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## 'Metaphorically Screaming'

Dr. Michael Ingram, an adviser and performer for OSU's Black Poets Society, wants his words to make an impact

By Dan Traylor  
Photo by Charlie Litchfield  
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The performer — though alone on the stage — fills the room with energy. Clutching a notebook that looks like an extension of his left arm, he passionately delivers line after line of poetry.

Dr. Michael Ingram, an associate professor of counselor education at OSU, is also an adviser — and a performer — for the Black Poets Society.

Ingram, along with most of the 10 student members of the group, spent Friday night taking turns behind an open mic, performing before a captivated Club Escape crowd.

"Now, rap — hip-hop — is as old as me," the 41-year-old

Ingram told the audience after taking the stage for the second time that night. "But I'm going to try a little hip-hop tonight."

Most of Ingram's work is the spoken word — a body of poetry built from history, his life and the world today.

He frequently takes on race relations, stereotypes and other social issues, hoping his work can affect change.

"Poetry allows you, by my estimation, to metaphorically scream," Ingram said, echoing a Black Poets Society slogan. "And when you metaphorically scream, you're not throwing a rock through a window ... I mean, you use the power of  
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## OSU releases professor after compromise attempt fails

Administrators believe Dr. Lynn Lashbrook's dual roles as a professor and sports agent created conflict of interest

By C.J. Conrad  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Dr. Lynn Lashbrook wants to make one thing clear: He never, in his seven years as a registered sports agent and adjunct professor at OSU, recruited a player from one of his classes.

OSU President Ed Ray wanted to make sure it stayed that way by asking Lashbrook to sign an agreement stating that he would not recruit students from his sports management class.

Lashbrook refused, prompting his release by the university after this term.

Lashbrook is the founder and president of Sports Marketing WorldWide, a Portland-based company that provides sports management training for people seeking careers as agents.

The company recently began dipping into OSU's talent pool when it signed former OSU football players Carl Tobey and Dwight Wright.

The signings, which OSU administrators learned about in The Oregonian, prompted an inquiry that resulted in Lashbrook's release.

"Just because it hasn't been done before doesn't mean I shouldn't be able to teach and run my business," Lashbrook said.

The inability of the two sides to reach a compromise seems to stem from a series of misunderstandings over what the agreement would entail.

In fact, no written contract was ever drafted, said Becky Johnson, interim vice provost of academic affairs.

According to Johnson, talks with Lashbrook never progressed far enough to even begin writing a contract.

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## Ensembles left playing musical chairs with budget

After being left out of student fees process, appropriate funding source for music ensembles remains unclear

By Brenna Doheny & Matt Lewis  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Classical strains wafted through the Memorial Union concourse Thursday as the audience for the weekly Music à la Carte concert spilled out of the lounge and into the walkway. The program is one of 15 different music ensembles that have traditionally been funded through student incidental fees.

But at a public hearing on Feb. 18, the Student Incidental Fees Committee did not second a motion for a vote to approve the budget for music

ensembles for the 2005-06 academic year.

Multiple factors played a role in the committee's actions, according to chairman Casey Schaufler.

The committee voted to tentatively approve the request on Feb. 11, but there was a misunderstanding involved. The budget asked for \$1.20 to be collected from each student over the course of the whole year, meaning 40 cents a term, Schaufler said.

"It was pointed out later that the fee was supposed to be \$1.20 per term," he said.

The primary responsibility of the Student Incidental Fees Committee is to "look at the financial burden on students," Schaufler said. And with tuition ever-increasing, the committee is committed to keeping student fee costs down.

"Tuition is up incredibly," Schaufler said. "We're

pretty much at a private school now. Students are looking to reduce the amount of their costs, and fees are one place where you have control."

Another issue that influenced the committee was the tight relationship between music ensembles and the music department.

"This would be the only academic department funded with student fees," Schaufler said. "A lot of [committee members] decided not to vote because they didn't want to set a precedent for academic departments to come ask for money."

At the public hearing, the only person to speak on the music ensemble issue was Mitchell Shepler, the chair of the Educational Activities Board.

The music ensembles have been funded by stu-

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## Pride Center to celebrate four years on campus

Free ice cream social will be held today at the Pride Center

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Pride Center turns four years old today and continues its mission to support and provide a place of community for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and allied students at OSU.

The celebration will take shape as a free ice cream social with cake and refreshments this afternoon at the Pride Center (Adam's Annex) from 4 to 6 p.m.

Organizers encourage anyone within the OSU and Corvallis communities to attend and learn about the center.

Luke Sugie, external coordinator, said the birthday is actually on March 14, but is being celebrated early to avoid dead week.

"We're looking for people to come out and see what we've done in the last four years," Sugie said. "Enjoy some free ice cream."

Originally formed in 2001 as the Queer Resource Center, the community center went through several transitions before ultimately settling at Adam's Annex under the title of Pride Center.

### Pride Center Birthday Celebration

When: Today, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Pride Center, Adam's Annex, located behind Parking Services

On hand: Refreshments, video of March 2001 packed student fees meeting that helped create the center

It moved during fall term from its previous location within the Women's Center.

The Pride Center's first incarnation appeared in November 2001 as a \$7,000 part of the Student Involvement budget intended to provide a safe, comfortable place for LGBTQA students and support services for them.

The center's formation was met with both strong protest and support from different camps in the OSU and Corvallis communities, but ultimately, the center was formed.

Sugie said a video recording of the March 14, 2001, student fees meeting that birthed the Pride Center will be shown this afternoon.

Not yet a student at that time, Sugie said he's only seen pictures of the groundbreaking meeting.

Because of the controversy and fierce support and protest of the center, over 300 students, staff and faculty attended the fees meeting.

"I wanted to make sure that people know it's for everybody," Sugie said. "We want people to show up."

## A View From the Top



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Mikio Miyazoe, a graduate student in horticulture, nears the top of his route, while Morgan Leonard, a recent mechanical engineering graduate, and Nate Richardson, a recent fish and wildlife graduate, spot him from below. The three were participants in Saturday's Vert Fest, held at OSU's Indoor Climbing Center.





## Suicide bomber kills at least 115, wounds 132 south of Baghdad

HILLAH, Iraq (AP) — In the deadliest single strike since the fall of Saddam Hussein, a suicide car bomber attacked mostly Shiite police and National Guard recruits lined up for physical exams at a medical clinic Monday, killing 115 and wounding 132 there and at a nearby market.

The bombing presented the boldest challenge yet to Iraq's efforts to build a security force that can take over from the Americans.

The explosion in Hillah, a largely Shiite Muslim town about 60 miles south of Baghdad, was so powerful that the only thing remaining of the bomber's car was the twisted wreckage of the engine block.

Dozens of people stepped through small lakes of blood that pooled on the street to retrieve shattered limbs, severed feet and hands.

Empty shoes and sandals of those killed or wounded were thrown into a corner. Scorch marks infused with blood covered the clinic's walls. Morgue workers unloaded plastic body bags from pickup trucks as weeping relatives looked on.

## Lebanese government resigns after 25,000 throng streets in dramatic defiance of control

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — With shouts of "Syria out!" 25,000 protesters massed outside Parliament in a dramatic display of defiance that forced out Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister and Cabinet Monday, two weeks after the assassination of a popular politician touched off increasing unrest.

Minutes after Prime Minister Omar Karami announced he was stepping down, jubilant demonstrators — shouting, waving flags and handing red roses to soldiers — demanded that Syrian-backed President Emile Lahoud bow out, too, and pressed on with their calls for Syria to withdraw its troops from the country.

Syria remained silent about the rapidly changing atmosphere in Beirut, where it ruled unopposed for years, even deciding on the Lebanon's leaders, after deploying troops ostensibly as peacekeepers during the 1975-90 civil war.

## Head of U.N. atomic agency criticizes Iran for foot-dragging

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The chief U.N. atomic watchdog chided Iran on Monday for delays in divulging key information about its nuclear program, saying the onus is on Tehran to overcome a "confidence deficit" caused by past cover-ups.

As Mohammed ElBaradei criticized Iran at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Bush administration suggested it was considering a major strategy shift — joining Europe in offering Tehran econom-

ic incentives to abandon its uranium enrichment program.

Russia, meanwhile, sought to dismiss concerns that an Iranian nuclear reactor it built and will supply with fuel could be used to develop weapons. The accord signed Sunday is key to bringing Tehran's first reactor on line.

The deal was struck despite American objections, although U.S. officials said they could live with the pact because it was designed to eliminate the possibility of the Iranians misusing the fuel for weapons.

More worrisome for the United States and European nations are Iran's plans to enrich its own uranium.



## Bin Laden enlisting top operative in Iraq for new U.S. attacks, intelligence indicates

WASHINGTON (AP) — New intelligence indicates that Osama bin Laden is enlisting Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, his top operative in Iraq, to plan potential attacks on the United States, federal officials said Monday.

Al-Zarqawi has been involved in attacks in the Middle East. He has not been known to have set his sights on America.

The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, which spokesman Brian Roehrkasse described as "credible but not specific." The intelligence was obtained over the past several weeks, the officials said.

The government has no immediate plans to raise its national terror alert level, Roehrkasse said. But, he said, the intelligence "reiterates the desire by al-Qaida and its associates to target the homeland."

Bin Laden was in contact with al-Zarqawi within the past two months in an effort to enlist him in attacks, said an official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Prosecution outlines child molestation case against Michael Jackson

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Jurors were given opposing images of Michael Jackson as the pop star's trial opened Monday — the prosecution portraying him as a perverted child molester and the defense saying he was the victim of a con artist who used her cancer-stricken son to prey on celebrities for money.

District Attorney Thomas Sneddon outlined a complicated and sometimes bizarre story involving Jackson showing the boy sexually explicit material and groping him as his associates threatened to kill the boy's mother if he told anyone.

Sneddon said the boy, now 15, "will describe to you his sexual experiences with Michael Jackson. He will do it here in open court and he will do it with the whole world watching."

## Major storm moves up East Coast, closing schools and making highways hazardous

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Highway crews spread salt on roads and schools gave students an unplanned holiday Monday as a storm plowed along the East Coast with a threat of more than a foot of blowing snow.

Storm watches and warnings were posted as far north as Maine and snow coated roads as far south as North Carolina and eastern Kentucky.

"No! No, no, no! I'm ready for it to be hot out. I'm tired of the cold already," said Shajuan Carter of Irvington as she waited at Newark's Penn Station for a train into New York City.

Six to 10 inches of snow was likely in the New York City area by the time the storm lets up Tuesday morning, with 14 inches possible in northwestern New Jersey and the Poconos of northeastern Pennsylvania, and up to 2 feet in the mountains of West Virginia, the National Weather Service said. Eight inches was possible in Boston.

## Half of Division I schools could face academic penalties next year

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — At least one team at half the nation's Division I schools could lose scholarships next year because of poor academic performance, according to a preliminary report released Monday by the NCAA.

Of the 5,720 teams at 328 Division I schools, about 410 teams risk penalties.

"We hope the behavior changes and the number of teams will actually go down over time," NCAA president Myles Brand said in a conference call.

Most of the scholarship losses, which would be for one year, are expected to come in football, baseball and men's basketball. Those were the only sports with averages below a 925-point cutline at which penalties would be assessed. Baseball teams averaged 922, while football and men's basketball were at 923.

The most prominent programs below 700 were the men's basketball teams at Fresno State and Baylor.



## Women's health bills unanimously pass House

SALEM (AP) — Two bills to guarantee permanent insurance coverage for women's health unanimously passed in the House on Monday after emotional testimony from Republicans and Democrats.

The bills would require employers to provide insurance coverage for pregnancy, childbirth, mammograms, pelvic exams, Pap tests and clinical breast exams. Similar laws have been on the books in Oregon since 1993, but each had a built-in expiration date, so lawmakers had to pass the bills every six years to guarantee coverage.

"It makes no sense to have to do

that," said Rep. Billy Dalto, R-Salem, who supported the bills on behalf of the Health and Human Services Committee he chairs.

"With early detection, from the screenings we are providing for in these bills, we can help prevent some of these deaths," Dalto said of the 40,000 women across the nation who will die of breast cancer this year.

## Police seize 9,876 tablets of Ecstasy during traffic stop

SALEM, (AP) — State police seized 9,876 tablets of the drug Ecstasy on Monday morning from a car that was stopped for speeding and crossing the center line.

It's the largest Ecstasy seizure in the last five years and second-largest ever in Oregon, said Lt. Mike Peterson of the Oregon State Police.

Two troopers pulled over a rental car just south of Salem and conducted a search with consent of the driver, 37-year-old Hale Hitchcock of Las Vegas, Nev., Peterson said. Hitchcock told police he had flown into Seattle and was driving back to Las Vegas.

Two large bags of pills were found in the trunk and another bag was found inside the car, police said. Each of the bags was the size of a 2-pound-bag of brown sugar, Peterson said.

He estimated the street value of the Ecstasy to be about \$300,000.

Hitchcock was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and delivery of a controlled substance. A passenger in the car was released.

## Suicides outdistance homicides in United States

PORTLAND (AP) — Suicides outnumber homicides in the United States, and some 90 percent of people who kill themselves suffer from a diagnosable and preventable problem such as depression, a top mental health official said Friday.

Charles Curie, who heads the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said suicides in the United States run at about 80 a day or more than 29,000 a year, three for each two homicides.

He addressed the opening of a three-day suicide prevention conference for mental health and social workers from eight Western States.

"Patients and consumers must be at the center of physical and mental health care," he said. "Without that ... people will continue to be leery in seeking the help they need, confused about how to get the help they need and scared to reach out for it."

He said such an approach is needed to shed the stigma many attach to mental health and its treatment.

He praised recent federal funding for suicide prevention programs, including a national suicide prevention hot line (1-800-273-TALK) but said many workers in that field aren't aware of the resources available to them.

## Calendar

### TUESDAY, MAR. 1

#### Meetings

**Real Life College Ministries**, 7pm, Westland Middle School. Join us at 35th and Western as we study the book of John.

**OSU Women's Rugby**, 9-11pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Come play with us!

**Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance**, 7pm, Women's Center. Feminism- the policy, practice or advocacy of political, economic and social equality for women.

**Student Associates of the American Chemical Society**, 5:30pm, Gilbert 022. Come join us for a glass blowing demonstration. Open to everyone.

**Native American Student Association & American Indian Science & Engineers**, 5:30pm, Native American Longhouse. Everyone welcome. Topics: Fundraising, OSU powwow event planning, NEED VOLUNTEERS to cut salmon, powwow planning.

**Animal Welfare Club**, 5:30-7:30pm, MU Rec Center. Free bowling & pizza for the last club meeting of the term. Bowling 5:30-6:30 with meeting to follow. Help decide the future of the Animal Welfare Club at OSU.

**ASOSU**, 5pm, Snell 149. ASOSU State Affairs meeting- Get involved to keep our education affordable!

#### Speakers

**International Degree Program**, noon, Peavy 272. Seminar: Agroforestry in Argentina and Peru by Mr. Jose Dieguez.

**Baha'i Unity Club**, 7-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center. Dr. Ron Harshel will speak on "Toward World Civilization," Topic: "Vision of the Future."

**Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance**, 6pm, Women's Center. Eating Disorder Awareness Week. How to Deal with Emotional Eating. Discussion with OHSU eating disorder specialist Tracy Ryans-Borchers.

#### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Lutheran House. Lunch- come & go as you are available. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

**Circle K International**, 6:30pm, MU Boardroom. Come join a student organization dedicated to serving the community through volunteering opportunities.

**Women's Center**, 1-2pm, Women's Center. Women and Spirituality, guest speaker Gretchen Woods.

**Women's Center**, 5-6pm, Women's Center. Sexual Harassment: Student Stories and Student Action.

**Capoeira Club**, 7-9pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Capoeira demonstration by professor S.O.L. Come learn and participate in this Brazilian art form.

### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 2

#### Meetings

**History Club**, 4pm, Milam 311. Anyone interested in history is welcome!

**United Campus Ministry**, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House. Student gathering- Join us for a home cooked meal, a time of music, fellowship Bible study.

**United Campus Ministry**, 12-1pm, Westminster House. University Learning Community- our text will be Abraham, the NY Times bestseller by Bruce Teiler. All are welcome.

**OSU Rifle Club**, 6pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Practice & training. All students & staff are welcome.

**OSU Blood Drive Association**, 5pm, Gilkey 108. Help plan and coordinate the Winter Blood Drive.

#### Events

**UCPS**, 12-1pm, MU 211. Save Your Quarter: Finals week preparation. Last minute time management and study skills.

**Women's Center**, 6-9pm, MU Lounge. A night of poetry & spoken word. Bring readings or original work to share.

**Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance**, 5pm, Women's Center. Eating Disorder Awareness Week. Viewing film "Real Women Have Curves," co-sponsored with the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. Discussion with Patti Watkins to follow.

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**Arrests**

2:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23 — A 67-year-old Corvallis man was arrested for assault IV after grabbing a man by the arm and throwing him to the ground in a dispute over a stainless steel table at Property Services. He was taken to Benton County Correctional Facilities, where he was cited and released.

**Citations**

3:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 25 — A 25-year-old man was cited for harassment for shoving and attempting to hit another man.

8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23 — A 36-year-old man was cited for waste of wildlife and taking with a prohibited weapon for duck hunting after the close of the season.

Sunday, Feb. 27 through Monday,



Feb. 21 — Eleven OSU students were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

**Theft**

6:10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 — Two female students in Buxton Hall had their purses stolen from their room. An iPod,

a driver's license and credit cards were among the stolen items.

1:35 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 — A key punch was used to break into a vehicle in the Bloss Hall parking lot. Several items of clothing, a digital camera, a calculator and shoes, worth a total of \$520, were stolen.

11:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24 — Someone keyed the side of a vehicle at the Sackett Hall parking lot. There is no suspect information.

4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23 — A Schwinn cruiser worth \$400 was stolen from the Radiation Center.

**Other**

1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 — Several vehicles were found spray-painted in the Oxford House parking lot. There is no suspect information.

**MUSIC: Many are convinced music will survive without funds**

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dent fee money through EdAct for the past 70 years. Two years ago, the EdAct board decreased its funding because the music department was failing to meet guidelines on student involvement in activities. Last year, funding was cut off entirely.

The main issues EdAct had with the ensembles involve spending responsibility and having students in charge of spending, Sheppler explained.

"We want to see students running this, students making the budgets," Sheppler said.

On the budget the music Student Advisory Board presented, some of the money from student fees appears to go to faculty salaries and faculty retirement and other benefits, Sheppler pointed out.

Another problem with the budget is ticket sales, Sheppler said. Concert tickets are often sold to the public, and the proceeds are used for funding scholarships and other needs of the music department,

rather than going directly back to the ensembles themselves.

Yet, Sheppler told the Student Incidental Fees Committee that if music ensembles were to be funded by student fees, they should go through EdAct — and the committee heeded his words.

Because the Student Incidental Fees Committee did not approve music's budget, this year's student fee process is now effectively over for music ensembles. They will not be able to draw fee money during the 2005-06 academic year.

And future prospects aren't so rosy, either. Of EdAct's \$1.3 million annual budget, \$30,000 goes to an annual fund a piece of which any recognized student organization can apply for.

If an organization receives funds from this pool for two years in a row and meets EdAct guidelines, it can be eligible for the annual budgeting cycle — and a bigger piece of the pie.

The music ensembles received over \$120,000 in the 2002-03 academic year before being called out for not meeting guidelines. If they choose to request funding from EdAct next year, the ensembles will have to go through the annual

fund for two years just like any other organization.

When EdAct decided to stop funding the music department last year, "We were funded at the last minute through the central administration," said music department chair Marlon Carlson. "But that was only temporary."

Even with a complete lack of funding, Carlson and others are convinced that music will still remain a presence on campus.

"We're obviously not going to just go away," Carlson said. "Most of our programs will continue, but in an abbreviated form."

"We'll have to cut most student employees, and some music ensembles will disappear because there is no way we could support them without help from the university," he added.

"I feel in some ways, personally, that the music department was misled," Sheppler said. "No one asked them, 'What if this doesn't work? I wish they would have knocked on my door.'"

"I think music is in a very tough position and I sympathize with what they're trying to

do," Schauffer said. "But student fees may not be the best place."

"The College of Liberal Arts needs to step up and provide support," Sheppler said. "I wish there could be a consolidated effort from committees to go to the Faculty Senate. Too often, students are footing the bill, and it shouldn't be that way."

He said that students directing their anger over music funding cuts at the student fees committee and EdAct — both student-run — is counterproductive.

"The response and energy should be directed back at the university," Sheppler asserted. "If students just come in to get a degree, it becomes too much of a business."

Music ensembles, Sheppler said, are an "integral part of the experience here. I would not like to see them ever fail."

"We have no personal stake against the music department," he added. "The charge is for student money to be spent responsibly and to know where it's being spent."

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**LASHBROOK: Current, former students have extended their support to their professor**

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Lashbrook was under the impression that the agreement would have barred him from signing both current and former students who had attended his class.

Not so, say university administrators. They claim the problem hinged solely on the recruitment of current students taking Lashbrook's class.

In other words, there was no policy barring Lashbrook from recruiting his former students.

OSU administrators, including President Ed Ray and Johnson, contend that Lashbrook's roles as an agent and professor create a conflict of interest.

The question, they say, comes down to fairness. Could Lashbrook give a failing grade in his class to an athlete he intended to represent if that grade could affect the athlete's academic eligibility and possible future in pro sports?

Lashbrook says it would not be an issue, because he would not sign an athlete who was attending his class.

Therefore, he believes he was treated unfairly by OSU.

He describes his release as a "knee-jerk" reaction by the university, based solely on

perception, rather than any documented unethical behavior on his part.

He said he is most disappointed by the university's unwillingness to seek a compromise.

He also believes that President Ed Ray was influenced by his time as executive vice president of Ohio State University, which has been rocked by scandals in its football and basketball programs in recent years.

"I think I'm being punished for perception and am a victim of versatility. You'll never find evidence in the last seven years that I promote my business in the class," Lashbrook said.

Luanne Lawrence, vice president of university advancement who serves as the spokesman for OSU, disagrees with Lashbrook's claims that no attempt at compromise was made.

She said the university tried to create a situation where Lashbrook could continue teaching at OSU while seeing to his business interests outside the university.

"We did offer for him to sign an agreement that he not sign any of his students. Professor Lashbrook did not agree to that," she said.

Lawrence concedes that perception did factor into the decision not to reappoint Lashbrook for next term.

But was this perception influenced by Ray's time at Ohio State University?

Johnson, who spoke directly to Lashbrook the day he was offered the agree-

ment, said she never spoke with Ray about his experiences at Ohio State.

"I don't think there is any correlation," she said.

Lawrence agreed, saying Ray's days at Ohio State "never entered into the conversation with Lashbrook."

Either way, Lashbrook's time at OSU is officially over at the end of this term.

Lashbrook currently teaches sports management at Western Oregon University, where he has made an agreement with the university not to recruit.

Lashbrook said he has received support from his current and former students.

He has received nearly 40 e-mails from students, thanking him for the impact he has made on their lives and careers.

Lashbrook will now shift his focus to Sports Management WorldWide, which he says will be a million-dollar company very soon. The company currently makes between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a month.

Lashbrook said he still teaches because he is a passionate educator who simply loves to teach.

But his passion for education cannot stand in the way of his company's growth, he said.

"From a business standpoint, it doesn't make sense not to look to OSU," Lashbrook said. "It's our closest Division I school."

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## Editorial

### Three cheers for a campus pub

The major buzz around campus this last week has been the possibility of a McMenamins restaurant/brewpub opening on the ground level of the new parking structure.

The debate over the possible presence of the pub has been centered around the logic of having alcohol for sale on campus.

The idea of an on-campus venue for the consumption of alcohol should definitely be raising some eyebrows. However, much of the commotion over the establishment seems misdirected.

McMenamins restaurants and breweries are not the types of establishments aimed at allowing large numbers of people to consume large amounts of alcohol in festive social settings.

Those who have been to McMenamins restaurants know they are mainly dining establishments where people come together to enjoy a meal — and maybe an adult beverage or two.

As Vice Provost for Student and Academic Affairs Larry Roper said last week in an interview with the Barometer, "We are not going to open a bar on campus. Anyone who is trying to characterize it that way is not really listening to what we say."

College students are going to drink — after all, it's sort of what we're famous for.

And while it's certainly commendable for opponents to cite the college drinking culture as a reason for nixing a pub on campus, allowing a place where of-age students, community and faculty can go to have a few drinks in a relaxed environment seems like much less of a concern than bars located just a road's-width from campus where students binge drink nightly.

Or the regularity of binge drinking at house parties. Or house dances. Or football games.

The possibility of underage drinking at an on-campus pub is another point of concern for many opposed to the pub.

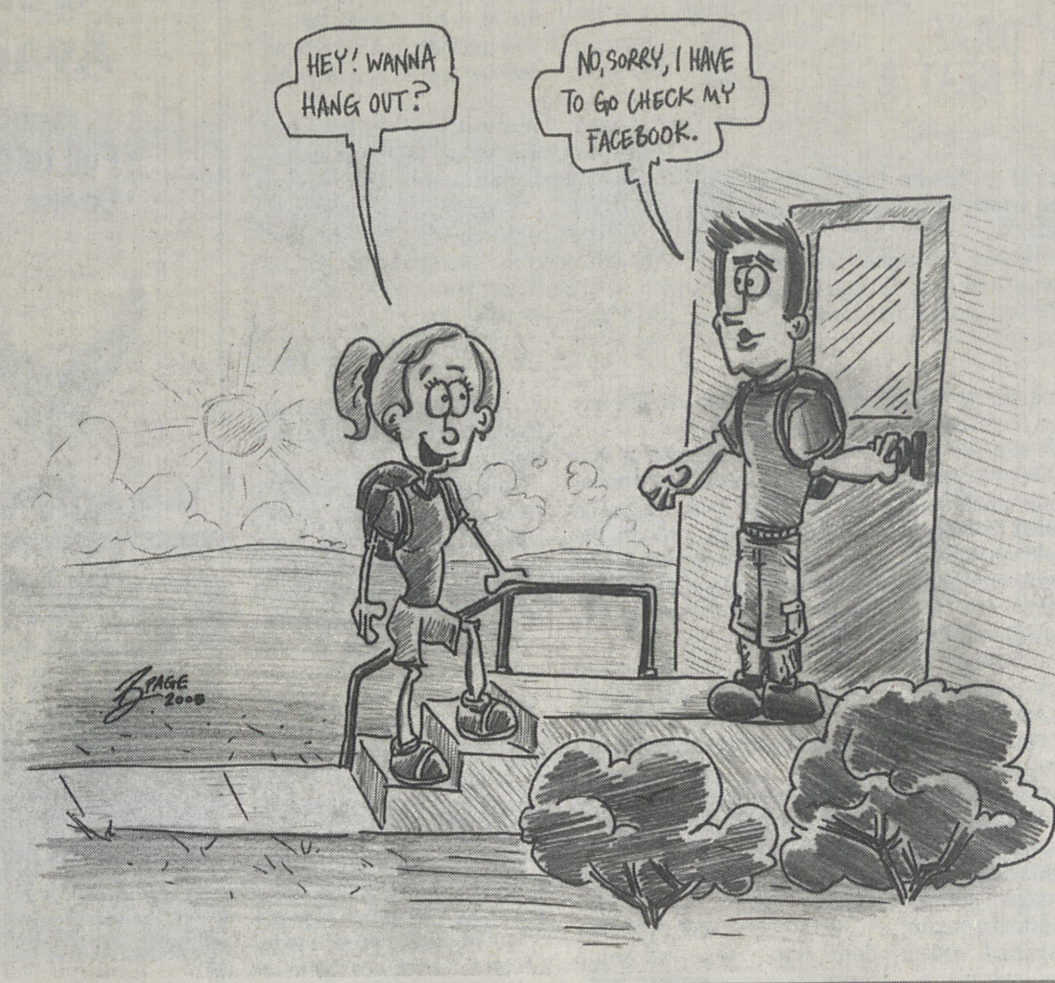
While this is a valid concern, it is more likely that an on-campus pub would be the most highly regulated place to purchase alcohol in Corvallis. With the breath of Risk Management on the back of its neck, a reputable name like McMenamins would do its best to prevent minors from drinking in an on-campus establishment.

And with the possibility of cooperation between the pub and the OSU Food Science Department, as well as some revenue possibly going toward alcohol education, the opening of a McMenamins in the new parking structure seems like a recipe for opportunity, not disaster.

A culture of drinking already exists among OSU students.

Blocking an on-campus McMenamins simply dodges the true issue — the culture itself.

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### U.S. sets a poor example

Since the Abu Ghraib scandal and the growing human rights allegations from groups such as Amnesty International and the Red Cross, Americans have been told that any unacceptable conduct is just a bunch of "bad apples."

After all, the United States is a nation of laws, and we do not accept torture. President Bush went so far as to tell the New York Times, "torture is never acceptable."

But apparently, it is acceptable to have others do the torture for us. After all, how else could one explain the story of Maher Arar?

Arar is a Syrian-born Canadian engineer whose story was told in the New Yorker on Feb. 8. He was arrested on Sept. 26, 2003, at the John F. Kennedy Airport upon returning home from a vacation with his family. Although he was just changing planes, he was stopped because he was on a terrorist watch list, based on the fact that he worked with a terrorism suspect's brother. After being held for 13 days, he was placed on a jet to Amman, Jordan.

On the flight, Arar could hear the crew talking and learned he would be taken to Syria. Knowing that the brutality of the Syrian government was what caused his family to move to Canada, he begged the crew not to take him there. However, despite his pleas, he was driven from Jordan to Syria just a few hours after landing.

There, he reports, they "just began beating me." His hands were whipped with two-inch-thick electrical cables and he was kept in a windowless cell he compared to a grave. He was released a year later without charges. The Syrian Ambassador in Washington claims that Arar was sent to Syria based on orders from the United States. The government has been using a program called "extraordinary rendition" to use more aggressive measures of interrogation, such as torture, that are illegal in the United States.

Perhaps the most pragmatic argument against extraordinary rendition is that torture doesn't work. It's been proven not to work. As Arar told reporters, after a while, "you just tell them what they want to hear." So even if it was okay to beat a potentially innocent man, keep him in a tomb-like cell, and threaten him with death every day, it doesn't make sense to. It's just pointless.

But even if it did work, it would still be morally reprehensible. As a nation that is based on laws, we have created those laws to represent what we feel are acceptable government actions. And we have banned torture in the United States because we feel that it is wrong. We believe in the innate right of a human being to be treated with dignity, even if that person does not afford those rights to others. How could we condemn the torture of American soldiers or civilians if we

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### The shaky state of centralized insanity

I've got a radical idea to solve all of the current problems that exist within our government.

It will resolve health care issues, tax complications, Social Security's insolvency and federal deficit spending. In fact, my sweeping plan just may help soften the firm division between our two political parties.

This plan does require major, sweeping changes that will be hard to adjust to initially, but the future benefits will greatly outweigh the original shock.

Are you ready? 'Cause here it is: The United States government should return to the federalist principles it was originally founded upon. We should, in fact, return to a union of states as opposed to our present monstrous, federal conglomeration.

The United States' initial government was designed with state autonomy in mind. We were given a Senate to counter the populous House, and a presidential election system that weighs states more heavily than pure numbers (that's the Electoral College for my slower readers). The 10th Amendment in the Bill of Rights explicitly declares that "The powers not delegated to the United States (federal government) by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states." Hell, we even fought a civil war back in the 1800s because the federalist system was beginning to dissolve (note: The American Civil War was more complicated than simple state rights).

Federalism is essentially dead in the United States right now. We have massive federal programs, mostly incorporated under FDR, LBJ and Nixon, that require a huge quantity of federal funding. Every state law is now brought all the way to the



Supreme Court and decided at the federal level. States really have no say anymore.

So what would a true return to complete federalism entail? For me, it would be utopia, but that's probably too vague an answer for curious readers. The first thing we would see is the absolute demolition of every massive, federal welfare program. Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, welfare, housing and education would all suffer the savage sting on the chopping block. I can sense a lot of cringing in the Barometer world right now to those cuts, so let me complete my utopian picture: On top of these programs being cut, federal pork barreling would completely cease, and asinine "pet projects" paid with the federal dime would disappear.

The federal government would need only enough tax revenue to support national security, foreign overtures and interstate programs (like the Post Office). Other than that, all the money that now gets sucked into the void of the federal government could stay within its respective states. In short, the federal tax rate would fall to almost nothing (relatively speaking).

Even though the federal welfare programs would no longer exist, that doesn't tacitly imply states could not hedge their bets with these programs.

Suppose the people of Oregon want a retirement program supported by the government. We would first vote for state legislatures and a governor that would implement that

program. We would then have to be willing to absorb a substantial increase in state taxes to fund the program. But remember, federal taxes decreased so dramatically that a swell in state taxes would not be a mortal blow.

The same can be true for any program that a state's population wants. In Oregon, we could have universal health care, strong welfare programs, etc. Whatever the people of our state wanted for themselves, they could have. Right now, we are forced to suffer under the burden of federal programs that many people don't want, simply because it's harder to alter things at the federal level than the state level (the Social Security debate is a wonderful example).

Conversely, states that do not want large welfare programs would not have to employ them, and therefore, would not have to pay for them. Suppose I want a libertarian lifestyle with exceptionally low tax rates. Then I'd move to a hypothetical state that had a population with these same ideals.

Federalism is a win-win situation. A friend suggested that perhaps in this system, citizens would live and work in low tax states and then retire in high welfare states. This dilemma could easily be diverted by simple state laws that say you must have lived in the state for X years in order to qualify for its benefits — problem solved. We already have laws like that for college tuition rates.

Just think of it: States, and the programs they support, would be solely created by residents of that state. The educational systems would be tailor-made to the needs of the state, taxes on businesses would directly reflect the state's priorities, environmental spending and regulation could be made directly for a state's needs. Even laws of morality, such as

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# The story that wouldn't disappear

Well, it seems that the fantastic story of "Jeff Gannon" is finally, reluctantly, being exposed to the light of day at the major media outlets after weeks of stubbornly pretending that it didn't exist. But those of us who've been following this story for nearly a month knew there was no way in hell it could be ignored forever. It's just too good.

For those of you who don't already know, Jeff Gannon was until very recently a "reporter" for an online right-wing faux news organization called Talon News. He was Talon's guy in the White House and he always asked partisan softball questions, which is why Scott McClellan and Bush himself called on Jeff.

So why all the fuss over Jeff? Because Jeff Gannon is not really Jeff Gannon. His name is James Guckert, and James Guckert is not only completely unqualified to be a White House journalist, he is also a gay whore.

Or, at least he was until fairly recently.

Now let me explain first and foremost that I have nothing whatsoever against any group of people, straight, gay, whores or otherwise. But James Guckert is certainly no ordinary gay whore. He was a shameless Republican mouthpiece for quite a little while, and it was in this capacity that he brought this whole awful mess down on his own head.

Doing his duty at one of Fearless Leader's exceedingly rare press conferences in January, "Jeff" was called on to ask the most insane garbage conceivable. Referring to Democrats, and attributing an absolutely false quote to Harry Reid in the process, he asked the president how he would go about working with people "who seem to have divorced themselves from reality."

And with that stupefyingly absurd question, Jeff Gannon's whole prefabricated "career" as a would-be journalist fell in on him like a house of cards.

That one little question drew the attention and anger of the bloggers. With startling speed, some of the dedicated Google monkeys over at AMERICABlog, DailyKos and others managed to unearth



**Jim Smith**  
Gannon's real identity, James D. Guckert. But that's just where it starts. Due to some truly relentless scouring, Guckert was revealed to be the owner of several military-themed gay escort Web sites, such as hotmilitarystud.com.

Shortly after this was revealed, Guckert went on Wolf Blitzer's CNN show to give his side of the story. He claimed that the escort domain names had been secured by him for someone else, and that nothing had ever gone up on them. He also took this opportunity to tell us just how awful it was for him and his poor, poor family in the wake of this fiasco. He had received nasty phone calls and had been followed to church by surly looking folks we can only assume were angry liberals (and probably godless heathens, to boot) looking to do him grievous harm.

Blitzer embarrassingly fawned all over Guckert and made the whole thing awfully easy on him. This, of course, was when the right wing was in full "Guckert defense mode," implying that the real story here was not the hypocritical bigoted gay hooker with no credentials in the White House, but that, in fact, poor Mr. Guckert had had his privacy invaded by nasty, mean liberal bloggers who hate freedom.

But the worm turned shortly thereafter. It was revealed that Guckert's sites had indeed had content on them at one time, not so long ago, and that included pictures of Guckert spread eagle and at full mast.

He was not Guckert on these pages, or Gannon, either. He was simply "the Bulldog" — a chiseled, dog-tagged man-whore who could be had by the hour. And as he himself informed us, he was 8-plus inches and strictly "a top."

Now, bear in mind that none of this was revealed by anyone involved in the mainstream "liberal" media we're always hearing about, who were all apparently stricken brain-dead. Bear in mind also that this is the same media

that was falling all over itself to see who could give Clinton the most severe lashing over consensual oral sex, which is not in fact against the law.

No, this digging was done by dedicated individuals working with each other on Internet news blogs. It was the mainstream media that blatantly ignored this story for weeks, hoping against hope that it would just go away so they wouldn't look like a bunch of jackasses when it finally broke and they, the "professionals," had to explain just why it was that their job was now being performed by a bunch of skilled amateurs.

But, as I said, this story is just too good to go away.

We have a man with absolutely no journalistic experience working for a fake news site. We have this man gaining access to the White House press corps roughly a month before Talon News ever existed. How exactly did that happen, and why?

Then, less than a week after Talon News comes into being, the Bulldog is sitting pretty in the press corps, thanks to his daily pass, which he had to use by the way, because Congress refused to issue him a hard pass. This man published articles on Talon's site that were largely lifted straight from White House press releases, and he was a tireless proponent of Republican anti-gay bigotry. And, last but not least, this pretender is implicated in the administration's deliberate, retaliatory outing of CIA agent Valerie Plame, which in fact is a crime.

And I think that's what this story is mainly about. The fact that this administration won a second term by exploiting and deliberately stoking extreme homophobia and mindless xenophobic nationalism, and insisting that they had a monopoly on the ever nebulous moral and "family" values, and now we learn that it has a hypocritical, rabidly anti-gay man-whore playing reporter on TV and possibly exposing a CIA operative.

It's glaringly obvious who's really "divorced from reality" here.

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gay marriage, could actually be decided by the local population.

The federal government in D.C. does not have the capability to successfully handle the differentiation in state needs, especially when one giant program is the way they try to meet those needs.

Some might argue that some states would not be able to afford their desired programs without the federal support. Too bad. If you can't afford

something, you shouldn't have it, and forcing other people (states) to pay for it is not a principle this country was founded upon.

Although a return to true federalism may seem extreme, maybe even a little crazy, I'm pretty sure our founders would be surprised at the status we are at right now.

The all-encompassing federal government, with its deified courts, is exactly what the framers were trying to avoid. A return to federalism would actually be a return to normalcy — back from the brink of centralized insanity.

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did not?

Bush chose to go around those laws. Rather than pursue the war on terrorism within the system that we are holding up as a model for the rest of the world, he is pursuing it in the back alleys he, himself, has called terrorist nations.

Bush has, on national television, condemned the human rights record of Syria. Yet he is more than willing to look the other way, and even take advantage of the country's poor human rights record, when he feels it will help him.

The hypocrisy is clear, not only in the United States, but

also in the rest of the world. How can the United States be a beacon of hope and freedom if we are willing to torture our prisoners? No, I'm sorry — ask others to torture our prisoners, and then call them "barbaric."

The war on terrorism has three fronts. The first one, I'll admit, is military. It was invading Afghanistan. Once the U.S. invasion of Iraq caused foreign fighters to stream over the borders, it was the fighting there. The next front is in the intelligence world. It is stopping the attacks by using effective intelligence, not torture, not hearing what we want to hear.

The final front in the war on terrorism is the hearts and minds of the world. We will never be able to make terrorism stop with bombs and spies.

Yet, ignoring the fact that U.S. policies toward the Middle East are killing people, in the form of propping up dictators and sanctions, will never allow us to end the root cause of torture.

Neither will proclaiming to be a great society but still torturing terrorism suspects.

If we want to set an example for the world, than we ought to set it, not publicly set it while privately do the very thing we proclaim to be fighting against.

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## INGRAM: Success of first performance built confidence

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your voice to break down barriers."

Ingram did not start writing or performing poetry until he was 32.

"I was at the National Black Graduate Student Conference in Stockville, Mississippi, and I'd written a piece called 'Shelling Beans,'" Ingram said, recalling his first time on stage. "I recited that poem for 500 people. The response was so overwhelming — it was like being a poet-rock-star."

Winning such positive feedback from a diverse audience, Ingram said, was enough to keep his creativity flowing: "I never stopped."

Ingram, who has worked at OSU for eight years, was the founding adviser of the Black Poets Society when it started in 1999. The group is open to anyone interested in expressing themselves, Ingram said.

"It's just an opportunity for young people to come together who have an interest in writing poetry," Ingram said. "And we needed to have an organization that allowed us to just find our voice."

Through his poetry, Ingram has left his mark on OSU, influencing and inspiring a number of people.

"I think he is one of the true treasures of this campus," said Brian Dekker, a junior in business and president of the Black Poets Society. "He's very supportive. He really helped mold me into a speaker, as well."

Former group president and current co-adviser Alex Johnson agreed.

"He's just been a real inspiration in my life," said Johnson, who has known Ingram for five years. "It's nice to have a role model."

Growing up, Ingram — the oldest of four siblings — saw his parents as role models.

"My parents valued education," he said. "For an African American person, education was the only way out."

Ingram's first job out of college was an in-school-suspension teacher for a middle school in his home town of High Point, N.C.

He worked with kids plagued by a variety of problems, from academic to personal.

"When I started, I was 22 years old and some of kids in the middle school were 16 or 17," Ingram said. "Just working with those young men and women helped me realize that I needed to stay on my path, my journey."

The poet now has a book of poetry available for purchase at the OSU Bookstore, appropriately titled after his first piece, "Shelling Beans and Other Collected Poems."

Ingram's next campus performance will be another open mic night, set for 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Union Lounge.

Other members of the Black Poets Society will likely perform as well, Ingram said.

Ingram looks to the group for inspiration and friendship.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with."

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## HOWELL: Howell and coach Spoelstra worked hard to make senior guard more complete player

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Not only did that help Howell compliment her teammates' play more effectively, but she pushed herself to continue improving.

"She's always working hard and is very mentally tough," said junior forward Karen Vickery. "She has a lot of confidence in her game, it's just nice to have a player like that who knows where her teammates are and knows what she can do."

Now that Howell has finished her college career, she is looking towards the future and hoping to be playing a lot more basketball.

Howell is planning to take what she has learned and play at the next level — the WNBA.

"You've got to have mental toughness to play basketball, especially at this level," Howell said. "I am looking to go to the next level and play, and I also want to coach at the same time and get into sports modeling."

Although she recently suffered an ankle injury, Howell is hoping

the WNBA is in her future. If playing professionally doesn't work out, she would like to carry the clipboard.

For now though, Howell has been preparing for the WNBA.

"Her all around game is what she needs to move on to the WNBA or the next level," Spoelstra said. "I keep trying to push her to the professional play area, but I think the ankle is kind of a crutch for her right now because the opportunity for the draft is just around the corner. So she needs to be in high gear right now."

Even though her future is uncertain for now, Howell is confident that she will make it.

"I can't really tell you where I'm going to end up," Howell said. "I don't know if I'm going to get drafted or get picked up by another team. Whoever wants me, that's where I'll go."

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## GABRIEL: I can't possibly imagine what it must have like to be a player

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old sage. A basketball coaching legend that had all of the answers

Anderson, Eddie Payne and Ritchie McKay struggled to understand.

I've had some harsh words for all of them over the years, especially McKay, but have come to understand how difficult their task was. How do you rebuild a giant whose legs have been cut off?

It wasn't that Miller was that good, or any of them that bad.

It was simply this program's turn to struggle. And struggle mightily OSU did.

It wasn't any fun sitting at Gill Coliseum watching your favorite team lose to Cal-State Northridge.

Or lose 99 out of 100 games to your rival. (It sure felt like that)

Or watch team after team come into Corvallis clearly believing they were going to blow out the Beavers.

It is a struggle I understand from two perspectives — as a fan and as a fan masquerading as a reporter.

I couldn't possibly imagine what it must have been like to be a player.

So as sweet as that smell is to somebody like me, it surely must smell like heaven to David Lucas or J.S. Nash.

I mean it whole-heartedly when I say I couldn't be happier for those guys, their teammates and their coaches.

Everybody associated with this season's team, from Jay John to Liam Hughes deserves a hearty pat on the back.

They did what the 13 previous teams could not — win with consistency.

And winning, even if comes 97 percent of the time at home and 3 percent of the time on the road, feels a hell of a lot better than losing.

Here's to hoping winning with consistency becomes a trend and Corvallis once again belches 20 win seasons and NBA talent.

Here's to hoping we never here Lucas' name mentioned as the last time OSU had a winning season or played in the postseason.

And here's to hoping the Beavers can ride the incredible wave of momentum they established by solidifying a winning season and pull off an elusive road victory this weekend against USC or UCLA.

While a pair of victories over the Trojans and Bruins is unlikely, Oregon State probably has its best chance to grab a victory away from Gill Coliseum for the first time this conference season.

One win would probably ensure they play in the National Invitational Tournament, an event in which the Beavers could be asked to host a first-round game.

Two wins just might get them into the tournament... and I think you know what tournament I'm talking about.

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## BASEBALL: Ledesma goes 2-for-3 for Beavers

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top of the third inning against Gaucho righthander Andy Graham, scoring five times on five hits, three walks and an error.

After Mitch Canham drew a bases-loaded walk to even the game with none out, Mike Lissman grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Tyler Graham to score the go-ahead run on an error on the play.

Joey Ledesma followed with a two-run single through the left side, then Shea McFeely doubled down the leftfield line to drive in another run and make it 5-1.

By then, Nickerson was in the midst of a stretch in which he retired 10 straight UCSB hitters and 14 of 16. David Ficoni ended that with a solo homer to make it 5-2.

After Gunderson pitched out of a first-and-third, one-out jam in the bottom of the seventh, the Gauchos came up with a run on two hits and

an error in the bottom of the eighth to make it 5-3.

They still had the bases loaded with two out, but Gunderson got Matt Kalafatis to ground out to end the inning and the threat.

"We did a few things at the end of the game defensively that weren't very sharp," Casey said. "Our pitching was good from start to finish and we really defended well on the whole; we just had a few situations at the end of the game where we could have done a little better job."

"When you get a three-game sweep, you usually just sit back and enjoy it and make sure you're ready to go the next week and we've got a very good club coming in with UC-Riverside, Casey said."

Ledesma was 2-for-3 for the Beavers and Andy Jenkins was 2-for-4.

OSU's Jacoby Ellsbury had a fourth-inning single to give him a hit in all 10 of OSU's games this spring, but Lissman saw his seven-game hitting streak come to an end.

## SOMERA: Led OSU to second ever NCAA tourney in 2001

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significant impact, posting a 77-98 record in her six years and taking her team to the NCAA Tournament in 2001 — only its second tourney appearance in school history.

The 2001 season proved to be a turning point for Somera, when she led the Beavers to a 17-12 record and OSU's first winning season since 1996.

During her tenure at Oregon State, Somera and her squads finished at .500 or better three times.

"Nancy brought a lot of respect to OSU volleyball and a competitive edge," said sophomore right side and middle blocker Abby Windell. "She brought winning, which didn't happen a few years ago."

"In the six years that she's been here,

she's done a really good job recruiting players and getting everyone to believe in her system," Windell said.

The 2004 Beavers went 12-16 overall, and finished tied for seventh in the Pac-10 with a 5-13 mark.

Somera was known for working with younger players and molding them into hard working, determined volleyball players.

A former Pac-10 player, Somera, instilled her competitive nature in her players.

"She had the drive and she just wanted to push you," said sophomore middle blocker Brittany Cahoon.

"In the long run she just made you the best volleyball player that you could be and pushed you to your limit."

"The biggest loss is how much she wanted me to do well, she wanted me to believe that I could be one of the best middles. I'll always have my work ethic that she put

into me and just my drive for volleyball."

The team, however, is looking toward the future and what the 2005 season will hold. After losing only two seniors after this season, the Beavers have many returning players with valuable experience.

They are confident that this season will be their strongest yet and that they can learn from this experience.

"It's been good for us because it's made us come together a little bit more. I am still sad," Windell said. "We're hopefully going to get great coaches to replace them, and in the mean time, we need to focus on what we've been striving for."

"We're already been building our 2005 team and thinking about the season now and I think we can't let this affect us," Windell said. They're coaches, but what we do as a whole doesn't change."

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## Baseball sweeps Gauchos, wins eighth straight

■ Beavers earn three-game sweep with a 5-3 victory on Sunday

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State baseball team used a five-run third inning en route to 5-3 win over California-Santa Barbara Sunday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, giving the Beavers (9-1 overall) a sweep of the three-game series.

OSU has won eight straight games, its longest winning streak since a 10-gamer in 1998, and Oregon State's 9-1 start is its best since 1994, when the Beavers also won nine of their first 10.

The Beavers now return home for a three-game series against California-Riverside at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field, with games Friday at 3 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Sunday's win gave OSU a sweep of a UCSB team that had won its first three series of the season over Pepperdine, San Jose State and Fresno State.

“It's tough to win on the road and tough to sweep anybody, but to sweep a good club should give our guys some momentum with UC-Riverside coming to town,” said OSU manager Pat Casey. “They just went

in and won two of three at Arizona, so we're going to have to get better at the plate.”

Jonah Nickerson finally gave up his first run of 2005, but earned the pitching win to improve to 2-0 this season, striking out nine in 5 2/3 innings.

Kevin Gunderson went the final 2 1/3 innings for the save, his second of

the series and third of the season.

Nickerson, a sophomore righthander, allowed a solo homer by UCSB's Chris Malec with two out in the first inning after pitching his first 9 2/3 innings of the season without giving up a run.

The Beavers went in front in the



Jonah Nickerson



Joey Ledesma

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Ryan Gabriel



## How sweet it smells

This column is dedicated to 2004-2005 Oregon State Beavers.

Beaver Nation appreciates what you've done far more than you probably ever will understand.

The sweet smell of success billows pleasantly from the roof of the Gill Coliseum.

At long, long last, Oregon State once again has a winning basketball program.

Doesn't it feel good to say that?

Fourteen seasons and thousands of horrific memories have passed since Gary Payton was selected No. 3 overall in the NBA draft by the Seattle Super-sonics, but let that be the last time anybody mentions the departure of Payton as the last time the Beavers tasted season-long success.

If history does indeed repeat itself, then Oregon State fans can look toward the future fondly.

Don't forget that before the losing began, OSU was the sixth winningest basketball program of all-time.

Corvallis practically burped 20-win seasons and NBA level talent.

You youngsters walking around reading this know who Gary Payton is, and probably have heard of A.C. Green, but go ask your dad or older brother who Jose Ortiz is.

And while you're at it inquire about Lester Conner, Steve Johnson, Charlie Sitton and Scott Haskins.

And there are a dozen more I could mention.

We're talking about All-Conference, NBA-first-round-talent.

The Beavers had plenty of it before financial and institutional neglect put Jimmy Anderson's ability to sustain the success down for the count, but haven't had much since.

Ralph Miller was seen as the wise

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OSU senior Shannon Howell is considered to be one of the top players in the Pac-10. The guard finished third in the conference in scoring this season at 17.1 points per game. Howell emerged as a valuable team leader the past two seasons for the Beavers, after transferring from Nebraska. Even though her OSU career ended last Saturday, Howell hopes to stay involved with basketball. She currently has her sights set on playing in the WNBA.

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## Howell elevates game with WNBA in sight

■ During her three years in Corvallis, Shannon Howell has emerged as an elite player with aspirations to take her game to the next level

By Lacey Gable  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Three years ago, as a transfer from University of Nebraska, senior guard Shannon Howell began her OSU career on the bench.

After sitting out that season due to NCAA transfer rules and getting to know her new team, Howell emerged as one of the top players in the Pac-10 last season.

“It was an easy transition coming here,” said Howell. “Since there are other players from my area on the team, we are all in the same situation and we help each other adjust.”

“Both Tiffany Ducker and Alcha Strane are from California and we all relate because we're in the same situation.”

This season, Howell finished third in Pac-10 in

scoring at 17.1 per game, while finishing among league leaders in assists and steals.

After coaching her for the past two seasons, OSU head coach Judy Spoelstra has seen Howell mature into a more responsible leader who makes things happen for the Beavers on the court.

While Howell is a proficient scorer who is capable of shooting from the perimeter or driving to the basket, Spoelstra worked on making Howell more of a complete player this season.

Improving Howell's court awareness, passing skills and movement without the ball were key traits that Spoelstra encouraged Howell to work on and refine this season. Howell's work ethic and determination to get better made her a good student of the game.

“I wish I would've had her for four years because I think there is a lot we could have done to help her all-around game and really improve,” Spoelstra said. “But I think she's been really good this year at working hard in practice and working with the girls and trying to create a team here.”

Although its record may have not shown it, OSU was helped greatly by Howell's presence on the court, not just because of scoring ability but her willingness to communicate.

An honest and vocal leader, Howell put others before herself, in hopes of helping her teammates improve and make the most of every practice.

When she spotted something that needed to be improved, Howell wasn't hesitant to relay the message and work to help fix it.

“I think I bring an aggressive drive to the team and I make a lot of things happen for myself and for my team,” Howell said. “I make a lot of people around me better.”

“The leadership of me and Jessica Mellinger have played a big role, especially earlier in the season because our team is so young.”

This season, with a supporting cast consisting of younger players, Howell was forced to take charge and carry the Beavers more than last season.

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## Volleyball reacts as head coach leaves for South Carolina

■ Players disappointed, but optimistic about future after Nancy Somera resigns to become coach for the Gamecocks

By Lacey Gable  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After six years of leading the Beaver volleyball team, head coach Nancy Somera resigned last Monday.

Somera was recently pursued by South Carolina, and made the decision to take the head coaching position at the school last week.

After hearing the news, the team was disap-

pointed by the loss of Somera, but excited for her future.

“We were all very sad because Nancy is a great coach, and we're definitely going to miss what she brought to this program,” said sophomore outside hitter Taylor Studzinski. “But I am also very happy for her because this is a great opportunity for her to do the things she wanted to eventually do with her career.”

Her husband and assistant coach, Ben Somera, also resigned from the Beaver program.

During Somera's time at OSU, she made a

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Former OSU volleyball coach Nancy Somera gives instruction to senior Allison Lawrence during a match last fall. After six seasons at the helm for at OSU, Somera resigned last week.

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## Baseball moves into top 25

■ Beavers' 9-1 start propels team into several national polls

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The Oregon State baseball team entered into a pair of national baseball rankings on Monday, and also climbed in the Sports Weekly/ESPN coaches poll.

The Beavers (9-1 overall), who have won eight straight games, are ranked 24th by Baseball America magazine and 28th by Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

OSU also moved up to 29th in the coaches poll after being tied for 36th last week.

The fourth national ranking, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll, will be released Tuesday. OSU received votes in that poll last week but was not ranked in the NCBWA's top 35.

The last time the Beavers were ranked in Baseball America's top 25 had been on April 20, 1998, when OSU was also 24th. Oregon State's last ranking in Collegiate Baseball's top 30 was on March 1 of last season, when OSU was 20th.

OSU's current eight-game winning streak is the Beavers' longest since a 10-game streak midway through the 1998 season.

Its 9-1 start is the Beavers' best since 1994, when OSU also won nine of its first 10 games.