



Campus in brief



End zone construction to block parking entrance

Construction on the south end-zone of Reser Stadium will block the S.W. 26th Street entrance to the visitor parking lot to LaSells Stewart Center.

The entrance to the parking lot will be blocked as of Dec. 1. An entrance from S.W. Western Blvd. will be installed for traffic to access the parking lot.

Construction of the second deck of the south end zone is phase two of the "Raising Reser" project. Completion of the project will raise the seating capacity of Reser Stadium to 55,000 fans.

Sheriff, family continue search for missing student

The search continued Wednesday for OSU student Jeffrey Schmidt, whose vehicle crashed into the North Umpqua River on Nov. 19., the Douglas County Sheriff's office reported.

Marine units from the sheriff's office coordinated with marine units from the Lane, Coos and Jackson County sheriff's offices.

Randy Jones, a Schmidt family friend from Jackson County, volunteered to fly a helicopter from Idlyled Park to the crash site. That effort also turned up nothing.

No more searches are currently planned, the sheriff's office reported, though as river conditions improve and additional information is secured the sheriff's office will plan additional searches.

Vice president of research arrested on DUII charges

After driving his car into the garage of Benton County resident Allen Leggett on Nov. 19, John M. Cassidy — the vice president of research for OSU — was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

In addition to the alcohol charge, Cassidy faces charges of assault in the fourth degree, recklessly endangering another person and criminal mischief in the second degree.

Cassidy caused over \$100 worth of damage to Leggett's property. He was driving with a family member in the vehicle with him.

OSU will not be taking any action in this case.

"Staff and faculty have personal lives and work lives," said Jacque Rudolf, the director of human resources. "If it did not happen while the employee was at work then it does not have to do with OSU."

Library creates research award for undergraduates

The Undergraduate Student Research Award will be given to full-time students in the amount of \$1000 each.

The award was made possible through contributions to the library from the OSU Library Advisory Council.

Students must have completed a research paper for a credit course at OSU in the last year as long as the library was used for research on that paper.

The deadline for the application is Jan. 31, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the award visit <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/ugresearchawards.html>

Proposal looks into new options for MU

■ An idea by four campus individuals has secured interest by the MU Board

By Lauren L. Dillard
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The MU Board of Directions gave ASOSU President Michael Olson, Memorial Union President Jaimee Colbert, Dean of Students Jackie Balzer and MU Director Michael Henthorne a thumbs-up in a meeting to measure interest in an MU-connected building.

This building will house current student involvement programs, including ASOSU.

"The important thing at this point is to move forward with a solution," Olson said.

The problem is that current housing for ASOSU, student media and other programs is breaking down. The buildings — interconnected Snell Hall and the MU East — that were built nearly fifty years ago were not built well enough to last, according to a Barometer report printed in 2003.

"I think we need to ask students to invest in the future," Olson said.

The proposal is a two phase project that would look at the expansion of the MU into a building that would rest on the location of the bookstore parking lot — with an idea for below ground parking under the building.

"This is the only one that would essentially allow us to all be together in one complex," Henthorne said. By 'being all together,' Henthorne means that

MUPC and ASOSU — both departments of student government — would be connected by a sky bridge that would span the distance between the MU and the new building. An idea is in the works for a bridge that would also connect the library to the building.

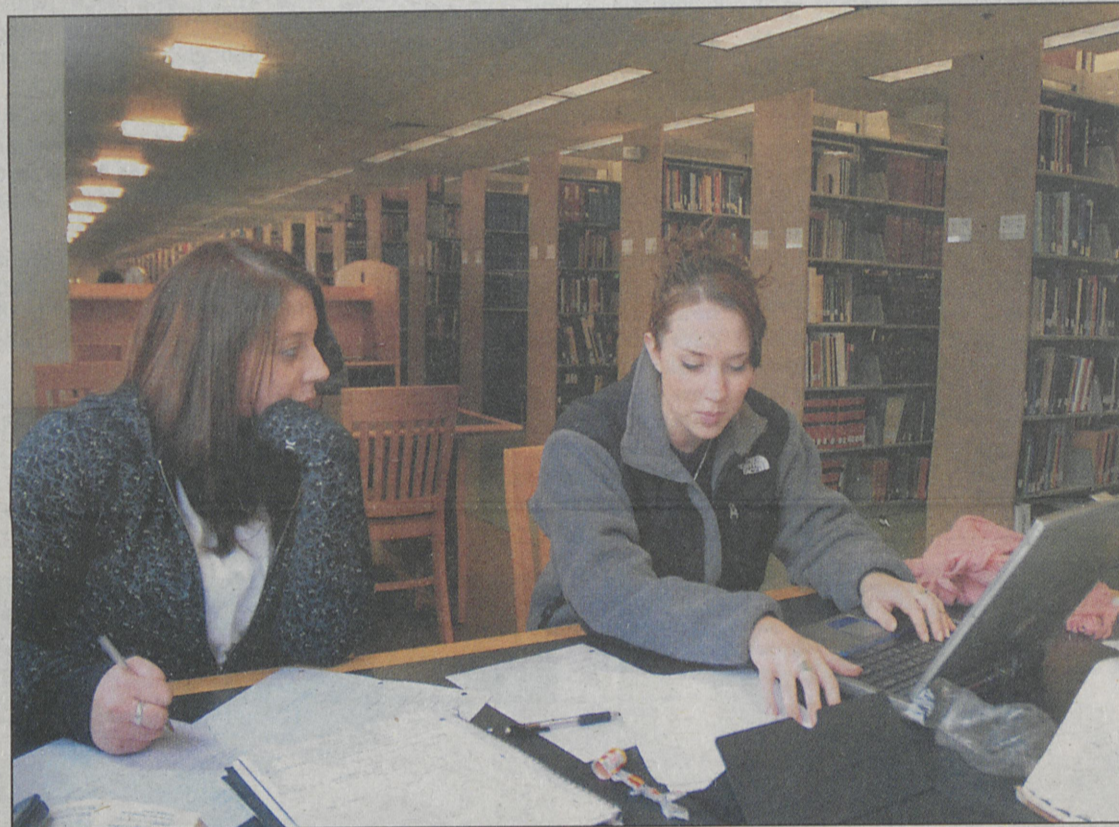
"We still continue to live in a bifurcated system," Henthorne said regarding the 'two-houses' of government that OSU currently has.

One problem, unlike the government in the state of Oregon, the comparable house and senate are not in the same building across the hall from one another.

Improvements and upgrades would also be made to the MU to bring it up to code for safety standards.

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It's That Time Again ...



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Makenna Bishop and Robin Oldenburg, both undeclared sophomores, study on the fifth floor of the library on Wednesday afternoon.

Flu vaccine available

■ Influenza virus detected
in Washington County man,
OSU vaccinates for prevention

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon Department of Human Services confirmed Tuesday that a 34-year-old Washington County man has the flu.

"It's not surprising that it pops up about now," said Benton County Public Health Division Deputy Administrator Charlie Fautin.

The case, reported by Kaiser Permanente's Northwest Laboratory, is the first case in Oregon. The man, according to state epidemiologist Mel Kohn, M.D., was not hospitalized and is recovering at home.

Last year, Benton county had the first case of the flu.

"This year, it's getting started a little bit later which doesn't tell us anything about the severity," Fautin said.

Vaccination is a good way to keep the community as a whole more healthy,

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IMPRINTS

A true beaver believer

■ Jean Duffy plans to retire after
31 incredible years at OSU

By Jon Hallquist
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jean Duffy has come a long way from her first job working at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Salem.

In January of 1975, OSU hired Duffy as an office specialist for Student Services, which turned into the office of the Dean of Students.

"She was always a delight to have around," said Stacey Schulte, who worked with Duffy for six years in the Dean of Students office. "Jean has always been so dedicated to the students."

From 1996 to 1997, the Dean of Students office was eliminated and Duffy didn't know where she was going to end up.

"A lot of departments morphed into other ones," Duffy said.

Luckily for Duffy, Christine Dodge, who worked in Student Involvement, decided to be at home with her family instead of keeping her job. Dodge's position as office specialist was then given to Duffy.

"For her to come into our chaotic world and make it work was her first major accomplishment," said Linda Paschke, the former student organization development coordinator.

"She was an integral part of our professional staff."

Duffy has touched many students, faculty and staff throughout her 31 years of working for OSU.

"Jean's warmth, smile and concern for students was always first and foremost," said Clay Torset, an academic advisor in the College of Forestry.

"Jean the Bean as I called her, was a backbone of our operation and the person most often sought out by students visiting or calling our office because of her helpful and positive attitude," said Bill Brennan, a former assistant dean of students.

Faculty all over campus have an opinion about Duffy.

"Jean Duffy is a most caring and passionate individual in her service to students, her loyalty and devotion to them and the university," said Judy McDaniel, an administrative assistant in the office of Greek Life. "She will always be a 'Beaver!'"

At the end of fall term, Duffy will retire from OSU after 31 years at the university, an accomplishment well deserved in the eyes of her peers.

"I'll miss the students. They always intrigued me because they knew so much," Duffy said.

In Duffy's upcoming retirement, she plans to work in her husband's

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Jean Duffy, office specialist for Student Services and OSU employee for 31 years, is retiring at the end of this term.



First Bush-Al-Maliki meeting canceled; U.S. says it's no snub

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — President Bush's high-profile meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Wednesday was canceled in a stunning turn of events after disclosure of U.S. doubts about the Iraqi leader's capabilities and a political boycott in Baghdad protesting his attendance.

Instead of two days of talks, Bush and al-Maliki will have breakfast and a single meeting followed by a news conference on Thursday morning, the White House said.

The abrupt cancellation was an almost unheard-of development in the high-level diplomatic circles of a U.S. president, a king and a prime minister. There was confusion — and conflicting explanations — about what happened.

Bush had been scheduled to meet in a three-way session with al-Maliki and Jordan's King Abdullah II on Wednesday night, and had rearranged his schedule to be in Amman for both days for talks aimed at reducing the spiral of violence in Iraq.

The last-minute cancellation was not announced until Bush had already come to Raghadan Palace and posed for photographs alone with the king.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett denied that the delay was a snub by al-Maliki directed at Bush or was related to the leak of a memo written by White House National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley questioning the prime minister's capacity for controlling violence in Iraq.

"Absolutely not," Bartlett said. "He said the king and the prime minister had met before Bush arrived from a NATO summit in Latvia. That negated the purpose to meet tonight together in a trilateral setting."

A senior administration official, who spoke with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq

Zalmay Khalilzad, basically echoed Bartlett's account.

The Jordanians and the Iraqis jointly decided it was not the best use of time because they both would be seeing the president separately, said the official.

Members of the Jordanian and Iraqi delegations contacted Khalilzad, who called Air Force One and spoke with Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, giving them a heads-up, the official said.

However, Redha Jawad Taqi, a senior aide of top Shiite politician Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim who also was in Amman, said the Iraqis balked at the three-way meeting after learning the king wanted to broaden the talks to include the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Two senior officials traveling with al-Maliki, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information, said the prime minister had been reluctant to travel to Jordan in the first place and decided, once in Amman, that he did not want "a third party" involved in talks about subjects specific to the U.S.-Iraqi relationship.

Radiation found on British planes; passengers sought

LONDON (AP) — Officials found traces of radiation on two British Airways jets as part of an investigation into the poisoning death of a former Russian spy, and the airline appealed Wednesday to tens of thousands of passengers who flew to Moscow or other cities to contact health authorities.

Two Boeing 767s at London's Heathrow Airport tested positive and a third was grounded in Moscow awaiting examination, British Airways said. The airline said "the risk to public health is low" but that it was attempting to contact to some 33,000 passengers who have flown on the jets since Oct. 25.

The announcement was the latest twist in a case that has aggravated tensions between Britain and Russia and

could strain sensitive negotiations on issues as diverse as energy, NATO expansion, and the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea.

Britain has been careful not to blame the Kremlin for the death of Alexander Litvinenko — a former KGB agent and fierce critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin. But criticism of Putin's increasing authoritarianism has intensified since the poisoning — even within Prime Minister Tony Blair's Cabinet.

Kulongoski visits troops, says Iraq is getting worse

SALEM (AP) — When Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski went to Baghdad in 2004, he made a trip downtown for an ice cream cone, much as he might do on the Main Street walks he favors in places like Bend, Baker City or Beaverton.

But the governor got no ice cream this time around. When he surfaced in the Middle East after days when security rules prevented his staff from saying where he was, Kulongoski reported that "you don't go to downtown Baghdad anymore."

"It's changed. It's a very different situation on the ground right now. There were a couple of big bangs this morning in Baghdad," Kulongoski said.

Kulongoski revealed his whereabouts on Wednesday after departing on a mystery trip — calling from Kuwait to say he'd been to Baghdad and was going soon to Afghanistan to visit Oregon troops.

In a conference call, Kulongoski said he and three other governors spent two days touring Baghdad and other places in Iraq. He said the trip reinforced his view that the United States needs an exit strategy from Iraq.

"It's not getting better. It's getting worse," Kulongoski said of Iraq.

Kulongoski was an early supporter

of the Iraq war, saying President Bush's drive to disarm Saddam Hussein was necessary to protect U.S. security.

However, the Democratic governor has become increasingly critical of the way Bush has conducted the war. The war in Iraq also became an issue in this year's governor's race, with Kulongoski accusing Republican contender Ron Saxton of backing Bush's handling of the war.

Kulongoski left Oregon on Sunday. For days, his office would say he was going to soon visit Oregon troops — but they wouldn't specify where because of Defense Department rules.

Kulongoski is traveling with New York Gov. George Pataki, New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine and Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

Kulongoski said that he was struck by how badly the security situation in Iraq has deteriorated since his 2004 trip to the region.

"When I was here the first time, there were American troops walking the streets of Baghdad," he said. "Now no one leaves the base without a military purpose. It's a very dangerous place."

The governor confirmed that he would visit "soon" with Oregon National Guard troops in Afghanistan — although he declined to say exactly when that would happen.

"I intend to see our guys," he said.

Nearly 900 Oregon Guard and Oregon Air National Guard troops are deployed in Afghanistan, mostly to help train Afghan troops.

There is no Oregon National Guard unit in Iraq now, but Kulongoski estimated that he's met with 100 or so individual Marines and soldiers from Oregon in two days in Iraq.

He said the troops are hanging in there, despite the increasing violence.

"No one has come up to me and said, 'Put me in your suitcase and take me home with you,'" the governor said.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 30

Meetings

- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship,** 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Come experience God with us!
- ASOSU Multicultural Affairs,** 5pm, ASOSU/SI Main Lounge. Working on campaigns benefitting the multicultural community.
- ASOSU Community Affairs,** 5pm, American Dream. Celebrate a successful term with the Community Affairs Task Force. New members welcome. Free food and drink.
- Gerontology Student Association,** 4pm, Milam Hall 319. Learn about research opportunities, philanthropic events and careers in aging. Refreshments will be provided.

Events

- United Campus Ministry,** 7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. TNT (Thursday Night Thing). Each week we gather for fun, games, recreation, art, movies and hanging out.
- United Campus Ministry,** Noon-1pm, West Dining Hall. "This I Believe" Each week one person from the OSU community will share what they believe to be their philosophies — core values — followed by conversation.
- Department of Music,** Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: University Chorale — Holiday Favorites.
- Native American Longhouse,** 6pm, Native American Longhouse. Relax with Michele Ribeiro from OSU Counseling Services. Tea and cookies served after!
- ASOSU Accessibility Task Force,** 6pm, Snell Main Lounge. Watch Emmanuel's Gift about a disabled man in Ghana who fights for equality.

Friday, Dec. 1

Events

- Ski & Snowboard,** 7pm, Milam Auditorium. Free movie showing and giveaway.
- College Republicans,** 9am-2pm, MU Quad. Christmas in the Quad. Christmas celebration featuring Christmas lights, candy and a visit from Santa.

Sunday, Dec. 3

Events

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

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Arrests

2:00 a.m., Monday, Nov. 27 — A Monmouth man, 25, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
3:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 26 — A Corvallis man, 18, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
12:26 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 26 — An OSU student, 22, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
2:28 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 25 — A Salem man, 33, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
12:54 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 25 — A Pendleton woman, 20, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor in possession by consumption.
11:14 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24 — A Salem woman, 21, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
9:48 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24 — An OSU student, 32, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.



2:45 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 23 — A Corvallis man, 23, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
8:26 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22 — A Newport man, 25, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
Theft
Tuesday, Nov. 28 — Someone stole a purse containing a drivers license, and several debit and credit cards from a classroom in Shepard Hall. The purse was found in the restroom with the cards missing.
Monday, Nov. 27 — A 1993, four door, white Toyota Camry, Oregon license TCY 577, was stolen from the

parking lot on the corner of 30th and Washington Parking Lot.
Sunday, Nov. 26 — Someone broke into a car parked behind the 3rd St. 1st Alternative Co-op, and stole a Balance digital laptop computer.
Saturday, Nov. 25 — Someone stole a Sony Playstation II and four Playstation games from an apartment on 20th St.
Saturday, Nov. 25 — Someone stole a pair of Minnox binoculars, valued at \$500, and riding equipment, valued at \$210, from a bike parked in the basement of the Corvallis Public Library.
Friday, Nov. 24 — Someone broke into a 2005 Jeep Wrangler, parked in the OSU Foundation parking lot, and stole \$80, several credit cards, and personal items.
Thursday, Nov. 23 — Someone stole parts, adding up to \$60, from a bike located at the Wilson Hall bike rack.
Thursday, Nov. 23 — Some-

one stole a specialized Gila T4RST bike, valued at \$399, from the Weatherford Hall bike rack.
Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Someone stole a blue and silver Giant Hybrid 21-speed mountain bike, valued at \$300, from the Sackett Hall bike rack.
Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Someone broke into a 1995 Toyota Rav4 and stole a Cannon Powershot A540 digital camera, Apple iPod, and an Apple iPod nano.
Other
Saturday, Nov. 25 — A man was cited for human waste after urinating in public on S.W. 5th St.
Wednesday, Nov. 22 — A man stole a steel bread rack from Franz Bread Company. He said he had paid \$10 to an employee to take it.

Police Beat is compiled from the crime logs of Corvallis Police Department and the Oregon State Police by Amanda Robbins. She can be reached at news@dailybarometer.com or 737-2231.

DUFFY: Retiree has many memories from tenure at OSU

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machine shop, A&D Enterprises in Albany. She would also like to do more volunteer work with her church, Grace Bible Fellowship and would like to travel as well.
 "I want to go to the Smithsonian," Duffy said.
 Finally, Duffy also would like to get involved with the Humane Society because of her love for animals.
 "I'll play it as it goes," Duffy said.
 Duffy lives with her husband in Albany and although she never had any kids, she is a step-grandmother to two of her husband's grandchildren.
 "They call me Grandma Jean," Duffy said.
 When Duffy graduated from Western Oregon University in 1968 — then called Oregon College of Education — as an ele-

mentary education major and humanities minor, she planned on doing something in the form of education.
 "Education has been in my blood," Duffy said.
 Duffy's mother and father were both involved in education.
 Throughout her years at OSU, she has accumulated many memories, — her favorite one was going to the Beaver football games.
 "They were always fun. I would always yell and holler," Duffy recalled.
 Duffy would also take care of the stray cats that would roam around Snell Hall's courtyard. Duffy would make sure the cats had plenty of water and food each morning.
 "One day one of the cats ran into Student Involvement and was lost in an open air duct. It took us all a while to coax it out, and Jean was very relieved that 'her kitty' was saved," Paschke said.
 A 'Jean Duffy Retirement Soiree' will be

held in Student Involvement Lounge, MU East Hall (Snell Hall) from 10:30 a.m. to noon today. The soiree is open to the public.
 "It's hard to imagine Snell Hall or anywhere on campus without her," Karl McCreary, an archivist at the OSU Valley Library, said.
 Her presence is not the only thing that will be missed. Torset also said her contribution to the university will be a loss.
 "She is a teacher in the true meaning of the word and I have gained so much from her presence, much as the campus is a better place because of her," Torset said. "When she is gone, I will truly miss her and the light-hearted banter that we have enjoyed for so many years."
 It's no doubt that the university is losing a very special and unique individual.
 "It's all gone by so fast," Duffy said.

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A better way to 'buy back' books

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Engineers Without Borders, a student group, is running a book drive called Books for Africa through Dec. 15.
 The goal of the drive is to collect used textbooks from students and faculty to ship to Africa for underprivileged universities, according to Brad Eagleson, EWB fundraising coordinator.
 The idea came partly from Steven Rubert, associate professor in the history department, who has been working on sending books to a Zimbabwe university, Eagleson said.
 He said the group first did the book drive last spring term and coordinated with Rubert to send all the books to the same university.
 The student group partnered with a company called Better World Books to ship the books to various African universities.

Better World Books is a company created in 2001 by three college students from Indiana, and it is "the leader in converting donated books into funding that supports world literacy effort," according to their Web site.
 Currently there are drop boxes at Java II in the library, the MU Lounge and the west end of the third floor of Milam Hall.
 Eagleson said soon there will be boxes in all of the dining halls as well.
 There is also a Facebook group with the message that books will go toward "(supporting) literacy (and) learning in an area where textbooks are scarce."
 The group gives the Web site www.booksforafrica.org, which is a national program for sending donated books to Africa.

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FLU: Get vaccine to prevent spread of virus

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according to ODHS.
 "What people don't realize is that they can carry the flu virus," SHS Marketing Coordinator Jean Stilwell said. "Get a flu shot before the holidays and before traveling so you don't expose older people."
 Benton County Health Department recommends that every member of the community frequently wash their hands with soap, cover their cough and stay at home if they are sick.
 According to Fautin, waterless hand sanitizers are "fairly effective against flu," but they are a fall-back measure to soap and water.
 "If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, now is a good time to do so," Kohn said in a press release. "Vaccination is far and away the best way to protect yourself from flu."
 Kohn also said that the first case of the flu means that more cases will be appearing with in

the coming weeks.
 Symptoms of flu include abrupt onset of fever, sore throat, muscle aches, coughing, and loss of appetite.
 In Oregon, flu is a non-reportable illness. Fautin said there are too many cases that never even make it to a doctor's office — though the first few definite cases are reported.
 "In Oregon, (flu season) generally peaks sometime between December to January," Fautin said.
 This week is National Influenza Vaccine Week. Student Health Services will be offering vaccinations for students, staff and faculty members today and Friday. SHS Marketing Coordinator Jean Stilwell described the OSU vaccination supply as "ample."
 Eighteen-hundred students have been vaccinated so far this year. Last year, less than 1800 people were vaccinated at SHS.
 "It's not too late, anyone else who wants to get a flu shot should come on in," Stilwell said.

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MU: Expansion for student experience

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"We are advocating for the future of the student experience," Olson said.
 The cost of the building has not yet been determined. The MU Board of Directors approval gave the MU Expansion proposers the ability to ask students what they would want and how they would want to pay for a new building.
 "This is really just a way for us to get some ideas on the table to start working with because the clock is ticking and MU East is failing," Henthorne said.
 For more information about the future of Snell Hall and funding for the MU Expansion project read Friday's article, under the heading MU Expansion.

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Sila Cevikce Shaman is a talented pianist and composer who is originally from Turkey. A 1996 graduate of the Berklee College of Music, she headed up several bands of varied sizes and configurations during her time there. Since then, Shaman has performed with, written for, and recorded with groups such as the Kim Bock Quartet, Spindle, Greenwich Blue, Dan McMillion Groovin' High Big Band; she has performed with jazz greats such as Pacquito D'Rivera, Clay Jenkins, John Lamb, Tim Hagans, Billy Drummond, Rich Pery, and Ari Hoening. Shaman has written music for the experimental theater company, NaCl, and scored the short film "Catskill Chainsaw Redemption," by Emmy-winning writer J.R. Havalan of "The Daily Show with John Stewart." Her debut album as a lead performer, released on SteepleChase Records, titled "A New Abode," was an Album of the Week pick by NPR's Jazz with Bob Parlocha.

Matt McCluskey has performed and taught jazz piano in the Seattle area for ten years. McCluskey's interest in the instrument began with playing the family piano at an early age. Hearing the Glenn Gould recording of the Bach Partitas led to an obsession and formal study. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, where he studied with Neal O'Doan and Marc Seales, and played in small jazz groups in the Seattle area. He also began writing for small groups and large unconventional orchestras and experimented with electronic music. In addition to performing and teaching, McCluskey has composed the complete score of two video games. His current projects include an arrangement of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* that stays true to the original score, but arranges the strings for a four-piece band with the electric guitar taking the theme of Peter. He also arranges and composes music that fuses classical concepts with contemporary styles.

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Guest Editorial

Misplaced blame

Pittsburgh (U-WIRE) — Kids these days are rude - at least that's what some of our professors think. They're not happy about all the gadgets and technology we're bringing into the classroom, especially when they have reason to think that it's distracting us from their lessons, according to an Associated Press article. While some of us really are taking notes on our laptops, others spend class clicking through Facebook, playing games and compulsively checking e-mail.

And it's not just laptops. Students type out text messages on their cell phones and send e-mails on Blackberries rather than taking notes. People also play games on their PSPs and use their iPods throughout class. Some of these people make us wonder why they even came to class at all.

It's unfair for instructors to write off every student who brings technology into the classroom. The argument is this: If we functioned without technology in the classroom before, why do we need it now? And the answer, according to some, is that we're a rude generation lacking social skills.

Actually, the conflict lies in the generation gap. We as students have shown that we can cut it when it comes to multitasking. For us, it's a way of life. We've grown up with an increasing amount of stimuli and constantly developing technology. It's only natural that it's highly integrated into our lives. Are we capable of checking our e-mail and being attentive in class? Yes.

However, there is a line when it comes to technology in the classroom. Should people have PSPs, iPods and cell phones out during class? No. If you can't sit through class without these distractions, then you probably shouldn't even go in the first place. Laptops are useful for taking notes, but they also offer easily accessible distractions. If you can't peel yourself away from your gadgets long enough to sit through class and you insist on showing up, go ahead and play games on your iPod - just keep it to yourself and don't distract the professor or other students.

The article blames a sense of accessibility for our constant desire to be plugged in, and it also notes that large lecture halls harbor more offenders. It's easier to get lost in the crowd and become disengaged from the lecturer when you're a faceless number in a sea of people. Perhaps small classes are the key to keeping some students' attention. But then there's the accessibility issue. Are we as a generation "too connected," and is all this technology encouraging detachment from life and dependence on machines? The answer for most of us is no.

So while some people would like to blame technology for hollowing out students as they look for some deep psychological reasons to explain gadgets showing up in the classroom, we're content to blame it on the attention problems students have been battling for decades. Things haven't changed so much - we're just showing up with cooler toys.

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Emily Riley



The Column Abroad

Friends in common places

This past weekend I found myself draped with a woman's scarf being adjusted by four other men trying to sell me sunglasses and patterned bags. Although I have never been involved in a gang robbery, I imagine it is somewhat similar because they both want your money; however, one is a bunch of high spirited gentlemen just trying to make an honest living.

What would you do in this situation?

A. Start walking away, eventually urged to come to a brisk jog in order to ward off men with bags flying and necklaces clanging?

B. Make the mistake of indulging them just to be friendly and go home with three-too-many items you did not intend to buy?

C. Yell at them to stop following you and risk looking like a jerk? or ...

D. Humor them by joking or teasing, and gain another member of your shopping posse?

This is what I'm faced with each visit to the market. Vendors using any complimentary tactic to convince you to buy a pair of shoes that don't fit, or to just look for what a direct translation from French to English would mean "for the pleasure of your eyes."

The inner workings of the market are a fascination to me; each person has a role in a harmonious collaboration of buying and selling. From what I can tell, the roles are complex and fluid. For all I know there could quite possibly be a board of directors for a market alliance or an association to make sure everything runs smoothly, with a meeting every Monday at Mamadou's egg stand. Although there are many players in this world of commerce, the principal actors, the ones available to make your shopping experience memorable, are the men I like to call the market concierge. A job resume of someone looking for a position as a concierge might read "sociable and creative" or "helpful and won't take no for an answer."

These are the men who greet you as you enter the zone, which could be anywhere within a mile radius of the market. As far as I can tell, his commission comes from escorting, or rather convincing you to visit a certain shop. He will follow you wherever you go, whether you want him to or not. You could walk into a store and he would follow pointing at an item he sells for less money. A concierge takes on several different roles; one being your financial advisor as he asks you how much you would pay for a first edition English grammar book. He also gives fashion compliments when you try on something, or his opinions on African Picasso paintings.

In a sense, this person most shoppers are try to avoid could be a great asset to you. He is there to light your cigarettes or warn you of a taxi that is about to hit you. If there is a piece of trash you cannot bear to throw on the

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September Experience at Belmont High

An individual's high school years mark them throughout the course of their adolescence and beyond. Some people may leave high school having left their mark on the world, while others will leave having been marked for life, for better or worse, for success or failure, by their high school experience. This is the conclusion that I have drawn from this summer when I visited Belmont High School in Los Angeles, California, for two weeks. I volunteered as a teacher-shadow through a program offered at the College of Liberal Arts called the "September Experience."

I learned many things at Belmont: foremost, that it is a wonderful place full of wonderful people. Unfortunately, not everyone has the same view. I noticed that what most city residents, school district employees and college and university personnel associate the school with is failure, violence and mayhem.

It would be unjustified to dismiss the pessimist's perception of Belmont as a complete falsehood. The occasional gang-related shootout and stabbing are not everyday happenings, but they do occur. Low test scores do plague the school, and this does highlight Belmont's shortcomings while adding to its negative image. However, although the occasional negative publicity does highlight some weaknesses, this should not overshadow the high school's successes and the potential of the community.

Edward Gutierrez



The Press Killed the King

I mention this because one particular experience still stands out and one chance visit to Mrs. Castellano's classroom is what sparked it all. This day, Mrs. Castellano's class was vibrant and full of life; students were working diligently on their math assignment while others were in the back of the room creating a banner for their academy, the International School of Languages.

I was dazed to see so many students actively participating in worthwhile educational activities. From the image that was presented to me prior to my arrival, all this activity was not supposed to occur, not at an inner-city school like this one! Not at Belmont, a school full of foreigners and their native-born children, a school from which the only news heard comes at the top of the ten o'clock newscast.

Mrs. Castellano noticed my look of surprise. With a proud smile, she began to share with me the admiration she feels toward her students. She mentioned the trials and tribulations many of these students go through daily, and how they manage to overcome them. After our conversation, she directed me towards the other end of the third floor hallway

to Mr. Mossadaq's French class. She told me I would find a very special student there, a student whose life exemplifies the struggles, hardships and obstacles of many Belmont students.

With his distinctly polite and elegant yet forceful tone, Mr. Mossadaq called for Francisco. He stood almost immediately and I asked if he would like to visit with me in the school library to share his story. Francisco agreed and he began by telling me about himself, his family, his parents, his six younger siblings in Guatemala and how he left them all at the age of thirteen — and hasn't seen them since. He began to elaborate on what life has been like since he left home.

Since the age of thirteen he has worked and sent money home to support his family in Santa Eulalia. However, at the ages of fourteen and fifteen he began to smoke and drink alcohol excessively. When I asked him how he felt during this time, he said, "desperate, sad and without family." He went on to recount that, "The first time I used drugs, I did so with the intention of committing suicide with an overdose." And this was not the only attempt; at least two others followed, one of which left him hospitalized for back surgery and a fractured foot and left him jobless for six months, struggling to survive.

After that, Francisco cut all communication with his family. When I asked him about this, he said, "I didn't

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Family first, then grades during holidays

Carbondale, Ill. (U-WIRE) — I'm sure the turkey was excellent. So were the dressing, macaroni and cheese and candied yams. Let me not fail to mention the consumption of Cornish hens, cornbread, collard greens and the thousands of freshly baked pies your mothers labored over and engineered in their own version of Hell's Kitchen, all to put a smile on your face.

The holiday seasons always been a time of great retrospection. These memories take you back to the good old days — the days when your aunt gave you a humongous hug and kiss for no reason when you were a baby. It was all about love. Remember?

In returning home for the holiday hiatus, you revisit those same hugs and kisses but as a twentysomething college student. I know you weren't surprised. In your eyes you might have thought you were grown, but in the eyes of all the loving family members who helped raise you, you're still an infant.

As rough as it may be to converse with your 80-year-old grandpa for

Grant Yanney
Daily Egyptian

two hours, you do it. Don't forget what he told you, either. There was a time when your grandpa was your age, and he did the same things — he listened and learned.

From an educational standpoint, time with the family is just as important as which university you attend. The practical knowledge you pick up in school today is just how it sounds — practical, as in knowledge you are going to practice in your chosen vocation for the rest of your life. Family has done much more for me.

They have put me on to a lot of different things that have helped shape my life overall. We should all give thanks to those loved ones who provided time to mold us into great individuals. You begin to understand this family time is something to cherish, more so than the club-hopping and other late nights spent during your break, although you get that in, too!

Hopefully the break didn't sidetrack any of you. College is a race,

and you just had some time to catch your breath. Refreshment is not assured though. A lot of multitasking was exhibited during this break, splitting time between paying attention to bills and your class syllabus. If that was the case, then congratulations on handling your business and having fun at the same time.

Now is the time to head back into the race full speed. This is the time when you run just how the poet Mr. Rudyard Kipling told you to — "fill the unforgiving minute, with sixty seconds' worth of distance run." With less than three weeks remaining in the semester, it is officially that time — time to buckle down and change that B you've been averaging this whole semester into an A. This is the time when champions are born. Don't settle for a bronze medal, go for gold! It sure would make for a great Christmas present, don't you think?

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Letter to the Editor

Warren Guest Column

Minority groups need solidarity

Shannon Warren's Nov. 29 guest column expressed concern that diversity efforts at OSU focused on the "flavor of the week" cause, which she says is currently the queer community. Warren is right that racism is not a dead issue.

However, being envious of the attention given to a small minority of LGBT students will not get racism more attention at OSU. Instead, student groups, such as Sol and ASOSU, must work together in solidarity to get a bigger voice.

My recent OSU Queer History Month speech discussed how bigots exploit blacks' envy of gay civil rights to divide and repress both groups.

Nobody should fall for this trick. Also, Warren's idea to ask administration officials to attend cultural events is a good one. But forcing them might lead to a backlash against all diversity programs at OSU.

THOMAS KRAEMER
OSU class of '77, Corvallis

RILEY: Concierges double as good shopping partners and friends

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ground they will dispose of it for you. Basically the perfect gentleman!

This past weekend we had an exceptionally generous young concierge in training. He would have followed you from shop to shop, helping you put on earrings when a mirror was unavailable, or making light conversation as you walk along the crowded streets, always hinting at his magical shop that sells each item on our list. Sometimes he would disappear and then come out of nowhere in a place we thought he couldn't find us. It's almost like hide-and-go-seek except he has the whole market alliance on his side to spill the beans on our whereabouts. Then at the end of the day, when it was time to go home, despite our insistence that we did not intend on seeing his shop, he blamed us for taking up his time.

Because the market extraordinaires are supremely faithful to your shopping needs, and are true to their resume descriptions of never taking no for an answer, there is no choice but to accept and embrace this temporary friendship. It seems like the perfect friendship. As a friend they will constantly make you feel good about yourself and always stick with you, and even forgive your faults as a friend when you are in a foul mood or forget to call. We all need friends like these.

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GUTIERREZ: progress through experience

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want to know anything of them, and when they would call me, I would hang up. I had a deep resentment in my heart towards them for what had happened." What had happened was that at sixteen years old, Francisco was living in pain, alone and under brides, homeless for a time trying to recuperate from his injuries, find work and get back to school.

Now, at twenty years old, Francisco looks back on those times of crisis and feels determined. About four years ago he decided to quit drugs and alcohol, get back in touch with his family and enroll in school. But then new challenges emerged for Francisco. Being that he was a minor and had no family or stable address to call home, he recalled having a difficult time "finding someone to take responsibility for me." With no legal guardian in sight to sign

his enrollment papers, he eventually managed to solicit help from a friend and enrolled.

Since that time (just under four years ago), Francisco has flourished in school. He will graduate next June and looks forward to going to community college or perhaps to music school. Music, specifically Christian music, he shared, was a source of consolation in tough times and a motivating force behind his drastic life conversion.

Meanwhile, his relationship with his family has improved as well. Francisco now has a little sister he's not yet met — after eight years of separation, he has not visited his family. This distance does not limit him from gaining inspiration from his younger sibling. He says, "I speak with her, [and] when I ask her, 'What do you want to be when you grow up,' she says, 'A doctor.'"

Wise despite his young age, when asked what he would like to be when he grows up, Francisco's smile lights up, he clears his throat, his hands prop up off

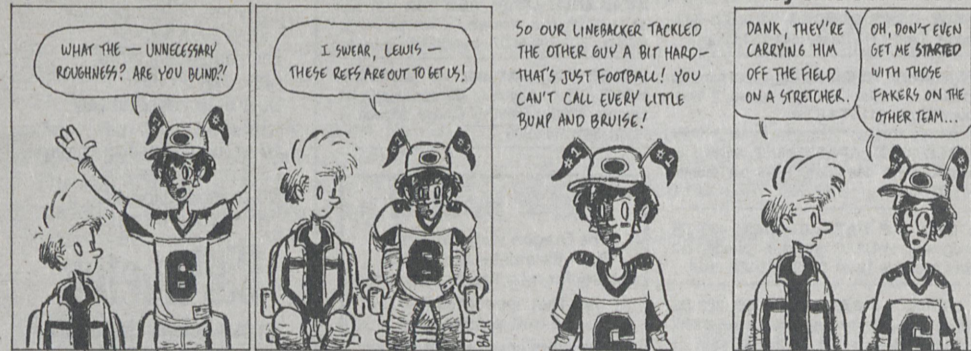
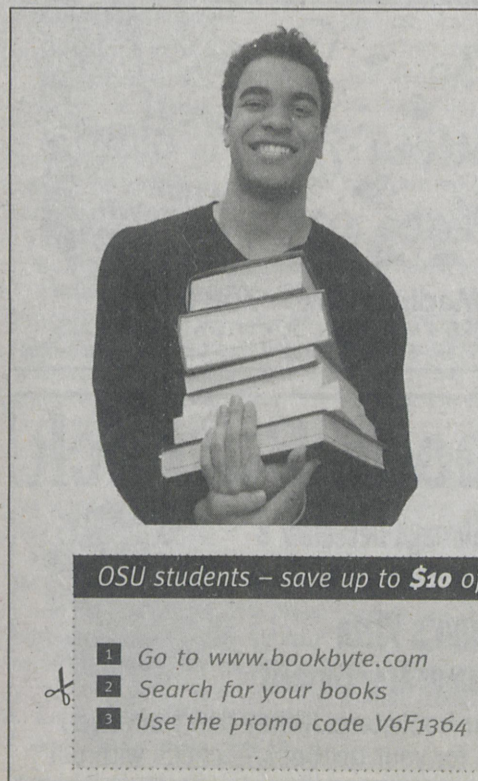
the desk where we are sitting, he scoots up in his seat and with visible excitement says, "I want to form a Christian music group." And he adds, "I want to work with youth and help encourage them in making sound decisions." Decisions that he hopes, as he says, "will help them become whatever they choose to be."

With that, about an hour after the final school bell had sounded, we said our good-byes. Now, looking back on my September Experience, I give thanks for Francisco. I give thanks because instead of allowing the mark of failure to brand him as it has so many others like him during his life and his stay at Belmont, he decided to strive for success. Undoubtedly, Francisco will leave an indelible mark on the world with his amazing life story, a story that remains a work in progress.

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SALAD DAYS

by JASON BACH

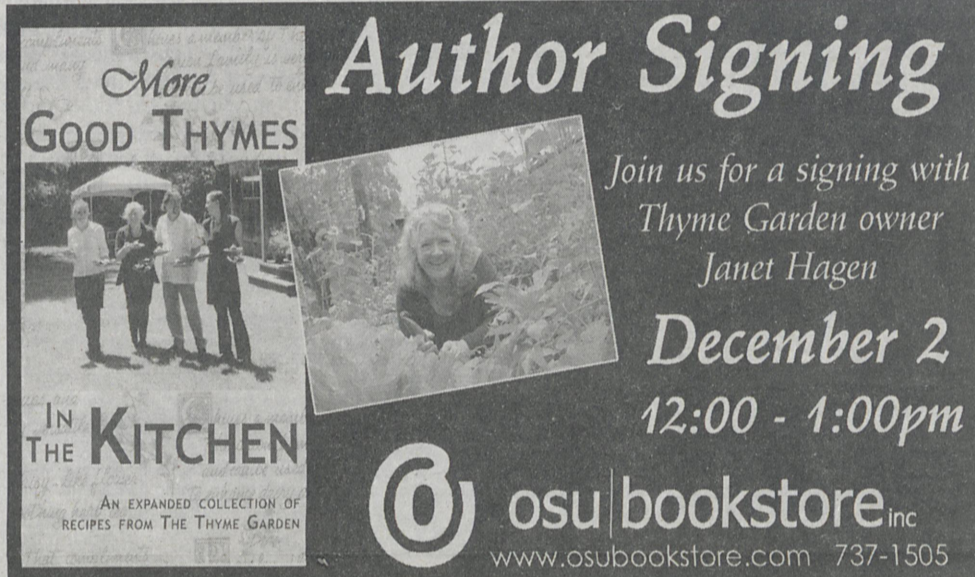
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Oregon lawyer, arrested after Madrid bombings, settles lawsuit

By Sarah Skidmore
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PORTLAND — The federal government has agreed to pay Oregon lawyer Brandon Mayfield \$2 million to settle part of the lawsuit he filed because of his mistaken arrest by FBI agents after the 2004 Madrid terrorist bombings.

"The pain and torture and humiliation that this (case) has caused my family is hard to put into words," Mayfield, a Muslim convert, said at a Wednesday news conference after the settlement was announced. His wife, Mona, was at his side.

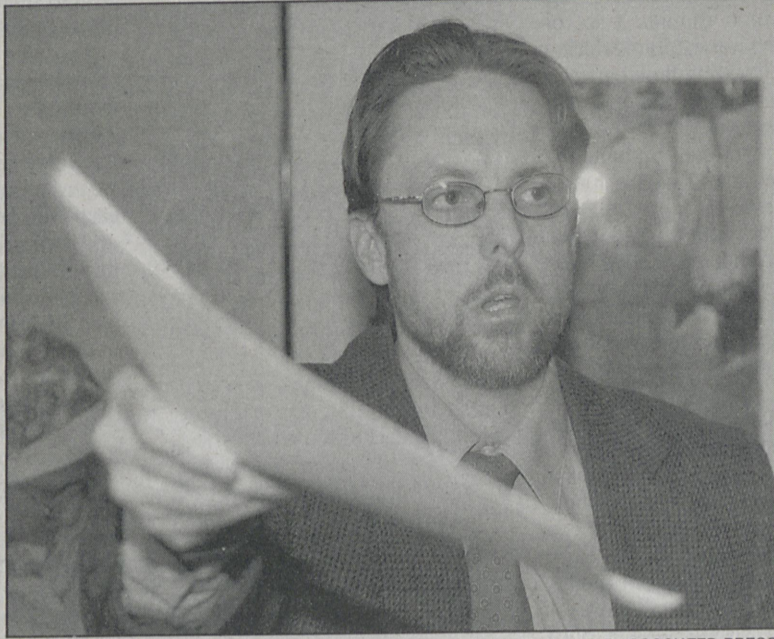
Mona Mayfield repeated what her husband argued in his lawsuit against the federal government: He was arrested because of his faith.

"We are Muslims. We are American. We are patriotic," Mona Mayfield said. "We are unhappy with the current administration stripping away our rights."

Even though Mayfield has settled part of the lawsuit, he is continuing his legal challenge to the anti-terror USA Patriot Act.

"I look forward to the day the Patriot Act is declared unconstitutional, and all citizens are safe from unwarranted arrest and searches by the federal government," he said in a written statement earlier Wednesday.

Mayfield was arrested after a fingerprint found on a bag of detonators



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Brandon Mayfield hands out copies of a statement regarding his lawsuit against the FBI in Portland, Ore. Mayfield announced he has settled his lawsuit against the agency for \$2 million.

in Madrid was incorrectly matched to him after the March 11, 2004 train bombings that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500.

His arrest on May 6, 2004 came despite a challenge by Spanish National Police of the FBI's conclusion of a

fingerprint match. Mayfield says that during his detention federal agents threatened him with charges that carry the death penalty.

The FBI's admission that the arrest was a mistake embarrassed the agency and forced the FBI to improve its fin-

gerprint analysis procedures.

The local FBI office told The Associated Press on Wednesday it was "proud" of its work in the case — other than the fingerprint error.

"If a similar investigation was being conducted, and we were provided a fingerprint identification, we would do exactly what we did in the case of Mr. Mayfield," said Robert Jordan, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI. "We are very proud of what we did here, but we recognize that our laboratory made a mistake."

Jordan said that Mayfield was not targeted because of his religion and that his faith was discovered after the fingerprint identification.

"Of course we regret what happened to Mr. Mayfield, but again, we are proud of what we did here," he said.

The government did not admit liability or fault in the settlement.

The FBI and the Justice Department repeatedly apologized for the arrest — and the government did so once again Wednesday as part of the settlement.

"The United States of America apologizes to Mr. Brandon Mayfield and his family for the suffering caused by the FBI's misidentification of Mr. Mayfield's fingerprint and the resulting investigation of Mr. Mayfield, including his arrest as a material witness in connection with the 2004 Madrid train bombings and the execution of search warrants

and other court orders in the Mayfield family home and in Mr. Mayfield's law office," the apology reads.

Mayfield claims that the Patriot Act violates the Fourth Amendment because it allows government searches without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

"The Patriot Act is decidedly not patriotic," Rosenthal said. "We will vigorously pursue this constitutional challenge to the highest courts in the country."

The U.S. Justice Department has said there was no misuse of the Patriot Act during the Mayfield investigation.

Tasia Scolinos, spokeswoman for the Justice Department, also pointed out Wednesday that because of the Mayfield case the FBI has adopted suggestions for improving its fingerprint identification process "to ensure that what happened to Mr. Mayfield does not happen again."

Michael Greenberger, a law professor at the University of Maryland and former Department of Justice official, said the settlement "doesn't fully compensate" Mayfield "for the disruption to his life" caused by his arrest.

"But I do believe even this partial settlement will hopefully serve as a deterrent to the FBI and other law enforcement ... They simply must be more careful in the war on terror," he said.

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VOLLEYBALL: Injury to starting setter hurts team

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The Beavers were hampered all season by an inability to communicate in the backcourt and struggled with serve receiving. Their experienced players also struggled: the three seniors, Abby Windell, Britany Cahoon and Taylor Studzinski just couldn't all play well on the same night. But, Liskevych says, the seniors did a lot for the team off the court.

"They did a really great job getting the team together," he said. "This team has really good team unity and I attribute that to the seniors, particularly Britt and Abby."

And while Oregon State will miss Windell and Cahoon's presence at the net, the group of young kids can only get better.

Rachel Rourke, an outside hitter from Australia, became OSU's go-to player, averaging 4.25 kills per game

and terminating the ball 387 times on the season. Rourke was named to the Pac-10 All-Freshman Team.

Lexie Rathgeber, a freshman middle blocker, was also named to a Pac-10 All-Freshman team. Rathgeber led the Beavers in blocking, with 77 block assists and 89 total blocks.

"The freshmen are going to be good," Liskevych said. "They need more seasoning, more skill work and to continue to learn the game of volleyball."

The Beavers will also get help when Camilla Ah-Hoy, a freshman setter, returns next season. Ah-Hoy was lost midway through the year to a torn ACL.

"In spite of having such a miserable year, we kept fighting in all the games and that's good," Liskevych said. "It's tough. But you know that old saying ... you gotta get worse before you get better. And there's nothing but up from here."

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GYMNASTICS: Smith won floor and vault at 2006 Pac-10s

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man of the Year.

Smith, last year's Pac-10 champion on the vault and floor exercise, just missed competing in the individual finals on vault at the 2006 NCAA championships. Smith but placed sixteenth in the all-around but was outscored by Lanz by a mere tenth of a point.

"Last season I competed all around," Lanz said. "But I am coming back from ankle surgery, so for the first couple meets I might have to compete just some events until I can get back on my feet. Then hopefully do all around every competition."

Lanz and Smith will compete with

other returning gymnasts such as Yuki Lamb, Cassandra Rowell and Keegan Fitzgerald.

Despite earning a spot at nationals last season, Oregon State has not won a conference team title since 1996.

This year, the Beavers are hoping for a high rank in the Pac-10, and are eager for another shot at nationals. One of the overall goals for the upcoming season is to make it into the super six. The outcome will be determined by consistency on each event and the ability of the team to remain healthy throughout the season.

"We want to build off of last season," Chaplin said. "That's our number one goal, not just to get back to nationals but to improve our performance, try to break into that super six and keep building."

"They are a great group of young

women and have really worked hard to try to accomplish that, we do know that we have to build our reputation as we go on. That's our main goal: not just to make it back to nationals, but to improve our performance from last season."

The Beavers will kick off their season against Florida in Gainesville on January 12. OSU's first home meet will be Jan. 19 against California at Gill.

"We are starting off against the University of Florida, which ended up in the final six last year," Lamb said. "We want a good solid start and good solid scores."

The intrasquad exhibition begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Gill and admission is free.

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HADE: Coker has winning bowl record, national championship, but it doesn't matter

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John Bunting went 2-10 this season, and lost 46 of the 72 games he coached in his six year stint. Dan McCarney, who technically resigned after 12 years of roaming Iowa State's sideline, was 55-84 and didn't win a Big 12 conference game this year. There are a handful of other pink slips that were surely earned.

Some firings, however, aren't so cut and dry. The discerning football fan will look with skepticism at decisions to see off Mike Shula at Alabama, Larry Coker in Miami and Dirk Koetter down in Tempe. These are just cases of the Fieldturf looking greener on the other side of the 50.

Coker was 59-15 in Coral Gables. While a case could be made that his winning trend was headed south and numerous on- and off-field debacles tarnished Miami's ... uh ... "reputation," the man has a winning bowl record and national championship.

It is the first time in the modern history of college football that a national championship coach has been canned.

Who will want the Miami job after the administration showing a complete lack of support when the going gets rough? Already numerous high profile coaches — including Steve Spurrier and Tommy Tuberville — have rejected interested in the position.

Mike Shula was kicked off the Rolling Tide at Alabama just a year after going 10-2 and winning the Cotton Bowl. This year, Alabama is bowl eligible at 6-6, but lost to dismal Mississippi State along the way. Shula also never beat archrival Auburn in his five seasons, and that alone buries any coach in Tuscaloosa.

This is a program coming off severe sanctions and has gone through five coaches since 2001. When do you actually stick with a coach and let his system take hold? So far, they are also struggling to get top candidates interested in moving to Alabama.

And finally the Sun Devils. Tempe let Dirk Koetter go after six seasons in which he compiled a 40-33 record. The Sun Devils, while failing to win a

conference title, went bowling each year under Koetter's watch — this year they will be traveling to Hawaii. They also pulled in a handful of highly-rated recruiting classes. Most fans, though, were unhappy with Koetter from the beginning of the season after he pulled a quarterback flip-flop.

In mid-September, he named senior Sam Keller the starter before reversing his decision and giving the job to sophomore Rudy Carpenter. Keller has since transferred to Nebraska and Carpenter struggled to find his identity as the team's leader.

While ASU might be a more attractive job because of a lack of baggage, the athletic department will need to hemorrhage cash to lure a big name. Prior to this season, Koetter signed a contract extension and is owed close to \$3 million severance.

Time will tell if athletic director Lisa Love made the correct judgment in letting Koetter go. But as an institution of higher education, maybe she should have asked the players what they thought of their head coach, or if they had confidence in the direction of the program. In response to her decision, many Sun Devil players have been quoted as want-

ing to boycott their Hawaii Bowl game.

As the year winds down, it seems as though the offseason for many teams is just heating up. Why do Beaver fans need to care about firings and forced resignations of coaches across the country? Because it is simply too small a world to ignore.

You could take the isolationist attitude and brush off the misfortune of other schools, but take note: as an alumnus, Mike Riley already turned down the Alabama job back in 2002 before Shula was hired. Will Riley's alma mater go after him again?

On second thought, perhaps the college football season is far from over.

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UNC wins match-up of outstanding freshmen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough started and ended North Carolina's game-breaking 17-2 run in the second half and the seventh-ranked Tar Heels went on to a 98-89 victory over No. 3 Ohio State on Wednesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

In a game featuring two of the country's top freshman classes — with Greg Oden, the best of the bunch, sitting on the Ohio State bench in street clothes with a towel around his neck — Hansbrough, a preseason All-America as a sophomore took over down low.

The 6-foot-9 forward was the key inside as the Tar Heels (5-1) were able to overcome an incredible 3-point shooting performance by the Buckeyes (6-1), who were playing outside the Columbus city limits for the first time this season.

Hansbrough finished with 21 points and 14

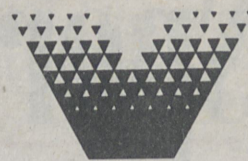
rebounds, and freshman Wayne Ellington added 19 for North Carolina, which trailed by 10 points in the first half and was down 68-63 with 10:50 to play in the game.

Ron Lewis had 30 points for Ohio State, which finished 13-for-26 from 3-point range after hitting 12 of his first 19 shots from beyond the arc.

North Carolina started three freshmen and played five in the game, while Ohio State had two on the floor at the beginning and had one more among its eight available players.

The ACC had already clinched the 11-game challenge series for the eighth time in as many meetings earlier Wednesday night, but the Tar Heels put a nice cap on the event for their conference.

Ty Lawson had 13 points for North Carolina, while fellow freshman Brandan Wright added 11.



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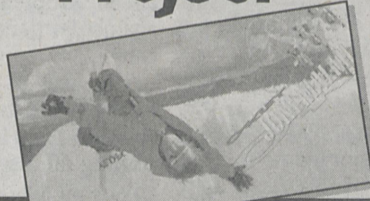
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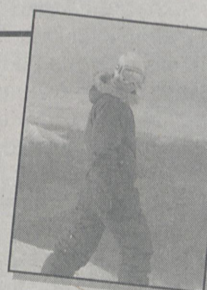
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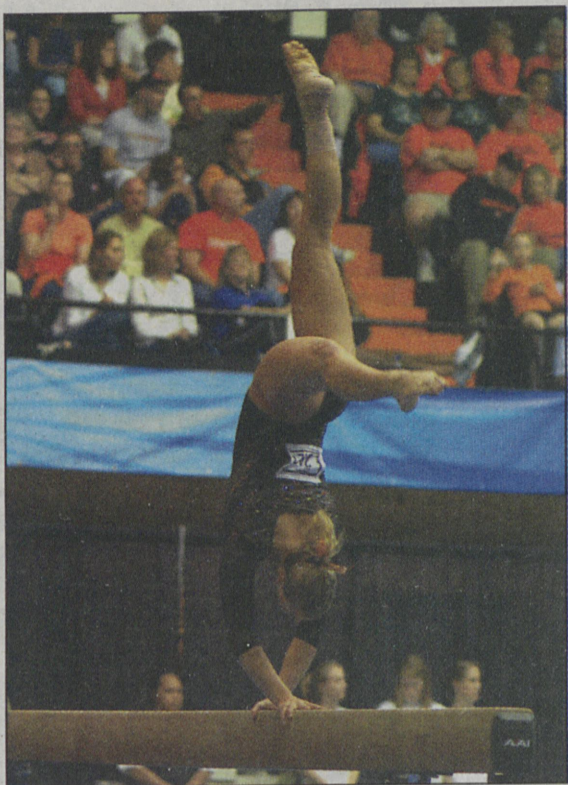
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Jami Lanz, last year's Co-Freshman of the Year, will shoulder a heavy responsibility this year as the Beavers have no seniors returning on a squad that placed in the top 12 in the nation last spring at the NCAA Championships in Corvallis.

TZU-YING CHEN
THE DAILY BAROMETER



Gymnastics readies to open season

■ After competing in NCAA Championships last year, young Beavers will rely on super sophomores Tasha Smith and Jami Lanz as they open 2007 season

By Samantha Redmond
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's gymnastics team is hungry. One year after competing in the NCAA Gymnastics Championships, the Beavers' taste of national competition has left them hungry for a bigger piece of the pie.

Last season, the 2006 NCAA Championship was hosted by Oregon State, who was also a contender. The Beavers finished third last season at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships and earned a spot at nationals by pulling off a surprising victory over Stanford. But OSU's title hopes were cut short in the second session when the Beavers failed to make the super six.

With the loss of last season's seniors, Chrissy Lamun and Angela Morales, experience and leadership will fall on the shoulders of all team members.

"We all work hard and we all want to be the top one," said junior Courtney Dennison. "We work hard and motivate everyone else to do the same thing."

The team will be hosting an exhibition this Friday in Gill. The Orange and Black Intrasquad Meet will allow the gymnasts to experience performing their skills and routines on the competition floor, rather than the softer landing mats at the training facility.

"We are really looking forward to starting off real strong," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "This week, it is a great way to get out in front of the public again and have an exhibition to start working on the little things. Then we will have a month to clean things up before Florida."

"For the upcoming intrasquad meet our goal as a team is to push for line ups and compete against one another while still keeping that team atmosphere," said sophomore Jami Lanz. "See where we are and where we need to keep building."

This year's team will feature five freshmen, four of which are training in all-around competition. The good news for the Beavers is that of the 16 gymnasts on the 2007 Oregon State team, 11 are returning. And two of the returnees are some of the best in the Pac-10: All-American Tasha Smith, and Lanz, the 2006 Pac-10 Co-Fresh-

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Kellen Hade



Impatience: the enemy of success

All good things must come to an end. Alas, my favorite time of year is almost over.

As the end of the term approaches and finals loom near, college football is coming to a close. The Beavers have accepted an invitation to the Sun Bowl, which is Mike Riley's third bowl game since he was hired again in 2003.

He is only the third man to take Oregon State to as many games — Dennis Erickson is second and Tommy Prothro is the other, who ended his 11-year career in Corvallis by taking the Beavers to the Rose Bowl in 1964.

That statistic alone is certainly enough to earn Riley a special place in Oregon State football history. And to think, just a few months ago fans were expecting to be in the middle of a coaching search come early December rather than looking for cheap airfare to El Paso.

As I was sitting in class this week, and instructor evaluations were being handed out, it occurred to me that perhaps we judge people a little too harshly when there is that cloak of anonymity between us and the evaluated. As fans, it could be behind an internet message board or at a tailgater in the parking lot far removed from any coaches' ear; as a student, it comes in the form of a nameless Scantron sheet.

To any of my professors, particularly the few in Waldo Hall that are daring enough to brave the ghosts that roam the upper floor, don't worry. I gave you all positive marks.

In the larger frame of college football though, it seems athletic directors across the country don't have my same knack for generosity. To date, ten coaches have been involuntarily removed from their job in Division I football, and the season isn't yet over. What is even more absurd is the amount of prestigious jobs — those that usually open up once every decade — that have come available.

Is the college football culture, though, getting a little too trigger happy?

Consider who got the axe so far: former North Carolina head man

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The OSU volleyball team had trouble communicating on the court this year, and it showed in the matches: the Beavers were winless in the Pac-10, going 0-18.

Beaver struggle

■ OSU finishes the volleyball season 0-18 in the Pac-10, but coach says it has to 'get worse before it can get better'

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sometimes, there's no way around the obvious: it was a rough season for the OSU volleyball team.

The Beavers, under second-year coach Taras Liskevych, expected to get out of the basement of the Pacific-10 with three returning seniors and a talented crop of freshmen. But OSU could never quite combine the experience and youth, finishing the season 0-18 in the Pac-10 and 3-24 overall.

"I feel that certainly the record was not a good record and think we should have done better as a team and I take the blame for that," Liskevych said. "The buck has to stop with me. I feel like I have to figure out a way to get this team to be better and play better."

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Men's basketball begins month-long homestand

■ No. 1 UCLA, No. 10 LSU both headed to Corvallis over break

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fresno State will be in town Saturday as the Beavers (4-3) begin a month-long homestand that will include match-ups against two of last year's Final Four teams and the first installment of this year's Civil War.

While campus is closed for winter break OSU — who is coming off of two road victories — will take on several high-profile teams as the Beavers attempt to defend the homecourt for nine straight games.

On Dec. 17, the Beavers will play No. 10 LSU (3-1) a participant in last year's Final Four. Star forward Tyrus Thomas may have split for the NBA, but forward Glen "Big Baby" Davis has been leading the Tigers with 19.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game.

OSU will open Pac-10 play on Dec. 30 when Oregon (6-0) comes to Corvallis for the basketball version of the Civil War. The Ducks upset No. 18 Georgetown Wednesday, led by Aaron Brooks and Bryce Taylor who had 15 and 14 points,

respectively.

Oregon also features standout freshman Tajuan Porter who has already erupted for a 38-point game against Portland State in his young career.

The Beavers will also play host to the No. 1 team in the country UCLA (5-0) on Jan. 4. The Bruins are coming off a season in which they advanced to the National Championship game where they lost to Florida.

UCLA returns junior Arron Afflalo and sophomore Luc Richard Mbah a Moute.

If UCLA is going to make another run at a title Afflalo, Mbah a Moute and sophomore Joe Shipp will need to step up to fill in for Ryan Hollins — who graduated — and Jordan Farmer, who headed across town to trade in his UCLA blue for Laker purple.

Marcel Jones is leading the Beavers so far in scoring this averaging 18.7 points followed by Sasa Cucic — recently reinstated after a suspension — and freshman Josh Tarver who are both averaging 10.

OSU will wrap up the homestand Jan. 6 against USC.



Kyle Jeffers and the Beavers being a month-long homestand this Saturday that will include visits from two of last year's Final Four teams, No. 1 UCLA and No. 10 LSU.

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