



## CAMPUS OPENS LATE, CLOSES EARLY

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Gabriel Piltzer (foreground) and Tyler Murdoch take a break from classes to build snowmen in the MU Quad on Tuesday. Icy conditions caused the campus to open late and close early. TOP: A bicycle near the Memorial Union is coated in ice Tuesday morning.

# Communication of delays was flawed

Decision came later than officials would have liked; students did not receive e-mail alert

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Icy conditions Tuesday morning prompted several school closures and delays throughout the Willamette Valley, including a shortened schedule at OSU.

The university closed the campus until 11 a.m. and then closed it again at 5 p.m. Classes scheduled to begin after 5 p.m. were canceled.

"This all started for us about 5 a.m. — it got worse

as the commute approached," said Peggy Peirson, acting emergency program manager for Benton County.

Linn-Benton Community College, the Corvallis School District and other area schools closed for the day after initially planning a delayed start.

There were no major accidents on or near the campus as a result of the weather, officials said. Student Health Services treated about nine people who had fallen on ice with minor injuries.

"Mostly bumps and bruises. One student had a laceration from falling off a bicycle," Dr. Phil Histand

said.

Confusion over OSU's late start and early closure prompted President Ed Ray to apologize in a statement released Tuesday afternoon. The text of the statement is printed on page 3.

The confusion started when an e-mail meant to notify students, faculty and staff about the situation, which was drafted by the provost's office, was sent only to faculty and staff members in the early hours of the morning.

It wasn't until just before noon that students

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# Thieves nab TVs from MU

Property stolen when very few people were around the MU

By Lauren L. Dillard  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On Monday, two computer monitors and two LCD flat-screen TVs were stolen from the Memorial Union.

"Thefts of property from the university we investigate aggressively," said Oregon State Police Lt. Phil Zerzan.

Two computer monitors and one flat-screen TV were stolen from the lounge next to Bites Cafe and another flat-screen TV was taken from the downstairs locker area near the ballroom.

The thieves also tried to break through a small window in the door that leads to the basement level of the bookstore and tried to pry open the lock of the basement door to a facilities services shop. Drawers and a computer

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# Student faces charges for theft, drugs

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A 20-year-old merchandising management student was arrested Sunday after police allegedly discovered stolen property and drug paraphernalia in her home.

Munirih M. Khorvash was charged

with two counts of burglary in the first degree, aggravated theft in the first degree, criminal mischief in the first degree and unlawful delivery of marijuana.

A Corvallis police officer saw a vehicle driving in the vicinity of N.W. 29th Street and N.W. Taylor Ave-



Khorvash

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# Student gains nomination for academy

OSU freshman moves closer to admission to a military academy with help from a representative

By Nick Ngo  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It was only a matter of time before Ryan Mackey joined the military.

His brother is serving in the Naval Reserves and his parents both served in the U.S. Air Force.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, a U.S. Representative from Oregon's 5th District, recently gave a congressional nomination to the OSU freshman, bringing him one step closer to his goal.

The nomination is one of the prerequisites for applying to the Air Force Academy and Coast Guard Academy.

Mackey said he is not driven by his family's history of serving in the military, but rather the thought of saving people.

"When I told them I wanted to join the Coast Guard, my dad was a little disappointed because he was in the Air Force," Mackey said.

He set this goal in high school.

Now Mackey is enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at OSU, majoring in construction engineering management.

He is also applying to the Air Force Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. Mackey hopes to be either a jet pilot in the Air Force Academy or a helicopter pilot in the Coast Guard.

For the application process, one must apply to the academy and also apply separately for a congressional, vice-presidential or presidential nomination.

Meaghan Smith, Hooley's press assistant, said a nomination is essential for a candidate to be admitted to a military academy.

"Ryan Mackey has shown outstanding leadership, a strong academic aptitude and a commitment to public service," Smith said.

The first part of the application is a pre-application process during which the applicant submits information such

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Freshman Ryan Mackey recently received the necessary congressional nomination to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy or the Coast Guard Academy from U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley of Oregon's 5th district. Mackey is currently applying to both schools.





Thursday, Jan. 18

**Speakers**  
**Horning Lecture Series**, 4pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C & E Auditorium. "From Dayton to Dover: A Brief History of the Evolution Teaching Controversy in America." The third lecture in the 2006-07 series.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.

Sunday, Jan. 21

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

Monday, Jan. 22

**Meetings**  
**American Indian Science & Engineering Society**, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Weekly meeting. Everyone welcome!  
**Sigma Lambda Delta Sorority**, 5-8pm, Native American Longhouse. Weekly meeting and sisterhood event.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

**Meetings**  
**College of Science Study Abroad**, 5-6pm, Kidder 128. Informational meeting for students wanting to study abroad in the United Kingdom. Join us for free tea and biscuits and meet past participants and current UK students.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30m-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch: Come and go as you are able. Homemade, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.  
**Student Involvement**, 7:30pm, MU Council Room. Academic Success Workshop — Learn to balance academics and involvement activities.

Thursday, Jan. 25

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.

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# Report: 34,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in 2006

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Twin car bombs tore through a leading Baghdad university as students left classes Tuesday in the deadliest attack in Iraq in nearly two months, and the United Nations reported 34,452 civilians were slain last year, nearly three times more than the government reported.

A total of 142 Iraqis were killed or found dead Tuesday, in what appeared to be a renewed campaign of Sunni insurgent violence against Shiite targets. The sharp uptick in deadly attacks coincided with the release of U.N. figures that showed an average of 94 civilians died each day in sectarian bloodshed in 2006.

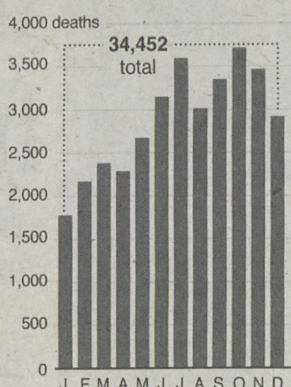
The blasts wrecked two small buses as students at Al-Mustansiriyah University were lining up for the ride home at about 3:45 p.m., according to Taqi al-Moussawi, a university dean. At least 65 students died.

The attackers stationed a man wearing a suicide belt in the expected path of fleeing students to take even more lives, but he was spotted and

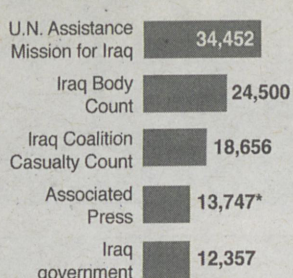
## Counts vary for Iraqi civilian deaths

The United Nations said Tuesday that more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in 2006, nearly three times the number reported by the Iraqi government.

2006 Iraqi civilian casualties, compiled by the U.N.



Counts of 2006 Iraqi casualties



\*Iraqi civilian deaths total 11,373.

SOURCES: AP reporting; United Nations; Iraq Body Count; ICasualties.org; Iraq government

AP

shot by security men before he could blow himself up, the dean said.

"The only guilt of our martyred students is that they pursued education. They belong to all religions, sects and ethnic groups," said an angry al-Mous-

sawi, himself a Shiite. "The terrorists want to stop education. ...Those students had nothing to do with politics."

After the explosions, a rescue worker and three men in civilian clothes scrambled through the debris to carry a charred vic-

tim away in a sheet. Firefighters in yellow helmets examined the charred wreckage of an bashed-in, overturned minivan.

The university's well-shaded campus occupies several square blocks in north central Baghdad, a mostly Shiite area. The school ranks second among institutions of higher education in Iraq. Founded in 1963, it was named after one of the oldest Islamic schools, established in the 13th century during the Abbasid dynasty that ruled the Muslim world. Thousands attend the university, known especially for its colleges of science, literature and education.

Prime Minister Nourial-Maliki blamed the attack on "terrorists and Saddamists" seeking revenge for Monday's hanging of two of Saddam Hussein's top aides, convicted with him for the slaying of 148 Shiite men and boys after a 1982 assassination attempt in the northern town of Dujail.

The violence Tuesday against Shiites may signal a campaign by Sunni insurgents to shed as

much blood as possible before the deployment of 21,500 more American troops. Most of the additional U.S. troops will be used to back up the Iraqi army in a security sweep to rid the capital of Sunni and Shiite gunmen.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in Kuwait for a meeting with eight Arab nations to discuss ways to keep Iraq from sliding into civil war, sought to lower any expectations that the troop buildup would quickly pacify the country.

"Violent people will always be able to kill innocent people," she said. "So even with the new security plan, with the will and capability of the Iraqi government and with American forces to help reinforce Iraqi forces, there is still going to be violence."

She said the U.N. civilian death figures differ from others. "But whatever the number of civilians who have died in Iraq — and there obviously are competing numbers — but whatever the number is, it's too many," she said.

## Ailing Castro takes steps to smooth transition of power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro, ailing and out of sight, has been meeting with a trickle of international guests in recent months, a U.S. government official said Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive situation with Cuba, declined to say with whom Castro was meeting. But the meetings, generally with visitors from Latin America, suggest he may be setting the stage for a transition of power that he hopes will protect the government he has built over four decades.

In a review of global threats last week, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said that Castro and his brother Raul, who has taken over as Cuba's temporary leader, are trying to create a "soft landing" during the transfer

of control.

"From the point of the United States policy, we don't want to see that happen," Negroponte said. "We want to see the prospects for freedom in that country enhanced as a result of the transition" from Fidel Castro.

## Obama makes his White House bid official on Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a

new kind of politics.

"Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way," Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. "Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that's what we have to change first."

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

In a brief interview on Capitol Hill, Obama said the reaction has been positive and added, "we wouldn't have gone forward this far if it hadn't been this positive."

## Teen drinking target of legislation backed by state's first lady

SALEM (AP) — Minors cited by police for possession of alcohol would face immediate and automatic suspension of their driving privileges under a bill Oregon's first lady, Mary Oberst, says is needed to combat a serious drinking problem among Oregon's young people.

Oberst, Attorney General Hardy Myers and others appeared at a news conference Tuesday to sound the alarm over state statistics showing that one in three eighth-graders in Oregon reported drinking alcohol in the past month.

By 11th grade, almost half the students surveyed reported drinking on one or more occasions in the previous 30 days, and almost 33 percent of them engaged in binge drinking — defined as having five or more drinks in a row, Oberst said.

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# Conference on solidarity, action and more is all about 'you'

■ Your Voice, Your Conference will feature workshops, discussions, and war protest

By Aleks Cherednichenko  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A three-day conference focused on activism, social justice and diversity — among other topics — kicks off today.

The "Your Voice, Your Conference, Awareness, Solidarity, Action" program consists of various workshops, discussions, late night events and a Day of Action focused on the war in Iraq.

"This is a culmination of three different conferences that have been held over the course of several years at OSU," said Beth Rietveld, director of the Women's Center.

"The Women's Center, Community Service Center and Student Involvement decided to combine our resources to support this event," Rietveld said.

The conference was organized by a group of students who have been working on the project since summer.

Jose Gutierrez, coordinator for the Community Service Center, and Tiffany Fritz, a master's student in the college student ser-

vices administration program, are the coordinators of the event.

"I would like to see this conference initiate a coalition to create progressive social change inclusive of students, faculty, and staff," Gutierrez said.

The last day of the conference will be highlighted by guest speaker Angela Davis.

"Davis has been a voice for social change since the 1970s. I'm very excited to hear her message," Rietveld said.

"I think students who haven't heard her name will be inspired by her call to activism," Rietveld said.

"Students should be knowledgeable about issues facing society today. Many of us get caught up in studies, but school should be more than that," Gutierrez said. "We must take the initiative to make individuals think outside the box, the only way to do that is by promoting learning outside the classroom."

The conference will also feature a concert in the Memorial Union Ballroom from 10 p.m. Friday until 2 a.m. Performers will include Native Guns, Blue Scholars, Chayag and the Corvallis-based Critical Mass.

"There will also be an open mic event and poetry readings," Rietveld said.

Another important component of the conference is Day of Action, which is on Thursday.

The Day of Action's purpose is to inform students and the community of US foreign policy in Iraq, as well as the government's domestic policy toward its citizens.

The first part of the Day of Action will be marked by a protest ceremony held at the MU Quad from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aly Mohamed, former president of the Muslim Student Association, is coordinator for the ceremony.

"Flags representing Iraqi and U.S. war casualties will be displayed at the quad," Mohamed said. "This event is a protest against the Military Commission Act and the war in Iraq itself."

Those attending the ceremony will be asked to wear white as a symbol of peace.

"Day of Action recognizes that the U.S. needs to change its foreign policy in Iraq, it also recognizes the negative impact this war has had on civil liberties abroad and at home," Mohamed said.

A number of speakers will address the audience, among them Brandon Mayfield, a Muslim and an attorney in Portland who

was detained, but not charged, for two weeks on suspicion of involvement with the 2004 Madrid train bombing.

Other speakers will include: Richard Clinton, a retired OSU professor of political science, Dr. Mohamed S. Mohamed, a local physician and David Findaque, chief spokesperson for American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.

"The point of the day is to take peaceful action and to engage all community in discussion on the topic," Gutierrez said.

"I sincerely hope that this conference empowers individuals to take action, make informed decisions and seek positive solutions to all issues discussed," Gutierrez said.

The event is funded through the Women's Center, Meso-American Student Association, Office of Community and Diversity, ASOSU, Diversity Development, Student Involvement, Community Service Center and the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

For a complete schedule of events visit <http://oregonstate.edu/communityservice-center/conferencewebsite/index.html>.

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## STORM: Students did not receive official e-mail about delay until just before noon

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received an e-mail describing the final decision on the day's schedule. Some colleges forwarded the e-mail to students, and the information was available on OSU's Web site and by phone at 737-8000.

"There was a miscommunication this morning," said Ken Kuo, the university's registrar. The registrar's office is charged with sending important e-mail alerts to students.

"Students should've been notified prior to 8 o'clock this morning," Kuo said.

Kuo explained that of the two people in the registrar's office who are able to send an e-mail to all students, one was stuck at home.

Kuo said the associate registrar had fallen while attempting to get to her car. She stayed home and was unable to access the Internet because her service was down. Kuo said she did not communicate the situation to staff members at the university.

"It was like 'who's on first' that whole deal," Kuo said.

When potentially dangerous weather conditions arise, Vice President of Finance of Administration Mark McCambridge said members of the administration hold a discussion at 5 a.m. and try to reach a decision.

The goal is to make a decision on any delay or closure within an hour, McCambridge said.

On Tuesday, the decision was made at 7:15 a.m.

"The ice on the roads took

everybody by surprise," university spokesman Todd Simmons said.

University officials are usually reluctant to close the campus, Simmons said.

"We don't want to get into a situation where making a bad situation like today spread over a lot of other days," Simmons said.

A number of factors go into the decision, including how much facilities employees can do to improve safety on campus, Simmons said.

"Today, the worst was the roads," Simmons said. Ice on the way to campus was one thing facilities services couldn't fix.

Oregon State Police responded to several early morning accidents on Interstate 5 and other highways.

"It's always a balancing act, and the later you wait, the harder it is on people," Simmons said. The administration waited to make a decision due to a sudden change in weather conditions, and that made it even harder on those who were already en route to campus, Simmons said.

When delays or closures are issued, the university said, staff, faculty and students should use their discretion in making decisions to drive to campus and should communicate with their supervisors.

Students can also attempt to communicate with faculty members if they cannot attend class, officials said.

The early closure forced

some campus groups to cancel scheduled events on Tuesday. ASOSU's planned open house was rescheduled for Thursday.

"I saw it as a challenge," ASOSU Student Advocate Kevin Grant said regarding the weather. "I actually rode my roadbike this morning to see if I could make it without crashing."

While some students showed up to their early classes on campus, others built a snowman in the quad.

"Class was canceled, but I showed up anyway, and the professor was there, so I had to stay," said freshman Willie Duane.

"I haven't had a snow day since third grade. It was a nice surprise," said Carly Scheik, a sophomore in English.

The conditions early on campus left some students feeling sore.

"I ate it bad in the middle of the quad this morning, but it wasn't so bad because everyone else was slipping too," Duane said.

Unlike some surrounding areas that saw several car accidents and injuries, the OSU campus had no such incidents.

"Campus was pretty quiet. There were no accidents or crashes," Oregon State Police Lt. Phil Zerzan said.

A winter weather advisory issued by the National Weather Service Tuesday morning expired at 4 p.m. The service said there was a chance of rain or snow showers overnight with a low of 28 degrees. Fog is also expected Wednesday morning.

Any initial closure or delay decisions for Wednesday will be posted by OSU no later than 6 a.m.

## Ed Ray apologizes after confusion

The following is the text of a statement by OSU President Ed Ray regarding Tuesday's icy conditions and OSU's response:

I am aware that yesterday's weather and the subsequent decision to open the university at 11 a.m. caused some confusion and inconvenience on campus. It was very difficult to assess the extent of the conditions until closer to 7:30 a.m. This particular weather pattern affected the various areas where our faculty, staff and students live, in different ways. As you may have observed, school districts in the state were also altering their status as they assessed the weather throughout the day.

For OSU, by 6 a.m., our general time for making such decisions, it was not clear how icy and/or snowy our various community roads were or would become. In addition,

the weather changed throughout the morning, making it further difficult to assess conditions. It was not until the later time that we were better informed about the surrounding communities, including Albany, Philomath, Salem, Eugene and Portland.

Our general policy is to make a decision about the campus status by 6 a.m. We will continue to adhere to this decision-making time when at all possible. Our first priority is to make announcements as early as possible to insure the safety of our faculty, staff and students.

However, we hope you appreciate the unique situation we faced yesterday as we assessed the different conditions in our communities and throughout our own campus. We apologize for the inconvenience a number of you experienced.

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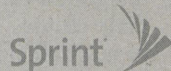
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Editorial

## Yeas & Nays

**Y**ea to OSU's late start on Tuesday. LBCC and the Corvallis district got the day off, but OSU students had to ford treacherous, ice-ridden pools of dangerous winter slop to get to class. Our lawyers are on standby.

**N**ay to the abbreviated schedule. While the rest of you got to slide home before 5 p.m., we journalists were here in the newsroom, pumping out our highly anticipated Winter Blast Bonanza Storm Team Six Special Coverage Explosion.

**Y**ea to the chance to sleep in Tuesday morning. But OSU could have done better in handling the storm. They were late announcing their decision, failed to send an e-mail alerting students until noon and may have accidentally canceled the civil rights movement.

**N**ay to new rules in the U.S. Congress forcing lawmakers to work five days a week. It's not all bad, however, as on "Casual Fridays" House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has promised to wear a low-cut shirt and pound her gavel at comically inappropriate times.

**Y**ea to the air raid siren on the top of Covell Hall, which went off Thursday morning thanks to an anonymous prankster. OSU authorities later said the siren was a warning that Nicole Richie had been spotted driving the wrong direction down Jefferson Way.

**N**ay to the prankster for not coming forward. If he or she would, we could worship him or her along with other OSU celebrities, such as Tall Bike Guy, the transient who got shot on Greek Row and Benny Beaver's ex-girlfriend Bernice, who reportedly has spent the last several years at the Betty Ford Center.

**Y**ea to Barack Obama, who on Tuesday took the first step down the road of presidential candidate scrutiny. He has already admitted that he tried cocaine when he was younger, but sources say he will announce later this week that, one time in the 1980s, he hijacked a commercial flight and that he "may or may not" spied for the Soviet Union.

**N**ay to 2006 for being a big year for the norovirus. Remember, according to health experts, the only way to avoid catching the norovirus is abstinence. That's right — never use the bathroom, never get the norovirus.

**Y**ea to the discovery of "ancient weapons" in Syria, as reported Tuesday by The Associated Press. The weapons, described as 12 clay bullets, were discovered near the border with Iraq. In response, President Bush told the press, "See?"

**N**ay to cold temperatures in California, which have forced the price of citrus products to skyrocket. This doesn't bode well for the development of OSU's breakthrough orange-juice-powered rocket car.

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## The solution to the world's energy problems:



## Racism: we can be the cure

**S**omehow it seems appropriate to write about racism during this week of celebration for the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. While I am not as well educated about King's life as I plan to be, I do admire what little I know of him and of his life's work. It isn't easy to turn the other cheek in the face of blatant racism (which I have seen too many times to enumerate in this limited space). You have to admire someone who has the strength of will and the courage to do so, as well as the fortitude to encourage others to do so. I am not a proponent of violence other than as self-defense or in the defense of others who are in danger; however, I have had moments wherein I was being treated very badly, a few times resulting in physical violence, for being a Native person.

I find it ironic that people can, and do, hate others merely for the color of their skin, their religious preference, their country of origin or their educational attainment — reasons as plentiful as the grains of sand on the beach. We are judgmental and prickly inhabitants of our world. We don't always see the beauty in one another because we have already judged the person we see in front of us according to what our eyes behold. We have compartmentalized them based upon preconceived notions of what we think we see and how our societ-



ies have trained us to perceive others who are not like ourselves.

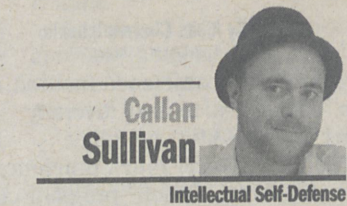
I count myself as fortunate that my life has been filled thus far with diverse people with divergent views of the world around them, enabling me to look at situations from different angles, not just my own. While I endeavor to share my Native perspective with others through this column, my words are not always appreciated, understood or respected, which is no surprise. I don't expect to agree all the time with my friends and family, and I certainly don't expect that from people I do not even know — especially people who have had no contact with others outside their own culture and have limited their lives by being ethnocentric.

While Native culture was — and continues to be — anything but perfect, many of our cultural ways would be of benefit to other societies, just as we have integrated things from the dominant culture that are of benefit to us. Medicine, food that can be hunted and gathered at Safeway, transportation that isn't on four legs — these are cool things that

we all enjoy. The ability to bring others into one's culture and accept them fully, regardless of their skin color, would be a good thing to share with the dominant culture so we can learn from one another and grow beyond what our parents have taught us and what our society tries to indoctrinate us with.

While I do not have all the answers, I do have a lot of questions about life and about why we don't treat our fellow human beings better. Is it because we, as humans, tend to be hierarchical? That we must always look at others and judge where they might fall in the pecking order of our own materialistic societal norms? Where keeping up with the Joneses is more important than living simply and in balance with the world around us? Why do we ignore the homeless, drive by the hungry and forget about the thousands of Oregon children who are lost within the foster care system with no caring families of their own? What is it about our society that drives us to ignore the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves? This is not to say that there are no exceptions to this, however. For the most part we are too busy with our own lives to care about the lives of others and the struggles of those around us.

You will spend your lifetime  
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## Escalation vs. the popular will

**L**ast week President Bush reaffirmed his disregard for public opinion by deciding to send more than 20,000 additional troops to Iraq — despite the fact that, according to a Jan. 9 USA Today article, 61 percent of Americans don't want him to.

Granted, Bush's status as a second-term president allows him to flout the popular will without worrying about his re-election prospects, but that hardly refutes the fact that he's flouting the popular will, nor does it give him an ethical justification for doing so in this case. It's true that the number of people who hold a belief is never, by itself, a good measure of that belief's validity. In this case, though, Bush is disregarding the will of most Americans — not to mention the vast majority of Iraqis who want U.S. withdrawal in 2007, according to a recent World Public Opinion survey — at a cost of some of their lives.

If majorities in both the occupied and occupying countries don't have the final say over whether their citizens continue to die due to U.S. interference in Iraq, then the governments of both countries have failed to ensure that their citizens have the most fundamental and important kind of control over their own destinies.

The U.S. Congress, whose new Democratic majority rode a wave of anti-war sentiment into office, still holds the power to cut off funding for Bush's new troop "surge" as well as the larger war, but Democratic leaders such as Harry Reid — with sadly predictable gutlessness — have signaled that they won't do so, despite the public's disapproval of the escalation and of the war itself. The Democrats' stance is probably due to their fear of being labeled "weak" in wartime by Republicans, but ironically, Democrats seem to ignore the probability that many of their supporters will now label them "weak" for failing to stand up to Bush.

The Democrats' position (or lack thereof) is doubly absurd when one considers that — issues of popular will aside — it's extremely unlikely that Bush's escalation will do anything beneficial for the U.S. occupation of Iraq. As a Jan. 10 editorial in The Oregonian points out, Bush's own commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, "helped write the military's just-published field manual on insurgencies," which notes that "20 counterinsurgents per 1,000 residents is often considered the minimum troop density required for effective ... operations." If this ratio is correct, notes the editorial, "Baghdad alone would require about 120,000 troops to quell the insurgency," but there are only about 130,000 U.S. troops in the entire country right now. Iraq as a whole, according to Petraeus' ratio, would require more  
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## SULLIVAN: Only way to end Iraq violence is to engage in 'massive political protests'

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than 535,000 troops. In purely practical terms, if the U.S. isn't ready to make that commitment (probably through a draft of our own citizens, since the Iraqi army and police forces are wracked with desertions and sectarian agendas), we should get out now. A surge of 20,000 more troops does nothing but put more Americans and Iraqis pointlessly in harm's way.

Meanwhile, if it really wants to prevent "full-scale civil war," the U.S. could enlist the U.N. to help encourage Iraqi leaders to enter into negotiations that would equitably divide the country into Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish states or regions, with each group getting a share of Iraq's oil wealth.

However, no such outcome and no end to the violent deaths of Iraqis and Americans will be likely unless all Americans who oppose the war embark on massive political protests, on a scale far larger than anything yet seen in opposition to the war. In the streets, through marches and non-violent civil disobedience, through a coordinated campaign of education and self-expression that makes use of every medium, and through an avalanche of voters' messages to Congress

that make it clear beyond any doubt to its members that they will not keep their jobs without stopping the escalation and occupation.

If they refuse to listen, then maybe opponents of the war need an entirely new party — one that will actually reflect our beliefs. If those of us who voted Democrats into power fail to hold them accountable for their cooperation with the war, we will ultimately have only ourselves to blame.

Unfortunately, despite its senselessness, Bush's escalation in troops seems unlikely to be met by the escalation in protest it deserves, but it's not impossible. Powerful individuals grant nothing when asked politely, but the power ultimately rests with the people in any country. The popular will can have the final say, not simply through the formal mechanism of elections, but through those who can make elections meaningful — a vast public majority that's no longer willing to be ignored by, or to cooperate with, the perpetrators of injustice.

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## ROMAN NOSE: A simple greeting may be worth the effort

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learning and judging others while being judged by others. Perhaps it would be a good thing for all of us to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King and learn from the violence that ended his life — to reach out to others, embracing their character, the goodness that lies within each of us, and ignoring what our eyes deceive us with.

So I leave you with this challenge; something simple that I have been doing since I began here at OSU a year ago last fall. Greet 10 people each day — 10 people whom you do not know — and count the response that you get. I use a couple rules to make it simple:

1. Don't greet anyone on a cell phone or with ear buds.
2. Greet people you don't know or recognize from class.
3. If they respond with a smile or nod, that counts.

It isn't easy, believe me. At last count (I only keep track of the daily count now), I was six-for-10, which isn't a bad score overall, as some days I only get three out of 10 to respond in a positive way. I challenge each of you to reach out beyond your norms, beyond your usual circle of friends, and to greet others who don't fall within your usual parameters. Take a chance on making a friend or at least brightening someone else's day with a cheery "good morning!" What have you got to lose?

Dr. King reached out to share his vision and touched a world. We can reach out in the spirit of Dr. King, touch each other's hearts and brighten each other's lives here at OSU. It's worth a try, isn't it? You don't have to write a speech or address thousands of people; just share a simple "hello" to touch another human being in your world.

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**THEFT: Only one manager was working on Monday**

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server storage box were pried open as well.  
"You can't do this amount of work alone," MU Director Michael Henthorne said. Henthorne speculates that a group, rather than a single individual, was responsible for the theft and damage.  
Henthorne estimates the damage to be approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000. One of the TVs was ripped off of the wall along with its bracket.  
Over the holiday weekend, the MU was "minimally staffed" with only one manager.  
The metal grating that blocks the hallway was in place in the morning and not in place in the afternoon, according to the MU schedule, Henthorne said.  
The MU was open for business, but after the breakfast honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. ended, foot traffic was

minimal.  
"This was a crime of opportunity, and this was a good opportunity," Zerzan said.  
The stolen goods were reported by the MU's night manager at 5:45 p.m., and the police report indicates that the theft probably occurred between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Police also reported that two cables were seized as evidence to forward to the crime lab. Officials will be dusting for latent fingerprints on the cables.  
Anyone accused of the crime will be charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of theft.  
Zerzan explained that the theft could have been for cash or for the personal use of the goods by the subjects.  
Henthorne said having more sets of eyes on the MU makes it safer.  
"There just weren't people around," he said.

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**ARREST: \$10,000 worth of stolen property discovered**

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nue with property about to fall out of its open trunk. After following the vehicle for a few minutes, the officer noticed the vehicle was loaded with more property.  
The driver was 25-year-old Levi Beard,

who allowed the officer to search the vehicle. Police found names on some of the property and were able to locate the victims of the theft. A search warrant was obtained for Beard and Khorvash's home.  
Police say they found \$10,000 worth of stolen property at the location, along with marijuana, drug paraphernalia and cash. Both Beard and Khorvash were arrested and taken to the Benton County Correctional Facility.

**HONOR: Thinks he would favor joining Coast Guard**

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as SAT scores, grade point average, activities, sports and other information.  
Bonny Madison, admissions counselor at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, said applicants are evaluated under a point system based on academics and non-academics, and they need to have 2,400 points in order to be accepted for the official application process.  
If accepted, the applicant fills out more forms online asking about personal data like family and school activities. Additionally, the applicant must send in a resume and three letters of evaluation.  
An interview with an Air Force officer, written essays, a physical fitness test and activity records are also necessary.  
"It's kind of time-consuming, but I don't necessarily think it's that hard," Mackey said.  
He started the application in December, and although school work is slowing his progress, he has nearly completed all of the application.  
He still has to complete physical fitness tests for both academies. The physical fitness tests consist of things like a basketball throw, stand-

ing long jump, a mile run, push-ups and sit-ups.  
Along with doing the physical fitness tests, Mackey still has to write essays to finish the application.  
"It's like typical college essays, although they're a little more specialized for the academy," Mackey said.  
He plans on completing the rest of the application process by the end of the month.  
Lory Mackey, Ryan's mother and a post-baccalaureate student at OSU, knows what it's like attending the Air Force Academy. She hopes her son will stay at OSU because it's closer to home.  
"We'll support him if he goes," Lory said. "We're proud of him. He worked so hard. As long as he has a good attitude about it."  
Mackey plans on making a career out of being a military officer. If he is accepted, Mackey will finish the rest of the school year at OSU before going to one of the academies. If he isn't accepted, he will finish four years at OSU, join the military and pursue a career in engineering.  
Although the thought of rising in ranks in the military is a positive incentive, the thought of helping others is Mackey's main cause for joining the military.  
"If I can make a difference, that would be a pretty awesome job, affecting other people's lives positively," Mackey said.  
If the scenario arises that both academies accept his applications, Mackey said he would visit both schools to find the one of greater benefit.  
However, Mackey is thinking the Coast Guard would suit him better for impacting the lives of American citizens.  
"I think the Coast Guard missions are more homeland, helping U.S. citizens, so that's kind of a cooler aspect of that job," Mackey said.  
He said the missions of the Coast Guard have a more direct impact on people than those of the Air Force or Army, who have more indirect impacts.  
For example, Mackey said, if he were a helicopter pilot for the Coast Guard, he could fly out and rescue individuals in trouble on boats.  
Lory said that's her son's nature.  
"He's a caring person," Lory said. "He volunteered to be a sailing teacher for kids."  
At times Mackey has second thoughts about going into the military. Going to an academy would mean starting over as a freshman and spending four years there. Then he would have to spend four or five years in service after graduating.  
"It's kind of a long idea to commit to something that large when it seems like I'm so young," Mackey said. "(Although) I think it would be an awesome job."

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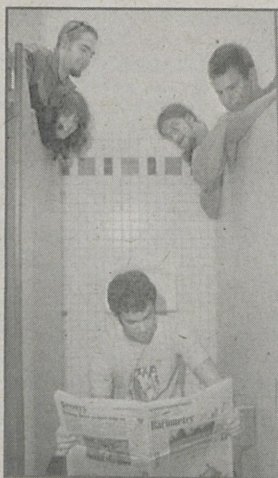
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# Ex-Alabama coach Shula interviews with Dolphins

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MIAMI — The latest candidate to emerge for the Miami Dolphins' coaching job has a big edge in name recognition: He's a Shula.

Mike Shula interviewed for the job Saturday and is one of at least five candidates still under consideration, the Dolphins said Tuesday. Shula's dad, Don, coached the Dolphins for 26 years, holds the NFL record with 347 victories and is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Mike is a very, very highly qualified person," Dolphins chief executive officer Joe Bailey said on his weekly radio show. "He's got a lot of his dad in him -- very, very smart, very assertive, very firm."

Hiring the younger Shula would mean a swap of coaches with Alabama. He was fired by the Crimson Tide in November and replaced by Nick Saban, who left the Dolphins on Jan. 3 after two seasons.

Other remaining candidates to replace Saban: former Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora, Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey, Dolphins defensive coordinator Dom Capers and San Diego offensive coordinator Cam Cameron.

Capers interviewed for the head coaching job, then agreed to a new three-year contract as defensive coordinator last week. His defensive unit ranked fourth in the NFL this season.

"He remains in consideration for the head job," Dolphins president Bryan Wiedmeier said. "We're very fortunate to have him in our organization."

The Dolphins also met with Cameron during the first round of interviews and have since been in contact with his agent.

"He's an outstanding football mind, probably one of the more innovative football minds in the game today," Wiedmeier said.

The Dolphins have met with at least 13 candidates, and that list could grow. There's speculation Miami will pursue Marty Schottenheimer if he's fired by the San Diego Chargers, who were eliminated from the playoffs Sunday.

"If a candidate surfaced today that we felt was compelling and that was the right person, certainly we would consider that," Wiedmeier said.

Among those no longer under consideration is Schottenheimer's son, New York Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer. The younger Schottenheimer, at 33 Miami's youngest candidate, withdrew from consideration Monday.

"There are very few people ... that would have the maturity to say to themselves -- which is what he has said -- 'I don't think at this point, either from a professional or a personal standpoint, that I'm ready to take the next step,'" Bailey said.

The Dolphins apparently believe the 41-year-old Shula might be ready to become an NFL head coach. He went 26-23 in four years at Alabama, but 0-4 against Southeastern Conference rival Auburn.

The Crimson Tide fired him after they went 6-6 during the 2006 regular season. Shula said he left Alabama in better shape

than the program he inherited, which was weakened by NCAA sanctions.

In a statement released by the Dolphins, Don Shula endorsed his son's candidacy.

"Everywhere he has coached, Mike has exhibited class, integrity and enthusiasm, all critical ingredients to run a successful program," the elder Shula said. "He has spent his entire life around the game and understands what it takes to build a winner. He has a special feeling about the Dolphin organization and truly appreciates the opportunity to talk to the team's management about the future of the franchise."

Mike Shula was a Dolphins ballboy when his dad coached the team. He has spent 15 years as an NFL assistant, most recently in 2000-02 as Miami's quarterbacks coach.

"He clearly has a track record of success when he was here, but also elsewhere as an assistant coach before he went to the University of Alabama," Bailey said.

Don Shula has advised management during the search, as has Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino.

"Coach Shula's opinion is something that we hold in high regard. He has given us his opinion of a number of our candidates," Wiedmeier said. "Danny has been a great resource. I don't think anybody has any more passion for us to succeed than Dan."

"Think about all the people that Dan knows, and all the people Coach Shula knows. These are the people we look to and get advice from."

# Pistons ready to make a run with Chris Webber

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons hope Chris Webber can do for them what Rasheed Wallace did in 2004, come on board midseason and spark a run to an NBA championship.

Webber does, too, because winning a title would fill the biggest void on his resume.

"I'm excited to be home in Detroit, but I'm more excited about being on this team," Webber said Tuesday after signing with his hometown team. "If this was not a good team, it would not be that much fun."

"This team was already great before I got here, so in no way am I acting like I'm doing this team a big service. I'm part of a great machine."

Webber will make about \$650,000 with a prorated con-

tract for the veteran's minimum to play the rest of the season. The Pistons have the second-best record in the Eastern Conference and are the first team since the early 1990s to advance to four straight conference championships. But they appear to need some help.

"I honestly feel like he can energize us and add an element the same way Rasheed did a few years ago," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said. "I'm hoping the results will be the same."

"What we were missing, Rasheed brought. What we're missing right now, I think he can bring that. We don't need a high-flying guy, who's just trying to get 20 points every night."

Detroit coach Flip Saunders said Webber would play as a reserve Wednesday against

Utah.

Webber, who grew up in Detroit and played at Michigan, became a free agent after Philadelphia bought out the final 1½ years of his contract last week.

The five-time All-Star agreed to give the 76ers \$2 million this season and \$2 million next season when he was due to make about \$43 million over the two years. Sacramento gave him a \$123 million, seven-year contract in the summer of 2001.

Webber strongly considered joining the Miami Heat or the Los Angeles Lakers, but he couldn't pass up the chance to play in Detroit. He will start at center for a contending team at home, where he can improve his image with disgruntled fans.

After announcing Monday he would join the Pistons, Web-

ber watched them play Minnesota in a front-row seat at The Palace. He was greeted by a rousing, standing ovation.

It was a much warmer welcome than Webber had received previously because of his involvement with deceased Michigan booster Ed Martin that led to NCAA sanctions. He plead guilty to a federal criminal contempt charge.

"I think the reaction in the past was different for a lot of reasons, things I've gone through, but yesterday was significant because they welcomed me back home," Webber said.

When given a chance to tell his side of the booster scandal, Webber declined.

"Today, I'm talking about being a Detroit Piston," he said. "I don't think this is the forum to talk about something that happened 15 years ago."

# LILJA: True Beaver Believers must hate University of Oregon, Ducks and city of Eugene all the time, no questions asked

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huge aviator sunglasses or the group of girls with equally huge sunglasses, short skirts and bleach blonde hair. Emulate them.

Rule 3: You can only be seen attending the big three sports: football, men's basketball and (sometimes) baseball games. And when attending football and basketball games, you must leave promptly at halftime, regardless of score, to go to a house party.

Nothing says "true fan" like leaving at halftime to go binge-drinking.

As for baseball, I know they won the national championship, but forget about showing up before the third and staying after the seventh. If you question the legitimacy of that, find a Dodger fan for more information.

If you want to maintain any level of popularity or street cred, you should

never attend any sporting event besides those. Stay away from the deadly sports list: cross country, women's basketball, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, track, volleyball and wrestling. Even if these sports have national championship hopes (wrestling), amazing coaches (volleyball) and outstanding athletes (gymnastics), stay away.

Rule 4: You must treat all athletes from the big three sports like royalty.

No joke — they expect no less.

Always appreciate when they appear in public. Greet them with a smile, a hello and congratulations on their last game. But in no way appreciate any athlete from the deadly sports mentioned above.

If Mercedes Fox-Griffin shows up behind you in line at Woodstocks, avoid eye contact. She is on the women's basketball team. And although she dropped

15 assists on Arizona and tied a school record, do not congratulate her for continually dominating opponents.

Instead, avert your eyes.

Rule 5: Don't forget this one: You have to hate the University of Oregon.

Hell, you have to hate all of Eugene.

If you ever wear green and or yellow on campus, you will be forced to return your textbooks and asked to leave the university to never return. Everything from Eugene is considered evil. From 'whizzanator' athletes to pot-smoking to hippies and bums, you must hate it all.

Follow these five easy rules, and you will be on your way to being just like everyone else at school. You can claim yourself to be a true Beaver Believer. Or, you could buck the system, branch out and be bold. Never get hydrated on adult beverages before games. Go to every sport. Congratulate every athlete who deserves it. Have a real opinion and hate the Ducks for a real reason: They harbor terrorists.

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# Crowton leaves UO

By Luke Andrews  
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Oregon offensive coordinator Gary Crowton has a new home once again.

Just two years into his stint with the Ducks, Crowton told the Emerald Monday that he'll accept the same position at Louisiana State University, where he'll replace Jimbo Fisher, who accepted the same position at Florida State University on Jan. 8.

"I have mixed emotions. I'm very excited about the direction (of LSU) going out there and being a part of their program. They have an outstanding program," Crowton said from his home in Eugene late Monday night. "At the same time, it's very hard to leave such a great program here with great people, a great head coach and very good players. I have mixed emotions but am looking forward to the next challenge."

Crowton, 49, joins an LSU program that defeated Notre Dame 41-14 in the Sugar Bowl this year on Jan. 3 and finished the season with an 11-2 record under second-year head coach Les Miles.

Though they have never coached together, Miles and Crowton became acquainted with each other through the years in the coaching ranks and shortly after taking the reigns of the LSU program two years ago, Miles contacted Crowton about a potential job after Crowton left BYU and before he joined Oregon.

Crowton said he and Miles talked briefly on the phone prior to the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 8 this year, and Miles then contacted Oregon coach Mike Bellotti. Crowton officially accepted the position on Monday.

"It all happened so fast," Crowton said. "It was a very tough decision. The biggest factor was Les Miles. Just our previous relationship has been very good. I've just gotten along great with him."

A 19-year coaching veteran known for engineering prolific spread offenses, Crowton arrived in Eugene in 2005 after spending four years as head coach at Brigham Young University, his alma mater.

He also previously held stints as an offensive coordinator for the NFL's Chicago Bears from 1999-2000 and as head coach and offensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech from 1995-98.

Returning to the Louisiana area was another factor that attracted Crowton. Though he denied financial reasons, Crowton is also expected to make considerably more at LSU. He made \$225,000 this year at Oregon and, according to the Shreveport Times, could make in the range of \$450,000, the amount Fisher made at LSU.

Crowton said Bellotti made a "great offer" financially for Crowton to stay when told of Crowton's interest in the LSU job.

"It wasn't about the money," Crowton said. "It was just about the previous experience being in Louisiana, being with coach Miles and there's just a few factors from a security standpoint with my family."

Crowton, wife Maren and their seven children traveled to Baton Rouge, La. Tuesday, Crowton said.

His tenure at Oregon will be remembered primarily for the offensive success the Ducks achieved under his guidance. Despite the disappointment of a 38-8 loss to BYU in the Las Vegas Bowl last December and a 7-6 record to end the season, Oregon ranked in the top 20 in the nation in rushing offense (14th) and total offense (9th).

The Ducks also ranked among the top 20 in the country in passing, scoring and total offense in 2005 when Oregon finished 10-2 in Crowton's first season. He was one of six finalists that year for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

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The 25+ Lounge in the Memorial Union is having an open house for older-than-average students to come and check out the lounge. Free food!

The 25+ Lounge provides older students with computers and a quiet space for studying or networking with older students.

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— Arkansas coach Houston Nutt on quarterback Mitch Mustain who has been given permission by Nutt to transfer

## Women travel to Bay Area for pair of games

■ No. 21 Cal and No. 9 Stanford up next for Beaver women's basketball team; Cardinal undefeated in Pacific-10

By Lindsay Schnell  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It doesn't get any easier for the OSU women's basketball team.

One week after splitting games with the Arizona schools — a 59-43 loss to No. 11 Arizona State and a 69-62 win over Arizona — the Beavers (7-8 overall, 2-4 Pac-10) take to the road to face No. 21 Cal and No. 9 Stanford.

"They're very tough challenges for us. They have great personnel, great players," coach LaVonda Wagner said of the weekend's upcoming games.

In practice, Wagner has been stressing that it's more important for her team to focus on itself and its game than worry about the competition, and point guard Mercedes Fox-Griffin reiterated that.

"We're not really worried about Stanford and Cal. We're worried about us," Fox-Griffin said. "We go possession by possession, and if we keep doing that, we should split."

The Beavers have been working on the three essentials — defense, rebounding, offensive execution — in practice and will need all three if they want to pull off an upset.

"Those are the three main things — and limiting our turnovers," said senior guard Casey Nash of what the Beavers must do to be successful.

First up for OSU are the Golden Bears of Cal, winners of four of their last five games. Cal (13-4, 4-3) is led by a pair of sophomores, Ashley Walker and Devanei Hampton, who average 17.8 and 13.6 points, respectively. Walker also pulls down 8.8 boards per game.

"I definitely think it [the win against Arizona] gives us more confidence going into these games," Nash said.

Next for the Beavers is Stanford (14-3, 7-0), a team many are saying is a legit contender for the national championship. Every starter for Stanford is 5-foot-10 or taller and should provide match-up problems for the much shorter Beavers.

"Stanford has been at the top of the league for a very long time. We're just gonna try to show up and play as hard as we can," Wagner said.

The Cardinal also features All-



Mercedes Fox-Griffin tallied a double-double against Arizona Saturday, scoring 13 points and dishing out a career-high 15 assists.

American guard Candice Wiggins. Wiggins, a junior, has been the Pac-10 Player of the Year the last two seasons and is easily one of the best players in the nation. She is a 5-foot-11 guard who can do a little bit of everything and is averaging 15.8, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

"She's a bona fide All-American player," Wagner said of Wiggins. "She's an unbelievable athlete and a huge match-up problem for us. She's hard to contain."

OSU will need continued production from Nash and Fox-Griffin if they stand any chance at a win this weekend.

Nash currently leads the Pac-10 in scoring with a 20.4 average and is second on the team with 7.3 rebounds per game. Fox-Griffin is coming off a huge game against Arizona, where she scored 13 points and dished out a school record-tying 15 assists.

Freshman post Judie Lomax will

also be of help in the paint, averaging 11.4 and 8.7 rebounds.

"Against Arizona we had some success, and we're a very young basketball team," Wagner said. "We don't have a lot of depth. We don't have a lot of size. We're just trying to focus on us. Any win is a good win, but we're just trying to get better every day."

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## The Five Golden Rules

Alright, it's the start of a new year, and we all need a refresher course on how to be true Beaver fans while attending Oregon State.

Surprisingly, it's not about supporting everyone — it's about supporting everyone that matters. It isn't about who is winning and losing — it's about socializing.

Here is a quick reminder on how to be a successful Beaver fan this year.

Rule 1: You must agree.

Regardless of the topic, you must agree with everyone else on it. I know you might have your own opinion, but forget it. It doesn't mean anything anymore.

If you plan on having opinions, expect hostility, ridicule and accusations of being a Duck fan to ensue because the only logical reason for anyone to sway from the general population's opinion is that they must be a Duck fan.

For example, if you think Angelo Tsagarakis would be effective starting at the 2-guard, but everyone else wants to see Jack McGillis, don't even bring it up. If you think Jay John should run the man defense, and everyone else says zone, save it.

You don't have the luxury of having an individual opinion.

Rule 2: You must get drunk before football, basketball and baseball games, regardless of age. If you aren't hydrated on adult beverages, you will not be considered a true fan.

I know what you're thinking: If I'm 18, won't I get in trouble?

Not by the event staff. They are too busy hassling patrons about their seats to care about the level of intoxication of most students. And if you want to go and watch the game sober to enjoy the tickets your student fees paid for, forget about it. You would be wrong in every sense of the word.

As evidenced by much of the student population, you must be drunk to thoroughly appreciate college athletics. If you are ever questioning how you should act, look for the closest section of pop-collared guys wearing

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## Three Beavers invited to NFL Combine



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Sabby Piscitelli, who finished his OSU career with 15 interceptions, has been invited to the NFL Combine at the end of February. Piscitelli has also been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

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Oregon State senior football student-athletes Sabby Piscitelli, Adam Koets and Joe Newton have been invited to the 2007 NFL Combine Feb. 21-27 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Piscitelli, of Boca Raton, Fla., was a First Team All-Pac-10 Conference selection last season. He finished his career with 15 interceptions, tied for second in OSU history, and 188 tackles. The 37-game career starter has been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game Feb. 20 at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

Koets, an offensive tackle from Santa Ana, Calif., also started 37 straight games. He was a Second Team All-Pac-10 Conference selection in December and for the third consecutive year was named to the academic all-conference team. Koets will play in the East-West Shrine Game.

Newton, from Roseburg, Ore., completed his career with 105 receptions and 15 touchdowns, the most scores ever by a Beaver tight end. The John Mackey Award semifinalist for 2006, given to the nation's top tight end, will play in the Jan. 27 Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

## Swimmers set to host Idaho, Washington State

■ Beavers have just three meets left in Pacific-10, still looking for first conference victory

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Only three meets remain for the Oregon State swim team. The Beavers (6-7, 0-5 Pacific-10 Conference) have three chances to hone their skills before the Pac-10 Championships are held from Feb. 14-17. This week the Beavers finish their home schedule by hosting Idaho on Friday at 6 p.m. at Stevens Natatorium and then return Saturday morning to host Washington State at 11 a.m. at Stevens Natatorium.



Julie McCauley

the previous two meetings, edging the Vandals 141-121 last season in Moscow, ID.

The Beavers are 14-27 all-time against WSU. The Beavers fell to the Cougars 127.5-134.5 last season, but the Beavers have won five out of the past six meetings.

OSU's strong core of swimmers has been led by three seniors. Julie McCauley, Erika Wirth, and Sandy Hong have all picked up dual meet wins on the year and have provided valuable leadership to the young squad. Wirth has five dual meet wins on the year. Hong has seven dual meet wins in three different events. She has wins in the 200 free, 500 free and the 1,000 free.



Erika Wirth