckwear.

Crystal Chulik, the community outreach coordinator for the Native American Longhouse and a senior in environmental science, arranged the program.

"These craft nights are important, as they help to keep cultural traditions alive by means of education," Chulik said.

Each night features a different craft for individuals to make. Past crafts have included other forms of Native American ornaments, such as dream catchers.

This was the first of three scheduled craft nights to take place at the longhouse, and students

came out to enjoy this craft night for a number of reasons.

Victoria Burton, a non-degree senior, said she enjoys the people at the longhouse as well as the unique cultural perspective it offers her.

Previously, she had been unable to attend craft nights, but seized this opportunity to attend this one.

Matt Ruff, a sophomore majoring in geology, attends craft nights at the longhouse whenever possible.

Both students said they enjoy spending their free time in the longhouse, be it craft night or not.

The chokers were assembled from provided materials of leather, sinew, beads and hair pipes made from bone.

"The choker is similar to a small breastplate," Ruff said. Traditionally, it served not only as jewelry, but also as physical and spiritual armor for the wearer.

Employees and frequenters of the Native American Longhouse encourage all students to attend future events at the longhouse, emphasizing that the center is not just for individuals of Native American descent.

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**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Multicultural Affairs**, 4:30pm, SLJ. 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!  
**Educational Activities**, 6:30-7pm, MU Council Room. College Democrats and MEChA will be presenting their 2008-09 budget requests.

**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 ecumenical small group designed to help people expand their understanding of the nature and practice of prayer.

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Non-Traditional Affairs Task Force**, 5pm, MU 209 (25+ Lounge). Join non-traditional students in campaigning for positive change on campus!  
**Recreational Sports**, 5:15pm, MU 212 (MLK). Recreational Sports board meeting.  
**College Republicans**, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Discuss national and local events with like-minded students.

**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.

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force**, 5pm, SLJ 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!  
**Student Health Services**, Noon, MU 206. Open budget forum for Student Health Services.  
**International Women's Coffee Hour (ISFS)**, 3-5pm, Women's Center. Take a break from your busy day to relax over a cup of coffee or tea and meet some of the extraordinary women from around the world who have come to OSU to teach, research and study.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper and discussion.  
**Music**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: Sirens — oboe, flute and piano trio.  
**Volunteers**  
**Society of Physics Students**, 2-6pm, Wngr 383. SPS will offer tutoring for lower division Physics and Math students.

**Events**  
**Women's Center**, all day, MU Concourse Gallery. Art Show — "Back to Basics: Celebrating Women's Stories and Lives." In honor of Women's History Month in February. Through 3/3/08.

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

TOP STORY

## Bush vows to force Congress to curb pork barrel spending

By Andrew Taylor  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House on Monday announced a crackdown on the pork barrel practices of Congress, promising vetoes of any spending bill that doesn't cut the number and cost of congressional pet projects in half.

But Bush disappointed some conservatives by backing away from a veiled threat issued last month in which he seemed to suggest he would kill some or all of the thousands of earmarks contained in last year's huge omnibus appropriations bill.

Bush will issue an executive order Tuesday ordering federal agencies to ignore "earmarks" that aren't explicitly enacted into law, erasing a common practice in which lawmakers' projects are outlined in nonbinding documents that accompany legislation. But that order won't apply to the thousands of earmarks that accompanied a massive spending bill he signed last month. Instead, it would be left mostly for a new president to enforce with spending bills covering 2009. The step is aimed at making doubly sure that lawmakers have the opportunity to

strike earmarks during floor debates.

The president's moves come as the practice of earmarking — placing pet projects such as roads, clean water projects, health care centers and grants to local governments in spending bills — is under continued criticism from voters and watchdog groups. Republicans see an opening on the issue, especially as Democrats defend the practice.

"The people's trust in their government is undermined by congressional earmarks," Bush said in his State of the Union address.

The president said if Congress sends him a spending bill without cutting the number and cost of pet projects in half, "I will send it back to you with my veto."

Referring to the executive order he will issue, Bush said, "If these items are truly worth funding, the Congress should debate them in the open and hold a public vote."

Democrats cite recent reforms adding more transparency to the earmarking process and claim that earmarks are down more than 40 percent from the last budget passed by Republicans. They represent just a small fraction

of the overall budget.

New rules require the sponsors of earmarks to identify themselves and attest that they or their spouse will not benefit financially from them. The reforms came after Democrats imposed a one-year moratorium on non-defense earmarks for the 2007 budget year.

Bush's moves won't have an impact until Congress starts advancing an upcoming round of appropriations bills this spring and summer. Even then, many Congress-watchers think Democrats won't send him spending bills, instead waiting in case a Democrat is elected in November.

Bush would leave in place 11,735 earmarks — totaling \$16.9 billion under White House estimates — that were contained in the just-completed 2008 spending bills. That disappointed earmark critics such as Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., who had urged Bush to erase them.

"Congressmen are in jail today for taking bribes for earmarks, yet Congress and this president are allowing thousands of special interest projects this year for bike paths, museums, baseball parks and golf charities while our

economic growth is slowing," DeMint said in a statement.

White House budget office spokesman Sean Kevelighan said the Bush did not want to "move the goalposts" on lawmakers after Congress succumbed to Bush's overall budget cap for the budget year that began Oct. 1.

"He will veto... any bill that doesn't cut them in half," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "For the future he's telling... the agencies to ignore any future earmarks that aren't voted on."

In fact, there are ways for lawmakers to effectively strike earmarks that aren't addressed in the text of a bill. But when such votes are held, lawmakers invariably rally to protect each others' projects.

Putting earmarks in the text of bills, however, would force agencies to fund them. The present system gives agencies flexibility to ignore earmarks in cases in which, for example, local governments do not come up with matching funds or if circumstances otherwise change.

"Giving agencies less discretion is better how?" asked Kirstin Brost, spokeswoman for House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis.

NEWS IN BRIEF



### Acerbic, right-wing politico named prime minister of Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand — A combative veteran politician representing ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's interests was chosen as premier Monday, a move that could put him on a collision course with the military that ousted Thaksin in a 2006 coup.

Samak Sundaravej easily beat the Democrat party candidate 310-163, taking a key step toward restoring democracy, but experts fear the election of a Thaksin supporter may further divide Thailand.

Samak, 72, has made no secret that he is Thaksin's proxy, saying in an interview: "I have to bring (Thaksin) back to the limelight. We will use the same policies."

"It is likely to be a turbulent premiership ahead," said Panithan Wattanayagorn, a political scientist at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

Analysts say Samak's political fortunes will wax or wane in line with those of Thaksin, who has vowed to return from exile in May to face a slew of corruption charges.

Samak has assembled a six-party coalition with about two-thirds of the 480 seats in the House. But he faces the suspicions of Thaksin's powerful foes — the military that toppled him and the country's elite, including elements associated with the country's monarchy.

Samak has indicated a willingness to try to undo post-coup sanctions imposed on the former leader and his political machine.

He takes office with a past as an ultra-

right wing rabble-rouser, a continuing corruption probe, and a long-standing bent for acid-tongued confrontation.

But he's also a wily survivor of four decades in the turbulent Thai political arena and remains popular with lower middle-class voters.



### eBay CEO confirms leaving as company posts Q4 profit gain

SAN FRANCISCO — Meg Whitman will soon step down as chief executive of eBay Inc., the online auction company that went from wobbly startup to multibillion-dollar household name in her 10-year tenure.

Whitman, 51, had been reported to be plotting the move and handing the job to John Donahoe, 47, who has been heading eBay's core auction and e-commerce businesses. She confirmed her March 31 departure as eBay reported fourth-quarter earnings Wednesday.

Whitman will remain on eBay's board of directors.

"With humor, smarts and unflappable determination, Meg took a small, barely known online auction site and helped it become an integral part of our lives," Pierre Omidyar, eBay's founder and chairman, said in a statement. "We're all enormously grateful that Meg dedicated herself to stewarding eBay through its 10 most formative years."

Whitman reminded analysts in a conference call that she has often said that 10 years is about as long as any CEO should serve. She said coming to eBay was a "remarkable opportunity" that has "exceeded all my expectations." The experience also has made Whitman,

eBay's third-largest individual shareholder, a billionaire.

"It's time for eBay to have new leadership, a new perspective and a new vision," she said. "It's tough to stay fresh after ten years, no matter who you are."



### Economy casts long shadow over Oregon special session

SALEM — Concern over the shaky national economy is looming over the monthlong legislative session due to start next week, Gov. Ted Kulongoski and legislative leaders from both parties said Monday.

Oregon's economy has been holding steady, and the state has been relatively shielded from the collapse of the subprime mortgage loan industry and the nationwide collapse of the housing market. But job growth has been slowing, and an economic revenue forecast to be issued Feb. 8 isn't expected to yield much additional money for legislators to dole out this year, if any.

The economic uncertainty has left party leaders speculating that the so-called "wish lists" both sides have come up with — from funding 24-hour police coverage on interstate highways to a pay raise for adult foster care workers — might have to be curtailed.

"We should be able to survive February," said Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem. "But we could be in crisis before the end of this biennium."

Publicly funded services could be cut by as much as 5 percent, Courtney said, if the economy takes a nosedive.

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# Personal experience fuels passion for new group

Two OSU students show determination to open doors, bring Latina-based sorority Kappa Delta Chi to OSU

By Christopher Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Latinas and women with Latina cultural roots have a new opportunity at OSU to join a group interested in unity, community service and academic excellence.

Andrea Legorreta and Sabrina Elkins have started an interest group for a chapter of Kappa Delta Chi, a multicultural, Latina-based sorority.

The group aims to meet the needs of women who desire to join a band of sisters united across ethnic, age and family lines.

Kappa Delta Chi has made an effort to reach out to older students, students who are married and may have children and a wide array of women who have connections with Latino cultures.

The inspiration for starting Kappa Delta Chi stems from the lives of a unique group of women.

Legorreta is a student at OSU who is married and has a 2-year-old son.

Elkins, who has an extensive background in community service and hails from

California, is living far from home while her mother fights an uphill battle with cancer.

Legorreta and Elkins were originally inspired to start the OSU chapter of Kappa Delta Chi after noticing a lack of opportunities for Latinas to connect at OSU and in Benton county.

Only one Latina-based sorority currently exists at OSU to meet the needs of the growing population.

The women are particularly determined to work with the American Cancer Society to raise funds in the battle against cancer.

This has particular significance for Elkins. After finding out her mother had stage IV cancer of an unknown origin, she wanted to do something.

"[I asked myself] how can she get better if I am not there, and how can I help my family and other families?" Elkins said.

Elkins and Legorreta began discussion on forming the Kappa Delta Chi group during the spring 2007 term.

Currently seven women are associated with the group, which needs three more members in order to register with the sorority as an interest group.

Members attend study tables to learn more about the sorority and how to form a

Kappa Delta Chi colony. The group still has to participate in community service projects and submit a letter of interest — only then will they be able to apply to be a chartered sorority chapter.

Kappa Delta Chi takes pride in its multicultural roots, its sense of unity and its community service mission.

The group's advisor, Janet Nishihara, works for the OSU Educational Opportunities Program, assisting students of color and students with special needs.

"The group will provide women on campus with Latino interests an opportunity to come together," Nishihara said. "It's also a good way to develop cultural competence to develop leadership."

"In Kappa Delta Chi, family comes first," Legorreta said.

Elkins believes that through the group she will be able to help not only the local communities, but the entire country.

Women interested in Kappa Delta Chi or its interest group can visit [www.kappadelta-chi.org](http://www.kappadelta-chi.org), or log on to Facebook and search for the OSU Interest Group for Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

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## WHITESIDE: Renovation slated before opening of historic venue

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begin a certified historic rehabilitation that will provide investors with federal income tax and new market tax credits that are different than federal charitable deductions and more attractive to investors seeking tax management.

A major reason behind the Whiteside's closure in 2002 was a break in a sewer line, which the Regal group did not want to fix.

The WTF pointed out that the sewer line will be the first thing renovated under its control in the venue, among other necessary systemized updates like lights and sound.

"We'll probably have to do much of the renovations in phases," Morré said. "We certainly do not have the time or resources to do everything at once."

Morré anticipates hearing from the people at Regal no later than this week and is very optimistic of the potential outcome.

"I think they want to sell it," Morré said, "and I think everyone in Corvallis wants to see it open, and we wouldn't mind taking it off their hands."

Morré and the WTF are hoping to team up with OSU and the new media program to hold film education opportunities as well as a venue for screening local productions.

She also expressed a great interest in holding local concerts.

"For students at OSU it would be an opportunity to see shows closer to home than having to drive to Portland or Eugene."

Brad Bird, the Academy Award-nominated director and writer of the Pixar films "Ratatouille," "Iron Giant" and "The Incredibles," supports the WTF.

Bird, a Corvallis High School graduate, has written a letter to the Regal Entertainment Group on behalf of the WTF in support of its acquisition of the Whiteside Theatre.

"We are impressed with the strength of community support for the Whiteside, and welcome investor interest," Morré added.

Interested people are encouraged to send ideas, donations or investment inquiries to: Whiteside Theatre Foundation, P.O. Box T, Corvallis, Ore., 97339.

For more information, visit <http://www.whitesidefriends.org/>

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## Snowmobilers missing in Oregon snowstorms found

PORTLAND — Two snowmobilers missing over the weekend in Eastern Oregon have been found, but one was hypothermic and a rescue helicopter was socked in by snow Monday afternoon.

The two got stuck in the 4 feet of snow that fell in the Wallowa Mountains, the Baker County sheriff's department said.

One, 50-year-old Sam Bowman, was safe in a cabin, said Jerry Boyd, 911 dispatch director.

He said the other, 18-year-old Brennan Anderson, was

reported to be "extremely hypothermic" and under the care of a nurse and paramedic who flew in on a helicopter.

But, Boyd said at mid-afternoon Monday, the snow was too heavy for the helicopter to lift off.

On the other end of the state, two snowmobilers were missing for several hours Sunday night and Monday near Southern Oregon's Mount Ashland, but were found several hours later. Rescue workers said they battled whiteout winds and had been unable to see the large fire the snowmo-

bilers built.

The rescue operations came as the state prepared for another in a series of winter storms.

Much of the state reported treacherous road conditions early Monday — a film of transparent ice known as "black ice" because it lacks the gloss of thicker ice and so is hard to see.

Interstate 84 was closed Monday afternoon as a result of crashes. It was the third straight day that all or part of the highway that traces the route of the Oregon Trail has been shut down for hours at a stretch.

## Correction

Mike Rich, an OSU alumnus, is a screenwriter. Incorrect information was printed in the Monday issue of The Daily Barometer.

At the MLK Annual Peace Breakfast held on Jan. 21, President Ed Ray said, "We have to find the balance between civility and the imperative for change." He was incorrectly quoted in the Jan. 22 issue of The Daily Barometer.

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Alpha Omega and Kappa Alpha Psi are not members of the Unified Greek Council. Omega Delta Phi and Gamma Alpha Omega were both involved in the planning of the MLK week All-University Dance. Incorrect information was printed in the Jan. 25 issue of The Daily Barometer.

The staff of The Daily Barometer regrets these errors.



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Editorial

## Domestic partnership

On Friday, Oregon Federal District Court Judge Michael Mosman will hold a hearing about Oregon's Domestic Partnership law.

The currently-suspended law would provide domestic partners with similar legal protection as married couples.

Nine other states — California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont and Washington — have laws affording varying protection.

The legal complaint, brought forth by the Alliance Defense Fund's Senior Counsel Austin Nimocks, a Mississippi lawyer, challenges the signature-verifying methods of Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury.

Two arguments are central to this hearing, and there are no clear-cut answers — yet.

One argument: Should the State of Oregon expend as much effort verifying petition signatures as it currently does for ballot signatures?

The other: Should a federal court be able to alter a state's referendum process?

Answering the first question requires weighing the cost of verification with the benefit of fraud reduction.

The second question is a matter of states' rights.

Despite the legal claim of voter disenfranchisement, social positions clearly guide this debate. Such arguments include choice, morality and health.

Throughout courses in OSU's Bacc Core, it is repeatedly argued that Nimock's social argument is misguided.

In the words of philosopher Val Plumwood, Nimock (as opined in his September 2007 Townhall.com column) is using the "Five Logics of Othering" to dismiss the wants and needs of the LGBT community.

First, Nimock uses "radical exclusion" to portray homosexuality as a complex and confusing lifestyle obsessed over confusing (anonymity, public sex).

Second, not only are homosexuals excluded from normal society, but he stereotypes them with terms like "the homosexual agenda."

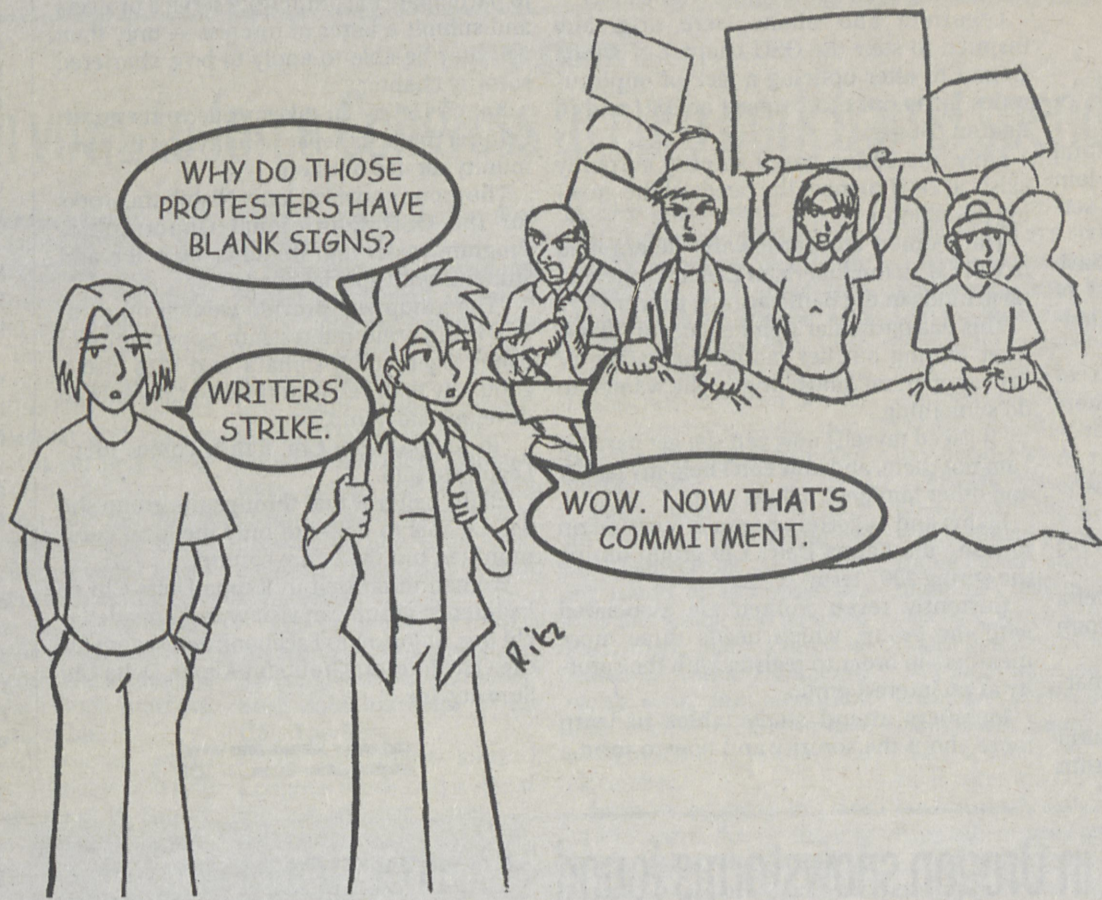
Furthermore, Nimock denies and "backgrounds" the lasting, committed LGBT relationships with his data points on cruising. Need we mention how successful heterosexual marriages are known to be?

Fourth, all critiques of the homosexual community asserts heterosexuality as the norm — the comparative basis — asserting its righteousness.

Finally, Nimock "instrumentalizes" homosexuals, insisting they live a sex-crazed and dangerous lifestyle filled with uncertainties.

On Friday, we hope that, in the words of Senator Ron Wyden, Judge Mosman will "show his commitment to equal rights for all Americans."

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



## White privilege shaping our society

Last Friday, I attended the Oregon Women in Higher Education conference and heard two lectures, which addressed the impact of race on education. Since then, I have been thinking about privilege and the kind of impact being white has had on the opportunities in my life.

I feel I have been blessed to have grown up in very diverse areas because I was able to see racism as it really is and to experience being around minority groups outside of society's stereotypes. Before the age of 8, I lived in Denver, Colo., and San Antonio, Texas; then my family moved to Oregon, where we eventually settled in Salem.

I remember that when I first started to learn about racism as a young child, I was very confused on why whites were the ones in power.

To me, Blacks were the ones who had the beautiful skin, so I couldn't understand why they were the ones discriminated against. But as I became more educated, I began to see that racism was not just about color, but about the stereotypes that were attached to them in this country. In the United States, white has become the norm — it is the race with the power everyone else is weighed against.

Coming out of McKay High School (a school with a minority majority), I saw discrimination in a variety of forms. In sports, I saw overt racism from referees and other teams in and out of league play.

I always knew I could get away with playing more aggressively than my teammates who were minorities because the way I played would never be considered "savage." In school, I knew it was more difficult for minority students to get into Honors or AP classes, whereas I had no difficulty. Even in my worst subject, I was never questioned as to whether the class was the right place for me.

And when I won awards, it was



Sara Gwin

The Way I See It

never assumed I had won because of my race; but when a member of a minority won something, there was always the question of whether it was deserved.

I came from a high school where a person is considered a success if they can make it out without getting knocked up or end up in jail. This past week, I heard about three more classmates who are now in jail and others who have ended up in desperate situations to make money.

I can't help but wonder how much white privilege played into my being in college. I don't think it was a matter of greater intelligence or work ethic, but of opportunity.

Because of where I come from, I feel like I grew up with a pretty good understanding about racism — at least for a white person.

However, this notion of white privilege was something I always struggled with — not that I didn't believe in it, but because I felt incredibly guilty about receiving it and not having the ability to deny those rights.

Whether we choose to accept and acknowledge it as an unfortunate consequence of being in a racist society, white privilege exists to further the oppression of minorities by continuing to empower the white majority.

Like Peggy McIntosh wrote in her well-known article, "Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack," for those of us who are white, it can be difficult to see past racism as just individual acts of meanness, but as invisible systems of the dominance of the white race.

White privilege is a set of unearned advantages we accrue on the basis of

being white. This privilege is something that is very difficult to define because it is so entrenched in our culture.

For those of us within this category, it can very difficult to see how we are privileged, but those who are affected by it are well aware of it from a young age.

Minority parents know they have to teach their children how to live in a racist society in order to protect themselves.

These children are taught how to deal with living in a country that privileges the white race. From a young age, they are taught that their behavior will be judged more harshly than that of their white counterparts, and that their actions will continue to reflect on their race.

Numerous studies have found that whites have greater access to housing and the loans to afford them, access to employment — especially positions with more power — and access to education.

When it comes to justice issues, Black and Latino men are three times more likely to be pulled over and searched than white men, and they receive harsher punishments.

For first-time drug offenses, Black youth are 48 times more likely to be incarcerated than white youth, even for similar, if not identical, situations.

White privilege means we can get the benefit of the doubt in a number of situations because whites have not been stereotyped like Blacks or Latinos to suggest they are more apt to be violent and to commit criminal acts. I know when I go into a store, my race doesn't trigger the stereotype.

As a part of my white privilege, I can turn on the television or read the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented in a mostly positive light and without stereotypical representations that

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## The artwork that is Obento

In Japan, I find many words come from different countries and people use the words without knowing the real meanings.

For example, since elementary school, when people would make mistakes and feel down, I used to say, "Don Mai." When I learned English in high school, I realized that "Don Mai" is an English phrase, which means "Don't mind."

I am always amazed by learning the small story behind words. Since I came to the United States, I have noticed many Japanese words here, such as anime (Japanese animation), futon (mattress for Japanese bed), tsunami (large wave caused by earthquakes), origami (paper-folding), sudoku (number placement puzzle) and obento (lunch box).

In this article, I would like to explain more about obento and share a little about the different types of obento — they all depend on either what time they are eaten, where they are eaten, where they are sold, their purpose and who prepared them.

Obento is like an art. I was always excited to open the lunch box, because my mother always decorated the lunch box to be beautiful and original.

People usually try make the obento look pretty by using a variety of colors. Typically people get creative with the food in obento, with sausages shaped like octopi, apples shaped like rabbits and red plums in the middle of plain white rice to look like the Japanese flag. Even thought I was hungry, I always enjoyed looking at the food.

As I said before, obento have different names for many different reasons.

Obento sold at the train station are called "Eki Ben." ("Eki" means "train station," and "Ben" is short for "obento.") At the train station, the special obento are sold to people who travel by train. Each train station in each prefecture (what Americans would call a state) sells its special obento, which include its famous regional foods.

When I used to travel with my family, my father would get off the train when we stopped for few minutes just to buy special obento containing regional foods. I was always nervous that he wouldn't make it back in time before we left the station.

Nowadays, we do not need to get off the train because people working on the train come around to sell the obento on the train ride.

Obento that is eaten during intermission at Kabuki plays is called "Makunouchi Bento." "Makunouchi" means "between curtains," so basically it means they

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# Living with a weak (10) dollar

Even if you do not read The Wall Street Journal with any regularity, you probably know that the American dollar has not been faring well in the global markets, especially when matched with the Euro and British pound. McDonald's commercials notwithstanding, students abroad have certainly noticed the recent pinch in the currency market.

This is especially disheartening when coupled with recent downturns in the national economy, which prompted the Federal Reserve to cut the federal funds rate by three-fourths of a percentage point and spurred President George W. Bush to announce an economic stimulus plan.

This is very difficult news.

While everyone has focused on the value of the dollar, however, I have been monitoring a more pressing fiscal matter: the weak \$10 bill. It is nothing less than an injustice that Alexander Hamilton is stuck on the \$10 bill while Andrew Jackson, that political rascal, has his day in the sun on the \$20. This may be America's largest (and longest-lasting) fiscal debacle since the Gilded Age's Panic of 1873.

Allow me to refresh your memory. Alexander Hamilton, after fighting red-coats and pernicious Anti-Federalists alike, accepted the position as the first secretary of treasury and served from Sept. 11, 1789 to Jan. 31, 1795. Despite the notable distinction of "first," Hamilton was waging an uphill battle by defending American financial interests after the costly Revolution without the benefit of stable credit or currency.

Hamilton could have sulked or even wept, but this stalwart American did neither. Instead, Hamilton fastened his seat belt and talked some sense into rowdy farmhands and Jeffersonians, establishing the First Bank of the United States in 1791.

Hamilton's brainchild allowed him to adequately regulate trade, stabilize the fledgling American currency and ensure the inflow of foreign investment. Unfortunately, Hamilton's series of economic brilliance was cut short in a duel by the world's premier communist and general ne'er-do-well,

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On the other hand, Andrew Jackson's economic legacy can be seen as a general and total reversal of Hamilton's fiscal initiatives. After losing the "stolen election" of 1824, Jackson rushed into the presidency filled with the spirit of a backwoods whiskey-monger. "Old Hickory" especially loved the veto, and he used it most notably to kill the Second Bank of the United States (established in 1816 after the demise of the First Bank in 1811).

Jackson also began to transfer federal income tax funds into state banks, effectively bankrupting the Bank, much to the chagrin of then-president Nicholas Biddle. Despite Jackson's seemingly good intentions in condemning this federal bank as being "subversive of the rights of the states,"

the fiscal aftermath was not exactly what he had expected.

Many historians blame the Panic of 1837 on Jackson's economic policies, most notably his issuance of the Specie Circular, which required all land purchases to be made with gold and silver. This act curbed the amount of paper money in circulation and was highly deflationary.

To me, this is a not even a question. When these two leaders are compared on the merits of their fiscal policies, there is one clear winner.

Certainly Hamilton deserves to be honored in the upper echelons of American currency. How were these monetary representatives chosen in the first place? Did the government pick names out of a hat? That would certainly explain Ulysses S. Grant's appearance on the \$50.

I think that it is high time Secretary of Treasury Henry M. Paulson amend this national outrage and ensure that generations to come will not be forced to scratch their heads when buying expensive items from outlet malls.

Joseph Zaleski  
The Heights (Boston College)

# We are Generation 'Look at Me'

## Daniel Chiu The Dartmouth

It was while watching the sixth or seventh rendition of awkward suburban teens performing the Soulja Boy dance on CollegeHumor that I truly came to understand the meaning of the term "attention whore."

It is really surprising how many people out there long for the world to watch them "crank that." Talk about vanity. In performing their own unique versions of the Soulja Boy two-step, they were basically screaming, "Look at me! Notice my sweet moves and obvious sex appeal!" These dancers and the YouTube video phenomenon that surrounds the dance demonstrate the convergence of human conceit and Internet technology that has produced a generation of narcissists.

A recent New York Times article contributed to the debate over whether or not our generation deserves the name "Generation Me." Social scientists claim that in light of our culture's obsession with celebrity — not to mention the proliferation of ego trip-inducing technologies like blogs, YouTube and Facebook — ours is a self-obsessed generation.

The very fact that we are more connected to each other than ever before, whether physically or virtually, encourages a tendency toward conceit and self-promotion. It is not that we are more narcissistic than in the past; it is that now there are more opportunities for our narcissism to manifest itself. It is no surprise that a small, close-knit, competitive college community like Dartmouth is a breeding ground for self-importance. Can you say "facetime?"

That we are a bit self-absorbed is not too hard to accept. The Dartmouth Mirror devoted a two-page spread last week to the concept of the "campus icon." The article's themes of self-promotion and self-obsession may be a reflection of our celebrity-crazed culture. It is clear that not even Hanover is immune to navel-gazing. We even like to poke fun at our own self-regard; the terms "facetime" and "self-call" are our inventions, after all. (Self-call?)

Dartmouth does seem to lend itself to an atmosphere of self-conscious scrutiny. A friend recently remarked that the center aisle in Food Court is practically a runway: "Every time I walk down it I can almost feel the eyes of everyone watching me pass by." It is rude to stare at people while they're eating, but apparently, the opposite isn't the case. If Dartmouth has any-

thing resembling a catwalk, Food Court would be it. Attention, campus icons: Go forth and strut your stuff.

Surprisingly, it is possible that Dartmouth's greatest asset — our tight-knit community — may be the very thing that feeds our self-consciousness and, in turn, stokes our insecurities. Sociobiologists explain this phenomenon in terms of reputation. People who see each other all the time have reputations (read: social capital) to protect. Thus, they smile more, they are nicer and they are aware of how they present themselves to their peers. People in larger, fragmented communities do not worry about these things as much because they are surrounded by people with whom they have no relationship and whom they will probably never see again. City-dwellers can afford to be distant and callous.

Not so for Hanover residents. We bump into the same people several times a day — on the Green, in DDS establishments and in frat basements. Because of our constant proxim-

ity to one another, we are naturally more self-aware. (Dude, how's my spin serve looking? OMG, I must de-tag that picture!) This self-consciousness fuels our need to present ourselves in the best possible light, creating more self-awareness. And around and around we go.

It is debatable whether or not increased narcissism is ultimately damaging. Egotism definitely

goes too far when self-obsession devolves into a rat race over who has the most flattering Facebook pictures; however, it does serve a purpose. None of us would be here at Dartmouth if it were not for a healthy dose of self-regard mixed with plenty of self-advertisement. Maybe all those YouTube dancers pursue their quest for self-promotion and validation through the perfection of the "crank." And if it makes them feel better about themselves, tell them I think Soulja Boy would approve.

Daniel Chiu  
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth)

**The very fact that we are more connected to each other than ever before, whether physically or virtually, encourages a tendency toward conceit and self-promotion.**

## ISOSU: Many different names for obento, why they are named, what they stand for

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are sold during the intermission of a play.

The obento contains more formal meals with pretty boxes, so it is also served at restaurants and not only at Kabuki plays.

Obento eaten outside, like a picnic, is called "Kouraku Bento." This obento is bigger and contains more food than other obento because it is usually shared by a group of people.

Obento prepared by a wife is called "Aisai Bento." "Aisai" means "beloved wife."

Obento eaten with hopes to pass a test or win a competition is called "Gokaku Bento." "Gokaku" means "passing the test." For extra

luck, Gokaku Bento includes fried pork placed on the rice, since fried pork is called "Katsu," which also means "win" — just an extra bounce for good luck.

I personally think obento is a form of non-verbal communication among Japanese people.

Sometimes it is hard for Japanese people to express their feelings — especially people my parents' age. I never heard my mother say to my father, "I love you," but instead of saying it, she always made pretty Aisai Bento.

When I took an entrance examination for a university

in Japan, my mother did not give me many encouraging words, and instead gave me a hug or nice cards and made me a Gokaku Bento.

If some people do not know about the meaning of each obento, they might misunderstand what my mother was thinking during that silent moment. She pretended to be normal on that day, but then she gave me the great Gokaku Bento. When I thought about that time and how she woke up early to prepare for it for me, I was really happy and encouraged by it, and I did not need any

other words from her. I could understand what she was trying to say.

I think many miscommunications or misunderstandings can happen if we are not familiar with other cultures.

This is why it is interesting to keep learning different cultures and meeting people from different countries so we can learn.

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## GWIN: Acknowledgement of privilege might help in fight for equality, less conflict

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reflect on the character or my race.

I can be sure that my race will be present in the material I learn in class and even sometimes in a more positive light than it should be. I also know I can talk about issues of race without it being considered self-interested or self-seeking.

If we ever want to work toward eradicating racism and creating equality, whites have to be able to acknowledge how they are privileged in ways others are not.

This acceptance will enable us to have a better understanding of our society and open our eyes to the aspects that privilege has left us blind to.

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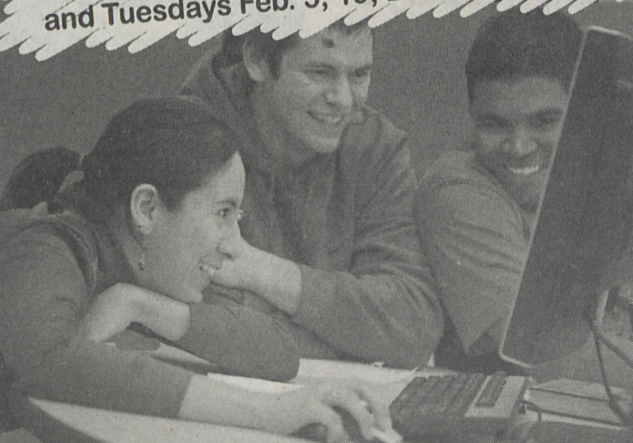
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# Officials: Disabled United States spy satellite falling from orbit, could hit Earth in late February or March

By Eileen Sullivan  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday.

The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret. It was not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances.

"Appropriate government agencies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council,

when asked about the situation after it was disclosed by other officials. "Numerous satellites over the years have come out of orbit and fallen harmlessly. We are looking at potential options to mitigate any possible damage this satellite may cause."

He would not comment on whether it is possible for the satellite to perhaps be shot down by a missile. He said it would be inappropriate to discuss any specifics at this time.

A senior government official said that lawmakers and other nations are being kept apprised of the situation.

Such an uncontrolled re-entry could risk exposure of U.S. secrets, said John Pike, a defense and intelligence expert. Spy satellites typically are disposed of through a con-

trolled re-entry into the ocean so that no one else can access the spacecraft, he said.

Pike also said it's not likely the threat from the satellite could be eliminated by shooting it down with a missile, because that would create debris that would then re-enter the atmosphere and burn up or hit the ground.

Pike, director of the defense research group GlobalSecurity.org, estimated that the spacecraft weighs about 20,000 pounds and is the size of a small bus. He said the satellite would create 10 times less debris than the Columbia space shuttle crash in 2003. Satellites have natural decay periods, and it's possible this one died as long as a year ago and is just now getting ready to re-enter the atmosphere,

he said.

As for possible hazardous material in the spacecraft, Pike said it might contain beryllium, a light metal with a high melting point that is used in the defense and aerospace industries. Breathing beryllium can lead to chronic, incurable respiratory problems.

Jeffrey Richelson, a senior fellow with the National Security Archive, said the spacecraft likely is a photo reconnaissance satellite. Such eyes in the sky are used to gather visual information from space about adversarial governments and terror groups, including construction at suspected nuclear sites or militant training camps. The satellites also can be used to survey damage from hurricanes, fires and other natural disasters.

# Oregon to open correctional facility for young female offenders

SALEM — Reversing three decades of coed corrections for young people, Oregon plans to open a female-only facility next month.

Putting young offenders of both sexes in the same correctional facility was once praised as a way of creating a more normal, homelike atmosphere for troubled young people.

But Oregon officials say experience and national research taught that boys tended to fare better than girls.

"What we are understanding more is that it's a positive aspect for boys to be housed with girls, that it kind of normalizes relationships and helps them understand what appropriate behaviors are," said Phil Lemman, the deputy director of the Oregon Youth

Authority.

"But that's not necessarily true for the young women that we get in our system," he said. "They have been objectified, a lot of them have been sexually abused, and that kind of exposure to a coed environment is not beneficial to their reformation and treatment efforts."

Opened in 1913 as the State Industrial School for girls, the Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility in Salem went coed in 1972. It has a capacity for 180, ages 12 to 24. Boys and girls have been housed in separate cottages but came together for meals, schooling and activities.

Beginning in about mid-February, about 60 female offenders will be moved to the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility in Albany, leaving the males in Salem.

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# Webber ready to return to Golden State

By Greg Beacham  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 13 years after Chris Webber demanded to leave the Golden State Warriors, the free-agent forward is all set to return.

Webber sent an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday night confirming he will rejoin the Warriors and coach Don Nelson, who won a power struggle with the former No. 1 draft pick in their messy first stint with the franchise.

Webber might be with Golden State by Friday night when the club returns home to face Charlotte.

The five-time All-Star isn't expected to join the Warriors during a two-game road trip this week to Houston and New Orleans, said an NBA source who spoke on condition of anonymity because Webber hadn't formally signed with the club. The team had no announcement planned Monday night.

Nelson apparently masterminded the Warriors' decision to re-sign Webber, who hasn't played in the NBA this season, as a backup big man and offensive playmaker. Nelson has spoken repeatedly about the team's hopes of signing Webber in recent days.

Just a few days after Chris Mullin said he planned no significant changes to the club with the NBA's second-most victories since

mid-November, Nelson apparently convinced Golden State's top executive to take a chance on Webber. The power forward's diminished athleticism and uneven play-off performances convinced his hometown Pistons not to re-sign him last summer.

A slow-footed, soon-to-be 35-year-old big man with surgically repaired knees and a bad history with the head coach seems to be a terrible fit for the Warriors' harmonious team chemistry and their up-tempo style. But Nelson has done stranger things in his highly successful career.

"I'm afraid if we don't get him here, our team is not strong enough to be a playoff team," said Nelson, whose club is seventh in the conference at 27-18 after two months of largely outstanding play. "I think he has a chance to make some of our players better and make our team better. Really that's all that's important. I'll get along with anybody who can help our team."

The second-winningest coach in NBA history claims the Warriors desperately need Webber's passing abilities and bulk to compete with the Western Conference's best centers and power forwards.

Webber's arrival could mean less playing time for Al Harrington and Andris Biedrins, while also increasing the likelihood Golden State will make a move near the trade deadline.

Webber was acquired by the Warriors in 1993 in a draft-day trade with Orlando, which made him just the second sophomore to be the draft's top pick. He won the Rookie of the Year award and made the playoffs in his first season in Golden State.

But Webber repeatedly clashed with Nelson, demanding a trade before his second season. The former Michigan star eventually was dealt to Washington in 1994 for Tom Gugliotta and three first-round picks, and Webber has been loudly booed at Oracle Arena ever since.

The battle turned out to be a serious setback for both men and the Golden State franchise. Webber toiled in Washington for four years before enjoying his best NBA seasons with Sacramento, while Nelson was fired by Golden State just a few months after Webber left — and the Warriors missed the playoffs for the first of 12 straight losing seasons.

Nelson returned to the club last season, installing a fast-paced offense built around Baron Davis. The rejuvenated roster snapped the Warriors' playoff drought, and the eighth-seeded club upset the league-leading Dallas Mavericks in the first round before losing to Utah.

Webber has not played since the Pistons lost to Cleveland in last season's Eastern Conference finals.

## AWARDS: Dixon, Love, Wallace all among winners at 56th Oregon Sports Awards

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The female Prep Athlete of the Year Award for 2007 went to Taylor Wallace of Henley High School in Klamath Falls. She won Class 4A state titles in the 1,500 and 3,000 meters and cross country and was named Gatorade Oregon Female Cross-Country Runner of the Year.

Celebrity Presenters included Trail Blazers Channing Frye and Taurean Green, Cleveland Browns (and former Beavers) quarterback Derek Anderson, Portland State football coach Jerry Glanville, St. Louis Rams and OSU great running back Steven Anderson, Blazers founding broadcaster Bill Schonely and more.

The Oregon Sports Awards follow in the tradition of the Hayward Banquet, which ran from 1948 through 1996. A statewide panel of media and other sports experts votes on the awards.

## LOGHIDES: Woods quick to dismiss poor remarks made by Tilghman on television

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taped apology prior to broadcasting the PGA's Buick Invitational this past weekend. Seanor hasn't been heard from. If it's a non-issue to Woods and Tilghman is back to work (they reportedly are actually pretty good friends), why can't the rest of the media and guys like Brown let this whole situation fade into memory?

Give Seanor his job back, let Tilghman continue to be one of the best hosts in sports and let Woods do his thing on the golf course. Woods is doing his part — he won the Buick Invitational (hosted on The Golf Channel by Tilghman) by nine strokes. Two out of three is not bad.

It doesn't appear that Seanor will be getting his job back anytime soon, but it's certainly time to put this entire situation where it belongs: in the past.

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## WRESTLING: Despite multiple injuries during his OSU career, Larson is back and ready

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ended his season.

To date, Larson holds a 10-3 record in dual meets with six major decisions plus one fall and one technical fall. Two of his losses have come against ranked opponents: 7-4 to No. 12 Morgan Atkinson of Cal-State Fullerton and 20-11 to No. 6 Jordan Burroughs of No. 11 Nebraska.

Such success comes as no surprise for those who know him though.

Fellow senior Louie Camarillo, who also wrestles at the same weight as Larson, has been with Larson throughout his tenure at Oregon State and describes him as, "hard-nosed and in-your-face."

Larson attributes all his triumphs to his father, Harry, who introduced him and his brothers Jeremy and Randy to the sport at a young age and helped coach them throughout school.

"My dad got me into wrestling when I was 4 years old," Larson said. "He just thought it was a good sport and that I could learn a lot of things about life, hard work and commitment through it."

Even now Larson can count on receiving pointers from his father on trips home during breaks.

"He'll still critique me and let me know the things I need to improve. He's always helping," Larson said.

The individual nature of the sport helped Larson stick with it — that, and winning.

"It's really all up to yourself — you control your own destiny. Plus you just can't beat the one-on-one competition," Larson said. "I started win-

ning, too, so of course I liked that as well."

Winning became easier for Larson the less he let things distract him.

"I go into every match not worrying about what my opponent's going to do. I worry about what I'm going to do and try to impose my will on the tempo and hopefully the outcome too," said Larson. "I go into every match the same way, like the guy is the national champ and it doesn't matter whether he's 0-10 or 10-0 — I'm going in to win."

Larson attributes that focused mentality to the person who has had the greatest influence on him.

"Oh, it's got to be my dad," said Larson. "I don't know where I'd be today without him."

Family is important to Larson, but he made his own decision to attend Oregon State despite the fact that older brother Jeremy was already making a name for himself as a Beaver.

According to Larson, coming to Oregon State was something he chose on his own.

"Jeremy did have an impact, though. He was already here, and we had been wrestling together for so long that I thought it would be a really cool experience to wrestle together at college."

Coach Jim Zalesky noticed similarities between the brothers right away. "Like his brother, he's hard-nosed and tough, and they approach wrestling the right way. They're always looking to get better."

While Larson is proud of his

brother's accomplishments at OSU (a Pac-10 Championship at 174 and one win away from achieving All-American honors at the NCAA tournament) he still wants to blaze his own trail.

According to Camarillo, Larson and his brother "keep a similar pace; they never let up." However, "Kyle is his own man and is doing his own thing."

That thing includes trying to attain his own Pac-10 championship and All-American recognition.

However, achieving such lofty goals had been difficult due to a spat of injuries. First Larson injured his shoulder and sat out the 2005 season. Then, just before the Pac-10 championships last year, he tore a piece of cartilage in his knee, which doomed him in the competition and put him behind his teammates in preparing for the start of this season.

Thankfully rehabilitation was quite that bad. "At first it's kind of slow, and it hurts because you've just gotten out of surgery. But you've just got to get the muscles back firing, and once you've got full range of motion and strength back, you just try to keep it from getting reinjured," said Larson.

As a result Larson has been coming early to most practices in order to make up for lost time.

According to Camarillo, the effort has been worth it. "Considering that he's only been back for a month and a half, I think it's been going pretty well."

Zalesky is thankful for the effort. "His dedication and improvement have allowed the rest of the coaches and me to focus on other wrestlers that might not get such atten-

tion normally."

In addition to injuries, Larson has had to deal with switching weight classes, although this has proved to be a boon more than a burden and something Larson chose to do.

"It's been good. It's let me focus on wrestling and focus on getting better on my skills and technique," Larson said. "Now I don't need to worry so much about making weight and feeling like crap all the time."

And was it his decision?

"Yeah, me and the coaches, we talked about it they mentioned it to me and they said it was my decision. They wanted me to make the decision because if they make the decision and I get mad about it, then that's a problem, and we all wanted to avoid any resentment, so I made the decision."

Zalesky couldn't be happier. "This year with the weight class change he hasn't had to concentrate so much on making weight and has been able to improve himself as a wrestler and his skills overall. Hopefully he just keeps getting better from week to week."

Such determination is the mark of any champion, but Larson knows what it will take to achieve his dreams of a Pac-10 championship and All-American status.

"You've got to believe in what you're doing and what you can accomplish to get what you want."

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## Why it never hurts to have smart plans

Financial planning seminar held for student-athletes teaches fiscal sensibility

By Nick Lilja  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A different playbook was opened inside of Reser Stadium last night. Don't worry — it still covered the spread.

Allen Pinkett and the Playbook for Life put on a financial planning seminar for student-athletes Monday night in the club level of Reser Stadium. The seminar was set up by a partnership between The Hartford and the NCAA to help student-athletes move from the student world to the real world. Pinkett and company explained that finances are no different than sports: they take a little planning.

Pinkett, a former All-American from Notre Dame, helped lecture approximately 50 student-athletes during the one-hour seminar. Some attendants took notes, some just listened and others sat and sent text messages. But for those who paid attention, a rewarding message was provided.

"It's never too early to start planning for your financial future," Pinkett said. "Being young and out of college, time is on your side."

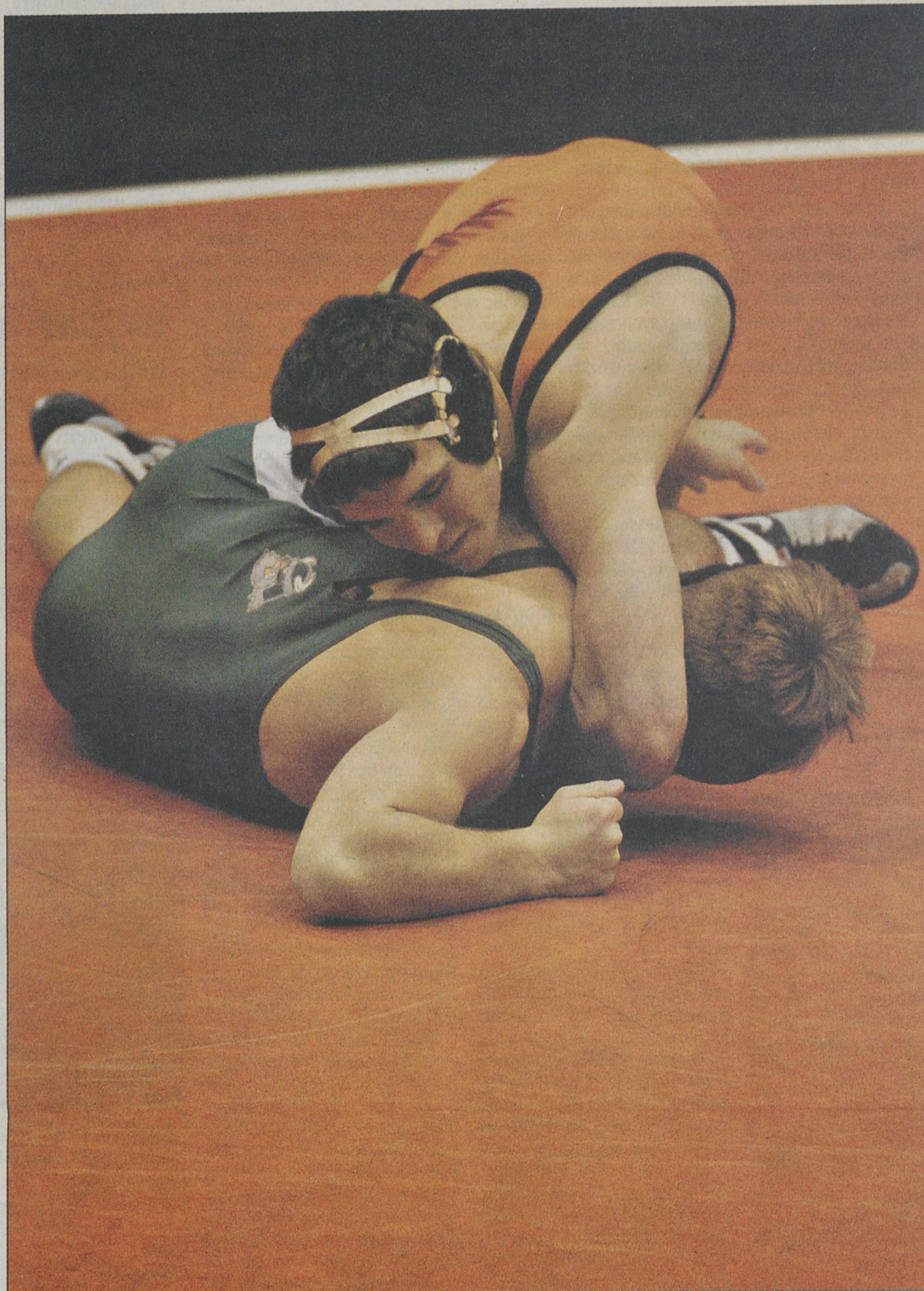
The goal was to show student-athletes that after school, finances aren't simple. Figures on a PowerPoint presentation flashed gaudy numbers of what a \$50,000 salary really means: about \$333 dollars of spending money per month, according to one scenario. Expressions around the room showed that, for some, it was a quick jolt to reality.

Pinkett said access to student-athletes is the key to informing all students.

"The hope has always been that the student-athletes would bring in other students," he said. "The program is actually ideal for all students."

Pinkett's past experiences of playing college football and trying to understand the importance of financial preparedness allow him to communicate well with student-athletes of today. Pinkett's plan was to visit three Universities in Oregon during the tour. He chose to speak at the University of Portland, Portland State University and OSU.

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Wrestling in the 149-pound class, Kyle Larson has 11 wins and five losses on the season, including victories in three of OSU's last four dual events.

## Larson makes name for himself

Senior Kyle Larson wins numerous wrestling matches, leads OSU team through 2007 year

By Noah Tinker  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"When I go into a match I don't think about the name — I just wrestle the body."

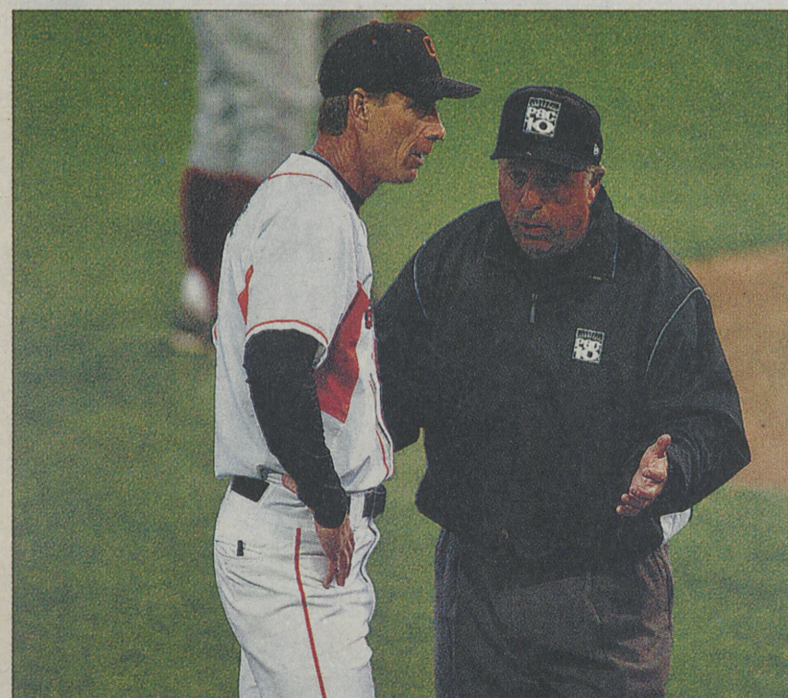
For senior Kyle Larson, such simplicity drives a tenacious focus on his goal, which is also simple: win.

Winning is something the Hermiston native has grown accustomed to in his four years on the varsity

squad for the Oregon State wrestling team.

In 2004, Larson made the varsity squad and as a freshman won over 50 percent of his matches, compiling a 12-11 record. After red-shirting, Larson returned for his sophomore year in 2006 and did not disappoint, finishing 26-7 with four pins and a 14-match win streak good enough to earn Larson the team's Chad Flack Memorial Award for Most Improved Wrestler and an appearance at the NCAA tournament. Last season Larson cruised out to a 21-9 record and a No. 18 national ranking before succumbing to a knee injury

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Oregon State baseball coach Pat Casey (left) won an unprecedented third-straight Sportsman of the Year award on Sunday.

## Even in off-season, OSU baseball collects hardware

For third straight year, Pat Casey wins Oregon Sportsman of the Year

THE DAILY BAROMETER

A sellout crowd of close to 750 people showed up for the 56th Annual Oregon Sports Awards on Sunday night at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike World Campus in Beaverton.

Oregon State was well represented as the Beavers NCAA championship baseball team was recognized. Coach Pat Casey became the first person to win the Slats Gill Sportsman of the Year Award for three consecutive years. The OSU baseball team also shared the George Pasero Team of the Year honor with the University of

Oregon men's cross country team and the Linfield College softball squad, both also national champions. Former OSU players Darwin Barney and Mitch Canham — along with Oregon's Dennis Dixon, Aaron Brooks and track star Galen Rupp — were named finalists for the Bill Hayward Award Amateur Athlete of the Year for men, which Dixon won.

Lake Oswego High School's Kevin Love, the state's all-time leading scorer at the prep level, became the first three-time winner of the Johnny Carpenter Prep Athlete of the Year Award for men. Love, who now plays for UCLA, shared the honor with Oregon State's Joey Wong for 2005.

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"It used to be if I got a triple-double, that was an automatic win. That's just not the case now, we tried to make this work. We've found out it doesn't. It's time for us all to move on."

— Nets guard Jason Kidd on his request to be traded out of New Jersey

Adam  
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## Forgive, forget, move on to better things

The bye week between the NFL's championship games and the Super Bowl is in place to allow fans to catch their breath, players to get ready for the big game and for the media to hype the Super Bowl ad nauseum. This year, you know who has benefited the most from this "Super Bye?"

The answer is golf — and Tiger Woods isn't even walking around in a boot.

When, in recent memory, has anyone even paid attention to golf in January in this country? Not often, until now.

A couple weeks ago, Golf Channel studio host Kelly Tilghman made an on-air remark that the rest of the field is going to have to "lynch" Tiger Woods if they are going to beat him. This may not have been the best choice of words, but, by all reports, Tilghman is far from a racist and had no ill intention in mind when she made the comment.

Woods understood that completely and within 48 hours of the statement released a statement of his own regarding Tilghman's comments, saying the issue was done and over with. He really had no problem with her.

Shouldn't that have been the end of it? She said it, she apologized, he accepted. Water under the bridge, you would think.

That was just the beginning.

In what seems like a feeble attempt at gaining readers, Golf Digest editor Dave Seanor decided to put a picture of a noose on the cover of its next issue. Again, not the smartest idea but did that really need to lead to his firing? Absolutely not.

I accept that in this society we are much more sensitive to these types of things. Believe me, I feel Seanor made a mistake by putting that image on the cover of golf's top-circulated magazine. Not a fatal career mistake, however.

Not only did Seanor get fired, but Tilghman got suspended for two weeks, and Woods is now taking heat for not making more of a statement or using this situation as an opportunity to take a stand for African Americans everywhere. Give me a break.

Is it Woods' responsibility to be a speaker for everything? Even Woods responded by saying, "I cannot be a champion for every cause. I just can't do that." He's 100 percent right. Just because Tilghman and Seanor made a couple of professional mistakes that were racially insensitive doesn't make Woods the voice for an entire race. NFL Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is chiming in now, saying that Woods should have shared more than just his two cents on this issue, blaming Woods for waiting until it was "politically correct" to comment.

That leads me to wonder: what exactly is wrong with that? When has Woods been anything but kind to the media or done anything that would knock him off the pedestal he has been placed on for the last decade? Any time he is interviewed, he's cordial, professional, smart and honest. In fact, the only fault Woods may have is being a bit too boring in some of his statements. Bummer for the media, perfect for the PGA.

Tilghman made a 21-second

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