



Preaching to a campus full of questions



ANNIE MILES | THE DAILY BAROMETER

A student challenges Rev. Shawn David Holes Monday afternoon in front of the Valley Library. The Reverend spoke from 12:30 p.m. until after dark, drawing a large crowd of onlookers.

■ Rev. Shawn David Holes of New York preached the 'power of Christ' for over four hours on campus yesterday

By Candice Ruud
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The presence of God was palpable on the OSU campus yesterday, when Rev. Shawn David Holes, a traveling reverend from Lake Placid, New York, preached in front of the Valley Library from 12:30 p.m. until after dark to a growing crowd of students.

Holes brought along his wife and seven children who sat nearby with bags of McDonald's, watching as he gave his informal sermon and was rebutted publicly by several students and members of the community.

"Who are you to judge us based on your beliefs

in a country that is free?" shouted one woman.

According to a few students, who stayed from the beginning of the sermon, Holes' church has given him a motor home to enable him to travel the country and preach the word of God.

Throughout the session, much of the crowd became upset and even outraged, shouting out contradictions and challenging the reverend. Those who may have been in favor of the sermon remained mostly quiet and reserved and did not make their voices heard, though many showed support for the man's courage.

"I think he's a part of the corporate Christianity," said Brandon Smith, a senior in math.

"That's not good. I have a faith, but it's not this. This is not how you get to know God."

Smith grew up with an evangelical Christian background, attended a youth group weekly and was raised by Christian parents. He said that the

thing that turned him away from being a devout Christian was meeting his girlfriend, who, in his words, "is one of the best and most giving people I have ever met," but is not a Christian.

Smith confessed to a period of agnostic feelings and ambiguity towards religion, but said that he has now made his peace with God and his relationship with religion.

"God is something personal, and you can't put that into a specific box," Smith said. "It's sad when you need religion to have morals."

Erica Curry, a sophomore in biology with a minor in writing, said that Holes was a fish out of water on what she believed to be OSU's fairly liberal college campus.

"This is the wrong place for him to be preaching fire and brimstone. He's missing the aspect of

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Corvallis offers options for the homeless, hungry

■ Hunger rate in Oregon is 5.5 percent; food insecurity rate at national average of 12 percent

By Gail Cole
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While OSU students may feel as if they have problems finding housing and food, homelessness and hunger are legitimate issues, even in the Corvallis area.

According to a press release, a recent report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) found that Oregon ranks as one of the highest in the nation for hunger rates.

The hunger rate in Oregon is 5.5 percent, while the state's food insecurity rate is approximately 12 percent, close to the national average. These statistics were averaged between the years 2005 to 2007.

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Gov. Kulongoski writes President-elect Obama

■ Plan is to simultaneously create jobs and improve OUS with federal funding

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Governor Ted Kulongoski is writing a letter to President-elect Barack Obama with a plan to simultaneously create jobs while improving Oregon universities.

The plan is to provide federal funding for public work projects on Oregon campuses for maintenance that has been delayed. The maintenance could create thousands of jobs and stimulate an ailing economy.

The Oregon University System has estimated that deferred maintenance of Oregon universities has reached around \$640 million across the state.

OSU has suffered the most, with an estimated loss of around \$228 million.

According to Rem Nevins, deputy

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Arrests

9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 — Alexandre Serge was arrested for alleged DUII following a four-car accident. His BAC was 0.15 percent.

1:25 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 — OSU student Kyle Miller, 20, was arrested for an alleged DUII after being pulled over for failure to obey a traffic control device. His BAC was 0.18 percent.

3:22 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 23 — OSU student Shady Athamneh, 21, was arrested for allegedly committing assault in the fourth degree after an altercation with a neighbor.

12:59 a.m., Sunday Nov. 23 — Omid Mortazavi, 25, was stopped for the alleged failure to signal 100 feet before a turn, violation of minimum vehicle

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Baba Brinkman brings 14th century prose to hip-hop

■ Brinkman performed rap version of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' at LaSells Stewart Center yesterday

By Elizabeth Dietz
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Hip-hop artist and Master's Degree holder Baba Brinkman performed Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" yesterday at the LaSells Stewart Center. The event was free and had a full crowd of Corvallis residents, OSU instructors and students of various majors.

Brinkman performed his award-winning show that tied in "The Canterbury Tales" with hip-hop.

Each of his hip-hop rhymes was simply revised from medieval language and put into context for a modern day understanding of each of the stories.

"I thought it was great," Assistant Professor of English Peter Betjemann said. "The 600-year-old language is different, so it's hardest to access. Baba makes it accessible and exciting for audiences. It was the exact translation of Chaucer."

His performances have taken root from his University of Victoria Master's thesis that helped him modify the Middle English language into something that people find easy to understand.

With that, it has hip-hop connections for today that reach out to all ages.

Assistant Professor of English Tara Williams originally saw him rap at an academic conference.

"I wanted OSU students to be able to see him in person. The English department and the Center for the Humanities agreed to sponsor the event," Williams said.

The performance has earned rave reviews and has won awards around the world.

"It originally started as an assignment, and I decided to translate it into rap. I then performed it at a talent show and got great feedback," said Brinkman, whose real name is Dirk but who goes by the stage name "Baba."

"At first, it gets skepticism, but then the audience is surprised by it," he said.

Brinkman ties in nature, philosophy, modern romantic relationships, British culture, politics and modern literature to awe the audience.

On stage, he discussed his observations of the parallels between Chaucer and live Master of Ceremony (MC) events. In addition, he compared the elements of discussion in the stories with modern-day rappers such as Ludacris, NWA and Ol' Dirty Bastard.

"I invite us to think about hip-hop as a con-

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CURTIS BARNARD | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Baba Brinkman performs at The Rap Canterbury Tales in LaSells Stewart Center Monday evening.

QUOTED

"I feel totally insecure. I'm very scared, but what can you do? I must go to work."

Rajendra Shah, an insurance agent returning to work in Mumbai after last week's three-day shooting rampage that left 172 dead.

"Some man lost his life because a VCR was on sale? Please. It's just too sad for words."

Wal-Mart customer Ellie Berhun, speaking about a post-Thanksgiving shopper stampede that trampled a suburban New York Wal-Mart worker to death.

BREAKDOWN

WASHINGTON D.C. — The selection of experienced centrists — Hillary Rodham Clinton, Robert Gates and James L. Jones — to head President-elect Barack Obama's national security team points to the possibility that on Iraq, the incoming commander-in-chief may take a more measured path to ending American military involvement than he described during the presidential campaign.

Obama's choices signal a more pragmatic, less ideological approach to asserting American leadership in the world. In announcing on Monday that Clinton is his choice for secretary of state and that Gates has agreed to remain as defense secretary — with Jones as national security adviser in the White House — Obama said he has intentionally surrounded himself with "strong personalities and strong opinions." And he made clear that when push comes to shove, he will be the one to make the tough calls.

Gates in particular has opposed setting a hard deadline for removing U.S. forces from Iraq, but he also has emphasized the need to transition the U.S. military mission from combat to support for Iraqi forces. And Gates shares Obama's view that some resources now in Iraq should be shifted to Afghanistan.

Obama will likely rely on Jones, who spent 40 years in the Marine Corps but has never served in the executive branch of government, to lay the groundwork by melding the views of Clinton and Gates.

TOP STORY

Sizemore jailed following finding of contempt

By Ryan Kost
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — Judge Janice Wilson spent more than two hours unraveling what she called Bill Sizemore's web of lies, ultimately ordering the Oregon political figure jailed after finding him in contempt of a previous court injunction.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," the Multnomah County judge said, quoting Sir Walter Scott before launching into her rundown of Sizemore's questionable dealings.

Wilson found that Sizemore had violated a 2003 court order that barred him from

using a charitable organization to raise money for political purposes. Sizemore, she said, would sit in jail until he files the required state and federal forms for his charity, the American Tax Research Foundation.

Sizemore's lawyer, Gregory Byrne, said he hoped Sizemore would be released Tuesday morning, but declined to offer further comment.

The judge also ordered Sizemore and the charity to pay a judgment equal to the amount of assets that he and the charity transferred to him for personal and political uses. Further litigation might be necessary to figure out just how much that is given how

"incomplete" the financial records were, Wilson said.

Lastly, she extended the injunctions he violated for an additional five years.

Her opinion, which took more than two hours to deliver, was a string of acronyms, stand-ins for the various organizations Sizemore had created and then used to transfer funds to himself as compensation for political work. She took special care to poke holes in Sizemore's testimony, saying he had "near total disregard for the oath."

"The violations of the injunction are troubling in and of themselves." But, Wilson said, they were even more troubling because with

"Mr. Sizemore's willingness to lie under oath, they reflect not merely contempt of court in the legal sense, but contempt for the court ... for the rule of law."

The ruling was a victory for public-employee unions, which have been caught in a long-running battle with Sizemore.

"His pattern ... pretty much describes somebody who doesn't care or believes he is above the law," said Richard Schwarz, the executive director of The American Federation of Teachers-Oregon, one of the organizations that brought the contempt proceedings to court.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Pro-government protest targets court in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand — Hundreds of pro-government demonstrators swarmed around a court building Tuesday, forcing the relocation of judges who will rule on the fate of a Thai government beset by protests and a virtual shut-down of international air links.

Judges of the Constitutional Court had to scurry to a suburban courtroom where they are to decide whether Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat and others in his party committed electoral fraud — a move that would see him banned from politics and his party dissolved.

Hours earlier, an explosive device was hurled into a crowd of anti-government protesters at Bangkok's domestic airport, killing one person and wounding 22, said Surachet Sathitniramai of the Narenthorn Medical Center.

The court is expected to rule this week, and if the decision goes against Somchai it could dampen protests by the People's Alliance for Democracy, which has been seeking Somchai's ouster through daily protests and the seizure of Bangkok's domestic and international airports.

But it could also inflame pro-government supporters who have been gathering their strength in recent days and widen an already dangerous rift in Thai society, further paralyzing government machinery and draining the economy of millions of dollars.

Late Monday, the explosive device fired from an elevated highway fell among hundreds of protesters, some of them asleep, inside Don Muang domestic airport, Surachet said. A protest leader, Somsak Kosaisuk, said the crowd was hit by a grenade from an M-79 launcher, a battlefield weapon.

It was the third such attack in two

days by unidentified assailants targeting the protesters. So far, seven people have been killed and scores injured in bomb attacks, clashes with police and street battles between government opponents and supporters.

Neither the army, a key player in Thai politics, nor the country's much revered king have offered Somchai the firm backing he needs to resolve the crisis. Many Thais hope that the court ruling will help defuse it.



Atheist sign joins nativity scene, tree at Washington Capitol

OLYMPIA, Wash. — An atheist group has unveiled an anti-religion placard in the state Capitol, joining a Christian Nativity scene and "holiday tree" on display during December.

The atheists' sign was installed Monday by Washington members of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, a national group based in Madison, Wis.

With a nod to the winter solstice — the year's shortest day, occurring in late December — the placard reads, in part, "There is only our natural world. Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds."

The foundation's co-president, Dan Barker, said it was important for atheists to offer their viewpoint alongside the overtly religious Nativity scene and Christmas-style holiday tree.

"Our members want equal time," Barker said. "Not to muscle, not to coerce, but just to have a place at the table."

The three displays, all privately sponsored, were granted permits from state groundskeepers to be placed in the Capitol's grand marble hallways.

The 25-foot noble spruce, officially called the "Capitol Holiday Kids Tree,"

is sponsored by the Association of Washington Business and tied to a charity drive for needy families. It's been a Capitol fixture for nearly 20 years.

Although nominally secular, the tree is clearly recognizable as a sign of Christmas: It's strung with lights, topped by a large golden star and usually surrounded by faux wrapped presents.



OHSU faces funding gap of \$30M, freeze on hiring, salaries

PORTLAND, — Oregon's only medical school and teaching hospital — Oregon Health & Science University — is imposing an immediate freeze in hiring and salaries, and expects to lay off some personnel to cope with a funding gap of more than \$30 million, primarily from declining investments.

Hospital President Dr. Joe Robertson said it is clear that the global financial crisis will continue for years rather than months, and OHSU is facing investment losses as well as declining revenues from reductions in elective surgery and increased demand for free care.

The unprecedented investment losses account for about 95 percent of the shortfall, estimated at between \$30 million and \$35 million, said spokesman Tim Kringen.

Last month Robertson warned of the financial difficulties, despite a recent \$100 million gift from Nike co-founder Phil Knight and large cash reserves.

"OHSU managers responded very well to earlier calls for cost-cutting and cash conservation," Roberts said in a statement. "Additional steps must be taken. We will leave positions open, defer expenditures and make other sacrifices with the goal of preserving vital services for Oregonians."

—The Associated Press

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Meetings

ASOSU Health & Wellness Task Force, 4pm, SLI Lounge. Plan fall term events.

ASOSU Campus Affairs, 7pm, Snell 149. Open meeting for everyone regarding student & campus affairs. Come help on campaigns to improve student life!

Events

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

OSU Music Department, 7pm, First Christian Church, 6th & Madison. OSU Student Recital: Nathan Kondrat, bass baritone.

Volunteers

United Campus Ministry @ Westminster House, 5:30pm, First Christian Church, 602 SW Madison. Stone Soup: Join with Westminster House to prepare and serve a meal for the hungry in Corvallis. To volunteer call: 753-2242.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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 Affairs, 5pm, StAg 211. 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 Hydrogen Club, 5pm, Gilmore Annex Conference Room. Last meeting of term. Discuss projects and upcoming events related to hydrogen energy technology.

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.

Thursday, Dec. 4

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 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.

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: University Chorale Seasonal Music.

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.

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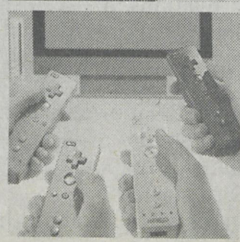
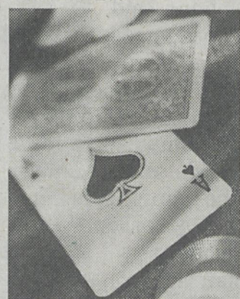
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love," Curry said. "He's taking a metaphorical text and treating it as a literal doctrine."

Holes preached for most of the several-hour session but was open to questions and comments from the audience, of which some members came to the front and directly challenged him for several minutes of debate.

Many confessed that while they were religious, they disagreed with the way Holes was turning the ideas of Christianity into literal interpretations that had nothing to do with love or faith and more to do with scare tactics and the fear of God.

"I'm a Christian, but I don't like what he's saying, how he's shoving it down people's throats," said Danielle Asson, a sophomore in marine biology.

"Someone's right, be it Hindus, Jews, Christians, Muslims, etc. Just because you

believe in one kind of God, why would He send you to hell if He's all-loving?" Asson said.

Vahag Azaryan, an international student from Armenia, spoke not in defense of Holes, but in defense of his right to be there and to speak his piece.

"I just think he's doing his job," Azaryan said.

"He didn't change any of my opinions after listening for an hour. He's speaking rhetorically ... he hasn't directly answered any questions, and he contradicts himself. He's just saying whatever he wants to say."

Holes held a variety of signs, one reading "The Truth Shall Set You Free," and others discussing the hellish power of "evil-lution."

More information on Holes and his mission can be found at salvationjunction.com.

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tinuum," Brinkman said.

"There's certainly nothing else that has made such a splash both in the academic community and the general public," Williams said. "The genius of Baba's performance is that it has something for both of those audiences."

Most students don't regularly hear "typical" poetry spoken aloud, but hip-hop changes this.

Kerry Ahearn, associate professor of English and chair of the English Department, said rap is "great contemporary poetry. For hip-hop, you have to learn to hear it."

"Most people think rap is misogynistic and some have prejudgments about it," Brinkman said.

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LETTER

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director of communications for the governor's office, Kulongoski has been working with the Obama transition team to come up with a plan to partner with the federal government and make the required maintenance on Oregon campuses possible.

Obama has already made plans to create 2 million new jobs through public works projects. His plan is to provide up to \$60 billion over 10 years to improve the U.S. transportation systems, including highways, airports and railroads.

Obama wants to provide \$25 billion of that money immediately upon taking office, which

is expected to create 1 million jobs nationwide.

Kulongoski believes that it would take too long for any jobs to be created from projects geared toward the transportation infrastructure. With all the steps needed to start new construction projects, it could be up to two years before any work actually begins.

The reason he believes university projects could stimulate the economy and create new jobs quicker is that these projects are ready to begin within months of funding being approved. These projects have been in the planning stages for a long time, and all they require is the funding to get them underway.

Kulongoski hopes that the issue can be taken up as quick-

ly as possible after Obama's inauguration.

The approval of the plan could prove more urgent upon the recent news from the National Bureau of Economic Research that the economy is officially in a recession and has been in one since December of last year.

While an estimate is not given regarding how many jobs would be created if funding is approved, the first phase of public projects would receive funding of \$100 million and possibly create thousands of jobs.

Improving universities could also help the economy in the long run because students would be provided with a better learning environment.

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clearance (muffler dragging on road), improper left turn and failure to obey a red light. After failing a field sobriety test, Mortazavi was arrested for alleged DUII and transported to Benton County Correctional Facility where he provided a BAC of 0.10 percent.

10:07 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22 — Brenda Hanson, 37, was arrested for alleged DUII after being pulled over for failure to maintain lane near S.E. 3rd St. and S.E. Bridgeway Ave. Her BAC was 0.17 percent.

12:45 a.m., Friday, Nov. 21 — OSU student Dustin Guest, 25, was arrested for an alleged DUII and providing false information to a police officer. His BAC was 0.15 percent.

2:20 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 16 — OSU student Kyle Byrd, 21, was arrested near the intersection of N.W. 16th Ave. and N.W. Van Buren Ave. for an alleged DUII.

His BAC was 0.17 percent.

12:14 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 16 — Christopher Malcolm was arrested for allegedly committing assault in the fourth degree and cited for disorderly conduct after an altercation at La Cantina.

Thefts

8:12 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30 — Salem Statesman Journal Photographer Thomas A. Patterson, 28, reported that his Nikon digital camera with 400-millimeter lens and monopod (\$9000) was stolen during the 4th quarter of the Civil War game on the west side of Reser Stadium.

2:55 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30 — Alicia A. Yoder reported a stolen Physics for Scientists and Engineers textbook (\$200) from the Valley Library Women's Restroom.

7:15 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 — Adam Clary, 28, and Brian Storey, 23, were allegedly involved in a mutual combat fight outside Reser Stadium near the D gate. Both subjects

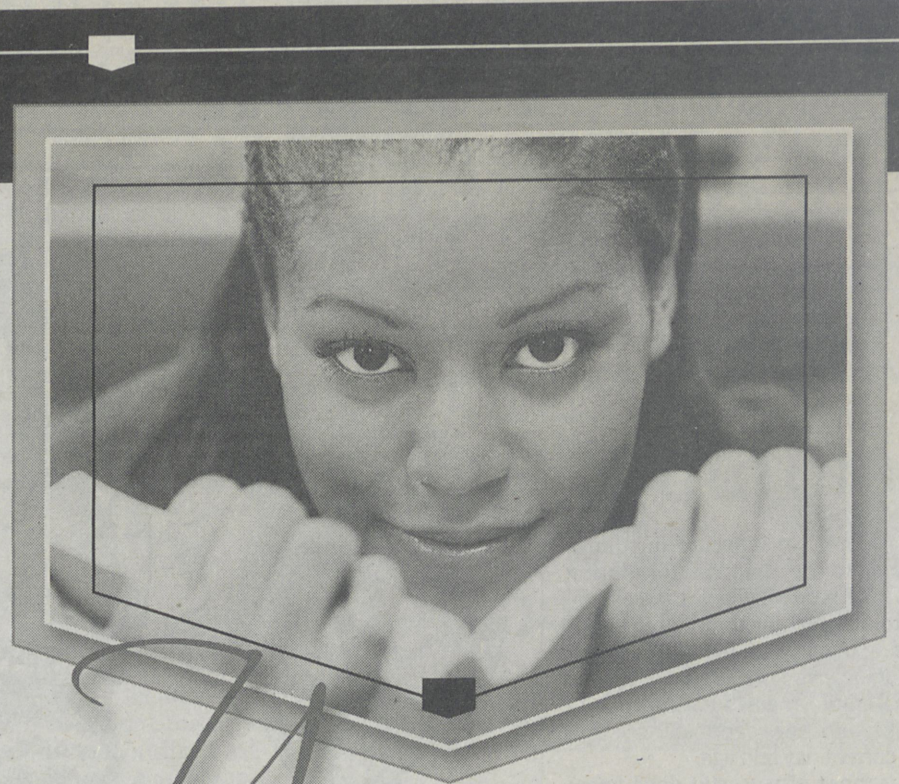
resisted while being taken into custody. Victim Jeffrey Storey received an injury from a punch from Clary and wished to pursue charges against him.

1:59 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 — OSU student Alicia Dixon, 23, reported that her boyfriend Andrew Ibarra's bike had been stolen from the bike rack on the northeast side of the Women's Building. Dixon had borrowed the bike, and it was locked with a cable lock.

Warrant

9:19 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21 — Jacob Miley Butler, 27, was seen exiting the Memorial Union, was recognized, placed under arrest and transported to the BCCF. He was cited for Theft I, Burglary II, and failure to register as a sex offender. He was lodged on a confirmed warrant out of Linn County for a probation violation.

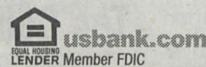
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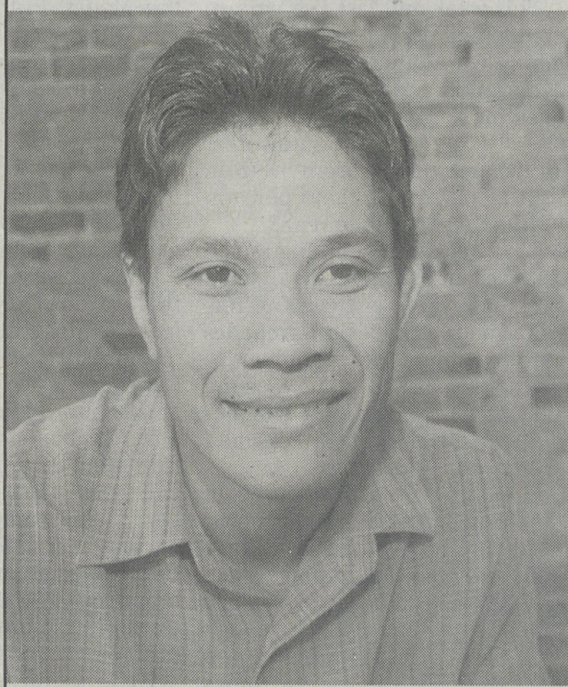
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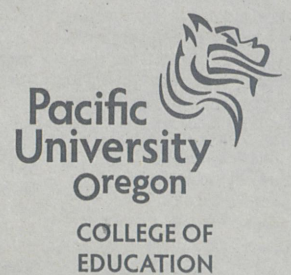
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Editorial

Change is coming

After we reflected on things to be thankful for during Thanksgiving last week, we realized something important.

We're thankful for our jobs.

Not only are we thankful for the actual employment, but we are thankful that our newspaper still exists in this current day and age.

For those of you who don't know, we're a dying breed.

On this campus people read the newspaper on their way to class, in class, while eating, in the restroom, you name it.

Though everywhere else in the world, people are starting to read their newspapers online.

Or they don't read one at all.

Like many other industries, newspapers are seeing huge cuts and job losses. We can't just struggle through the economic depression though; newspapers need a complete overhaul.

How does a newspaper sustain itself off of ad revenue when people have Craigslist?

How does a newspaper pay a staff to write stories when people can conveniently get their news from bloggers online instead?

How do we keep your interest when you'd rather be watching TV or listening to music than reading?

In the latest move to find a positive solution, some newspapers have started outsourcing jobs to India and the Middle East.

According to popular columnist Maureen Dowd, of *The New York Times*, a newspaper in Pasadena has recently started paying journalists overseas \$7.50 per thousand words. These individuals are actually writing about the daily, local news in Pasadena, even though they are thousands of miles away.

These are grim times for the American journalist.

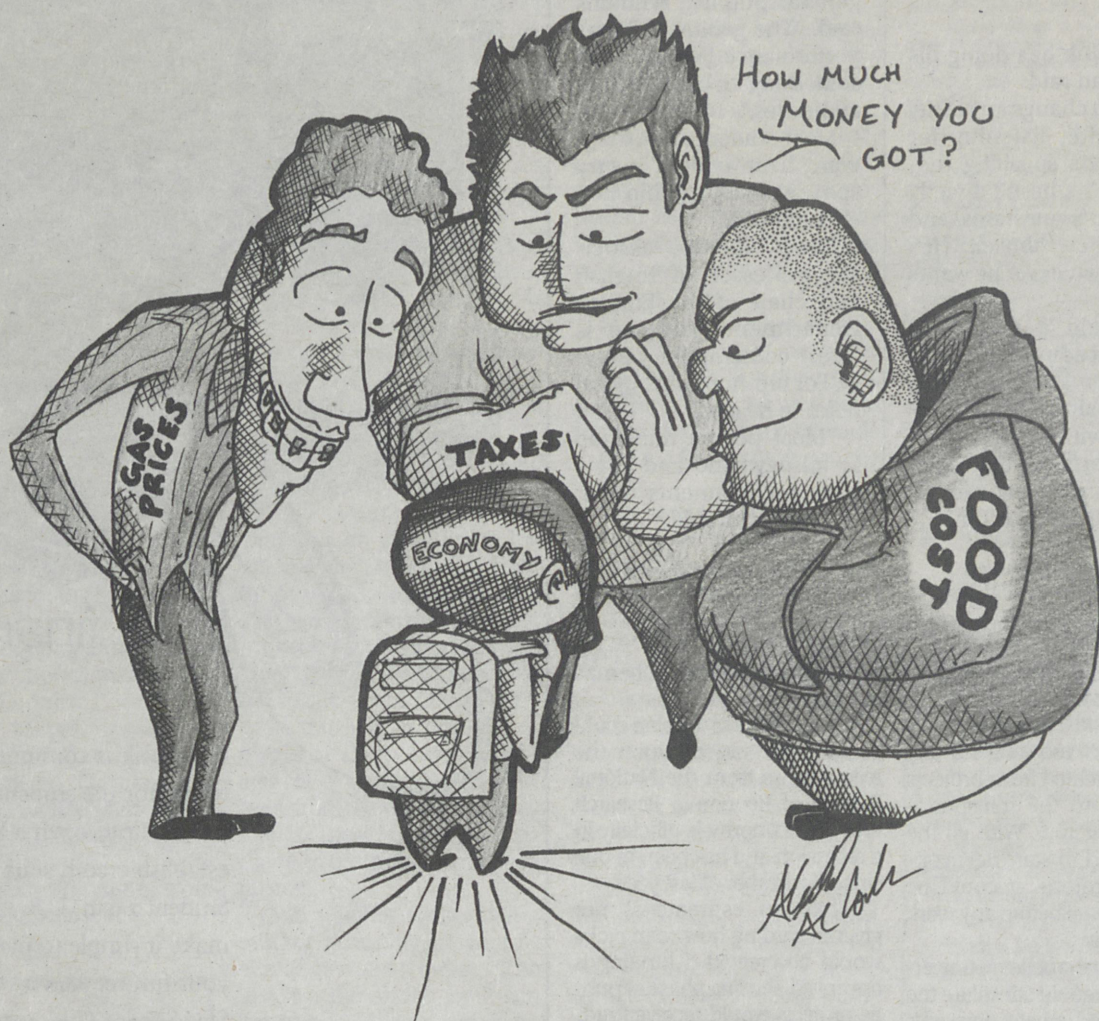
Throughout this term, we have tried to improve our writing, improve what's available on our website, improve our design and strive towards strong journalistic standards. There have been rough patches along the way, but at least we're getting somewhere.

Our goals will never change — to provide you with the quality material you deserve; we are attempting to build a great collection of OSU's best writers and journalists.

We just need to make sure that we keep on moving forward. Student Media at OSU may be changing a lot in the next few terms.

As readers, listeners and viewers, you need to give us any feedback you can. Maybe if we put our heads together, we can keep ourselves afloat in the years to come.

We do know one thing though; we certainly won't be outsourcing any of our jobs. Stop by 118 Snell Hall anytime if you are interested in working for us next term.



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Who cares what happens 'over there?'

Sanjai Tripathi
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We were in India for my cousin's wedding three years ago and stopped in to visit some family in Bombay for a few days. The day before Thanksgiving in 2005, we were touring the city and visited the landmark Taj Palace Hotel one evening. I took a picture from the same three-quarter angle as the burning building photo that has recently been on front pages around the world.

This week and last I've written about members of my extended family who happen to be at the geographic epicenter of recent headline news events. Last week it was about my retired autoworker aunts and uncles from Detroit, waiting to see if their pension funds will survive the year.

This week, I'm shouting out to relatives in Bombay, also called Mumbai, where last week terrorists armed with rifles and grenades stormed a number of buildings.

One of those buildings was the Taj Palace. In all, at least 150 people were killed in the attacks, and scores more injured.

Sometimes I think when we in the United States see the news, it doesn't really register. Things happening in other places feel distant, disconnected or vaguely unreal.

The world is a big place, and a lot of it has unpleasant things happening on a regular basis. The modern world brings us updates and images of those happenings, but unless there is something compelling to hook us in and help us relate, it all just mixes together into a blur of "over there."

This effect is trumped, though,

when you know people over there or have been there yourself. If you have that connection, events in distant places feel vivid and definitely real.

I'm not so quixotic that I believe we should all stop to care about every disaster in far corners of the planet. Everyone has his or her own life to lead, and there isn't time to stop for "We are the World" moments every day.

And anyway, it's perfectly understandable and natural that we don't pay acute attention to other countries. Our country is big, safe, prosperous and geographically isolated.

The United States is vast enough that we don't ever really have to leave, and we literally live on an island which we share with only Canada, Mexico and a bunch of small countries we never visit.

In Europe, one can take a train ride that crosses a handful of countries in less than a day. Many world cities are old and full of ancient monuments to past cultures, empires and conflicts. Most other countries have had a major war in their homeland within the past few generations.

We've never been threatened with losing our homeland, and nothing here is ancient. In the Pacific Northwest, very little is more than 150 years old.

While it makes sense that we don't spend a lot of time knowing about the latest word from Timbuktu, there are consequences

to not seeing other parts of the world as more than images on the screen.

The Sept. 11 attacks are the obvious example. Previously, we were content to mostly ignore our own government's adventuresome and interventionist ways, thinking our good intentions were widely recognized and well-known.

Only after tragedy struck did we ask ourselves the question: "Why do they hate us?" Even years later, I don't think we've really resolved that question or truly even identified who "they" are.

On the way to Iraq, and in the years since that invasion, we've used the phrase "we're fighting them over there, so we don't have to fight them over here." Perhaps that is comforting to us, but did we ever stop to think how the people "over there" would feel about us taking that liberty?

There was no Al Qaeda presence in Iraq until we got there. We brought them, and we probably shouldn't have been so surprised to find that the Iraqis would not be happy about us using their country as a battleground in our war with terrorists.

Another common refrain we congratulate ourselves with is, "we haven't had another terrorist attack on American soil since 9/11," as if that was our only measure of success in the war on terror.

While technically true, that expression shows a remarkable apathy about things happening in other parts of the world. For one thing, Islamic extremists have successfully launched numerous

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Sex Advice We All Need

Returns home, past romances and dreams

I went home for Thanksgiving — home being Alaska. Please don't ask me about Sarah Palin. I also do not live in an igloo or travel via dog sled.

Thanksgiving was pretty typical, except we celebrated on Friday because most of the family was out in the woods for the annual deer hunt.

In the movies, holidays are often depicted as a time to be with our alcoholic parents, neurotic siblings, dogs who steal the dinner ham and childhood loves turned into soul-shaking, one-night stands.

I got two out of four. My dog is well-trained. Instead of running into my first boyfriend, I dug up my old scrapbook, which is filled with pictures of my grinning adolescent self and Josh, the neighbor's son at our summer cabin.

I never realized memory lane would be so sweet. It might make me sound like a crotchety old lady to say it, but life was innocent then. We hadn't seen heartbreak. We didn't know what lay ahead. The world was open and grand, and we were going to march on into eternity together.

Having a remote pocket of Alaska as the background to your first love story is pretty hard to beat. We might not have held hands in a darkened movie theater, but we lived bathed in the light of the midnight sun.

I fell in love sometime between running boats up rivers and pulling king crab pots. Our first kiss was under a cedar tree. His equivalent to a bouquet of flowers was a sea anemone shell so fragile that it shattered as I clutched it in my hands.

Our theme song was "The Joker" by the Steve Miller Band. I had the peaches, he shook my tree. We never took our affair past first base.

A lot has changed since then. We grew up and away from each other — summer jobs, new people and college. My parents put our cabin up for sale. I heard Josh developed an addiction to prescription pain killers at some point, but rumors claim rehab cured him. For better or for worse, I'd rather not know. I want him to forever stay as he was: red baseball cap and Levis, cigarettes and fishing pole.

What happened to that kind of love?

I guess it got left behind in childhood, for most of us at least. We grew up and started experimenting with sex, alcohol and for some of us, drugs. We saw people "going all the way" in movies and whispered about it in the halls at school, and

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Low glass ceiling still affecting us

I'm sure we're all familiar with this uniquely American folktale: "You can be anything you want to be. Perhaps even president one day." Thanks to President-elect Barack Obama, the American dream appears to be alive and well.

Not to be a killjoy, but I think this is an unattainable myth for many people like me. There is another glass ceiling, low and largely unnoticed, but most definitely there.

I am one of approximately 30,000 people in the United States with dwarfism, a congenital genetic defect that affects 1 in 10,000 live births. The most common characteristic of dwarfism is profound short stature, usually defined as 4'10" or shorter, with the average about 4-foot even. In addition, there is usually some form of orthopedic complication to a varying degree, depending on the type of dwarfism (there are over 200 different types).

Now before I go further, I should clarify some terminology. People with a medical condition causing dwarfism prefer to be called dwarfs, little people (LPs), or ideally, by their first names. The word "midget" is highly offensive; a pejorative equal in offense to dwarfs as the N-word is to African Americans. The term was coined in the "freak show" era of the late 19th century and finds its roots in the word "midge," a type of pesky fly.

The most famous LPs (dwarfs) — or notorious, depending on your perspective — are Verne Troyer (Mini Me), Jason Acuna (Wee Man), Peter Dinklage ("Elf," "The Station Agent"), Warwick Davis ("Willow"), Meredith Eaton ("Boston Legal") and movie legends Linda Hunt and Billy Barty. And let's not forget Oregon's own first family of dwarfism, the Roloffs from the reality series "Little People, Big World."

Other than a few "stunts" with dwarfism, most notably on Comedy Central or television commercials (count how many live elves you see this holiday season), there are not many others of fame. Certainly no major CEOs, university presidents, famous clergy or national politicians. Oompa Loompas and Munchkins don't count.

As a matter of fact, I can only think of six with any political connections.

The first two are political appointees. Paul Miller, now a law professor at the University of Washington, served as the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner under President Clinton. And Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor under Clinton, is now serving on the Obama transition team.

That leaves only four dwarfs out of this entire country actually elected to public office (ironically, three from Texas). The first was Charles Lockhart, the three-time Texas state treasurer who was first

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elected in the early 1930s.

This was the most prominent of dwarf politicians and came at a time when people like him only made public appearances in circuses or vaudeville shows.

The second was Lee Kitchens, elected as mayor five times for the small town of Ransom Canyon, Texas. He resigned from office in the late 1990s.

Next came Joe Roach, a Houston city councilman who was briefly the center of national media attention in 1998 when the city's affirmative action director, Lenoria Walker, laughingly called him a "Republican midget."

The comments came after Roach criticized Walker, a Democrat, and her affirmative action plan. Walker was eventually forced to resign from her office largely due to this incident. Roach then ran an unsuccessful campaign for mayor in 2003, after which he retired from public service to join a law firm.

The fourth person with dwarfism to be elected to a public office happens to be an acquaintance of mine, Anthony Soares. Soares ran for an at-large seat on the Hoboken, N.J. city council in 1999. He beat a popular 6'2" football coach who outspent him almost 10 to 1 on campaign ads. Soares won the seat again in 2002 and was selected by his peers to serve as council president.

So that's it. One former cabinet member, one presidential committee chair, one state treasurer, one small town mayor and two city councilmen. No governors, no congressmen and no big city mayors.

Chris Rock made an off-color, yet truthful, joke about the American political climate during the primaries when he quipped, "Just because a black man or a white woman is gonna be the next president doesn't mean that any kid can grow up to be president. You seriously think a midget or a queer will ever get elected?"

I strained my neck nodding and cringing at the same time.

While people with dwarfism share some of the same public ridicule as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual) folks, the statistical realities don't warrant equal comparison. Sam Adams, the recently elected mayor of Portland, is the first major-city mayor who is openly gay.

Democratic Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, at the forefront of the federal financial bailout, came out of the closet in 1987. Take into account that by some estimates one in ten people are gay, and you can be sure there are many public leaders who are closet homosexuals. Dwarfs can't hide in

a closet (figuratively speaking).

This stigma — "heightism" — goes beyond politics; it affects every facet of life for people with dwarfism. A recent study by the BBC indicated, by a five-to-one margin, that women preferred to marry or date a man who was taller. A 2005 survey published in "The Economist" revealed that the average height of male Fortune 500 CEOs was slightly over six feet tall (the U.S. average for males is 5'9").

When it comes to salaries, the news is worse. According to a 2004 study published by psychologist Timothy A. Judge of the University of Florida and researcher Daniel M. Cable of the University of North Carolina, every inch of height translates to a salary increase of about \$789. By this calculation, I can (at 3'10") expect to make \$20,000 less per year than a colleague who is 6 feet tall. Over the course of a working lifetime, this can really add up. To be sure, this can't be a linear equation, but more like a bell curve. I know from experience that my white-collar peers didn't earn that much more than me. However, when one factors in that people with dwarfism and disability have an unemployment rate nearly eight times the national average, perhaps there is some truth in this calculation.

Says Judge in the "Monitor on Psychology," a publication of the American Psychological Association, "Perhaps when humans were in the early stages of organization, they used height as an index for power in making 'fight-or-flight' decisions. They ascribed leader-like qualities to tall people because they thought they would be better able to protect them. Evolutionary psychologists would argue that some of those old patterns still operate in our perceptions today."

Every president elected since Jimmy Carter (who was 5'9") has been six feet or taller. George W. Bush is the lone exception, but a small one at that being 5'11". Also, every president since FDR has had no physical disability whatsoever (and FDR's was well concealed from the public). Presidential hopefuls John McCain and Bob Dole were anomalies in that they both suffered from partial disabilities as a result of war wounds.

Do I expect to see someone with dwarfism (or a disability) elected as president in my lifetime? No. But, then again, many of my African American friends said they never imagined a black president elected in their lifetimes.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, said:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

I have a dream too. I hope we can add to Dr. King's speech that people will also not be judged by their physical abilities, their sexual orientation, their gender, their religious preferences or by the size of their bodies.

It is a small dream that seems appropriate in this time of "change."

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at some point, most of us did it and kind of liked it and did it again and again.

Kissing under cedar trees became a thing of the past. C'mon. There are better things to do now that we're in college: smoke pot, get drunk, make out and screw without daring to hope for something as small as a seashell.

You can't turn back time, but wouldn't that be a hell of a Christmas present? Right now, Josh is smiling up at me from a page in my scrapbook wearing his trusty baseball cap and reeling in a halibut.

I remember that day. That was the day we traveled by boat for two hours to celebrate my dad's birthday at a sit-down restaurant. After lunch, Josh and I pooled our money together to buy a \$7 bag of Werther's caramels at the Ocean Beauty General Store. In the evening, we built a fire and lit off the last of our Fourth of July rockets. It sounds idyllic, and it was. We lived in Southeast Alaska: the North American Garden of Eden, paradise, heaven, Oz.

Maybe we were on to something when we didn't know anything. We

were stuck out in nowhere Alaska, too young and scared to unbutton our pants. If we'd ever decided to have sex, I don't know that either of us would have known what to do, where to put what. I'm glad we never tried.

My only regret is that of all the things we'd yet to learn, we lacked the ability to appreciate how beautiful our lives were. If I'd had any idea, I might've tried to stay there a little longer instead of racing to grow up. It was buried innocence — the last heartbeat before the circus parade into early adulthood, where term papers, unemployment, aging parents, alcohol, sex and pregnancy scares would both lure and push us forward.

But in those summers, we were going to live forever. The earth turned slower then. We had all the time in the world — time to listen to the river pass the delta, time to watch jellyfish pulse in the ocean, time to fold our hands behind our heads and sing about jokers and smokers and midnight tokers and play our music in the sun.

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major attacks in London, Madrid, Bali, Russia, India, Pakistan, Israel and other places.

For another thing, our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are getting killed by terrorists on a weekly basis. If Americans are dying over there so Americans don't have to die over here, are we really any better off?

It's debatable, but my concern is that it often doesn't seem like we even think about these sort of things. We just let them go because things happening in other places are easy to discount or ignore.

Since I've been to Bombay and Detroit, and since I have family in those places, I can't help but think about current events there, what consequences there may be and what will happen in the future.

Other people who don't have connecting ties can probably just give those matters no more attention than passing glances at headlines. That is perfectly understandable, and perhaps that inattention won't prove to be consequential in the end. But it might.

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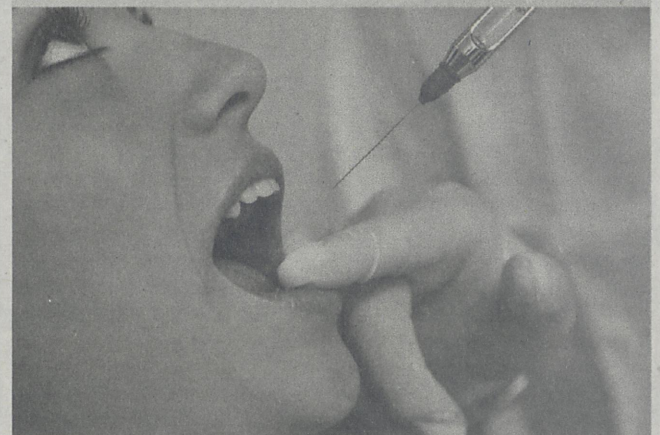
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Since the report does not incorporate data from the 2008 economic recession, today's hunger and food insecurity rates may be higher.

The study uses specific terms to describe this situation. For example, "high food security" is defined as no reported problems in accessing food, while "very low food security" is defined as many disruptions in eating patterns and food intake, according to the USDA website.

In spite of these numbers, there are several options that Oregon offers to fight hunger.

Oregon's food stamp program offers financial assistance to citizens through the Oregon Trail Card; instructions for application and eligibility requirements are found on the Oregon Department of Human Services website.

The program is widely used by Oregonians. The Oregon Department of Human Services found that 440,000 citizens with an average monthly benefit of \$176 used the food stamp program in August 2007 alone, according to its website.

In addition to state programs, Linn Benton Food Share is a resource that fights hunger in Linn and Benton counties. According to the organization's website, the food share distributes approximately 5 million

pounds of food each year to roughly 70 different agencies in the area.

Examples of the agencies that the food share distributes to in Corvallis include South Corvallis Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul and various group homes. Food-distributing agencies are also found in Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Brownsville.

"We also provide food and services to the special holiday community events," said Ryan McCambridge, program coordinator for Linn Benton Food Share. These services include Thanksgiving boxes in Benton County as well as various Christmas programs in Linn and Benton counties.

The Stone Soup meal assistance program, offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church and First Christian Church, is one of the many recipients of the food from Linn Benton Food Share.

"We get donations, and we get funding; some things we purchase," said Silvia Williams, a coordinator for the Friday lunch meal at St. Mary's.

This meal program provides free meals throughout the week at the two locations.

At St. Mary's, located at 501 N.W. 25th Street, dinners are served on Monday and Thursday nights, and lunch is served on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

"We make everything from scratch," Williams said.

The meals are open to the public, and an ID or proof of income is not necessary for admittance, according to the program's website.

"Everybody's welcome," Williams said.

At each meal, St. Mary's hosts between 50 to 70 diners on average, though the numbers rise at the end of each month since monthly financial assistance may be low at these times.

St. Mary's hosted a Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday with approximately 170 in attendance.

Along with hunger, homelessness is a reality that many face.

A recent survey completed by the Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition found that 130 homeless people, defined as people without a permanent address, are living in Corvallis.

With the needy in mind, the Corvallis area has several shelter resources, including Community Outreach, an organization that offers shelter, medical and dental care and therapeutic child care, among other services.

Community Outreach offers three types of shelter: emergency shelter, for use up to seven days; transitional housing, for use from six to eight months; and cold weather shelter, which runs from November through March. These require potential clients to go through a screening process.

Cold weather shelter uses a quicker screening process for admittance and requires clients to leave the shelter by 7 a.m. the next day. This type of shelter goes into effect when the temperature is below 32 degrees.

"We're the official cold weath-

er shelter for women and families in Corvallis," said Carrie Whitacre, development director of Community Outreach, who added that men are housed in a nearby church. "Regardless if they're using (drugs), they're welcome to come in."

Before being admitted to emergency and transitional shelter, the organization's policy requires clients to be off of drugs or alcohol for at least five days.

"The idea [is] that we're really here at Community Outreach ... in the business of helping people help themselves," she said of this policy. "Those folks made a commitment to get off the street."

The \$5-per-day cost of staying at Community Outreach is waived for the first three days, and clients who are unable to pay are given a work schedule to pay the fee, according to the website.

The recent changes in the economy are leading to effects that are felt in the Corvallis area and may result in greater need for shelter resources.

The food share has reported feeling the crunch from the economic downturn. Agencies in Linn and Benton counties have reported 30 to 40 percent increases in demand in the month of October, an increase not seen since the food share opened in 1981.

"It's unprecedented," McCambridge said. "From the historical numbers we can put together, we've never seen increases this big (and) this fast in the existence of the program."

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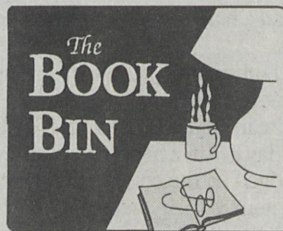
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Men's basketball snaps losing streak at 25 games

■ OSU wins first game since Dec. 11, 2007 as Beavers defeat Fresno State 62-54 on road

SPORTS INFORMATION

FRESNO, Calif. — Rickey Claitt led four players in double figures as the Oregon State men's basketball team pulled away late in the second half to capture a 62-54 victory over Fresno State in action on Sunday afternoon from the Save Mart Center. With the victory, Oregon State improves to 1-4 on the season as head coach Craig Robinson picked up his first career win with the Beavers.

With Oregon State trailing 40-39, the Beavers used a 13-2 run over the next five minutes to establish a lead they would not relinquish. The run was high-

lighted by a deep three-pointer from Lathen Wallace, giving the Beavers a 52-42 advantage with just over 10 minutes remaining.

Fresno State tried to mount a late rally; however, a tip-in by Roeland Schaftenaar and a late breakaway dunk by Seth Tarver sealed the victory for Oregon State.

Stellar defense in the second half by Oregon State gave the Beavers the advantage as Fresno State shot only 24.1 percent (7-of-29) from the floor over the final 20 minutes.

For the game, Fresno State was held to 37.0 percent (20-of-54) from the field as Oregon State shot over 50.0 percent from the field (23-of-44; 52.3 percent) for the third time this season. Last season, the Beavers only managed to shoot

50.0 percent or higher in two contests.

Wallace and Omari Johnson each had 12 points in the win while Seth Tarver added 11 for the Beavers.

Dwight O'Neil had 14 points to lead the way for Fresno State.

The win stopped a pair of long-losing streaks for the Beavers as Oregon State halted a string of 25 straight losses dating back to a win over Northern Colorado on Dec. 19, 2007. In addition, the victory snapped an 11-game losing streak in road games, dating back to a 77-53 win at Cal State Bakersfield on Dec. 11, 2007.

Oregon State will return to action on Saturday, Dec. 6, when the Beavers travel to Ames, Iowa to take on Iowa State in the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series at 11:00 a.m. in a game to be nationally televised by ESPNU.

Beavers come up short against No. 12 Wisconsin

■ Oregon State loses dual in Madison, Wis., against highly-ranked Badgers

SPORTS INFORMATION

MADISON, Wis. — Redshirt freshman Kelly Kubec (Lake Stevens, Wash.) earned his third major decision to be a perfect 4-0 in dual matches this season at 133 pounds, but

the Oregon State wrestling team came up short, 13-24, at No. 12 Wisconsin on Sunday.

Kubec controlled the match early, keeping Tom Kelliher scoreless for 3:23 before allowing him to escape and earn his lone point of the match. Kubec continued to add to his score, earning near fall points as time expired.

Oregon State got off to an

early 7-0 lead after senior Jake Gonzales (Enumclaw, Wash.) started off the Beavers with a close 6-5 decision over Drew Hammen at 125 pounds. Wisconsin then took a two point lead after the next pair of matches before sophomore Jon Brascetta (Aurora, Colo.) regained the lead at 10-9 with his 2-0 decision over Ben Jordan at 157 pounds.

But the Badgers took the eventual lead in the next pair of matches on decisions with ninth-ranked senior Kyle Bressler (Federal Way, Wash.) adding the final team points on an overtime decision over Eric Bugenhagen at 184 pounds.

Wrestling stays on the road next weekend, heading to Ashland, Ore., to face Southern Oregon on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

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start the game, the Beavers chose to defer, a tactic that has ignited the home crowd all year long. With the opening kick resulting in a short return, the crowd was on their feet and ready for their top-25 defense to take the field.

The Ducks would come out in a spread offense led by quarterback Jeremiah Masoli, a sophomore transfer from San Francisco City College. Although known for the run attack, Oregon showed the Beavers they had no problem competing through the air when Masoli dropped back to pass on the first play from the line of scrimmage.

On a play that would later serve as quite possibly the only defensive highlight for the Beavers all night, Masoli was then sacked seven yards behind the line of scrimmage by junior outside linebacker Keaton Kristick.

The University of Oregon would be forced to punt after a quick first series that included a key pass breakup by cornerback Keenan Lewis; the Ducks looked rattled, and the Beavers looked menacing, as usual.

Unable to get their own offense going, the Beavers returned the ball to the Ducks offense, a group that had completely regained their composure during their three minutes on the sideline, a team that would shortly take the lead and never look back.

Starting their second drive of the game on their own 20 yard line, the Ducks' offense would march 80 yards in 2 minutes and five seconds, ending with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Maehl.

"We had seen it before, and we ran the same scheme that had been successful in the past," Laybourn said. "We were all confident in the game plan, and I don't think that was it. I think it was complete execution; we didn't tackle the way we needed to, and we didn't play the way we needed."

The Ducks would eventually go up 17-10 in the first quarter and increase their lead even further in the second to 37-17, the result of two touchdowns in the final two minutes before halftime.

A third and nineteen situation for the Ducks, deep in their own territory, looked to be a point where the Beavers could get the ball back and pull within one score. A draw to Jeremiah Johnson created multiple missed tackles and the U of O back streaked down the field for a 79-yard touchdown.

"Tackling," Laybourn said. "The times they had been really successful was when they would get people out in space and make you miss. We knew that was going to be the key coming in, not giving them extra yards; we knew that was going to be a big thing, and we didn't execute."

The Beavers' defense would give up 240 yards more than they had allowed to any opponent this year. With 694 yards of total offense, the Ducks picked apart the Oregon State defense. Running for 298 yards more than the Beavers' average rushing yards allowed in the last nine games, 87, the Ducks ran for 385 yards.

"We as a team wanted this championship so bad," Norris said. "I know the city of Corvallis has been behind us the whole way, and I thank them for that. I really feel awful that we couldn't bring that to them, and I ask that they don't lose faith in us,

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Kenny Mayne makes plenty of political and pop culture jokes in addition to bringing the comedic value of professional sports to life. In short, "Mayne Street" has something for everyone.

That "everyone," to my surprise, also includes myself. I have been somewhat of a media traditionalist my whole life, the mediums I used extended to reading the paper

and watching SportsCenter. I had never been one to sit in front of YouTube for an extended period of time, or to check in on a weekly web series, and even blogs weren't my style as I struggled to find the credibility behind the words of someone I had never heard of.

So, after watching all five episodes of "Mayne Street" in one sitting, I began to realize that these changes in media are nothing but great things. Journalism is growing, which means its coverage has to

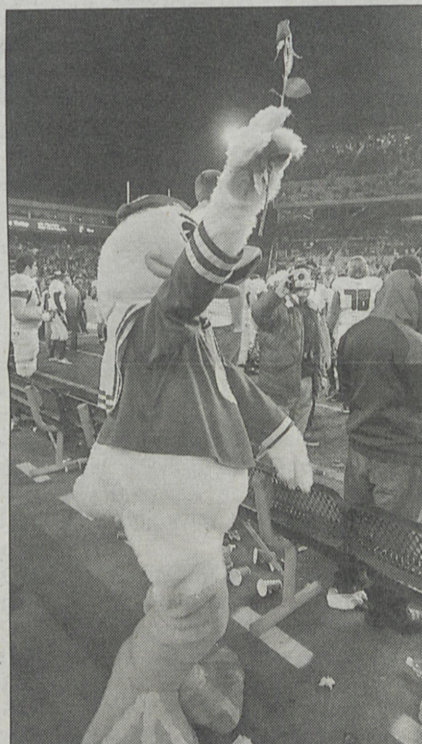
grow as well, and in the case of sports, I like to think that my "fanhood" has never needed questioning—I can use all the coverage I can get.

There was a point at which I thought all this Internet stuff was just a fad, but it's not going away. It's never going to go away. So here I am, just staring at my screen, waiting for the next episode of "Mayne Street" to come out; to pass the time, perhaps I'll read a few blogs, hit up a couple of different podcasts and even update my

profile on YouTube. It's going to be so much fun.

Thank you, Kenny Mayne, for expanding my horizon regarding the way I enjoy the media, but I still think Twitter is stupid.

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Oregon mascot Donald Duck holds a rose as the Ducks took away OSU's Rose Bowl dreams.

keep on cheering us on. We're going to give you a good game no matter what game we go to, and next year it is just going to keep rolling."

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Rourke honored by Pac-10

■ Beaver volleyball player Rachel Rourke becomes first OSU player to earn All-Pac-10 honors since Gina Schmidt in 2000 thanks to her 4.44 kills per set

SPORTS INFORMATION

Walnut Creek, Calif. — Junior outside hitter Rachel Rourke (Queensland, Australia) has been included on the 2008 All-Pac-10 Women's Volleyball Team, announced Monday afternoon by Commissioner Tom Hansen. She joins 13 others on the list, representing six other institutions.

Rourke, who averaged 4.44 kills per set during the season and 4.84 in conference play, earned All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention accolades last season. She has earned conference honors each year after being named to the Pac-10 All-Freshman Team in 2006.

She is the first player to earn All-Pac-10 honors since Gina Schmidt in 2000.

Rourke also earned the first Pac-10 Player of the Week honors this season for the week of Sept. 15-21. It was the first time an Oregon State player had earned the honor since Laura Collins captured the honor Oct. 28, 2002.

At the conclusion of the 2008 season, Rourke is third in all-time career kills with 1,389 total. She is also fourth on the total points list with 1,583.5 and fourth on the attacks list with 3,503.

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well. There was a lot of good football tonight."

While the Ducks' spread offense lit up the Oregon State defense for nearly 700 yards, the Oregon defense held the Beavers' offense in check most of the game. The combination of freshman tailback Ryan McCants and junior tailback Jeremy Francis were held to 37 yards rushing, and the fly sweep was shut down all night, with sophomore wideout James Rodgers picking up only 56 yards on seven carries.

"We just executed," Ducks senior safety Patrick Chung said. "Just trying to shut down the fly sweep and the split belly and take care of the pass, too. So we executed; some plays they executed better than we did, but in the end we ended up with a victory."

Chung, touted as one of the best safeties in the nation, led all Oregon defenders with 11 tackles. Junior defensive back Walter Thurmond III was third on the team with six tackles, two pass breakups and intercepted a Moevao pass late in the third quarter and returned it for a touchdown, giving the Ducks a 27 point lead.

"They made a lot of plays, and it is always hard to play behind," Riley said. "And it is not something we like to do. We knew going into the game that Oregon's strength on defense was their running defense, and they stopped us and made a lot of great plays."

Sophomore kicker Justin Kahut's kicking woes continued Saturday night as he missed a 21-yard field goal early in the second quarter. An 11-play, 55-yard drive by the Oregon State offense stalled at the four-yard line, setting Kahut up for the field goal, but the kick was just wide of the upright, his second game of the last three with a miss from inside the 30.

The combined 103 points was the most ever in a Civil War matchup, and the loss for Oregon State was their first in the last eight home games, dating back to the loss to UCLA in 2007. A raucous, Reser Stadium record-breaking crowd showed up anticipating a victory and a destiny fulfilled, but were quickly silenced as Oregon took a 37-17 lead into halftime.

"It's definitely tough losing in front of a crowd like this," Moevao said. "They've supported us all year. I think we have a good season to celebrate. We've come this far, and we're not looking back at the mistakes, but we're looking forward, and we have to make sure we correct the mistakes."

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time. Davis connected on two three-pointers and four free throws in the half to pace the Beavers. Oregon State shot 33.3 percent in the half compared to North Carolina's 55.9 percent.

Four Tar Heels scored in double figures, led by Iman McFarland, who had 16 points to go along with 14 rebounds. Jessica Breland also had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the double double.

Oregon State returns to action Wednesday when the Beavers play the West Coast Conference's San Francisco Dons at War Memorial Gymnasium in San Francisco. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. PT.



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Oregon runs away with Civil War

■ Ducks put up 694 yards of total offense in 65-38 victory over Oregon State on Saturday

By Matt Wilhelmsen
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Speechless, devastated and dumb-founded seniors Greg Laybourn and Slade Norris walked into the postgame press conference; their expressions portrayed the agony of not only their own feelings but that of 104 other men in the locker room.

Overanalyzing the defensive performance on Saturday night would be more redundant than the game itself. One could try and blame it on the lack of preparation, late season injuries, coaching tactics or even the referees — any way one looks at it, the Ducks wanted to spoil OSU's dreams more than the Beavers wanted to live them.

"The responsibility goes to we as the players," Norris said. "We didn't make the plays we needed to make, and we didn't tackle. We had seen everything they ran; they didn't have any big surprises. Like I said, we just didn't execute, and that's what we have to do in order to stop an offense every game."

At home in front of a record crowd, a number that has been re-written on multiple accounts this season, the Oregon State Beavers had everything in their favor. Winning the coin flip to

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Oregon senior running back Jeremiah Johnson ran for 227 yards and a touchdown against Oregon State, earning him Pac-10 Player of the Week honors.

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Living on Mayne Street

Ouch! That's not the way that it was supposed to happen, now let's forget about it and never speak of it again.

Moving on, there's a new craze in the sports media world that can cheer up any Beaver fan — or anyone for that matter. That craze is "Mayne Street," the new Internet series that stars ESPN legend Kenny Mayne, along with his cast of crazies, and that makes for about five minutes of hilarious content per episode.

The concept of the show is the hilarious personality of Kenny Mayne behind the scenes of SportsCenter. From dealing with his underage boss, to doing an interview in a clown suit, to even doing one show on which he has to do the opening of SportsCenter without his pants, Mayne Street has definitely set the standard for an Internet comedy series. This genre has skyrocketed in the last couple years and doesn't look to be stopping anytime soon.

What makes the show so brilliant is that it finds a perfect, happy medium throughout the entire broadcasting system at ESPN. SportsCenter is the best sports news show ever, and its quirkiness is part of the reason it's so great. Part of it has to be taken seriously, though, and there isn't infinite room for comedy in an hour and a half of sports stories.

On the other hand, the commercials for SportsCenter make a joke of everything. The "This is SportsCenter" campaign has never failed to make me laugh, and even after running that ad campaign for years now, ESPN continues to come up with fresh material for its advertising. It seems to grow funnier and never gets old.

Beyond many of the laughs at ESPN has always been Kenny Mayne. His show is a lot like the commercials for SportsCenter, the only addition really is an extended storyline revolving around Mayne and his antics.

Imagine "The Office" and that Kenny Mayne equals Michael Scott, but add sports. Subtract 25 minutes of run time and you have "Mayne Street," by far the best and most impressive web series I've ever seen.

Possibly the best thing about the show is that you definitely don't need to be a sports fan to enjoy it.

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Women miss upset against No. 2 North Carolina Tar Heels

■ In final game of Junkanoo Jam against UNC, Oregon State drops four-point game to No. 2 Tar Heels squad in Bahamas

SPORTS INFORMATION

FREEMPORT, Grand Bahamas — The Oregon State women's basketball team took No. 2 North Carolina to the brink of an upset Saturday, losing a narrow contest to the Tar Heels, 82-78, in the final game of the Junkanoo Jam at St. Georges High School.

"I'm very proud of the way our team played tonight," Oregon State head coach LaVonda Wagner said. "We played as a team, we played with confidence and we fought hard. We were behind on rebounding and that was key in this game, but we should be very proud with our effort tonight. We played well and had a very good North Carolina team on the ropes."

The Beavers (3-1 overall) got to within two, 80-78, with six seconds remaining on a jumper by Brittany Kennedy. But two late free throws by North Carolina (8-0) enabled the Tar Heels to win by four.

Brittney Davis led Oregon State with 22 points and finished with 38 over the two games in the Bahamas to earn All-Tournament team honors. Of her 22 points in the game against North Carolina, 10 came in the second half as the Beavers erased a deficit that stood as much as 18. Davis added six assists and a steal in 35 minutes.

Talisa Rhea came in closely behind Davis, posting 18 points — 15 in the second half — to go along with four assists. Mercedes Fox-Griffin also had a big game for the Beavers, finishing with 14 points.

The Beavers shot an impressive 62 percent from the field in the second half to push the Tar Heels to the near upset. The Beavers finished with 48 points in the half after putting down 30 in the first half.

North Carolina held a 65-55 lead at the 10:42 mark of the second half but saw the Beavers fight their way to within five, 75-70, with 3:43 left. Oregon State held North Carolina scoreless from the 6:25 mark until 1:47 remained in the half. During that stretch, the Beavers scored eight points to pull within striking range.

The Tar Heels sank two free throws with 1:48 left

to get ahead by four, 76-72. Ten seconds later, the Beavers pulled to within two on a lay-up by Davis, making the score 77-75.

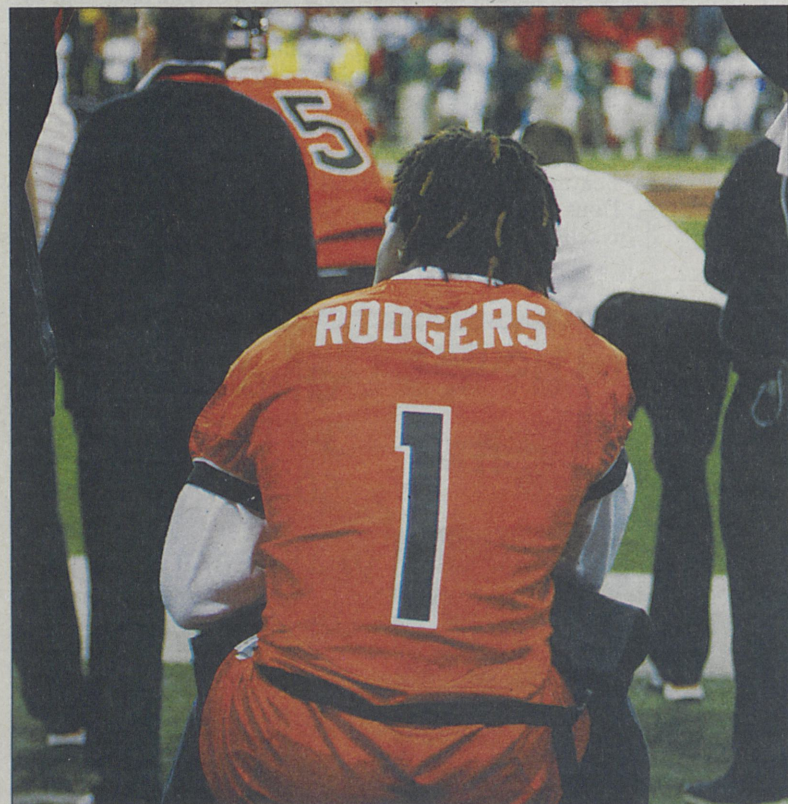
With 45 seconds remaining, and after a North Carolina free throw, Davis hit a jumper to make it 78-77 in favor of the Tar Heels. But the Tar Heels managed a jumper and two free throws from that point on while the Beavers were held to Kennedy's jumper with six seconds remaining.

Oregon State shot 62 percent from the field in the second half and finished at better than 47 percent for the game. North Carolina, meanwhile, was held to a 49.2 percent clip. The Tar Heels out-rebounded the Beavers, 44-26, and finished with 46 points in the paint.

Oregon State held the advantage from the charity stripe, making 16-of-20 (80 percent), while the Tar Heels were 15-for-24 (62.5 percent). Davis made 8 out of 9 from the free-throw line to lead the Beavers. Lastly, Oregon State forced 20 North Carolina turnovers on nine steals while committing 17 of its own.

Davis led the Beavers with 10 points in the first half as North Carolina took a 45-30 lead into half-

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Freshman tailback Jacquizz Rodgers was unable to help the OSU offense in the Civil War due to a shoulder injury suffered against Arizona.

Moevao has big night in loss

■ OSU junior quarterback finishes game with 374 passing yards with five touchdowns

By Frank Hoaglin
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The simplest of phrases came out of the mouth of quarterback Lyle Moevao after the No. 23 Oregon Ducks upset the No. 17 Oregon State Beavers 65-38 at Reser Stadium Saturday Night.

"We didn't start out well on offense, and we didn't start well on defense," Moevao said. "Usually when you have that, you don't come out on top."

The Ducks defense, led by the pass rush of senior defensive lineman Nick Reed, pressured Moevao all night, resulting in numerous quarterback hurries, five sacks and two interceptions. The loss snapped a six-game Oregon State winning streak and was their first loss at home this season.

In spite of the blowout, Moevao had a career night, completing 27 of 51 passes for 374 yards and five touchdowns. The junior quarterback

found ten different receivers throughout the game and hooked up with senior wideout Sammie Stroughter seven times for 145 yards, with his longest a 47-yard reception that set up a Joe Halahuni touchdown, his first as a Beaver.

The nail in the coffin for Oregon State came late in the fourth quarter on a Spencer Paysinger interception of Moevao. The Ducks' sophomore linebacker returned the errant pass 47 yards for a touchdown, increasing the Oregon lead to 27. The Beavers' offense did not threaten the rest of the game, and Moevao fumbled on the final drive.

"If we hadn't thrown that last interception that they returned for a touchdown, then the game could have ended differently," Beavers head coach Mike Riley said. "We had a lot of big returns from Sammie [Stroughter] on punts and from James [Rodgers] and [Patrick] Henderson during kickoffs. We also had a few good punts from [Johnny] Hekker as

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