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OSU watches as Obama takes lead

At around 8 p.m. John McCain made concession speech and Obama became next president

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last night much of the OSU campus looked on at the historical election of Barack Obama.

At around 8 p.m. Obama gained the electoral votes needed to become president.

This came as a happy moment, although maybe not much of a surprise, to many of those watching.

In the MU commons, a large screen had been set up to show the election coverage, with both Obama and McCain supporters looking on in anticipation. Lone shouts could be heard from the audience with the calling of each state.

One of those students was sophomore Jason Long, who voted for McCain, but said he wouldn't be too disappointed if Obama won.

"I don't mind who gets into office. As long as they can turn things around, I'm happy," Long said.

The Honors College also set up their own viewing area in SLUG II for students to be able to come and watch the coverage. They had set up a big screen TV and served refreshments.

"It's an exciting, monumental day," said Claire Sahlberg, first time voter and Obama supporter. "I am happy to have it go my way."

For all the last minute voters on campus, the ASOSU State Affairs Task Force set up a ballot drop box outside of the Valley Library.

"We alone have already collected over 1,000 ballots," said Tucker Rossetto, manager for the State Affairs Task Force.

This came after weeks of the ASOSU's efforts to register over

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MORRY GASH | AP PHOTO

President-elect Barack Obama waves as he takes the stage at his election night party in Chicago's Grant Park, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008.

By David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON D.C. — Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation's first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself. "Change has come," he told to a huge throng of jubilant supporters.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his historic triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John

McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground states — Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Iowa and more.

On a night for Democrats to savor, they not only elected Obama the nation's 44th president but padded their majorities in the House and Senate, and come January will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994.

Obama's election capped a meteoric rise — from mere state senator to president-elect in four years.

In his first speech as victor, to

thousands at Grant Park in his hometown of Chicago, Obama catalogued the challenges ahead. "The greatest of a lifetime," he said, "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century."

He added, "There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face."

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat — and the end of

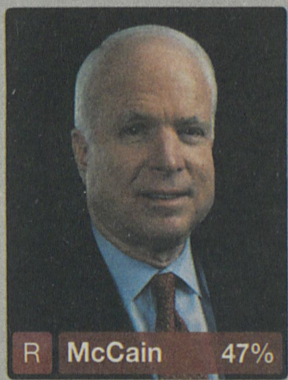
his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

President Bush added his congratulations from the White House, where his tenure runs out on Jan. 20. "May God bless whoever wins tonight," he had told dinner guests earlier.

Obama, in his speech, invoked the words of Lincoln and echoed John F. Kennedy.

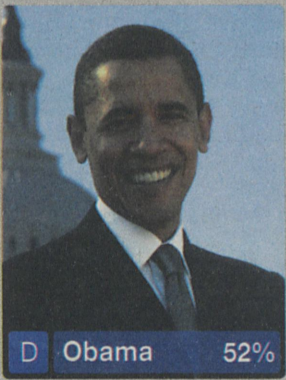
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ELECTION RESULTS



R McCain 47%

VOTES 52,751,531



D Obama 52%

VOTES 58,351,429



Republican

Gordon H. Smith

46.9%



Democrat

Jeff Merkley

47.29%

Illustration by Alex Nguyen

Candidates

U.S. Representative District 4
Democrat- Peter A. DeFazio 81.29%

U.S. Representative District 5
Democrat- Kurt Schrader 57.24%
Republican- Mike Erickson 35.71%

Statewide Partisan Candidates

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Republican- Rick Dancer 46.11%

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Republican- Allan Alley

Attorney General

Democrat- John Kroger
Constitution- James E. Lewenberger

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Democrat- Kevin C. Nortness

State Representative District 16

Democrat- Sara A. Gelsler

State Representative District 23

Democrat- Jackie Dingfelder

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Pavel Goberman

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Democrat- Annabelle Jaramillo

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State Ballot Measures

Measure 56—would provide that May and November Property tax elections are decided by majority of voters voting. YES NO

Measure 57—would increase sentences for drunk trafficking, thefts against elderly and specified repeat property and identity theft crimes; would require addiction treatment for certain offenders. YES NO

Measure 58—would prohibit teaching public school students in language other than English for more than two years. YES NO

Measure 59—would create an unlimited deduction for Federal Income taxes on individual Taxpayers' Oregon income-tax returns. YES NO

Measure 60—would provide that teachers are paid based upon "classroom performance", not seniority; would retain most qualified teachers regardless of seniority. YES NO

Measure 61—would create mandatory minimum prison sentencing for certain theft, identity theft, forgery, drug, and burglary crime. YES NO

Measure 62—would amend constitution and allocate 15% of lottery proceeds to public safety fund for crime prevention, investigation and prosecution. YES NO

Measure 64—would penalize person, entity for using funds collected with "public resource" for "political purpose". YES NO

Measure 65—would change general election nomination processes for major/minor part, independent candidates for most partisan offices. YES NO

Bond Measure 02-65—would generate \$13,610,000 in general obligation bonds to expand Senior Center, enhance Chintimini Park and update park playgrounds citywide. YES NO

Information from the State of Oregon Elections Department Benton County Elections Department and CNN.com Information as of midnight Tuesday

Meetings

Campus Crusade, 8pm, MU East International Forum. Weekly meeting, worship band, announcements. Open to all!

Engineers Without Borders, 7pm, KEC 1003. We aim to develop internationally responsible students. All majors needed. Travel and service opportunities.

ASOSU State & Federal Affairs, 6pm, Snell Lounge. Come work with student government to fight for student issues at the state and federal level!

ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 4pm, Pride Center. Trans Awareness Week planning, campaign strategizing, LGBTQIA support.

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 6pm, Student Sustainability Center (15th & Western). Catalyze and support ongoing student campaigns and projects that seek to actualize a sustainable, just, and prosperous OSU campus community.

OSU Horticulture Club, 5pm, ALS 4000. General meeting. Everyone welcome.

Events

Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, Marketplace West. Sign Language Social - All skill levels welcome.

United Campus Ministry @ Westminster House, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Student Gathering: Students gather weekly for a free meal followed by a time of fellowship, study, singing and prayer.

Black Cultural Center/Women's Center, 4-5:30pm, Black Cultural Center. Is this love? Or Is this Abuse? Domestic Violence Event. Speaker Linda Anderson, CARDV.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Meetings

OSU Juggling Club, 6-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Learn to juggle or practice juggling. Learn new tricks from our instructors.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Gold Room, Arnold Dining Center. Come worship and fellowship with us. Snacks and hang time to follow. Experience it.

ASOSU State Affairs, 5pm, 120 MU East (Barometer conference room). Come fight with ASOSU at the Capitol over issues that matter to students!

ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force, 4-5pm, Barometer Conference Room. A meeting with all interns and volunteers interested in getting involved with the Community Affairs Task Force and its campaign to increase lighting in the community.

Speakers

Women's Center, 3:30-5, Women's Center. Lauren Elk, an OSU student who witnessed a gang rape at her previous school, will speak about her experience and introduce a new campaign "No Woman Left Behind."

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 6-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Chamber Choir and Special Guest: Corvallis High School Concert Choir.

United Campus Ministry at Westminster House, 4-5pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Popcorn & Paul: Join us as we refresh our view of the Apostle Paul and explore his vision for Christian community.

History Student Association, 4-6pm, MU LaRaza Room. History Career Fair. Come and learn about all the exciting careers open to history majors and those interested in history. Refreshments provided.

Friday, Nov. 7

Events

Native American Longhouse, 3pm, Native American Longhouse. Native American Flute Circle. Come listen and learn about Native American flutes.

CAMPUS NEWS

Azalea House broken into on Halloween

Tuttle had a .277 percent BAC when he forced entrance into co-op

By Shanna Woodruff

THE DAILY BAROMETER

On Saturday around 2:10 a.m. the Azalea House, a local co-op located at 1050 SW Madison Ave., was broken into by 25-year-old Ryan K. Tuttle of Philomath.

Witnesses at Avery Lodge, the neighboring co-op, revealed that the suspect had visited their residence just before the break in. Jeff Sann, the Avery Lodge co-op director, had confronted Tuttle at the door. He was refused entrance, but forced his way in.

According to witnesses the suspect was asked to leave, but instead grabbed a resident's female guest in a headlock. Sann made him release the girl, and escorted Tuttle

out. While doing so Tuttle threw his head back and hit Sann in the lower lip. After being thrown out, it is estimated that about a minute later the incident occurred at Azalea.

Tuttle banged on the door to Azalea and a resident answered the door.

"I saw him going to the side of the house, and I assumed he was going to ring the doorbell, but then he propped himself on the side of the house and kicked the window in with his foot," said Amanda Tasker, a junior in fine arts. She, along with other witnesses, saw Tuttle then catapult himself through the window, landing in the house on top of the glass on his hands and knees.

"He looked really scary," said Tiffany Brentano, a sophomore in animal sciences. The suspect staggered up, then ran through the kitchen, knocking down some chairs

along the way. Witnesses were unsure if he had left the house, and ran to get the co-op director to call the police.

When the Corvallis Police Department arrived minutes later, the suspect was found on the ground outside of the kitchen of the Azalea House. Tuttle was unconscious and was awakened by the police. The suspect was combative while being treated by the Corvallis Fire Department.

Tuttle was sedated in the ambulance and transferred to the hospital. He was found with a blood alcohol content of .277 percent, considerably higher than the legal intoxication level of .08 percent.

Tuttle was cited for burglary, assault, harassment, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and coercion before being released. Charges for his actions may be as much as five years in jail, and the case is still being investigated.

The incident caused a scare for residents at the Azalea House.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Brentano said. "He looked really messed up." Many were very concerned about their safety and what to do in case of a break-in.

To help better prepare residents in the future for similar incidents, Officer Graves from the Oregon State Police held a meeting at the co-op Monday. The residents were able to ask questions about the case and get tips on safety.

"My best piece of advice is to not use iPods and headphones," Graves stated. The impaired hearing ability makes it more difficult to be aware of the surrounding atmosphere, therefore suspicious activity is not detected as quickly.

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"There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face."

President-Elect Barack Obama

"My friends, it's been a long, long journey."

Sen. John McCain

"I promise to make this a smooth transition. You are about to go on one of the great journeys of life. Congratulations and go enjoy yourself."

President George W. Bush, to Barack Obama, shortly after the Illinois senator captured enough electoral votes to cement his status as president-elect.

BREAKDOWN

PORTLAND — To be sure election results are accurate, Oregon counties plan to count ballots by hand in randomly selected races following Tuesday's general election.

The extra count is part of a new measure to ensure accuracy in elections and is required by state legislation passed in 2007.

"We have many checks that we make on the scanners in the system," said Don Hamilton, spokesman for the Oregon Secretary of State's office. "This is simply a different precaution."

Only a few precincts in a given race will have recounts, he said, and the count will only determine if optical scanners count votes correctly.

Almost all Oregon counties count ballots using the same type of optical scanner that generates a paper trail for each vote.

"We want to be absolutely certain that our count is accurate," Hamilton said.

Many county elections officials say the recount adds little to the protections already in place, and creates extra work at a time when they are expected to meet other deadlines.

It can also be more difficult to get an accurate hand count than an accurate machine count, said Annette Newingham, Lane County elections supervisor.

Foundation available to student groups needing funds

Student-run Foundation funds scholarships, trips and events for recognized student groups

By Gail Cole

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students groups that are looking for extra money for advertising, conference planning or travel need look no further than the OSU Student Foundation.

The foundation funds OSU-affiliated organizations as well as finances scholarships. In order to qualify for a portion of the foundation's \$40,000 budget, supplied by the OSU Alumni Association, organizations only need to apply and present their groups' need for the funds to the 10-member foundation.

Erick Edtl, a junior in health care management and policy and the president of the foundation, said the organization began in 1973 as a small-budget fundraising group, but has grown to fit the many needs of the OSU community.

The foundation funds any student group that is registered with OSU.

"They have to be a recognized student group," said Edtl, and further stipulated that the foundation cannot finance requests by individuals, varsity sports teams or religious organizations.

According to the student involvement website [http://oregonstate.edu/

studentinvolvement/organizations/neworg.html], it is very easy to register a new student group with the university.

The potential group must complete a new organization form and include

officer and advisor contact information, as well as a description of the organization's purpose.

In addition to supporting student organization requests, the foundation also funds part of the Presidential and Busy Beaver scholarships.

"[The Busy Beaver scholarship] is for whoever can show that they volunteer in the community or are involved in a lot of organizations," Edtl said.

Though the Presidential scholarship recipient is chosen by the university, the members of the foundation choose the student for a Busy Beaver award.

Applying for funding is a relatively simple process.

According to Edtl, the group must pick up an application from the Student Leadership and Involvement office in MU 103 and answer questions about the group's history, budget and purpose for the community.

After turning in the application, the foundation will contact the organization to arrange a presentation time for the board to ask any questions they might have.

"They come in and present and we ask them some questions about their budget and how much things are going to cost and we talk about it [as a committee]," Edtl said.

The amount the foundation will donate to an organization depends on the purpose of the request.

"It really depends on the benefit we see to the community," Edtl said. "\$4,000 to \$5,000 is the most we would

ever give out."

Examples of groups that have been funded include Engineers Without Borders for an overseas trip, the Racquetball Club's trip to a national competition and a teaching conference sponsored by OSU's Graduate Teaching and Learning Association.

"We've funded a diverse group of individuals," Edtl said.

Since the foundation is not well known, there is little competition for funding.

Stephanie McClure, a junior in English and a member of the English Students Association, said that her group wants to expand through advertising and events, but usually that requires funding.

"It would be something we would be interested in utilizing," McClure said of the foundation.

The foundation oftentimes struggles to dole out its budget, which has increased from last year.

"So far we haven't given out as much as we would have hoped for," Edtl said. "Each year we give out all of our money, but it goes down to the wire."

Besides the actual money, Edtl believes the foundation serves a purpose by providing the requested funding very quickly. "Unless you're going to do the fundraising yourself, it's really difficult to get the funds by yourself," he said. "We turn it around in a matter of days."

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OBAMA

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"So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism, of service and responsibility where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder," he said.

He and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close — 51.3 percent to 47.5 percent with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts counted — but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

There, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

A survey of voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the economy was by far the top Election Day issue. Six in 10 voters said so, and none of the other top issues — energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care — was picked by more than one in 10.

In Washington, the Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated.

"It is not a mandate for a

party or ideology but a mandate for change," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Shortly after midnight in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain had 141 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base.

Interviews with voters suggested that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004.

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sample of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the past week for early voters.

Democrats also acclaimed Senate successes by former Gov. Mark Warner in Virginia, Rep. Tom Udall in New Mexico and Rep. Mark Udall in Colorado. All won seats left open by Republican retirements.

In New Hampshire, former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen defeated Republican Sen. John Sununu in a rematch of their 2002 race, and Sen. Elizabeth Dole fell to Democrat Kay Hagan in North Carolina.

The Democrats also looked

for gains in the House. They defeated Republican incumbents Rep. Tom Feeney and Ric Keller in Florida, 22-year veteran Chris Shays in Connecticut and Rep. Robin Hayes in North Carolina.

At least two Democrats lost their seats. Rep. Tim Mahoney fell after admitting to two extramarital affairs while serving his first term in Florida. In Louisiana, Democratic Rep. Don Cazayoux lost the seat he had won in a special election six months ago.

The resurgent Democrats also elected a governor in one of the nation's traditional bellwether states when Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon won his race.

A dozen states elected governors, and ballots across the country were dotted with issues ranging from taxes to gay rights.

An estimated 187 million voters were registered, and in an indication of interest in the battle for the White House, 40 million or so had already voted as Election Day dawned.

Obama sought election as one of the youngest presidents, and one of the least experienced in national political affairs.

That wasn't what set the Illinois senator apart, though — neither from his rivals nor from the other men who had served as president since the nation's founding more than two centuries ago. A black man, he confronted a previously unbreakable barrier as he campaigned on twin themes of change and hope in uncertain times.

McCain, a prisoner of war during Vietnam, a generation older than his rival at 72, was making his second try for the White House, following his defeat in the battle for the GOP nomination in 2000.

A conservative, he stressed his maverick's streak. And although a Republican, he did what he could to separate himself from an unpopular president.

For the most part, the two presidential candidates and their running mates, Biden and Republican Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, spent weeks campaigning in states that went for Bush four years ago.

McCain and Obama each won contested nominations — the Democrat outdistancing former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton — and promptly set out to claim the mantle of change.

Obama won California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

McCain had Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

He also won at least three of Nebraska's five electoral votes, with the other two in doubt.




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McCain concedes, congratulates Obama on win

By Beth Fouhy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Republican John McCain conceded the presidential race to Barack Obama, saying the Democrat has achieved a "great thing for himself and for his country."

Flanked by wife Cindy and running-mate Sarah Palin, McCain spoke to supporters outside the Arizona Biltmore Hotel shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday, saying the "American people have spoken and they have spoken clearly."

He conceded the contest as polls closed on the West Coast, adding a string of states to Obama's electoral vote tally and sealing the Illinois senator's victory.

McCain stressed the historic nature of the election, noting that an invitation to dine at the White House by Theodore Roosevelt had been viewed as an insult in some quarters.

"Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and for his country," McCain said.

"In a contest as long and as difficult as this campaign has been, his success alone commands my respect for his ability and perseverance.

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3,500 students on campus.

Kaysha Rogers, a first time voter, was excited to participate in this year's election.

"I supported Obama. I like his plans for change. I think he really speaks for the country and the future," Rogers said.

For McCain supporters, the night came as a disappointment.

"Obama, I don't think is qualified," said Mohamed Mossaua, who was in attendance of the event. "I've been a McCain fan for eight years ... he's more fit for this country."

At the Linn County Republicans Headquarters, the mood was full of disappointment and some outrage.

"I didn't really think Obama was going to pull it out," said Lucy Delong, sophomore at Linn Benton Community College.

RJ Friedman, president of the College Republicans, said he was disappointed in the national election, but was able to take solace in the victories of incumbent Andy Olson and Brian Boquist.

OSU basketball head coach Craig Robinson, who is also the brother-in-law of Obama, was in Chicago yesterday, supporting and celebrating with the Obama family and supporters.

With another election over, every voter, whether for Obama or McCain, had the opportunity to participate in an American democratic tradition as record numbers showed up at the polls.

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Republican supporters gathered at the Linn County Republican Headquarters in Albany Tuesday night.

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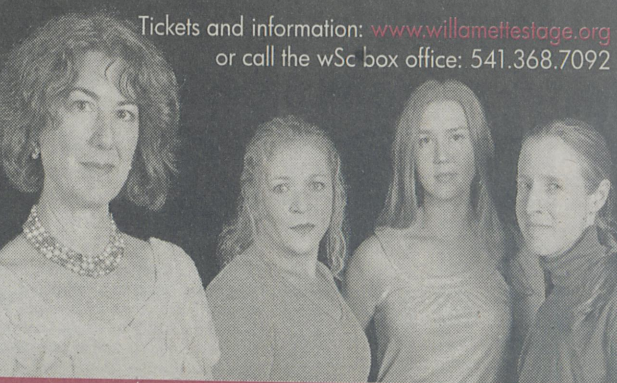
The Memory of Water
by Shelagh Stephenson

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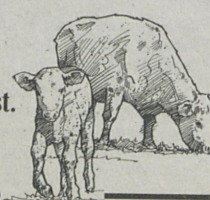


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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to Election Day. We hope you all took advantage of the various venues around the country that were offering free stuff if you voted. Mmm, free tacos, free coffee and free vibrators. Yup, Babeland, a sex-toy store was busy all day giving away free playthings for girls and boys.

Nay to "The Maverick." We aren't talking about McCain himself. We're talking about the sleeve that Babeland named in his honor. It's probably wrinkly. Eww.

Yea to the election being over. We can move on to making fun of other things, like sex and drugs. And the weather, because we all know how funny rain is...?

Nay to college humor. Is there anything else we can talk about? Your bedroom activities are getting old. Maybe we all need to mix things up a bit, and not with "The Maverick."

Yea to red states and blue states. Guess what? Everybody's poop stinks. Even the hot chick you hooked up with on Halloween.

Nay to bathroom humor. Now we are really getting desperate. Pretty soon, we'll be stealing jokes from The O'Reilly Factor. Okay that's a lie. We will never be that desperate.

Yea to headlines. And the Swiss. "Swiss police follow blood trail and find bacon." Never fear, the bacon police are here to protect you from the pig killers of the world! Unfortunately, what we really need protection from is PETA. Those folks in their hot little lettuce bikinis are nuts.

Nay to the meth found in a 7-year-old's Halloween candy in Minnesota last weekend. Is that someone's idea of a joke, giving \$200 worth of drugs to a kid who is already high off of Skittles? No, little Johnny, that isn't rock candy.

Yea to mis-managed time, because if you did study instead of stay up late drinking with your buddy, you would you have had that awesome deep convo in which you discovered as much about yourself as a post-college European backpacker.

Nay to endless midterms leading us to constant cycles of stress, drinking, illness and a overwhelming sense of disorientation.

Yea to Nebraska State Sen. Ernie Chambers for suing God to prove a point of injustice in the political system.

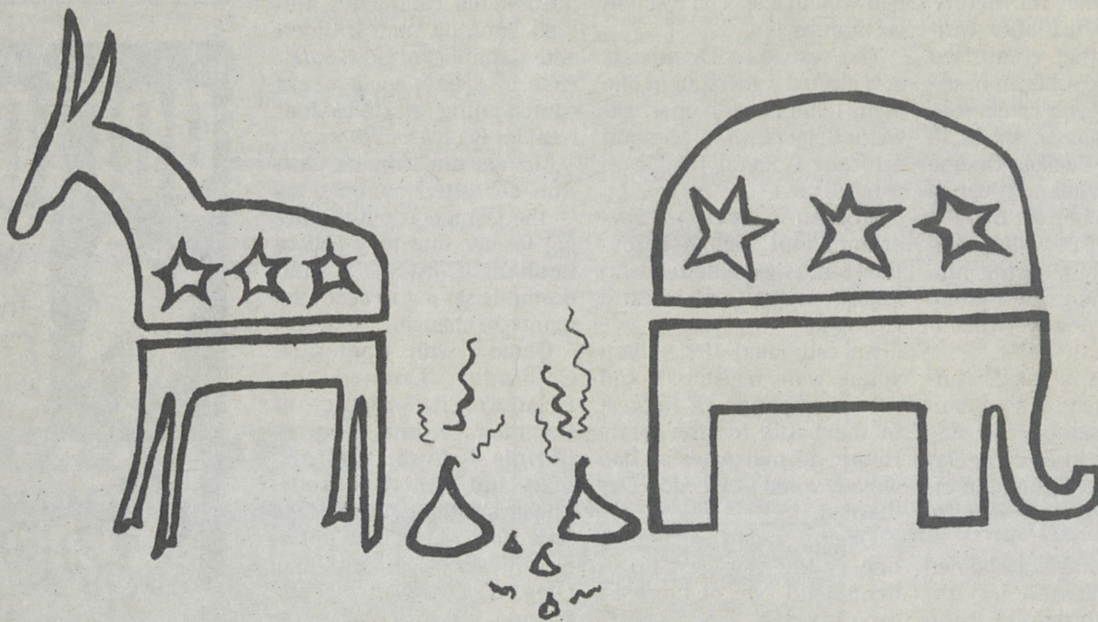
Nay to the fact that the court could throw out the case because the senator failed to serve proper notice to God.

Yay to pet rabbits, proving once again that they play an important role in proper fire safety by alarming a couple in Australia from slumber during a house fire.

Nay to that rabbit monster from the film *Donny Darko*, because honestly, it's been three years since we've seen that movie and it still haunts our dreams.

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A Strangers View

Little heartbreaks: Profile on a true artist

The great philosopher Ayn Rand said that only when one is able to perceive that which truly occurs, can one can be considered conscious. She believed that something exists not because one thinks it so; the thing exists regardless of anyone's opinion or knowledge of it. However, Caroline Foster has a reality independent of consciousness. Her mind creates reality, not just discovers it.

Caroline would have fit right into the Romantic period, where everyone lived over the edge of reason, but in modern society it is considered bad to care about things too much. Melancholy is much cooler than passion. Caroline always finds herself loving other people more than they love her back. Sometimes her heart aches, more than it is supposed to ache, so much that she can almost feel it explode out of her shirt. She isn't sure feeling that much is healthy. Desperate yet tender ardor is an identifying feature of Caroline, and she often gets carried away with sad Lilliputian matters.

In fact, she declares that the most romantic thing to ever happen to her was when she had to walk away from her love in an English bar. At the door, Caroline looked back over her shoulder and through her red hair she saw the object of her desire still watching her leave. She described it as the perfect storybook moment and, indeed, her life does take the form of a classic novel. Caroline is the protagonist, the tragic hero, and in the many scenes dealing with adoration, the affectionate Tupelo Honey by Van Morrison is underlying and influencing the text. Despite her affinity with the idea of love, Caroline Foster's favorite state of being is the moment right after she cries, completing catharsis. It is said that great souls feel more violent sensations than those of less tender dispositions, and Caroline is proof of this maxim. She stores up all her thoughts and then releases them periodically through her eyes. To become perfectly happy, one has nothing to do but to divest themselves entirely of passions, but a life without emotion would be one not worth living for Caroline. She used to be embarrassed when she cried in public, but she isn't ashamed of feeling anymore.

Caroline strongly believes in experiencing the whole spectrum of human emotion, and has probably voluntarily felt the majority of them. The only sentiment she would rather not experience is loneliness. Even desperation is more desirable than feeling forsaken. When one feels desolate without a concrete reason to make the sensation justifiable, there

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Solar Power: Space on the Cheap

Often when power sources are examined, power output is one of the first things that is considered for one's projects. However, when spatial exploration and colonization is the focus, it becomes more than that. In space, efficiency and practicality are everything. Your initial power source, above all things, needs to be reliable and also easy to use, install and repair. Although fission and fusion power are great power sources for advanced spacecraft, which are never intended to land on a planet such as Earth, the fact is that for most applications, solar power not only gets you where you need to go with ion thrusters, it also keeps your power on, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The greatest disadvantage of solar energy for the surface of Earth is that solar energy is not available all the time, and in the same increments. In space, this is not the case. The sun shines all day in space, where waves upon waves of solar energy bombard the dark skies continuously. Although many probes used by NASA and other organizations use solar panels in space to gather energy, it is possible to generate energy using solar for other purposes as well.

For example, if you settled a rocky asteroid, it would be expedient to install a massive grid of solar panels in space, either on the free-hanging space rock itself or hanging nearby on a tether. This would provide continuous power for your settlement, with very little work required thereafter when installation is complete.

In addition, you can use light tubes to illuminate your complex; these are optical cables which have a solar collector on the surface and reflect light down the tubes, providing light for your living quarters in the darkness of space. This means that you

can insulate against the outside environment, preventing harm from radiation, solar energy and free-floating particles, while still providing light to your facility and living quarters.

In space, it would be necessary to generate sufficient force to mimic gravitational forces; otherwise, prolonged weightlessness leads to bone and muscle mass loss. With solar power, you could mount ion thrusters on an asteroid and use solar power to continuously power your thrusters to ensure optimal spin for Earth-like gravitational conditions. On an asteroid chosen for settlement, it would be easy to have a computer system monitor the spin of the asteroid, and activate adjusting thrusters as needed to maintain a proper spin. Solar energy provides a ready power source for this process. Solar power can be used in any operation in space that requires electrical power, or it can be stored and redirected as necessary.

You can even use solar energy as a direct energy source or even as a driver for your mining and manufacturing in space. For example, you could use solar energy as a part of the smelting process. This very direct method is known as a solar forge, and is used on Earth in certain cases. A solar forge uses a specialized lens used in lighthouses, called a Fresnel lens, atop of a cylinder containing the material to be melted. In space, this could be used as a way of processing raw materials, which makes it all the easier to live and exist in the

environment of space.

Solar energy could even be used to provide power to Earth. Giant solar sheets could be built, composed of silicon wafers, like those used in solar cells. The power generated from doing this would be immense, and could be used to actually solve many issues with power. Transporting the power down would be possible with a microwave laser; places like Antarctica, with the hole in the ozone layer, would be possible candidates for receiving this energy. It could then could be transmitted via cables to either power stations in use by the military, government or for civilian application. Although this is very likely a long way off from today, it still shows just how useful the Sun can really be in solving our power needs.

Moreover, the fact is that you do not need nuclear power to maintain your living conditions in space. Nuclear power in the form of fission, or better yet fusion, is optimal for advanced spacecraft due to superior power output and the ability to fluctuate from low to high power usage very quickly in varying situations. However, for many situations in space, solar would perform just fine.

Solar energy has the advantage that it is relatively easy to maintain and use. Instead of reaction mass or fissile materials, you have the basic solar cell with all of its surrounding counterparts, with photons as your energy source. Solar energy is unlimited energy in our lifetime, as well as for many lifetimes beyond our own. In essence, the Sun is the best source of cheap power in space. Why not tap into it?

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Election results in success, Democrats

Congratulations America, you did it. I was beginning to worry a little towards the end that maybe you would fall for the republicans' tactics and be scared away from doing the right thing and picking change over the status quo. However, I was wrong, and in the end you picked the transformational leader this country and the world desperately needs, picking a man who has a first class intellect and temperament needed for these complex times.

However, there are few groups in America that need some special recognition for helping to achieve this: the youth, the Democratic Party and Sarah Palin. These three forces helped catapult Obama to the presidency.

Every four years we hear the same thing, that the youth will get out and finally vote, and every four years we don't and the pundits write us off as unreliable. I felt this year was going to be different and in the end it certainly was; young Americans came out in record numbers for a candidate they finally believed in, Barack Obama.

Since the beginning stages of his campaign, Obama reached out to young voters using Facebook, cell phones and appearing on shows like The Daily Show. Obama's bond with young voters had more to do with the man and the message than his tactics. His message of bipartisanship and optimism gave us a sense of hope for the future. His faith in us was vindicated when an unprecedented



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number of us showed up at the polls and played a pivotal role in electing him as our next president.

The Democratic Party should also be recognized for their outstanding work this election year, and by finally finding a way to win a presidential election. After losing seven out of the last ten presidential elections, the Democrats finally learned their lesson by picking a better candidate, having a better ground game, having more money than the Republicans and finally expanding the electoral map. This proved crucial as Obama raised more money than any other presidential candidate in history and put states in play like Virginia, North Carolina and Indiana — states that were once unreachable for Democrats. The Democrats were uncharacteristically disciplined in not only message but in recruiting volunteers, spending wisely and getting their voters out to vote. This is what led them to victory.

Now, the youths and the Democrats are owed some credit for helping Obama get elected, but it would be foolish if I did not give a big shout-out to Sarah Palin, because without her this might not be possible. When

Sarah Palin was picked as John McCain's running mate, I'll admit I was a little nervous he might actually pull this off and beat Obama. When Palin opened her mouth for the first time, my worries soon went away. It could have been the Katie Couric interviews where she could not name a magazine she reads, her inability to name a Supreme Court decision other than Roe v. Wade or when she told a group of third graders that the vice president is in charge of the senate. Every time she spoke in that "six-pack Joe" voice of hers I just smiled, because with every word spoken, another Republican or independent went over to Obama. Sarah Palin, I would like to personally thank you right now for accepting McCain's invitation to be his running mate. Although you caused pain sometimes, it was well worth it, like getting tested for an STD.

America, regardless of who caused it, you are the big winner in this election. Barack Obama could be Lincoln, FDR and JFK, all wrapped into one, and is the only one who can inspire and lead this country out of the mess it is in. America usually gets these types of elections right when we are in great times of turmoil, like 1932, 1960 and 1980. We always pick the right person for the job and this time is no different.

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is obviously no solution.

This is probably why she doesn't like her own company for long. Caroline gets bored easily and becomes distracted often. Alone, her mind is allowed to wander down into dark foggy places, but in a group, it does not get to roam so freely. Still though, in conversations she loses her train of thought often and never seems to give her full attention to anything. She lives very much in her own head. Everybody around her is always busy establishing behaviors and constantly learning new ones, but Caroline never really gives notice. She does not know much regarding the ways to "properly" behave around other people, but this fact is what makes her interesting. Even she admits that this is a positive feature because it gets her attention.

Quite often, she will randomly burst into song or spew out a random strand of whatever was forming in her glowing brain at the moment. In the beginning of the year, she would constantly worry about how others perceived her when she acted this way, but now she has relaxed a bit. It is Caroline's nature to be analytical — she is always studying herself — but now her self-criticism is not so overwhelming.

Living always at the highest extremity of awareness can be tiring, however, even if one doesn't really take it seriously anymore. Throughout most of her existence Caroline is stressed, and in fact anxiety seems to have become her default state. In Caroline's opinion, this is because she is a writer and an avid reader. She has learned to see not just a few qualities about life, but the nature of the thing itself. Luckily, Caroline has the keen ability to be creative in forming her own reality. If

she doesn't like something, she changes its essence in her mind.

Oftentimes it feels as if we are all in a competition of who can seem the most depressed or important or hurt by society. Who has the deepest and most unique taste music? Who has the most philosophical taste in film? It is a game that a lot of people get caught up in when they forget that they can actually be the characters portrayed in the art. Life doesn't stop with the closing credits. Things aren't always created for an end.

People like Caroline Foster realize this wholeheartedly.

She understands that happiness results from neither ignorance nor knowledge and instead resides in being content and truthfully expressive with how a life is molded. Caroline forms her existence into a passionate fairy tale with dozens of little heartbreaks on every page. Though it may seem as if she has no idea what is going on at certain points, we can be assured that she always has her hand firmly on the pen.

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Living without the Internet

I have always found it hard to believe that our parents didn't have the internet at home. What did they do when they wanted to arrange a night out if they didn't have Facebook? What did they do when they missed their favorite television show if they couldn't download programs? How did they finish their homework without the use of Wikipedia?

So, I thought it would be a good idea to try and survive a whole week without logging onto the internet once; to see if my life really could carry on without being able to surf the web. My parents managed it, so why couldn't I?

By day one I already knew that this might just be the hardest thing I have ever tried to do. I am a self-confessed Facebook-aholic, and I was already having withdrawal symptoms from not being able to access my account. I was dying to know if anyone had messaged me, if there were any important notifications that I was missing out on, or if I'd been tagged in any photos that would need to be promptly de-tagged. It drove me crazy when my friends would talk about the "hilarious" photos of me online, or claim they couldn't quite remember exactly who and what had been written on my wall.

I had to retreat to the library to find out some books that would help me with my homework, as I couldn't use the easy method of searching on Google. I even took one book out on loan that hadn't been used since 1991, so clearly everyone has been using the internet for research rather than old books.

I also found that my lack of internet left me unsure on how to contact people. Rather than instant messaging, e-mailing or sending a Facebook alert, I actually



Danielle Appleton

Student on Exchange; Trying Something New

had to leave my desk and walk down the hall to arrange a time for dinner plans or to ask questions about my classes. In fact, on a positive note, this experiment made me feel much less lazy as I had to be active if I wanted to have social life.

A few times I came close to slipping. It seems pitiable now, but I think I am mechanically programmed to automatically sign onto the internet every time I turn on my computer. Every time I made this mistake, it took all the willpower I have to press the wretched "close" button and not entirely give in.

By the end of the week, things were starting to get easier. I was no longer obsessing over my lack of Facebook usage, I had finally found my way around the library and discovered that sometimes books are a lot more useful than the web, and finally I was actually being sociable and knocking on people's doors or ringing them up to arrange meetings.

Although it may sound like a very enlightening experience, I'm not going to lie; it was a REALLY hard week that I certainly don't intend on repeating. I guess we'll just have to face it — we are 21st century students, therefore the internet does equal our right arms.

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Young voters help put Obama over the top

By Martha Irvine
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CHICAGO—Rafi Zelikowsky skipped class on Tuesday to camp out in downtown Chicago and wait for Barack Obama, the man who captured the hearts of so many young voters.

"We're feeding off the energy," said Zelikowsky, a 19-year-old Northwestern University student from Los Angeles who arrived at 7:30 a.m. EST to stand in a long line outside the park where supporters awaited Obama's victory address more than 15 hours later. Zelikowsky, who voted for Obama by absentee ballot in California, also spent her previous weekend canvassing for the Illinois senator in rural Iowa.

That kind of loyalty — and the Obama campaign's early efforts to harness young voters — paid off at the ballot box.

Exit polls showed that young voters were supporting him by a more than 2-1 margin, with his greatest

support coming from black and Hispanic young people. The preliminary results are similar to those from polls conducted before the election.

Overall, about two-thirds of voters younger than 30 supported Obama. And the overwhelming majority of black voters and about three-quarters of Hispanic voters in that age bracket said they voted for Obama. Many young voters said Obama being black was a non-issue.

Meanwhile, more than half of white youth cast a vote for the senator from Illinois, while more than two out of five supported John McCain, the senator from Arizona.

Many young voters, black youth included, saw this election as their chance to help make history. And they did.

"I've been wanting to vote. I'm finally part of it," said Chamar Morrison, a 19-year-old sophomore at North Carolina Central University who is black and who voted for Obama. She listed the cost of a college education and the war in Iraq as two of her top issues.

The exit polls showed support for Obama steadily decreasing as the age of the voters who were questioned increased. For instance, a little over half of voters older than 65 supported McCain. But this time, it was the younger generations who had the final say.

The survey results are based on a random sample of nearly 18,000 voters in Election Day exit polls and telephone interviews over the past week for early voters. The exit poll was conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

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Canseco receives probation

Former professional baseball player sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation for drugs

By **Bernie Wilson**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Jose Canseco went to a Tijuana pharmacy looking for something to boost his testosterone level — low after years of admitted steroid use — and got himself in trouble again.

Limping slightly and saying he's tired, depressed and nearly bankrupt, the former slugger pleaded guilty Tuesday to a misdemeanor offense of trying to bring a fertility drug across the Mexican border. He was sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation.

The 44-year-old Canseco apologized to U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks, saying, "I made an honest mistake."

Brooks wondered aloud whether to make community service and drug testing conditions of Canseco's sentence. The judge decided against those stipulations after attorney Greg Emerson said Canseco is dealing with physical difficulties due to his steroid use and is doing his best to turn around his life.

"It was ignorance on my part, is all it was," Canseco told The Associated Press afterward.

Canseco, who said he also has a bum knee, faced a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,000. The former star was ordered to pay a \$25 special assessment.

"I didn't realize you needed a prescrip-

tion, and obviously I'm paying for it," he said. "I do have a prescription for it now. I wish I would have gotten it sooner. I wouldn't be going through all this."

In his 2005 book "Juiced," Canseco admitted to using steroids and also alleged steroid use by other baseball players, which attracted Congress' attention.

On Tuesday, Canseco said a gel he was using to try to restore his testosterone level wasn't working, so he went to a Tijuana pharmacy seeking something better.

"I didn't go down there looking for steroids," Canseco said while seated on a bench outside the courtroom with his girlfriend, who gave only her first name, Heidi. "I needed something to help me get my own levels back to normal, just to get me to, you know, normal working conditions, I guess."

"Well, when you have no testosterone level, you're depressed, you lose muscle mass, no sex drive, no libido, you have nothing," he added. "You're kind of like tired, depressed all the time. You just don't want to do anything."

The former AL MVP and Rookie of the Year was a six-time All-Star who hit 462 home runs in 17 seasons.

As part of a plea agreement, Canseco admitted he had six vials of human chorionic gonadotropin, which is illegal without a prescription, and 10 syringes when he was detained Oct. 9 at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing.

The vials were labeled in Spanish, and Canseco did not have a prescription or instructions for the drug's use.

catch myself taking things for granted and not taking advantage of every opportunity in respect of those who don't have the same privileges."

After her time as an undergraduate at OSU, Natwick hopes to attend pharmacy school. She has been applying to both OSU and Pacific University's programs in hopes of being accepted to graduate school and to soon begin working. With pharmaceutical work in her future, Natwick will not forget her first love waiting for her on the links.

"I will definitely keep up with golf," she said. "I do plan to participate in some amateur events as well."

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his entire career whether or not A.I. is more concerned with his personal stats than of his team's success.

Dumars was confident with the trade's finalization however, as was Iverson, whose agent told reporters, "He was very excited about the trade."

"In this league, six or seven years is an eternity to have a core together," Dumars stated. "So when a situation like this presents itself where you can cover yourself on both sides — the immediate impact player and the long-term flexibility — you have to push the button."

McDyess was not as pleased however, stating that he has no real interest in playing for any other team than the Pistons, circulating talks of an expected Nuggets buyout of his current contract.

Billups is a local player who gained attention during his college years at the University of Colorado and even played for the Nuggets earlier in his career. The Nuggets have high hopes that Billups will mesh better alongside superstar Carmelo Anthony and guard J.R. Smith, as he is a more natural point guard than Iverson is.

As for Detroit's feeling regarding the trade, Dumars stated, "It gives us a different way to attack people." In that, Iverson will provide them with another offensive weapon who can create his own shot and open up other players with his ability to drive to the basket. Dumars added, "We have been extremely successful for a long time. But I also think what comes with that is a little bit of predictability."

"Two teams had one common problem, or challenge," Mark Warkentien, a Nuggets executive told reporters in Denver. "I think the Pistons looked at Stuckey and saw him as the point guard of tomorrow, and you have an All-Star in Chauncey who was in his way."

With this being said, it will be interesting to watch these two newly reconstructed teams of today and compare them to the success of the teams prior. It could appear that the Nuggets fared better from this trade, being that Iverson is no longer the player he once was in his youthful years, and in turn for him pick up a much needed point guard in Billups. McDyess is an added bonus, who will bring defense and a presence in the middle to Denver's defense. In the weeks to come, stay tuned to watch these two newly built teams mesh, and decide whether or not you think the trade was a good decision.

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a Caucasian majority. I was located in a very racially diverse section, there's definitely still segregation in areas of the world."

After returning home from her journey, Natwick had many things she had to catch up on, her family and golf being at the top of that list. For Natwick, jumping from one way of life to another encouraged a more critical side of thinking.

"I think that initially, I was in a culture shock going in a reverse direction," Natwick said. "I felt like, 'wow these people really don't understand, and they won't until they see it.' I am reminded of my experiences every day. I sometimes

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“I didn't even have to look. I knew LaMarcus would be open. But teams have scouted it, and they are saying ‘No, we are taking that away.’”
 — Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy on knowing dealing with traps his first two seasons

From fairways to pharmacies

■ Golfer Sara Natwick interns in South Africa hoping to help others with health issues

By Patrick Middleton
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

On the Oregon State women's golf team is an athlete with multiple whole-hearted passions, and one of them is carrying her down a different path than the fairway of a golf course.

Growing up on the third hole of a golf course in Washougal, Wash. might just be the start of why junior Sara Natwick is at OSU.

“It was probably around when I turned seven that my parents began putting me into golf lessons and camps,” Natwick said. “It seemed that my parents had hoped that golf would be something that tied our family together over the years.”

Little did Sara or her parents know at the time that golf would also be the key to her college career. Outside of golf, as Natwick grew older and matured, she developed an interest in those less fortunate than her, and in places that she had no control over.

“As the years went on, I discovered a newfound interest in different cultures,” Natwick said.

This could have been the first spark leading to her decision to do something extraordinary. During the winter before making the decision to take an epic trip overseas to help people, Sara toyed with the idea of going time and time again.

After seeing the movie “Endless Summer,” Natwick was emotionally moved and soon after found a way to make a difference. She contacted the IE3 Internship Program here at OSU to see what kind of opportunities were out there.

“IE3 is a program designed to send students to different locations all over the world for internships in their particular field of interest,” Natwick said.

After gaining a better understanding of what her mission would entail,

Natwick was scheduled for a 10-week medical internship in Durban, South Africa. Before she left, she set several personal goals of what she wanted to achieve during the time that she would be away.

“First I wanted to help others with their health issues in geographical locations where good health has been hard to achieve,” Natwick said. “Second, I wanted to gain a better understanding of myself and figure out how I can become part of the medical field.”

Upon arriving in Durban, Sara could not believe some of the things she saw. The reality hit her before even beginning her job.

“Going there initially I was in shock,” Natwick said. “It was truly amazing what I saw and how these people lived. I began to ask myself, how do they live like this, why do they have to?”

Experiencing the harsh living conditions of a truly poverty-stricken part of the world made her stop and think about how fortunate people in other places are and how much is actually taken for granted.

“Here I can shower twice a day, but there it might only be once a week,” she said. “It's one of those things you have to take in stride.”

Though the experience and work was harsh, Natwick never felt uncomfortable in her working situations.

“We were never expected to do anything we wouldn't have felt comfortable doing here in the USA,” Natwick said.

This was a very relieving idea for many Americans due to the large quantity of diseases and extreme health risks faced in the area, such as HIV and AIDS.

While still being an NCAA athlete, it is critical that Natwick keep up on her golf game year round in order to perform to standard in competition.

“I had no access to any type of golf course whatsoever while I was there,” Natwick said. “It was literally like taking three months off from



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Studying to become a pharmacist, Natwick traveled to Durbin, South Africa over the summer. Upon graduating from OSU, the Washougal, Wash. native, plans to go to Pharmacy School.

doing what I love. It was a really hard adjustment. Beforehand, I was constantly wrestling with the thought of, ‘Should I really be doing this?’”

Occasionally she was teased with a glimpse of one of South Africa's exotic and luxurious courses during a passing drive. Many parts of Africa are still very segregated based upon

race and it is evident no matter where you go.

“There were some very beautiful golf courses that I got to see out there in certain parts of the area,” Natwick said. “The nice golf courses were all in the areas with

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Nuggets get stronger?

Last season after the Detroit Pistons fell short of their championship goal by losing to the eventual champion Boston Celtics, Piston's coach Joe Dumars made it clear that no one should get too comfortable as a member of the team's roster. He warned them and told them to prepare for a significant roster change prior to this NBA regular season, and just two games into the Piston's season, Dumars followed through on his promise.

On Monday, the Detroit Pistons and Denver Nuggets finalized a deal that sent Chauncey Billups, Antonio McDyess and a young center from the 2006 draft Cheikh Samb to the Mile-High City for Denver's star point guard Allen Iverson.

“We just felt it was the right time to change our team,” Dumars told The Associated Press. “Iverson gives us a dimension that we haven't had here and we really think it's going to help us.”

Iverson was welcomed to the organization at a press conference Tuesday and is expected to make his debut Wednesday, when the Pistons travel to Canada to take on the Toronto Raptors.

The Detroit Pistons starting five has arguably been one of the most recognized and feared combinations over the past six seasons. Chauncey Billups, being the floor general and outstanding defender he is, causes Detroit to lose a key part of their offense, which has rallied around his leadership and toughness since his emergence on the team. Allen Iverson is a completely different player who will undoubtedly bring firepower to Detroit's offense. However, it has been an area of concern throughout

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Robertson and Stutes start pro careers on a high note



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■ Seven former Beavers begin time as professional baseball players winning awards and championships throughout minor leagues

By Casey Grogan
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last season did not go the way the Oregon State baseball team wished as the Beavers missed the NCAA Tournament. This result was even more painful to a group of players who came back for their senior year for another shot at a College World Series ring.

Headlining that group was former Lake Oswego High School star Mike Stutes, who transferred from Santa Clara following his sophomore year. The right-hander helped OSU to two straight National Championships. Drafted out of high school and after his junior year, Stutes returned to Oregon State for a go at a third ring.

In the 2008 draft, Stutes was selected in the 11th round by the Philadelphia Phillies, only to begin the year with the Williamsport Crosscutters. In the New York-Penn League, Stutes started six games on the hill, winning two and finishing his time with a 1.33 ERA.

Stutes was quickly promoted to the Class-A South Atlantic League. In his second stop with the Lakewood BlueClaws the former Beaver went 5-1 in seven starts. The righty finished with a 1.48 ERA in 42.2 innings while striking out 53. Stutes' performance earned him recognition as having the best pro debut in the Phillies organization from Baseball America.

First baseman Jordan Lennerton came to Oregon State after starting his college career at El Paso Community College. The Detroit Tigers selected the Langley, British Columbia native in the 33rd round of the draft.

Lennerton began his pro career in the Gulf Coast League hitting .243 with one home run in 36 games. The first baseman was quickly promoted to Class-A Advanced Lakeland. With the Flying Tigers, Lennerton hit .179 in 18 games.

Outfielder Chris Hopkins turned down the opportunity to play pro ball after his junior season, returning to Oregon State for a senior year. Hopkins was drafted in 2008 by the Toronto Blue Jays in round 24.

Hopkins played his first pro season in the New York-Penn League as a member of the Auburn Doubledays. The native of California hit .194 with 11 stolen bases in 59 pro games.

Infielder Lonnie Lechelt was selected in the 21st round by the Florida Marlins and began his career with the Greensboro Grasshoppers, hitting .200 in six games. Moving to the Jamestown Jammers of the New York-Penn League, Lechelt hit .196 with four home runs for the Jammers.

Jason Ogata, an infielder from Portland, won both a College World Series ring as well as a Northwest League championship with the Spokane Indians after being drafted in the 38th round by the Texas Rangers. In Spokane the former Westview Wildcat hit .244 in 54 games in the Northwest League.

Undrafted pitcher Josh Keller signed with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and spent time with two teams in the minors. Starting in the Arizona League and a former Cleveland Warrior, threw in 12 games saving six. With the Orem Owlz of the Pioneer League, Keller finished with a 5.68 ERA in seven games.

One of the brightest spots from the Oregon State draft class was outfielder Daniel Robertson. Drafted in the 33rd round Robertson began his career in the San Diego Padres organization. With the Eugene Emeralds of the Northwest League, Robertson hit .377 and stole 20 bases.

Robertson won the NWL batting title while setting the league record for hits in a season. Robertson was named the Most Valuable Player in the Northwest League.

Drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher Mike Stutes was recognized by Baseball America as having the best pro debut in the organizations 2008 draft class.

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