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## Family of alleged victim asks for action

■ University declines to comment on alleged rape of an OSU student studying abroad

By Dan Traylor  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The mother of an OSU student who has alleged that she was raped by another OSU student while studying abroad in Hong Kong says the accused student has voluntarily withdrawn from the program.

Suzanne Drout — mother of OSU senior Amy Drout — said OSU officials, who last week traveled to Hong Kong to address the situation, told the family on Friday that the student had withdrawn.

Amy Drout alleges that on the weekend of Sept. 16, during a trip with friends, another OSU student from the program raped her. The Daily Barometer has not been able to confirm details of the story, and the only source of information is the account offered by Amy Drout and her family.

The family has been unhappy with OSU's response. Last week the family said OSU's response

was too slow and was not addressing the issue properly.

The family also said that Amy Drout was forced to attend class with the accused student several times before he was told he could no longer do so by OSU officials on Oct. 10.

University officials have refused to comment, except to confirm that Dean of Students Jackie Balzer and Director of Student Conduct Dan Schwab traveled to Hong Kong last week to address a situation there involving an OSU student.

University spokesman Todd Simmons, citing federal privacy laws and the advice of OSU's general counsel's office, said the university must be careful not to do anything that might lead to the identification of any student involved in the situation.

Meanwhile, Suzanne Drout says that police in the area where the alleged rape occurred are investigating the case. She said the family remains hopeful that formal criminal charges will be issued. She said the family is also in contact with

the U.S. consulate in Hong Kong.

"The consulate tells us that the chief of security (in the region where the alleged incident occurred) views this as a very serious situation and that they are doing a complete investigation," Suzanne Drout said.

Suzanne Drout, in a Sunday e-mail to OSU President Ed Ray, said the family wants a hearing on the issue to take place as soon as possible and that they want the accused student to be expelled.

The accused student did not return an e-mail seeking comment, and it is not clear whether or not he is still in Hong Kong. The Oregonian reported last week that he denied the allegations.

The allegations and Amy Drout's identity were first published by The Oregonian last week.

The newspaper noted that Drout and her family came to the paper and authorized the release of her name.

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## No leads yet in Saturday incident

■ Police still seeking information about what hit and injured a man

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Days after a man was struck with an unidentified projectile on the 300 block of N.W. 25th Street near Greek Row, police have few details to work with as the investigation moves forward.

"We aren't certain if this man was shot with a firearm," said Lt. Jon Martyr, of the Corvallis Police Department.

No official police reports on the Saturday incident will be made available until the file is closed, said Officer Christy Molina from the Corvallis Police Department.

A police department press release says the weapon in the incident appears to be consistent with a .22 caliber bullet or an air-rifle pellet.

"There is so little information currently that it's very frustrating," Martyr said.

Although there is little information, Martyr feels confident the details will work in their favor.

"We have a victim and a location, and with that victim there is evidence," he said.

As of Sunday the man was listed in stable condition at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Martyr said police have not released the identity of the victim "in case there is someone out there to get him."

"This appears to be so out of the blue," he said. "Right now we have no reason to believe this is something that will ever happen again."

There are currently no suspects in this case.

"If there is a bad guy in this we want to make sure we catch him or her," Martyr said. "We want to make sure that if someone did this intentionally they are caught."

Several witnesses told the Barometer what they saw during the incident. They said the man, after he was shot, ran toward a fraternity house, knocked on the door, and declared that he had been shot. Shortly after, witnesses said, police arrived on the scene with guns drawn, shutting down the block for about two hours.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Mark Polser at 766-6924.

## Survey says: Is green energy at OSU worth higher fees?

■ ASOSU works toward gaining student feedback on possibly converting energy sources

By Eddie Kelley  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force has put out a survey in order to assess student interest in making OSU's campus more environmentally friendly.

The Green Energy Survey, available to students online, was created in order to allow students a voice in regard to what their student fees will support.

The goal of the survey is to find out whether or not students would be willing to pay an additional fee every term in order to convert the OSU campus to a more environmentally safe renewable energy source.

The survey was developed by Environmental Affairs Task Force Director Andrea Norris, an OSU student majoring in fisheries and wildlife science, in order to gauge student interest in the energy conversion and as a means to assess funding issues.

The survey, which opened Monday for responses, will be closing Friday, Nov. 4 — unless the goal of 1010 surveyed students is not reached, in which case the deadline will be extended.

ASOSU and the Environmental Affairs Task Force has determined  
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Peter Hogan, Al Schacher and Aaron Vander Meulen, all electrical and computer engineering graduate students, demonstrate in the Motor System Resource Facility how the Wave Energy Contactless Force Transmission Generator Buoy works to generate energy.

## Lecture tells long story of civil rights

■ Lecturer fills in the gaps between the Cold War and present day

By Lauren L. Dillard  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

He has taught at Yale and Williams College.

Now, he teaches at University of California, Santa Barbara.

"It begins on a very tragic episode," said UCSB professor of history, Zaragosa Vargas.

The history of the Mexican-American people is full of pain and strife, similar to many civil rights movements across history.

Vargas appeared Monday in a small room at the Autzen House, a campus facility that is located on S.W. Jefferson Avenue and S.W. Eighth Street. The room set up for the event was filled before the lecture began.

Seats were added to the adjoining living room so others could hear the

lecture.

The lecture was titled, "Fighting for Civil Rights: Labor and the Early Mexican-American Civil Rights Movement, 1946-1963."

Vargas addressed the issue of both documented and undocumented Mexican nationals.

"If you look at the Latino movement, today it is widely accepted — nationwide," Vargas said.

Vargas explained that the civil rights movement of Mexican-Americans was suppressed by the Cold War.

Around the time of the Cold War, added Vargas, Mexican nationals were being deported in a "deportation frenzy."

Vargas said the Texas border is called the "Cactus Curtain." This is a direct reference to the Iron Curtain, imposed as the boundary of the Soviet Union sphere of influence.

The "Cactus Curtain" represented

a similar mind state.

"California is quickly replacing Texas as the nexus for the Mexican-American population," Vargas said.

The beginning of the American Civil Rights Movement in 1946 marked another wave of Mexican-American battles.

According to Vargas, labor was one of the biggest issues.

"What America saw, in very general terms, was a Mexican," Vargas said.

The politically correct title, "Mexican," was used derogatorily toward Mexican-Americans.

"The paranoia over suspected Mexicans mirrored the witch hunt for communists."

Zaragosa Vargas is a research fellow with the Center for the Humanities at OSU.

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## Bring on the Classic



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The OSU Women's Cross Country team practices at the Intramural Field Monday afternoon. The team is hosting the Beaver Classic here in Corvallis this Saturday.



### Tuesday, Oct. 17

**Meetings**  
**FMLA/Pro-Choice OSU**, 8-9pm, Women's Center. Learn about what being a feminist is all about and talk about important pro-choice issues.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Lunch - Homecooked meals, vegetarian option. Come and go as schedule permits.  
**Career Services**, Noon, Kerr Admin Rm. 8A. Ready, Aim, Hire! (Job Search) discusses job hunting techniques and provides tips for success.  
**Pride Center**, 5:30-7pm, Pride Center. Drag 101: An instructional how-to class for those new to the art of drag.  
**Sigma Chi Fraternity**, 7-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Sigma Chi's Derby Days annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

### Wednesday, Oct. 18

**Meetings**  
**OSU College Republicans**, 7pm, MU Journey Room.  
**OSU Landscape Club**, 5:15pm, Oak Creek Ctr. for Urban Horticulture. Hot dog roast and meeting.

**Events**  
**Silent Lunch**, Noon-1pm, MU Commons. An opportunity for people of all skill levels to converse using sign language. Your invitation to participate.  
**United Campus Ministry**, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Student Gathering - Join us for a home-cooked meal followed by an interactive exploration of God.  
**United Campus Ministry**, Noon-1pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. University Learning Community - Join us for conversation that challenges and nurtures the spirit as we share.  
**Men's Ultimate Disc**, 4-6pm, Peavy Field. Practice with us! No experience necessary! Come check us out!  
**Pride Center**, 10am-5pm, MU Quad. Queer History Month info. booth.  
**Pride Center**, 7-8pm, MU Lounge. Queer History Month features Johanna: singer/songwriter. Live music.  
**College of Health & Human Sciences**, Noon-12:50pm, Milam 206. First Year Student Workshop.  
**Black Cultural Center**, 6-8pm, Black Cultural Center (BCC). Can we kick it? An open invitation to check us out.

## Surge of sectarian violence leaves nearly 100 dead in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four days of sectarian slaughter killed at least 91 people by Monday in Balad, a town near a major U.S. air base an hour's drive north of the capital. Elsewhere, 60 Iraqis died in attacks and 16 tortured bodies were found.

The U.S. command said seven American troops died in fighting a day earlier. That raised the U.S. toll to 58 killed in the first two weeks of October, a pace that if continued would make the month the worst for coalition forces since 107 U.S. and 10 British soldiers died in January 2005.

Iraqi deaths also are running at a high rate. According to an Associated Press count, 708 Iraqis have been reported killed in war-related violence this month, or just over 44 a day, compared to a daily average of more than 27 since the AP began tracking deaths in April 2005.

A surge in sectarian bloodshed and jump in U.S. casualties coincide with the run-up to the American midterm elections in which the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq war has become a key issue.

The U.S. military has kept a low profile in Balad, where violence began Friday with the slaying of 17 Shiite Muslim workers. Revenge-seeking Shiite death squads then killed 74 Sunnis, causing people to flee across the Tigris River to the nearby Sunni-dominated city of Duluyiah.

An American spokesman did not

directly respond when asked if the Iraqi government had sought U.S. military assistance in quelling the violence.

## China steps up inspection of trucks at North Korea border

DANDONG, China (AP) — Customs officials examined trucks at the North Korean border Monday as China complied with new U.N. sanctions on Pyongyang for its nuclear test. But China's U.N. ambassador indicated its inspectors will not board ships to search for suspicious equipment or material.

The United States began a new round of diplomacy in Asia to address divisions over how to impose the sanctions, with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to arrive in Japan on Wednesday before traveling to South Korea and China. The U.S. announced that air samples gathered last week contain radioactive materials confirming that North Korea conducted an underground nuclear explosion, as it claimed.

## Inspectors check for damage in Hawaii after quake

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — A favorite pidgin expression in Hawaii — "Lucky you live Hawaii" — gained new meaning Monday as authorities quickly restored electricity and started to clear away boulders after the strongest earthquake to hit the islands in more than two decades.

Twenty-four hours after Sunday's

6.7-magnitude quake, there were no reports of any deaths or serious injuries, and there were few signs of any major damage. "It lets you know Mother Nature is doing her thing," said Robin Eising, a teacher at Waikoloa Elementary School, which was closed for the day for inspection. "It was a wake-up call."

Still, officials cautioned that they were still inspecting the many bridges, roads, earthen dams, schools and other structures across the Big Island, the isle closest to the epicenter. There were no immediate estimates of the overall damage.

Utilities restored power to 97 percent of the state's customers by early morning. That figure was expected to reach 99 percent by the end of the day. Nearly all of Oahu, the most populous island, with more than 800,000 of Hawaii's 1.2 million residents, was blacked out Sunday.

## Elections: time to register to vote is now for Oregonians

PORTLAND (AP) — Two young women walked past a downtrodden man in northwest Portland over the weekend. The women asked if he was registered to vote, and the man wanted to know if they could spare any change.

Neither side got what they wanted, but neither party abandoned their efforts. The man kept seeking change from passers-by, and the women eagerly pursued pedestrians who have until Tuesday to register for the Nov. 7 election.

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# Police: Vermont student was killed

By John Curran

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. — A man suspected in the disappearance of a Vermont collegian who turned up dead last week denied having anything to do with it when police interviewed him, according to court papers filed Monday.

Police, meanwhile, said for the first time that 21-year-old Michelle Gardner-Quinn was a homicide victim. They would release no other findings from the autopsy, conducted Saturday.

"The cause of death will be listed as soon as test results from the medical examiner and additional information from the investigation becomes available," police Lt. Kathleen Stubbing said late Monday.

In the affidavit, Brian L. Rooney, 36, told police he walked up Main Street in Burlington with the woman at

about 2 a.m. on Oct. 7 but parted ways from her.

"He advised he separated from Gardner-Quinn at that point and he never saw her again. Rooney denied having any knowledge or involvement in Gardner-Quinn's disappearance," according to the affidavit by Detective James Claremont of the Vermont State Police, released just before a court appearance in which Rooney pleaded not guilty to sex charges unrelated to the college student's disappearance.

Her body was found Friday at the top of a gorge in Richmond, about 15 miles east of the University of Vermont, where she was a senior.

Rooney, who was arrested Friday and charged with sexual assault and lewd or lascivious conduct with a child, has been named by Burlington police as a suspect in Gardner-Quinn's death but he has not been charged with it.

Monday's court appearance focused primarily on the sex charges, which were filed based on information police said came to light as they investigated the disappearance.

In the affidavit, filed in Vermont District Court in St. Johnsbury, 80 miles east of Burlington, witnesses accuse Rooney of using chemical-soaked rags or other substances to render victims unconscious and unable to resist his sexual advances.

Rooney is accused in the affidavit of molesting a girl in 1996 and 1998, when she was 12 and 14, respectively, and it says he made advances toward the girl's sister.

Rooney is charged with lewd and lascivious conduct with a child, accused of fondling her in 1996 while in St. Johnsbury. He has also been charged with sexual assault, accused of drugging the girl in 1998 and having sex with her at his home in East Concord.

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# College volunteering up sharply since 2002

By Justin Pope

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some call them lazy, more interested in partying hard than helping out. But a new study shows college students volunteer at a rate that's grown sharply over the last few years.

The number of college students volunteering grew more than 20 percent, from 2.7 million to 3.3 million, between 2002 and 2005, according to a study released Monday by the Corporation for National & Community Service, a federal agency. The growth rate for college students is more than double that for all volunteers.

"We have observed a historically significant surge in service interest by college students, probably the most remarkable increase since the 'Greatest Generation' of World War II," said Steve Goldsmith, the former mayor of Indianapolis and chairman of the corporation.

Altogether, about 30 percent of college students are volunteering, with tutoring and mentoring the most common activities.

Utah, Idaho and Oklahoma had the highest percentage of college students volunteering, while Georgia, New York and Nevada had the lowest.

The study uses data from the Current Population Survey, a regular household survey conducted by the gov-

ernment that in 2002 began asking questions about volunteerism.

That means the study doesn't show the trend before 2002, but much of the spike in volunteerism seems to date to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"What's remarkable is students who were in high school at the time of 9/11, and are now in college, have kept their interest in service at exceptionally high levels," Goldsmith said.

About one-third of K-12 schools now have service learning in the curriculum. A few colleges, and many individual college courses, have made service work mandatory.

But Goldsmith said he does not believe such mandatory service explains the increase, noting other indicators such as strong demand for slots in the corporation's AmeriCorps program. A recent national survey of college freshmen found the highest level of interest in helping others in 25 years.

Still, the report finds a growing trend of "episodic" volunteering, in which students participate in different projects but devote less than two weeks at a time to each, rather than regularly contributing to one project or organization.

Episodic volunteering may also have been boosted by

the more-than 200,000 college students, many of them giving up fall and spring breaks, who volunteered to help rebuild the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina.

"I do think college kids are given a bad rap," said Katie Franck, a senior at Elon University in North Carolina who traveled to the Gulf Coast on her fall break, and coordinates an after-school mentoring program at Elon that is rapidly expanding. "When they're given the opportunities and it's facilitated the right way, they're willing to donate a lot of time and energy to others."

On Tuesday, Elon will be one of three institutions to receive the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll awards for general community service. The other winners are California State University, Monterey Bay and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Louisiana State, Tulane and Jackson State will receive awards for their hurricane relief efforts.



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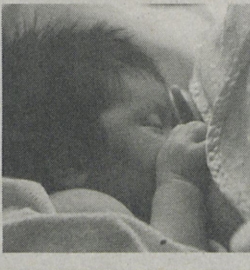
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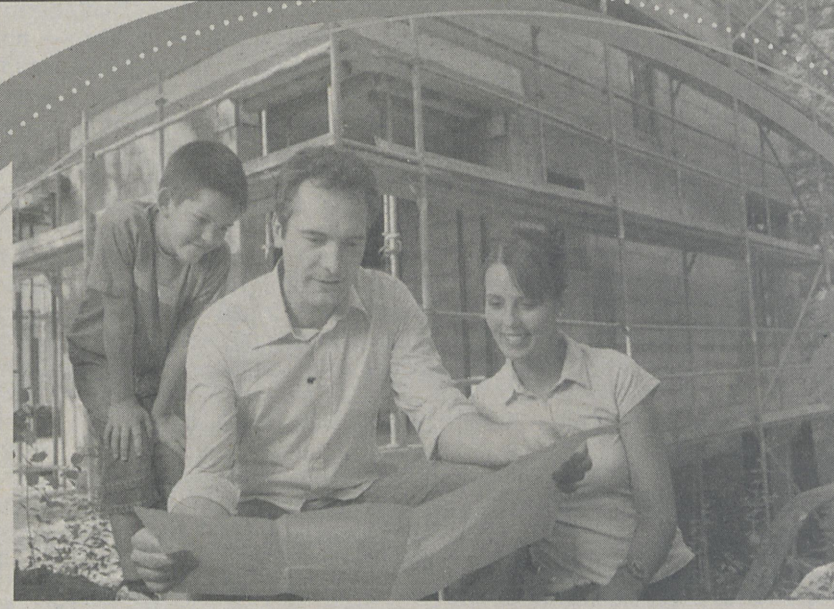
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## Editorial

# Serious about safety

Since elementary school, children are taught to keep themselves safe. You can't talk to strangers, walk at night or ride your bike to the store. As you grow up, the rules change. You can drive, but always lock your doors. You can walk at night, but bring a buddy. And then, there's college. You get set out on your own, no more guidance or reminders, and many more situations that are potentially dangerous.

In the wake of recent events, many students find themselves feeling vulnerable, nervous or unsafe in Corvallis and even on campus. Some people are even calling for more to be done to keep students (especially females) safe.

The belief that bad things only happen to "other people" makes everyone feel better, but it's just not realistic. Information from The National College Women Sexual Victimization Study (2000) show that one in four to one in five women experienced an attempted or completed sexual assault during their college years.

Numbers like that don't represent "other people," they represent your friend, your sister, your classmate.

With assault being such an issue on campuses all over the country, the university has taken steps to provide students, staff and faculty with the tools to lessen their chances of becoming another statistic.

Many people are unaware of the PAC classes offered for students. Students can register for both PAC 217 (Self Defense) and PAC 190 (Karate).

Recently, there have been suggestions made to the university to provide free self defense classes, but currently these PAC classes are the best solutions. They may not be totally free, but they're a few extra credits and they can provide you with a sense of confidence when faced with a scary situation.

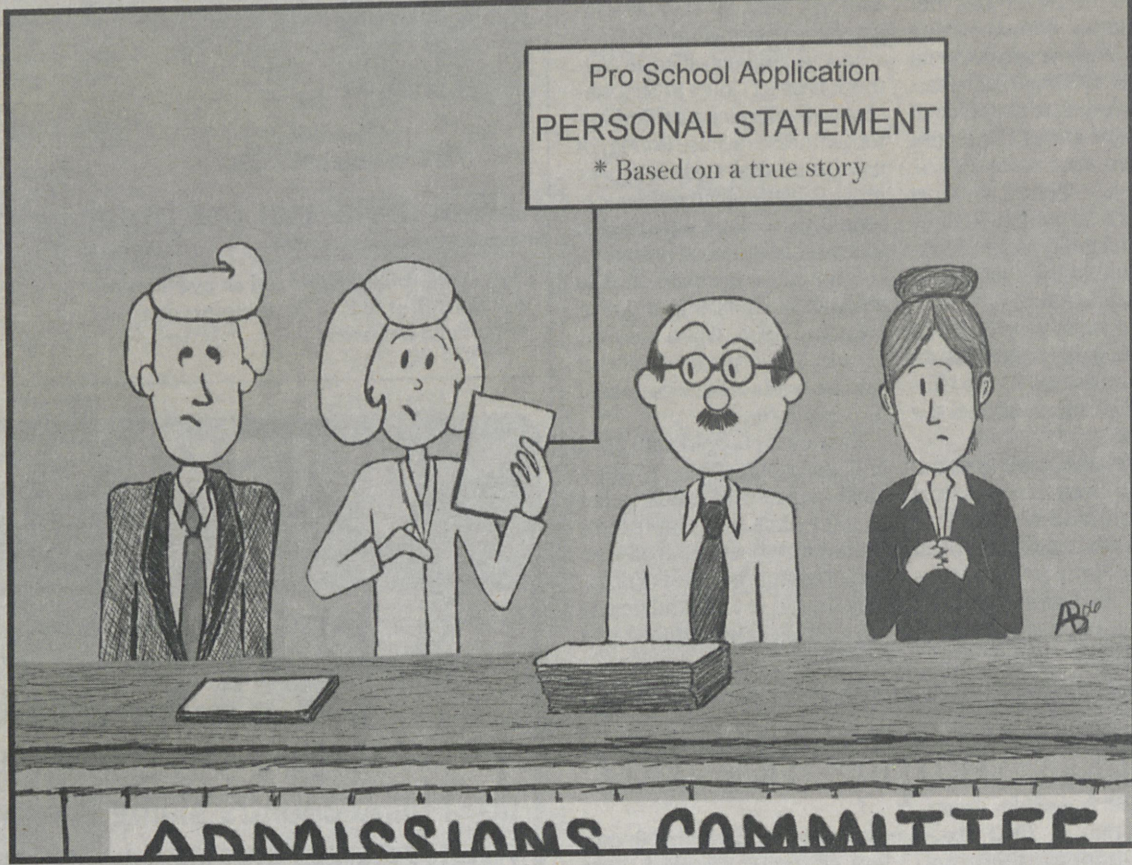
Sometimes, however, those situations are unavoidable and a survivor can be left unsure of where to go or what to do next.

Resources on campus like the Women's Center and Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) are not as widely used as they could be. Both offer information and resources on issues of assault and safety, and both have information on anonymous reporting of an assault.

There is also a Sexual Assault Resource Network (SARN) compiled of faculty, students and staff concerned with interpersonal violence, working toward providing more solutions and resources to students.

Sexual assault and safety are not individual issues, and they are not something that only women need to deal with. Assault is never the survivor's fault, but with all these tools, we have no reason not to use them and, in turn, make this a safer place to live.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both global and local, grand in scale and diminutive. The opinions expressed here are a reflection of the editorial boards' majority.



## Why we write: a reporter's guide to life

We news writers are a strange breed. We'll stand just about anywhere for any given amount of time to get some of the most boring stories you will ever read.

We'll fuss over the use of a long dash or ellipses and then bite our fingernails as an editor goes over our story with a fine-tooth comb — and for what? Just so you will all know that the grass on the south lawn on the lower east side of campus grew about .46 inches in the last week.

That's the kind of dedication news writers have. And we do it just for you. Because we love you.

Of course, there's also the off-chance that we might actually get to cover a story that means something to someone. But those are few and far between.

Last weekend I got wind of a shooting near campus and decided to go over to check things out.

Maybe I could talk to a cop. Maybe I could uncover some vast conspiracy. Maybe I could be the hero and tackle the shooter as he fled the scene of the crime. That would be sweet ... and a lot like TV. This could have been my big break.

That's the kind of dedication I have to the news — and to you, dear readers. I do it all for you.

Well, like most fantasies, this one did not come to fruition. I stood on the corner of 25th Street and Harrison Boulevard for a good 45 minutes with a friend — who was actually covering the story — and another who was just along for the ride. Nothing pertaining to the actual story ever came our way.

Once, a female police officer started running our way, and we were all thinking the same thing: "Finally, someone to tell us something."

We really didn't even care what she would say to us. We needed the information. We were dying for it.

Information is like the air to a news writer's lungs, and we were gasping desperately for some.

We were about to stop the officer and ask her a question. Then we saw that she was carrying a big freaking gun.

I don't know what you all think, but guns are scary business. I was not about to mess with any of that.

I mean, why were we there in the first place? Oh yeah, because someone got shot. Why had they already kicked me off 25th street? Oh yeah, because someone had been shot.

I was not about to annoy a possibly disgruntled police officer with some questions just to fill you people in on the news — nor was I willing to get shot for some news story.

Sorry, readers. I love you, but I don't love you that much.

A few minutes after our encounter with the big freaking gun, we decided to try a new tactic. There were at least eight police cars within eyesight of the crime scene.

Wow. Take a step back and read that sentence again. Crime scene. Doesn't that sound official? It's almost like something straight out of "Law and Order." The original one, not "Special Victims Unit" — which is my favorite.

Anyway, eight cars. Crime scene. You know the drill. We decided that maybe it would be better

— and safer for us — if we tried to talk to a police officer who was not actually dealing directly with the scene. They would at least be able to give us some information. And they wouldn't have any guns drawn. Hopefully.

So, this motley crew of news reporters walked across the street to a police car that was parked along the sidewalk. The fearless news reporter (read: not me) walked up to the window and peered in, hoping to get the attention of an officer.

Unfortunately all he got was the attention of a big freaking dog. A dog that proceeded to scare the crap out of me.

What is it with police officers and using big freaking things? Big guns, big dogs ... what's next? It really has a tendency to make them unapproachable. If that's what they're going for, then I just want to let them know that it's working. Very nicely.

We stood around for a few more minutes waiting desperately for any morsel of information that anyone would throw our way.

Then we realized our Halloween candy supply was running low.

It was at that crucial juncture we made the tough decision to leave the scene of the crime and story in order to pursue the real goal for the evening: margaritas.

So, while I have some dedication to news and mass communication, I don't have that much. Which is why I write opinion.

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Matt Lewis

I Mean, Seriously

Maybe I could talk to a cop. Maybe I could uncover some vast conspiracy. Maybe I could be the hero and tackle the shooter as he fled the scene of the crime ... This could have been my big break.

Luke Sugie

Queer, Brown and Uppity

## What weddings have taught me

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like to have a wedding.

Not that I'm in any particular hurry to imagine any future I-do's. As a single queer man in college, I have the luxury (or curse) of flying like a kite in the wind, free to pursue and be pursued as I please in whatever direction life takes me.

Occasionally my mind drifts toward the inevitability of finding a soul mate, or at least someone who tolerates me when I'm rude and gassy. Usually the only time I think of weddings is when I'm at one, and such was the case last weekend when I was a friend's date to a wedding ceremony in Portland.

I'm not a big fan of fancy ceremonies, because it usually requires me to wear more than a pair of jeans and a T-shirt. Not that I look bad in formalwear — I think I look rather dashing in a blazer — but rather the effort required to unpack and prepare my suit works against my dress ethic of "if you can wash chocolate out of it, wear it."

But there I was in a suit and tie, eagerly waiting to hear the vows the couple were about to undertake. What I like about weddings, besides the possibility of a no-host bar at the reception afterward, is the deep sense of affection and care I see in the couple being married. With the amount of crying that went on (and with the amount of makeup being worn), the couple was either truly in love or really fond of looking like raccoons for their wedding pictures.

I've only been to two weddings (including this one), and both were queer. Not in the style of the ceremony: each was fairly typical, with vows and rings exchanged, and folks in dresses and suits for the wedding and reception. Both were beautiful ceremonies, and the blushing brides were excited at their chance to tell the world of their commitment and love.

And of course, being queer, weddings both conferred absolutely no legal rights or responsibilities to the couple (a special thanks to Measure 36 for writing discrimination of my community into the Oregon constitution). Each time I've wondered why the couples went through such an extravagant ceremony to tell the world they're in love, since there was no legal attachment to what they were doing.

I have a few peers who have been married in the course of our friendship, and of those only a

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## Letters to the Editor

### Students: we are a minority

#### Make your voice heard

Minority: a part of a population differing from others in some characteristics and often subjected to differential treatment.

I cannot think of a better way to describe students politically. No other minority group in this country sits idly by in the political process. Hispanics, African-Americans, and the LGBT communities, just to name a few, all raise their voice when it comes time for an election.

Why, you ask? These groups all know the only way to get what they want and need is to speak up together! As students we cannot sit idly by as grumpy old men and women in Salem and DC make decisions that effect us without in the very least casting our votes for who those grumpy old men and women should be!

If we don't speak, they won't listen; if we don't vote, they won't care.

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### Mohamed column

#### Argument well done

The campus and all readers of the Barometer are greatly in your debt for your powerful, well documented, and cogently argued article calling attention to the irresponsible and reprehensible action of the Republican-controlled Congress in passing the calamitous and clearly unconstitutional Military Commissions Act. Most students are too busy and distracted to keep up with the news, which, at any rate, seldom gives proper emphasis to really important matters, and thus your article serves a vital purpose if it informs and awakens to action even a few more of our fellow citizens.

Thank you for your thoughtful analysis of this momentous happening and for your warning of the dire threat we are facing as a democratic republic under the rule of law.

RICHARD CLINTON  
professor emeritus,  
department of political science

## SUGIE: Wedding ceremonies, despite sexual orientation, all share love, commitment, wine

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few of the marriages were legal. Or perhaps I should replace the word "marriage" with "having a relationship ceremonialized," since marriage is a term dripping with contrived meaning and controversy. In each ceremony I found the same undercurrent of love, commitment and sharing that evoked within me a warm feeling that this, too, was what I wanted eventually.

Or maybe that was just the wine.

I'm still trying to figure out what I'd want to do if I found my "Perfect Partner." An advantage of growing up in a family with parents who

were married by a judge is that I was never raised with the idea that I should have a big ceremony to formalize my intimate relationship with someone. Perhaps I would do the same as my parents, provided it's legal to do so. Perhaps we'd decide to skip the ceremony and simply adopt a puppy. The fanciest ceremony I could think of for myself would involve only three essential items: a beach, good food and wine, and my close friends and family.

But I digress. Perhaps what I'm trying to say is that any kind of consensual love is fine, and any type of cere-

mony you'd like to have is great, too.

Whether it is in a crowded SM bar with a "casual dominatrix" dress code or in a beautiful old church with hors d'oeuvres and dry-clean-only attire, the expression of your commitment and love is an ultimately personal and wonderful choice. To see such an act of spiritual and emotional intermingling is amazing, and I'm always thankful for the opportunity to witness such an event.

So if you happen to have a bottle of wine and want to go to the beach, let me know. I want to do many, many rehearsals.

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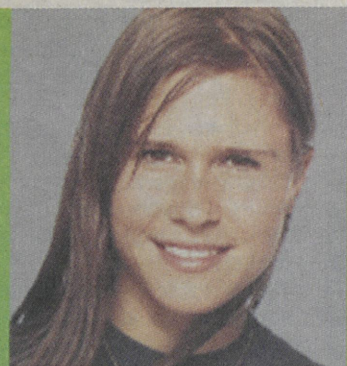
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## CUIC: Former OSU player tells assistants about star

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Then his neighbor offered him a ride to school basketball tryouts. Cuic, only 14 years old, had a love-hate relationship with the sport in the beginning.

"I quit twice in the first month. The coach called me and said 'I want you to come back, I will teach you the game.' The first two months all I did was learn how to walk, how to hold a basketball — I shot like this in the beginning," he laughed, making a pushing motion with both hands extending from his chest. "Body-wise I was garbage."

Nevertheless the kid from Croatia, who is fluent in five languages, was a fast learner. After playing only a year, he was selected to the youth national team. But even that wasn't enough. "After a while the competition was dull, and I wanted to challenge myself more," he said. "So I went to Italy."

Italy would become the starting point for Cuic's path to Corvallis. "I thought about coming to the United States a lot when I was younger and about playing professionally," Cuic said. "A former Beaver player, Teo Alibegovic, was my teammate on a squad in Italy. He kept saying it was a good choice to go to America." It was Alibegovic who called OSU assistant coach Jeff Reinert, urging him to come watch Cuic play. The Beaver coach was on the next plane to Amsterdam.

"He had good size and is a quality player," Reinert said about what attracted him to the then 20-year-old international player. "He has the ability to score either in the box or outside on the perimeter."

Cuic traveled across the Atlantic to play for a school he had never seen and live in a country he had never visited. "I saw pictures and videos on the Web," he said, "But obviously nothing can fully prepare you."

The son of a doctor and a steel worker, Cuic has always been close to his family. With e-mail and phone calls filling the voids created by living oceans apart, he had yet to feel disconnected from the world he left behind. Never was a bond tested more than it was this summer.

"You know, I don't get to go back very often," Cuic said. "I left home when I was 15 to play in Italy as a sophomore in high school. Since then there have been no Christmases, no New Years. I am home for one month over the summer and that's it."

He paused, momentarily hesitant, then continued, "My dad had been sick for two years. He finally passed this summer. I was home helping my mom and the rest of the family. I spent every day in the hospital with him. He died two days before I was supposed to leave. It was like he knew. If there is such a thing, it was good timing."

Losing a parent could be as difficult an experience that life has to give. But Cuic never lost his poise. That sense of composure is a skill that serves him well on the court as well.

Cuic is the highest returning scorer for OSU, averaging nearly 14 points per game, and led the entire conference in 3-point percentage, making close to half his shots outside the arc. It's his versatility that makes him such a threat to opposing teams.

Washington head coach Lorenzo Romar said that this season much of the Huskies' gameplan will be defending Cuic.

"We will assign our best defender to cover

him," Romar said. "He is so effective in putting the ball on the floor, and he is much better in the paint than he was two years ago. We may think about double-teaming him if necessary."

Cuic welcomes the extra pressure. "If they are double teaming me, that just means that someone else is open," he said.

Impressive statistics aside, Cuic is perhaps best remembered for a "shot" that was actually meant to be a pass. During the Civil War game in Corvallis last season, he tapped a Chris Stephens' miss hard against the top part of the backboard. Somehow the ball ricocheted back into the hoop, extending the Beavers' lead to three and sealing the game.

"I meant to knock it back to Chris because he was wide open," he said with a laugh. "But it was all skill, man."

These are skills the Beavers are going to need this coming winter. OSU, which finished 5-13 last season in the Pac-10, lost a significant contributor last season in Nick DeWitz and is a very young team.

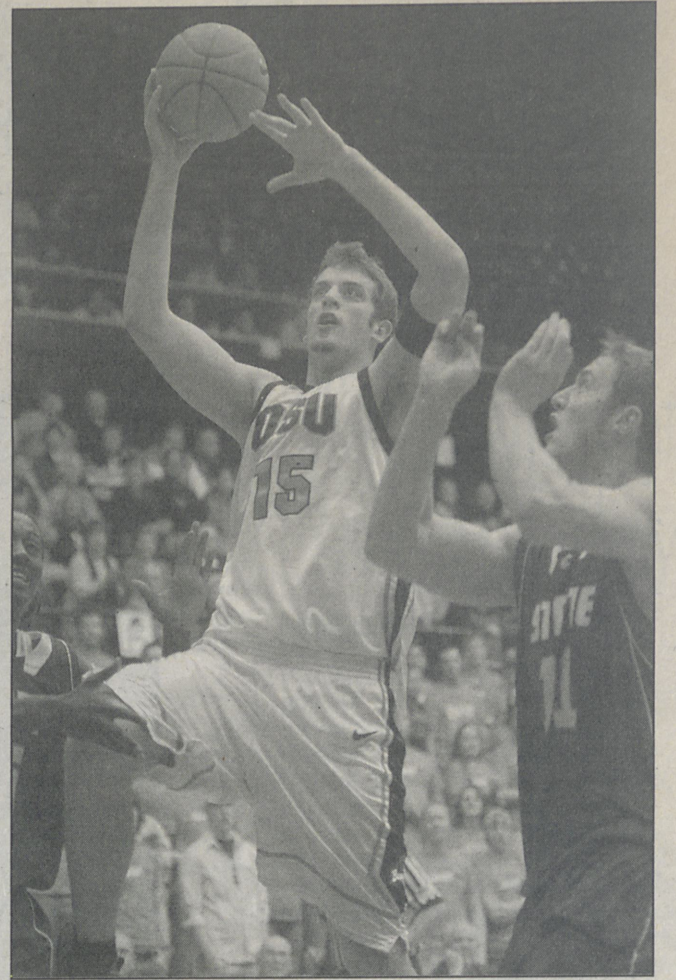
"We have a lot of players who have a lot to prove, not to mention that we host two of last year's Final Four teams," Cuic said, referring to games against LSU and UCLA.

Cuic doesn't regret his choice to come to Oregon, calling it one of the best decisions he's made.

"Sasa has the potential to become OSU's second all-time leading scorer," Reinert said. "Which would make him in very select company."

Not bad for a college kid who picked up a basketball just seven years ago.

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Sasa Cuic left home when he was just 15 to further his basketball career and now finds himself as the top returning scorer for the OSU men's basketball team.

## FOOTBALL: Led by Doggett, defense also has huge day containing Washington QB Stanback

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of 19 passes for a season-high 308 yards and a touchdown in OSU's 27-17 win. He wasn't sacked once.

"On some plays I felt we were just beating ourselves, so we fixed it and executed," Moore said. "At halftime we came in and made some adjustments and just took it to them in the second half."

Although Moore had completed seven of 10 passes in the first half, the Beavers found themselves down 17-10 at halftime. Tailback Yvenson Bernard carried the ball 19 times for 106 yards in the first half and scored the Beavers' first touchdown of the game from two yards out to give the Beavers a 7-3 lead midway through the first quarter.

In the second half, Moore began throwing the ball more downfield, and the end result was a monster two quarters of football. His 80-yard touchdown strike to wideout Sammie Stroughter gave the Beavers a 20-17 lead they would not relinquish. Stroughter also had a career day and one of the best receiving performances in school history. The junior caught seven passes for 223 yards and a touchdown. The total receiving yards by Stroughter was the fourth highest single game mark ever by a Beaver.

"We were much better on the deep passes, and that touchdown was definitely one of them," coach Mike Riley said. "Matt had great poise and he made a big play

finding Sammie open."

Bernard finished with 144 yards rushing on 29 carries and was the focal point of the offense in the first half with 128 of the Beavers' 188 total yards. His second touchdown of the day from three yards out early in the fourth quarter gave the Beavers a 27-17 lead.

"We knew going into halftime that we were better than this," Bernard said. "We had established the run game, so Matt stepped up a notch in the second half and we pulled out a victory."

While the offense found its rhythm for the first time in conference play, the defense was extraordinary for the second straight week. A key to the game for the Beaver defense was containing athletic Husky quarterback Isaiah Stanback. And not only did they find a way, but they completely shut down the senior quarterback. After rushing for 339 yards in the Huskies first six games, the Beavers held Stanback to just 11 yards on the ground and sacked him three times. Junior linebacker Derrick Doggett was superb all day, leading the team in tackles and had two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a sack. He also showed he had the speed to stop Stanback from scrambling into Beaver territory.

"It was just to be on the weak side, and just stay with him and then get back to my man," Doggett said. "We knew we needed the victory.

We had practiced hard all week for this, and we knew that we had to come in and get this victory."

Although the OSU defense gave up two Stanback touchdowns in the first half after two OSU interceptions, the Beaver defense played shut out ball in the second half and held the Huskies to just 77 yards of total offense after halftime.

There were other standout performances on the defensive side as well. Junior lineman Dorian Smith lead the Beavers with two and a half sacks, while junior lineman Jeff Van Orsow finished the afternoon with four tackles for loss. Junior cornerback Coye Francies entered the game after starter Keenan Lewis left the game with a shoulder injury and helped shut down the Huskies receiving core. He had five tackles and a pass breakup, which proved to be a major contribution to the Beavers only allowing 172 passing yards on the day.

With dominating performances from both sides of the football, the huge victory in Seattle has the Beavers in high spirits heading into Tucson next week against Arizona.

"Every game is important now. You get to a point where every game is important," Stroughter said.

"We left everything out there and it helped a bunch. When the defense is right there, it allows the offense to gamble a little bit more, and that's what we did."

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## SOCCER: Beavers hope to get second Pac-10 win over Ducks

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a Naj Homidi shot over the net in the 39th minute and blocking Emily Henshaw's one-on-one opportunity in the 68th minute. Bemis finished the game with five saves and was clearly a difference maker for her team.

"She did a great job all night and made some tremendous saves," Fennah said. "When you're in a conference like this, you need your goalkeeper to make those kinds of saves."

Bemis has been one of the reasons why the Cougars are in the upper echelon of the Pac-10 through the first two weeks of conference play.

On Sunday, the Beavers faced another quality goalie from Washington (6-8, 1-2 Pac-10). Kelsey Rasmussen, a senior, has erased early season blow out losses to Portland and North Carolina by playing well in the Pac-10. However, most of the Beavers' scoring opportunities were not stopped by Rasmussen.

Rasmussen had much of the first half off, but the Beavers woke her up in the 37th minute when Velazquez had the ball near the goal box and Rasmussen broke out to challenge her. The two wrestled for the ball and Velazquez was able to poke the ball away. Velazquez spun, then lofted the ball over Rasmussen's head. The shot went high of the goal as Rasmussen scrambled back into position.

In the 40th and 41st minutes, the Beavers once again tried to squeak one by Rasmussen. Jen Crump sent a free kick into the box

and Monica Storm headed the ball toward the goal but it hit the post. Then, Taylor sent a high free kick that hit the cross bar and went over.

Despite all the scoring opportunities the Beavers had, Rasmussen only made two saves. The greatest save of the game came in the 58th minute and Rasmussen didn't even make it. Taylor was on a breakaway and had a one-on-one scoring opportunity with Rasmussen. Husky defender Nikki Murray raced after Taylor and tripped her from behind, just outside the goal box.

Surprisingly, Murray was only warranted a yellow card. Taylor was hurt on the play and had to spend much of the second half having her ankle attended to by team trainers.

Velazquez took the free kick for the injured Taylor and dumped it off to Crump. Crump sent the pass to the corner of the goal, but Rasmussen dove to make the save.

Not even a minute later, Emily Henshaw took a pass from Storm and tried to flick it past Rasmussen. The ball went inches wide of the goal.

While the Beavers were bested by Bemis on Friday, Rasmussen had quite a bit of external support around her on Sunday. The ending result was two 1-0 losses for the Beavers which makes Friday's Civil War with the Oregon Ducks all the more important.

"We have to clean it up," OSU goalkeeper Melissa Onstad said. "We have a choice now whether we can turn it on and start playing better or let it get the best of us. I think we are going to take the first choice."

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## Swimmers beat Cal-State Northridge

■ Beavers wrap up successful weekend behind strong performance by Saori Haruguchi

THE DAILY BAROMETER

LOS ANGELES — The Oregon State Swimming team wrapped up the weekend by defeating Cal State-Northridge 86-9, and falling to USC 32-63. The Beavers (3-3, 0-3 Pacific-10 Conference) once again received a very strong team performance. OSU began the weekend Friday by defeating UC Santa Barbara (0-2) 144-118 and falling to UCLA (1-1, 1-0 Pacific-10 Conference) 117-140.



Saori Haruguchi

Saturday, Saori Haruguchi won both the 100 backstroke (56.42) and the 400 Individual Medley (4:23.16). The four dual meet wins now gives Haruguchi 29 for her career. The 29 dual meet wins places her in 10th place on OSU's career dual meet wins list.



Anna Crandall

Felicia Castaneda, Sandy Hong, Julie McCauley, Erika Wirth, and Kayla Rawlings all picked up dual meet wins as well.

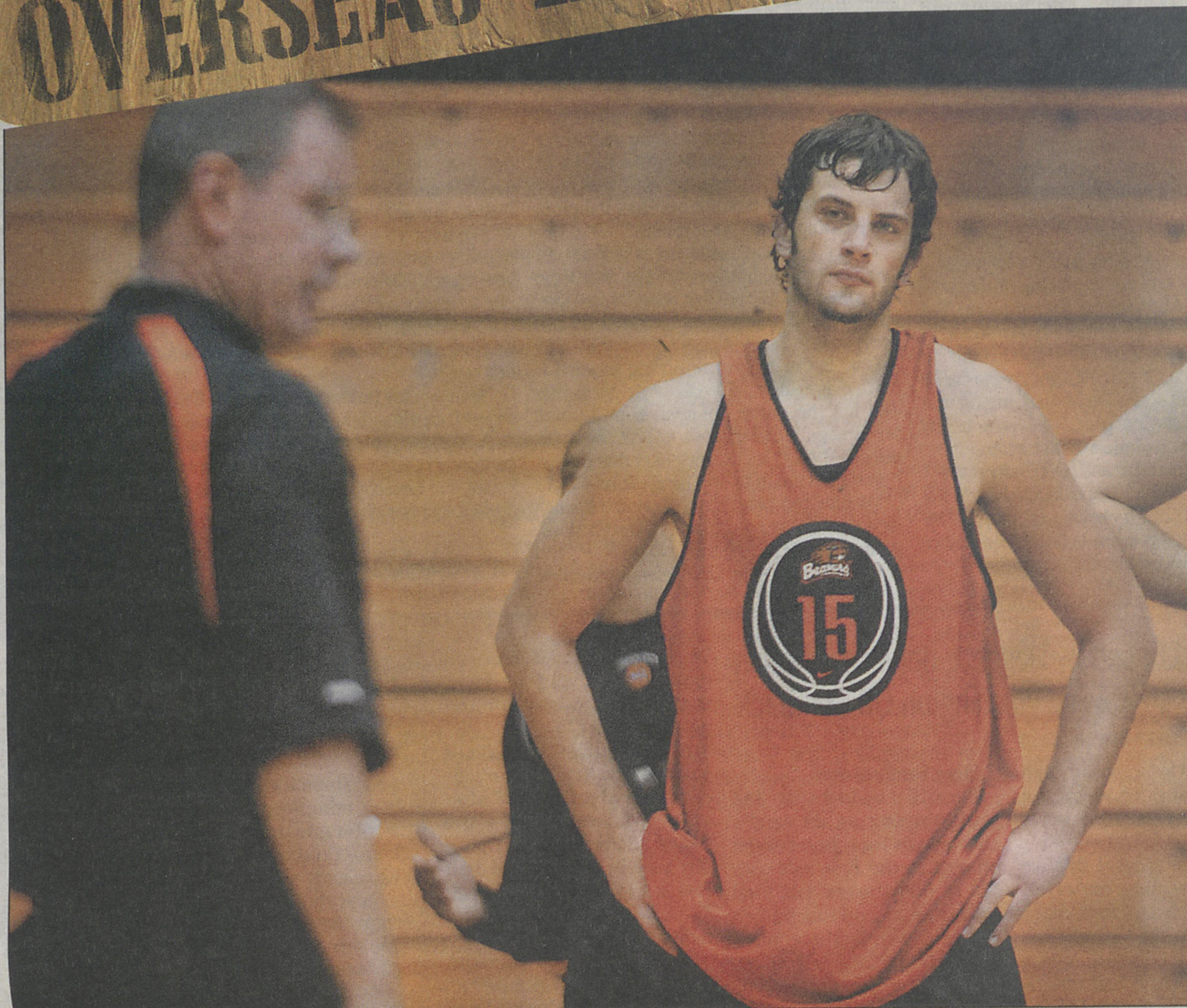
Rawlings won the 100 fly (56.56) for the first time this season.

In what has been a strong debut through the first two weeks of competition, both Brittney Iverson and Anna Crandall continued their strong freshmen campaigns. Crandall picked up her second dual meet win of the season in the 100 free. She now has three dual meet wins in her young career. Brittney Iverson raced very well in the 500 free (5:04.32) and picked up her second win of the season in the event.

The Beavers also received an added boost in the 400 free relay as the team of Crandall, Rawlings, Iverson and Wirth picked up the win. Ending the day with a team win in a relay was a fitting ending for the Beavers, who had eight different swimmers win dual meets.

## OVERSEAS IMPORTS

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Sasa Cuic didn't pick up a basketball until he was 15, but it's paid off for the forward from Croatia, as the junior is one of the top returning players in the Pac-10.

# Late Bloomer

Sasa Cuic leaves home for a chance to play college ball in America

By Kellen Hade  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Growing up in socialist Yugoslavia, basketball certainly wasn't the first thing on Sasa Cuic's mind. To him, the sport was not a euphoric escape from the realities of a war too close to home, nor did he see it as a ticket out of his home country. In fact, the kid didn't even pick up a basketball until he was nearly 15 years old.

"I remember hearing air-raid sirens and watch-

ing TV and seeing the bombings," Cuic recalled. "A couple times we had to go into shelters. It was pretty rough."

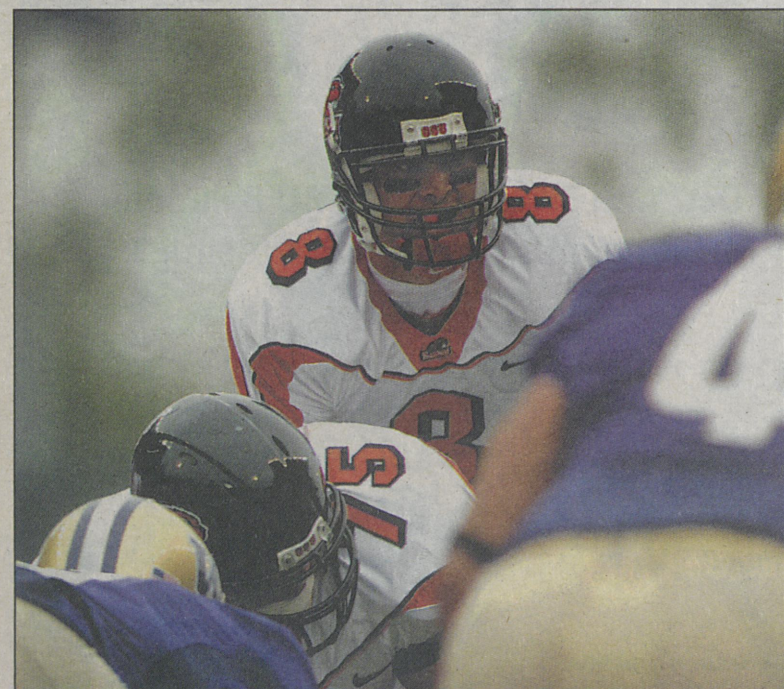
After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, Yugoslavia was dissolved into several smaller states, among them Croatia, from where Cuic hails. "Croatia surrounds Bosnia and borders Serbia. Bosnians are Muslims, Serbians are orthodox, and Croatians are Catholics. It was always bound to break," Cuic said. Serbian tanks stopped a mere 30 miles from his

town of Rijeka. He doesn't talk about his experiences as though he wants sympathy or respect; instead he comes off as humble and is always mindful of his good fortune.

"That's where the war was," Cuic said, referring to the Serbian front line. "I was lucky in that sense. Even today, many parts of Croatia haven't been rebuilt, and probably never will. I never really gave basketball a thought."

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## Moore's performance leads OSU to win



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Matt Moore completed 14 of 19 passes and threw an 80-yard pass to Sammie Stroughter to lead OSU to a 27-17 victory over UW Saturday.

■ After listening to fans' criticism over the past few weeks, senior quarterback responds with a huge, 308-yard game

By Sean McLean  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Matt Moore was fired up.

Just after being shoved to the Husky Stadium turf after the Beavers scored the game-clinching touchdown, Moore expressed his emotions to the Beaver fans in the east end zone. Pumping his fists and pointing to the crowd in orange and black, the senior quarterback had just completed one of his best all-around performances as a Beaver.

"I didn't know we even scored because I got drilled, so I had to ask Gunderson if we scored," Moore said. "Then I just lost it because I was so excited. It was a good feeling and I just let the emotions go."

Moore, who had received mixed emotions from fans and the media in the past weeks after his performances against California and Washington State, put aside the criticism and had a career day. He picked apart the Pac-10's worst defense, completing 14

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## Sloppy play hurts women's soccer in weekend games

■ Washington and Washington State shut out OSU at home in Corvallis; Beavers cannot find net for third consecutive game

By Steven Masters  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The last few weeks have been a time for sloppy play from the Oregon State women's soccer team. The Beavers (8-5-2, 1-3 Pacific-10) have been generous allowing goals and have not scored in three games. To the Beaver defense, the goalkeeping from the Washington State Cougars and the University of Washington Huskies was superb this past weekend.

"There are two sides to it," OSU head coach Steve Fennah said. "We have lost three games and we have given up goals on each occasion. We have given up sloppy goals. The other side of the coin is we've had some chances and we have converted on them. We have to be better on both ends, our play in between is not so bad. We have to be better at not giving up silly goals and we have to be better at finishing down the other end."

On Friday, WSU goalkeeper Brynn Bemis of WSU (7-4-3, 2-0-1 Pac-10) stifled the Beavers' attack all game. The junior squashed every Beaver scoring opportunity by constantly staying alert and positioning herself perfectly on each shot.

In the 15th minute, Jessica Velazquez laid a perfect pass for Jodie Taylor to connect on, but was stuffed by Bemis.

Bemis kept up the frustration all throughout the evening, tipping

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