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## Looking Toward the Future

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Ryan Pierce, a senior in history, test drives a Toyota Camry Monday during a special promotion put together by ASOSU and Toyota, which showcased hybrid cars on campus.

### ASOSU task force invites Toyota to teach conservation

Organizers hoped event would show students how to lessen their impact on the global environment

By Eddie Kelley  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With a large mural of a cityscape painted on its side and the word "Toyota" boldly written across its back, it rumbled into the MU Brickmall.

On Monday, the "Highway to the Future: Mobile Hybrid Experience" was hauled to campus on the back of semi-trucks.

The "Highway to the Future" display is a collection of interactive exhibits designed to educate about hybrid cars and human beings' effect on the environment.

The exhibit was brought to OSU through cooperation between the ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force and Toyota.

"The purpose of the event is to give students another opportunity to learn how to lessen their impact on the environment," said Andrea Norris, director of the ASOSU task force. "It goes along great with our current goal of converting the OSU campus to 100 percent renewable energy."

The showcase was set up Sunday and students were given the opportunity to drive one of the vehicles in order to personally experience the new hybrid technology.

The event consisted of a large trailer that housed many interactive

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The Toyota hybrid vehicle is part of the company's 'Highway to the Future' campaign.

### Memorial Union hosts display of Corvallis past

Photos chronicle OSU protests and civil rights involvement

By Noah Tinker  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Part of the 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, "Vintage Images of Freedom Marches" is an exhibit in the MU Ballroom focusing on Corvallis in the 1960s.

The display has been in the ballroom since Jan. 8 and will continue through Feb. 28.

The exhibit is aimed at raising awareness of the trials and tribulations that Corvallis went through during the Civil Rights Movement as well as Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for.

"He was immensely important to the struggle for freedom in this country and we've got to keep his memory going," said Susan Bourque, manager of the OSU Craft Center and exhibit coordinator for the Concourse Gallery in the MU.

She was in charge of locating and displaying the photos.

In addition, viewers will also get a glimpse of Corvallis' contribution to the United States' struggle for equality and fight to end segregation.

The photos themselves show a march through Corvallis in the wake of King's assassination and another taken in front of the MU where students are seen handing out fliers. One sign reads "We Shall Overcome."

An article with the photos details an OSU student's involvement in the Summer Community Organization and Political Education program.

SCOPE was created by King and the Southern Christian Leadership Council as a way to increase voter registration of African Americans in 120

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### OSU's own 'TOPGUN' blasts off

Former electrical engineering student pilots 12-day space shuttle mission in December

By Amanda Robbins  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Bill Oefelein has accomplished more than most people could ever imagine. Going to the International Space Station is pretty high on the list.

Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, Oefelein is a 1988 OSU alumnus with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

"I chose OSU for its curriculum. I wanted to go to an engineering school and there are not that many choices in Alaska," Oefelein said. "I believe that OSU helped to launch my professional career."

"I had a great time in my engineering classes, but it was my ability to work with people and develop my relationships with people that helped me to be so successful."

As soon as Oefelein graduated from OSU, he joined the Navy. His intentions were to be an engineer for the Navy, but those plans quickly changed.

"I went to the Navy recruiting office in Portland and the recruiter had a set of wings on his chest,"

Oefelein said. "I used to fly at the OSU Flying Club and I started asking him questions about flying for a career."

Oefelein was chosen to attend the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School, also known as TOPGUN.

"It was another great opportunity," Oefelein said. "It was a little different than the movie." A squadron selects one person to go to TOPGUN and who then brings the knowledge they acquire back to their squadron after the training.

"People should not be judged from going to the school, but from what they can teach to their squadron after their training," he said.

Oefelein was selected by NASA in June 1998. He had two years of training at the Johnson Space Center and recently piloted the Discovery Shuttle during a 12-day mission in December 2006.

"My most favorite part of the mission was probably the people I got to work with, not only in space, but on the ground also," he said. "Lots of teamwork was displayed. Of course the sights were incredible and the weightlessness was fun, but the team work and everyone work-

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### English professor waxes poetic, draws colleagues

Karen Holmberg shares ideas about her latest work, which will draw from her family's heritage

By Kelly Krieves  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The usual line of division between students and professors was absent as both waited Monday night for a presentation given by Karen Holmberg, OSU English professor and poet.

Hosted at the Autzen House, attending students came in hopes of becoming more poetically savvy.

"I'm interested in creative writing," said Christie VanLaningham, a senior in history. "This kind of opportunity provides a good venue to research more about poetry. More students should come to these."

Colleagues, however, attributed their attendance to interest in Holmberg's work in particular.

"[Holmberg] is an exciting poet," said Anita Helle, fellow English professor at OSU. "She has a wide range of language interest in her work."

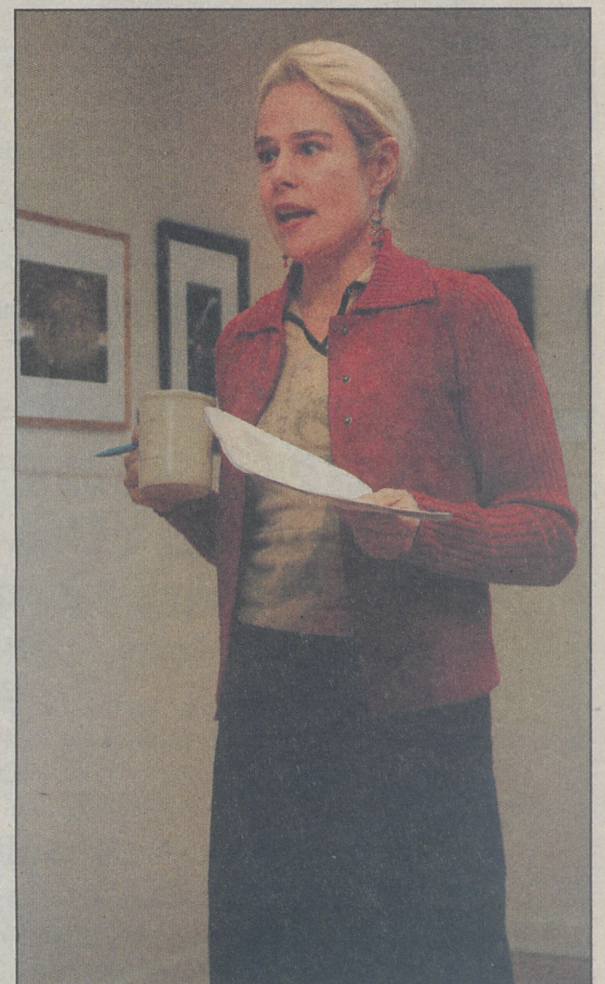
Helle admitted her reason for attending before the presentation with excitement.

"Poetry reaches its fullest expression in its delivery," Helle said.

Amid the décor — brick fireplaces and contemporary artwork — Holmberg poured out ideas regarding her newest work, a collection of poems titled "Black Pansies: A Novella in Verse."

Holmberg has already made a name for herself

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Poet and Professor Karen Holmberg discusses her latest work Monday evening at the Autzen House.



## President Bush warns Iran against action in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday the United States "will respond firmly" if Iran escalates military action in Iraq and endangers American forces. But Bush emphasized he has no intention of invading Iran.

Bush also acknowledged skepticism concerning U.S. intelligence about Iran, because Washington was wrong in accusing Iraq of harboring weapons of mass destruction before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. "I'm like a lot of Americans that say, 'Well, if it wasn't right in Iraq, how do you know it's right in Iran,'" the president said.

The president, in an interview with NPR, said the United States was "constantly evaluating and answering this legitimate question by always working to get as good intelligence as we can."

Sharply at odds over Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program, Washington and Tehran increasingly are arguing about Iraq, where both countries are seeking influence. The White House said last week that American troops in Iraq have been authorized to kill or capture Iranian agents deemed to be a threat. Iran's ambassador followed up by telling The New York Times that Tehran plans to greatly expand its economic and military ties with Iraq and open an Iranian national bank branch in Baghdad.

The United States accuses Iran of supplying terrorists and insurgents in Iraq with improvised explosive devices that have become the most lethal threat to U.S. forces. The Bush administration says it decided to take a tougher line with Tehran after months of evidence showing Iran was assisting anti-U.S. forces.

"If Iran escalates its military action in Iraq to the detriment of our troops and/or innocent Iraqi people, we will respond firmly," the president said. "It makes common sense for the commander in chief to say to our troops and the Iraqi people and the Iraqi government that we will help you defend yourself from people that want to sow discord and harm. And so we will do what it takes to protect our troops."

## Hamas and Fatah factions declare cease-fire in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Warring Hamas and Fatah factions in the Gaza Strip declared a cease-fire early Tuesday in an effort to end factional fighting that has left more than 60 Palestinians dead in the past two months.

The cease-fire was agreed at a midnight meeting between Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas and a representative of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of the rival Fatah. Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas said it would go into effect at 3 a.m. local time.

Zahar spoke after the meeting,

flanked by Hamas and Fatah representatives and by Egyptian mediators. As he spoke, gunfire and explosions could still be heard in Gaza City.

Zahar said the agreement stipulated that all security forces must return to their bases, that suspects in killings are to be handed over, and that all hostages still being held — a number thought to be in the dozens — are to be released.

Several earlier truce agreements aimed at stopping the internal Palestinian bloodshed, raging fitfully since early December, have broken down.

Fatah spokesman Maher Mekdad said his group would observe the agreement.

"Despite all the bitterness and sadness that we are feeling, we will work to make it succeed," he said.

## Fleischer testifies that Libby told him about CIA operative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday he first heard that a prominent war critic's wife worked at the CIA from vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. He said he thought the information might help deflect critical questions from reporters.

Fleischer said Libby told him about Valerie Plame's job at the CIA over a lunch in the White House mess on July 7, 2003. But Libby has told investigators he thought he first learned about Plame on July 10 from NBC reporter Tim Russert.

Four other government witnesses also have said they discussed Plame with Libby before July 10, and the discrepancy between those accounts and what Libby told the FBI and a grand jury are a major component of the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff.

Libby now says his memory failed him when he spoke to Russert. Russert said Monday that he did not tell Libby about Plame. "I was not and never have been the recipient of the leak," Russert told an audience in Oklahoma City.

The appearance of Fleischer, President Bush's chief spokesman from 2001 through mid-2003, slightly swelled the crowd of trial onlookers, including veteran reporters eager to see a White House press secretary questioned under oath.

Acknowledging that he fielded lots of hostile questions at the White House, Fleischer proved to be a calm and unflappable witness, even under cross-examination by defense attorney William Jeffress. He often turned to speak directly to the jurors, sometimes using hand gestures.

Fleischer testified under an immunity agreement with prosecutors. He said he sought the deal after reading about the investigation and worrying, "Oh my God. Did I somehow play a role in outing a CIA operative?" He

insisted he believed throughout that the information was not classified.

## Many Louisiana residents have decided not to rebuild

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — More than 16 months after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita forced an unprecedented exodus from the Louisiana Gulf Coast, tens of thousands of homeowners have decided not to rebuild or have yet to make up their minds, an Associated Press analysis found.

The AP looked at applications to the federally funded Louisiana Road Home program, which dispenses up to \$150,000 per homeowner to rebuild or sell out to the state. Nearly 98,000 people have applied so far.

Two-thirds of all applicants said they want to rebuild their damaged properties, while more than a quarter have indicated they want out or can't decide what to do.

But in dozens of towns and neighborhoods, particularly those closest to the coast, the percentages of homeowners on the fence or on the way out are higher than average, with as many as two out of three homeowners not committed to rebuilding. The areas, 31 ZIP codes in all, include several heavily damaged New Orleans neighborhoods such as Lakeview and the Ninth Ward.

Michael Kurth, a McNeese State University economics professor who has done research for the Louisiana Recovery Authority, said he is not surprised.

"With the scale of destruction that occurred in those coastal areas, it wasn't a matter of 'Let's return in a month or in two months,'" Kurth said. "In a lot of cases, you couldn't go back to what was there before. It's just not there."

Homeowners who remain undecided could still rebuild their destroyed homes. But by now, many are resettled in new homes, schools and jobs. Louisiana demographer Elliott Stonecipher said it is safe to assume that those who were going to commit themselves to rebuilding would have done so by now.

## Miami plans celebration for the death of Fidel Castro

MIAMI (AP) — The city of Miami is planning an official celebration at the Orange Bowl whenever Cuban president Fidel Castro dies.

Discussions by a committee appointed earlier this month by the city commission to plan the event have even covered issues such as a theme to be printed on T-shirts, what musicians would perform, the cost and how long the celebration would last.

Such a gathering has long been part of the city's plan for Castro's death, but firming up the specifics has been more urgent since Castro became ill last summer and turned over power to his brother, Raul.

City Commissioner Tomas Regalado, a Cuban American, came up with the idea of using the Orange Bowl,

noting that the stadium was the site of a speech by President Kennedy in 1961 promising a free Cuba, and that in the 1980s it served as a camp for refugees from the Mariel boatlift from Cuba.

## Wyden tries to block sale of spare F-14 parts sought by Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic senator is trying to block the Pentagon from selling spare parts from its recently retired F-14 fleet that are coveted by Iran.

Sen. Ron Wyden's bill came in response to an investigation by The Associated Press that found weaknesses in surplus-sale security that allowed buyers for countries including Iran and China to obtain sensitive U.S. military equipment including Tomcat parts.

The Oregon Democrat's legislation would ban the Defense Department from selling surplus F-14 parts and prohibit buyers who have already acquired surplus Tomcat parts from exporting them. Wyden's bill, the Stop Arming Iran Act, is co-sponsored by the Senate's No. 2 lawmaker, Democratic Whip Richard Durbin of Illinois.

"It just defies common sense to be making this kind of equipment available to the Iranians with all that they have done that is against our interests," Wyden said Monday in an interview, adding that constituents brought up the surplus-sale security problems at his town-hall meetings over the past few days. "I just want to legislate this and cut it off permanently, once and for all."

The Tomcat is the fighter jet made famous in the 1986 Tom Cruise blockbuster "Top Gun." The U.S. military retired its F-14s last fall. That leaves only Iran — which bought the fighter jet in the 1970s when it was a U.S. ally — flying the planes.

U.S. law enforcement officials believe Iran can produce only about 15 percent of the parts it needs for its Tomcats, making the Pentagon's surplus sales a valuable avenue for spares.

The Pentagon already plans to sell about 60 percent of the roughly 76,000 parts for the F-14, viewing them as general nuts-and-bolts-type aircraft hardware that can be sold safely to the public without restrictions.

Some of those spares from the newly retired fleet likely have already been sold, Jack Hooper, a Defense Logistics Agency spokesman, said Monday. The Defense Department plans to destroy about 10,000 other components it considers unique to the F-14.

The agency is reviewing 23,000 other parts it believes it can sell under existing law. But it said it will consider their potential value to Iran.

Those parts, of both military and commercial value, are of particular concern to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials and the investigative arm of Congress, the Government Accountability Office. The GAO has conducted its own inquiry into surplus security and found loopholes. It wants assurances the parts won't be sold.

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

- Meetings**  
ISOSU, 6pm, MU 208. General meeting. Join us for an evening of small group activities and multicultural discussion.
- Educational Activities**, 7-9pm, MU. EDACT Budget Hearings.
- FMLA-Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance**, 8-9pm, Women's Center. Come and join in activism for women and the world! All are welcome!
- Pro-choice OSU**, 8-9pm, Women's Center. General meetings. Come get involved in feminist activism.

### 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.
- International Health Club**, 11am, Asian Pacific Room MU 206. Lecture by Dr. Mark Loveless from OHSU will speak on HIV/AIDS.

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Meetings**  
**Educational Activities**, 6-9pm, MU. EDACT Budget Hearings.
- Speakers**  
**University Honors College**, 7-8:30pm, MU Lounge. Ethics, Research & Promotion of Knowledge. Join us for an evening of lively discussion regarding the evolution of knowledge. Free dessert!

### Events

- ASOSU Accessibility Task Force**, 3pm, Snell Lounge. Accessibility Gripe. We will be discussing accessibility issues on campus and getting opinions on buildings that will be renovated. Food will be provided.

### Thursday, Feb. 1

- Meetings**  
**Educational Activities**, 6-9pm, MU. EDACT Budget Hearings.
- Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.
- Department of Music**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à La Carte: Halcyon Trio Oregon. Soprano, piano & trumpet trio from McMinnville.

### Sunday, Feb. 4

- Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 35 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison. Taizé Prayer.

### Monday, Feb. 5

- 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.
- Unitarian-Universalist Campus Ministry (UUCM)**, 7:30-9pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd (corner of Monroe).

### Tuesday, Feb. 6

- Meetings**  
**Educational Activities**, 7-9pm, MU. EDACT Budget Hearings.
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# Legislators plan bill to curb toll roads

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NEWBERG — Two Republican lawmakers say they are preparing legislation that would limit the use of toll roads as a way to fund Oregon highways, which could affect a proposed bypass through Oregon's wine country.

Rep. Kim Thatcher of Keizer and Sen. Larry George of Newberg say one bill would restrict use of tolling to finance new transportation projects and a second would ban tolling of existing roads for any reason.

The bills could affect the proposed Newberg-Dundee bypass, which would cut through a popular travel path in Oregon wine country.

State highway officials have said a toll is necessary to fund the Newberg-Dundee bypass. But the project would only work if nearby Highway 99w also became a toll road, because motorists might opt for the highway rather than the toll-bypass, which could cost several dollars.

Oregon now has some toll bridges but no toll roads.

This week, state officials decided charging a toll to handle growth in Clackamas County along the proposed \$1 billion Sunrise Corridor wasn't feasible. They based that on projections developed by Macquarie Infrastructure Group, an Australian company eyeing the bypass and several other major Oregon highway projects.

Macquarie concluded the Sunrise Corridor project wouldn't collect enough, partly because of alternate toll-free roads.

The Thatcher-George legislation would prohibit a proposed toll on travel between Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Oregon officials want restoration of a toll on the bridge carrying Interstate 5 over the Columbia River and say it might be necessary to put one on the Interstate-205 bridge as well to keep too many drivers from using it to avoid the I-5 toll.

# Bill Clinton to speak in Portland in April

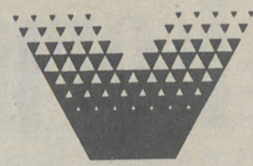
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — Bill Clinton is coming to Portland to speak about international affairs. In an address scheduled for April 17, the former president will anchor the World Affairs Council of Oregon's 2007 International Speaker Series.

Clinton is one of four speakers slated for the series. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state, is to speak May 18 on "Building Democracy in Africa."

Sheri Liao, who will speak May 29, is considered China's foremost environmental activist and journalist. Her talk will be "This Endangered Planet: A Chinese View."

The council's first speaker is uncertain. The group had scheduled Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, but he resigned his post in December and canceled all appearances. The council said it is finalizing arrangements for "an equally high-ranking Middle East diplomat/political official" to speak March 16.



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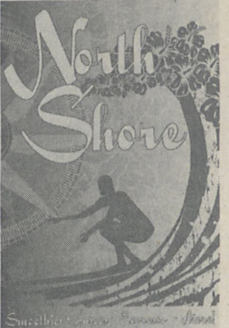
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# MISSION: From the shuttle, Oefelein said he saw Alaska, Portland and even Corvallis

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ing together was the best part."

On the mission, Oefelein's job was to pilot, which he said is like co-piloting in a conventional airplane.

He was responsible for making sure everyone got up to the space station and home safely. He also made sure the space craft docked to the station correctly, and he was the conductor and coordinator of the four planned space walks.

"One of my favorite memories of the trip was when I got to pass my home state of Alaska," Oefelein said. "It was a beautiful sight and that same night we passed over Seattle, Vancouver and Portland. I could see I-5 and I could even make out Albany and Corvallis. It was the first time I had ever seen Alaska or Corvallis from space."

Oefelein plans to go on another mission during his NASA career.

"I will work some technical assignments and start training again. I hope to fly again in the next couple of years," he said.

Oefelein is still in contact with friends he made while at OSU.

"I still have climbing partners from OSU," he said. "We all graduated from OSU and we are still good friends."



NASA PHOTO

Bill Oefelein, an OSU graduate, piloted the space shuttle in December. He says he hopes to return to flight.

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# VINTAGE: Display tells of an OSU student who joined an effort to register voters in the South

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"Black Belt" counties spread over five southern states.

SCOPE brought college students from across the U.S., including Jennifer Sather, who was an OSU freshman in science during the summer of 1965, and with their help succeeded in registering 49,000 new voters.

Bourque, who has been involved with the MLK Celebration at OSU for three years, found the photos in the Valley Library.

"I put them up after searching through the archives," Bourque said.

"It's kind of cool to see that people so far away in other parts of the country helped make that possible," said Danielle McSherry, a sophomore in exercise and sport science. "People say one vote doesn't count, but it's a collection of

those 'one' votes that makes a difference."

"It was a very brave and courageous thing for that young woman to do," Bourque said about Sather.

The historical insight of the photos isn't lost on Jamie Gamble, a junior in psychology.

However, Gamble wishes the exhibit was in a more prominent location.

"I think they should put them in a place where more people can see them," he said.

According to Bourque, similar pictures have been shown in the Concourse Gallery in the MU in past years. However, they were often lost amid all the other photos.

"It made more sense to separate them out and give them their own area," Bourque

said. "I would certainly be willing to lend them out to another site if someone had a better option," she said.

Ultimately, though, the photos are a showcase of the United States' struggle and hope for equality.

"We still have a long way to go," Bourque said.

"Most folks think (the Civil Rights Movement) was mostly in the eastern and southern U.S., so it was a surprise to me, and a very pleasant surprise to find these photos of Corvallis," Gamble said. "I had no idea."

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# Corrections

The OSU extension offices are not funded through federal earmarks. Extension offices are funded locally through the county that they inhabit. The lapse of a piece of legislation — proposed in 2000 by Sen. Ron Wyden — is the cause of a loss of funding to counties that are no longer able to profit from timber sales. If the counties lose funding, the extension stations could lose that source of income.

Also, it is the College of Agricultural Sciences that will be the most affected due to federal earmarks cuts. The College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences may experience a slight impact, said OSU Associate Director of Federal Relations Liz Clark.

Incorrect information was printed in the Jan. 26 edition of The Daily Barometer, in an article titled "Curbing 'earmarks' means big cuts at OSU."

We regrets the errors.

Editorial

## Stop loss: just say no

The Associated Press reported yesterday that new Defense Secretary Robert Gates will be making efforts to cut back on the military's "stop loss" policy.

Stop loss is a practice of extending the tours of duty in war zones for military personnel beyond their retirement dates or enlistment length.

According to an Associated Press article titled "Military aims to cut forced extensions," the Defense Department says the idea behind the stop loss policy is to keep units whole for deployment regardless of whether or not service time has ended for individual soldiers in the unit.

Gates' predecessor Donald Rumsfeld has also defended the policy saying it helps to maintain "unit cohesion."

"The principle is that — in the event there is something that requires a unit to be involved in, and people are in a personal situation where their time was ending — they put a stop-loss on it so cohesion is maintained," Rumsfeld was quoted in the article as saying.

However, while cohesion and familiarity are important for members of military units who must rely on one another in dangerous combat situations, the negative effects that it has on the morale of the troops whose time is extended may be greater than the benefits of that cohesiveness.

As Jules Lobel, the vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights points out in the Associated Press article: "It has in some cases made soldiers feel that they were duped or deceived in how they were recruited."

Many of these military personnel probably joined the military specifically for the benefits they would receive after service in mind. No doubt many of them are anxiously awaiting the day when they can return home to their families and their civilian lives.

As students, we can imagine how much animosity it would create if we were suddenly informed that our finals would be extended for another week, or month. And that's something as inconsequential as taking a test.

The stress caused by a prolonged open-ended deployment is bad for both unit cohesion and on the psyche of the individuals within the units.

Gates is taking the right steps in minimizing this policy. He has asked that by the end of February the chief of each of his service branches produce a plan of how to rely less on stop loss. He is also looking to increase recruiting and reassess how the active duty and reserves are used.

The men and women of the U.S. military make enormous sacrifices and constantly put themselves in harm's way to serve this country. At the very least our government has an obligation to keep: to honor the recruitment agreement that they made with them.

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Matt Lewis



I Mean, Seriously

## I'm coming out

I have a secret. It's a secret I've kept buried for a long time now. The All-American rejects might call it a dirty, little secret, but I'm not ashamed of it anymore. There are only a few people in the entire world who know this about me.

At first, I was scared that if others knew about who I really was, they would shun me. I thought the relationships with my friends, family and everyone I care about would change if I actually came out and said the words, instead of just pretending that everything was OK.

I spent countless hours listening to my friends discussing how negative this lifestyle was and how much they disapproved of it.

I had a conversation with a friend over the summer about how people that matter won't mind and those who mind don't matter. And that helped, but it's taken me this long to come to grips with myself.

You see, this "thing" about me, it's not very socially accepted yet. It's been used as political fodder for I don't know how long. Someday, I hope that everyone can accept everyone regardless of their lifestyles, but right now that's not the case, and I'm going to take a stand and tell you, faithful readers, my deepest, most well-kept secret.

I, Matt Lewis, am addicted to trashy television.

Before you all shun me, let me explain myself. I used to complain a lot about how TV was going down the drain. (I wanted to say shit-hole, but I didn't think they'd let me print that). All the sitcoms, with their awfully timed laugh tracks, were horrible.

There was no laughing coming from my couch.

And the dramas, goodness, the dramas. I'd pay someone good money to have someone weed through all the hour-long shows and find me one drama that doesn't involve a crime lab or prosecutors of some kind.

Where are the personal relationships? Where is the conflict? The humor? If life was anything like TV was telling me, I didn't ever want to leave the sanctity of my living room.

That was before I learned to quit being a hater and embrace the wonders of reality and celeb-reality television.

It's television that's so bad, it has to be good. How anyone can resist the allure of watching Flavor Flav choose between 12 ladies vying for his affection is beyond me. My only question is how did the people at VH1 find so many women who considered themselves physically attracted to Flav?

I'll tell you one thing, it definitely gives me hope in my search for love, that's for sure. If Flav can find love with a voluptuous woman named "Deelishis" then so can I.

MTV also hosts a wide variety of reality television offerings. There's "The Real World" and "Road Rules," but See LEWIS / page 5

## One of many synthesized cultures

Amanda Amstutz

### The Daily Barometer

This morning I was studying in the park when a man approached me. He was a missionary. What is your status in your relationship with God, he wanted to know. He then gave me a pamphlet on the evils of drinking in excess, the value of hard work, etc.

Missionaries have been coming to Ecuador for hundreds of years, especially because there are lots of indigenous cultures about as non-western as you can be. In the past, cultures in the jungle practiced killing raids and revenge killings, head hunted and practiced "free-love."

Cultures in the highlands and coast had a nature-based religion, with the object of their worship either the sun or the moon. Where before Ecuador was a melting pot of beliefs and practices, the country is now 90 percent Catholic. Although every day I see women dressed in the traditional Otavaleno style and whole pigs being cooked with a blow torch on the side of the road, young Latinos in business suits and KFC are a much more common appearance, especially in the big city of Quito.

On attending the funeral of a friend's aunt in the Ecuadorian countryside I found myself surrounded by people in traditional skirts and ponchos repeating dutifully after the priest that they were sinners and would devotedly repent for the evils they had committed. Throughout the entire ceremony, the person whose funeral it actually was never mentioned. More and more traditional

views are being stomped out by western beliefs often inspired by western religion.

As Catholicism and western lifestyles have become more common in Ecuador, indigenous views and lifestyles have not only become less common, but are seen as inferior. There seems to exist as well a general feeling (especially among the students of the university I attended last semester who represent the upper crust of Ecuadorian society), that although the ancient indigenous cultures of Ecuador are worth studying and preserving, their ideas on the value of human life and the ruling powers of the universe are at best a little outdated, and at worst backward.

One's first reaction when they hear that a culture is plagued with killing raids, warfare and in general seemingly unnecessary death, is to assume, much like many of the missionaries that have come to Ecuador have, that these decidedly barbaric practices are something that surely their victims wish to escape from and we should work to abolish. And, as has happened here in Ecuador, people with viewpoints different from those of the indigenous communities begin to see the natives as something like sub-humans because of their drastically different ideas. But what makes something so wrong or so right? Is what makes us human a variable that

controls universal ideas and actions, deep seated in our brains?

The idea that murder, nature worship, head shrinking, etc. are crimes comes from a western perspective of what is right or wrong. In the olden days when a man was killed for Inti Raymi, an Ecuadorian Quechua festival that takes place every spring, it was considered a "good" Inti Raymi. The Quechua peoples must have very different ideas than a westerner about their readiness to kill. After all, it has been a part of their lives (and their religion too, I assume) since birth. Something so familiar and integral might not be seen as a crime. A necessity maybe, perhaps an honor. Does a Quechua, taught in their own tradition since birth, feel guilt or regret at killing another? I don't know, but surely he is still human.

It seems that the thing everyone on earth has in common is the ability to change in response to their environment and culture. Maybe a human being is something not with a predetermined nature, but a history. If there is no such thing as human nature and if right and wrong are determined by what's around us, I guess that opens up a lot of questions about the ideas of morality presented by our culture, the validity of our religion and society, and the propriety of limits we place on our tolerance of other's actions. If murder can be seen as a blessing, what other supposedly concrete and factual ideas in western society can be put under question?

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# Iraq debate highly unnecessary

**M**uncie, Indiana (U-WIRE) — Having come of age in the 1980s and 1990s, I was an avid fan of the Beastie Boys. I vaguely remember hearing stories of notorious stage antics that featured giant motorized inflatable penises and women dancing in cages. However, by the early part of this decade, the hip-hop trio abandoned these activities and had adopted more politically conscious exploits.

Led by Adam Yauch (aka MCA), the group became heavily involved with the Free Tibet Movement — launching the Milarepa fund and performing in several Tibetan Freedom Concerts.

Spearheaded by the International Tibet Independence Movement, Tibetan exiles and the Dalai Lama, the Free Tibet Movement challenges the People's Republic of China's control of the region and advocates for its independence.

The International Tibet Independence Movement's official Web site lists 33 different methods in which an individual can aid the cause, including a boy-

## Chris Flook The Daily News

cott of the 2008 Olympics. While noble, none of the 33 techniques suggests an armed intervention to throw the communist yoke off the Tibetans' backs. If history has taught us anything, it reveals that oppressed individuals more often than not obtain independence through violent measures.

While the Beastie Boys and others were waving Tibetan flags and trading giant penises for political positions, the people of Tibet suffered under communist imperialism and displacement — so much so that modern Tibet has virtually become nonexistent as a sovereign identity.

I mention this as an allegory to the Iraq War. While we sit and debate how to fix the situation, wave our flags and denounce President Bush, scores of non-combatants and soldiers are dying everyday in Iraq.

The situation in Iraq, as it exists now, has deteriorated

just short of an all-out civil war. Regardless of the validity of the justifications that led the U.S. to war, the simple fact remains that we caused this crisis. Therefore, it is our responsibility to fix it. History will not forget the empty justification of weapons of mass destruction, nor will it forget the subsequent genocide if we decide to retreat or, as the Democrats like to say, "re-deploy."

An organized withdraw from our responsibility would plunge the region into a nightmare as yet unseen.

The opposition to the war has often voiced its criticism by comparing Iraq to Vietnam. This is an incorrect assessment. The Vietnam War had no clear objective. The Iraq War, including the President's current plan to increase troop levels, has always had clear objectives: clear Baghdad of insurgents, support military training of Iraqi forces and continue building the much-needed infrastructure.

A proper comparison of Vietnam and Iraq would have to look at the ensuing chaos after America's retreat from Saigon. As a result, the communist

forces butchered thousands of non-combatants. Many more were forced to enter re-education camps, while their neighbors in Cambodia engaged in genocide.

Perhaps the war will one day be seen as the catalyst that broke the back of radical totalitarian states in the Middle East, or it might be judged as the worst decision America made in the modern era.

Our privileged culture allows room for individuals to transform their self-expression of inflatable penises to socially conscious advocacy. Perhaps then we have a responsibility to defend those without such opportunities and, in the very least, we should defend our rhetoric with the necessary resolve and methods.

I have faith that we will and I am reminded of a quote from Churchill, "Americans can always be counted to do the right thing ... after they have exhausted all other possibilities."!

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## Letter to the Editor

Gay sheep research makes New York Times's page one  
Experiments on animals not prudent

Despite OHSU experimenters Charles Roselli and Fred Stormshak's claims to the contrary, OHSU documents substantiate the fact that Roselli and Stormshak are conducting lethal tests on sheep in order "to know whether sexual preferences can be altered by manipulating the prenatal hormone environment, for instance by using drugs to prevent the actions of androgen in the fetal sheep brain."

In one of Stormshak's peer-reviewed articles, he describes clearly his intent to offer estrogen "therapy" to MOR (male-oriented rams, or gay sheep) to "alter their sexual behavior to the point of being more like that of FOR (female-oriented rams, or heterosexual sheep)."

Similar tests on rodents, which were referenced in a paper by Roselli, were condemned by the German Society for Sex Research as "openly toy[ing] with the idea of endocrinological euthanasia of homosexuality." Roselli and Stormshak claim that their results will help researchers in offering prenatal assistance to "affected" people suffering from various sexual conditions, such as intersexuality.

However, not only has the utility of animal testing regarding this condition been rejected by the British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, but there are already five U.S. government-funded clinical (non-animal) trials currently underway. Animal experiments are not above public scrutiny, and scientists, bioethicists, and social groups have criticized these gay sheep experiments as wasteful and unethical. To learn more, visit [www.StopAnimalTests.com](http://www.StopAnimalTests.com).

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## SALAD DAYS

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WELCOME, GENTLEMEN, TO RISK.

by JASON BACH



## LEWIS: Canadians on par with the rest of TV's notables

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my favorite is the yearly "Real World/Road Rules Challenge."

Call me a sucker, but I just can't resist a TV show that's sole purpose is to create conflict and pit people against each other.

I was also just suckered into the show "Fat Camp." I was so suckered in, that a friend and I are currently in the process of applying for jobs as counselors at the renowned camp.

Who needs internships when you have even a somewhat slim chance of appearing on television? Internships are forever, but reality TV-induced fame is fleeting. It would be irresponsible of me to throw away an opportunity like this.

Of course, trashy TV isn't just relegated to the reality genre. There's also that awful stuff that's imported directly from Canada.

You know what I'm talking about. Ever heard of a little gem called "Degraasi?" I know you have, so don't lie.

It's always great to see how foreign cultures tackle issues, and I love watching how the Canadians, with their social consciousness and respect, deal with issues that face society. Those crazy Canadians ... always

thinking of others and the effects their actions will have on the rest of the world.

I think the main reason this kind of television appeals to me is because it makes me feel so much better about myself.

Why would I want to pay a horrendous amount of money to see a psychiatrist or a self-help guru, when all I have to do is sit my butt down and watch people who think they can sing be berated by Randy, Paula and Simon?

You tell them like it is, Dawg.

One day, I hope to be on a reality television show, and I think that would be the most uplifting experience of my life. But first, I have to make a decision about which I would rather appear on.

Right now, things are looking up for "The Real World" and "I Love New York," but only if my dear, dear Tiffany can't find someone to love her as much as I would.

I hope that disclosing this information won't make you, my dear readers, think any different of me. In fact, I hope that many of you will join me and my friends as we watch "I Love New York" every week on my new television.

It's pretty bitchin'.

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## AMSTUTZ: Colonialism still abundant in Ecuadorian life

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Of course, one can always choose which ideas represent right and wrong for themselves — I'm not worried about Ecuadorians challenging my beliefs about murder because I already have them figured out. But what is worrisome is the tendency in the last few decades for western culture to trickle throughout the globe and replace traditional beliefs and practices — similar to what has happened in Ecuador as missionaries push Catholicism and indigenous culture loses its value.

The least we can do is recognize that there are other ways of thinking out there, so barging in and presenting "universal" ideas as a golden gift from the west and then rationalizing our actions by saying we are trying to save others from an unpleasant fate might be a little much. After all, how can we claim to be the authorities on the tilts and turns of the universe?

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# Coco Montoya set to celebrate release of CD

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Coco Montoya, a guitarist and vocalist, is celebrating the release of his new CD "Dirty Deal" at Platinum tonight.

Montoya ranks among the top-drawing and best-selling artists on the blues-rock scene, according to a press release.

Montoya will be performing live at the club at 126 S.W. 4th St. The event starts at 8 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door.

# Cyclists ask for more space on Oregon roads

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Motorists passing cyclists from behind on Oregon highways would have to keep at least three feet away from them under a bill that was reviewed by a Senate committee on Monday.

The bill would also let motorists cross the no-pass median line to maintain that safety buffer while overtaking a cyclist.

The measure, bike advocates say, would increase safety for cyclists and help stem tensions between them and drivers.

"I think for a lot of motorists, what they don't understand is that being miserly with the distance is really dangerous," said Ray Thomas, an attorney who testified in favor of the new measure.

Senators listened as the bill was presented but said that it needed more work. Sen. Floyd Prozanski said he thought the buffer should be greater than three feet.

"If someone is sitting on a bike and they fell over sideways, when they fall, they're going to fall farther than three feet," said the Eugene Democrat.

The senator said he was working on additional legislation to address the same problem. "We also want to make certain that when we say 'safe distance,' that it truly is safe," said Prozanski.

Eleven cyclists died in traffic-related accidents in 2005. Figures for 2006 have not yet been released.

# POET: Idea for material came from old photo

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in the field of poetry. Her work has been published in The Paris Review, Slate and The Nation.

Holmberg is the two-time winner of the Academy of American Poets Prize, and one time winner of the Vassar Miller Prize, a distinguished honor in poetry.

The author's most famous work is a book of poems published in 2002 titled "Perseids."

Unlike some of her previous work, "Black Pansies" will favor spontaneity over rigid structures. It will be a lyrical novella with no narrative involved.

The idea for Holmberg's new compilation of poems came from a photograph taken of her great grandfather, Adolf Holmberg.

"I felt like I was receiving messages through the photograph," Holmberg said. "It showed a person very passionately attached to a place. Even though some of the work I've done hasn't been good, I knew I had to keep writing to tell the story."

The book will include pieces written about family history and the long-range impact of immigration on a person's well being.

Poetry is known to be a presentation of feelings evoked by experiences, a kind of outlet of expression. Ironically, "Black Pansies" will contain poetry inspired by family members Holmberg has never met, making it difficult to express emotional details.

To aid her research — and gain more information — Holmberg made a pilgrimage to the land of her heritage, Sweden. There she learned about her "crofter" class family, one plagued by low status and a desire for land that eventually drove them to the United States.

However, her great grandfather did not move to the western United

States like many other immigrants. He began to cultivate a farm in Connecticut, an area now known to local residents as "Holmberg Hill."

Upon her return from Sweden, Holmberg realized the immense similarities between the old land in Sweden and her family's Connecticut farm. The love extended so deep that even when forced out, Adolf Holmberg strove to keep a part of it with him in his new surroundings.

"This [novella] is largely about love of place," Holmberg said. "Immigrants like my family were attached to the land as much as they hated it because they were pushed away."

Even after her voyage to Sweden, Holmberg knows little about her Swedish heritage. It wasn't spoken of in her childhood. Their "Swedishness," as Holmberg put it, was stifled. Adolf Holmberg eventually committed suicide. This lends support to her theory that immigrants who deny their true identities can become extremely depressed, she said.

After sharing samples of "Black Pansies" with her anticipatory audience, Holmberg shared her evolving idea for the book. She plans on making the subjects more universal, editing out parts of her family and using different names. Holmberg wishes to project the image not simply of her own heritage stifled, but of those that are smothered around the world.

The captivated listeners seemed awed by Holmberg's indecisive attitude toward her work.

"These works are virgin poems," said Holmberg. "I might throw away some pieces and start over."

For now, students and colleagues will continue to wait for Holmberg to finish what she deems a complete version of "Black Pansies."

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# HYBRID: Exhibit featured interactive quizzes and other information displays

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and educational exhibits focused on the positive effects of driving a hybrid vehicle.

"It was interesting and there was a lot of important knowledge that can be gained from it," said Britta Anderson, a chemistry major.

"I thought it was very interesting and educational," said Eric Stoo, a political science major.

Upon entering the large mechanical collection of facts, it is easy to see the goal of Toyota's promotional endeavor.

The entrance wall, covered in some form of synthetic grass, displays a quote from Andy Warhol which reads: "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

Norman Vincent Peale, a Christian preacher and author, also threw in his two cents: "Change your thoughts and you will change your world."

This gave way to a large room full of touch-screen monitors that displayed facts and quizzes.

One of the main attractions of this concentration of education on wheels is a driving simulator that shows students Toyota's Hybrid Synergy drive system.

"Its actually pretty fun to drive," said Chris Linggi, an engineering major. "It's an accurate

simulation that makes an effective advertising campaign for the hybrid vehicle — it spawned my interest in them."

"The car simulations are really useful and could possibly be used more," Anderson said. "They could be used to teach people how to drive."

In addition there are many interactive events that test the user's knowledge of environmentally safe fuels and the benefits hybrid vehicles can have for the environment as well as the economy.

"I didn't know that they were that much better for the economy," said Alicia Hagstrom, an education major.

These many wonders are set out in front of the explorer against the background of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a Changin'" and the ever-present hum of a visual representation of the Low Emission Vehicle levels in California.

This was done through tubes of differing air pressures blowing red and yellow balls to various levels.

"It was simple and informative," said Curtis Bernard, a mechanical engineering major. "But I was disappointed that you couldn't win the cars."

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## WRESTLING: Arand gets pins and Beavs get fourth team win

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match gave the Beavers another six points and a convincing lead entering the break.

"It's important to have that mental edge going into the Pac-10 Championships, so it's good to beat these guys," Zalesky said. "Arizona State and Boise State have won the last six or seven conference championships, so to have the edge on them is good."

After ASU's Brian Stith, ranked fifth nationally at 157 pounds, defeated Davis 9-4, Brett Arand scored a pin in the 165-pound match, and Jeremy Larson (174 pounds) picked up

a major decision over Alex Pavlenko to seal the Beavers' fourth team victory in the Pac-10 this season.

In a battle of the conference's top wrestlers in the 184-pound division, second ranked Greg Gifford defeated OSU's only number one ranked wrestler, Bressler, 10-2. Gardner, however, sent 1,324 Beavers fans home happy by beating the Sun Devils' Jason Trulson, 6-4, in the 197-pound match.

With big wins in two crucial dual meets, the Beavers will head back on the road for two more conference matches, facing Cal-Davis on Friday before taking on Cal Poly on Sunday.

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## BASEBALL: Four Beavers pitch in to record no-hitter in opener

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the opener, which was called after seven innings due to a 10-run rule, then in the second game Oregon State scored four runs over the final three innings to pull away from the Vulcans.

In the Beavers' opener Thursday, Mike Stutes, Josh Keller, Mark Grbavac and Jorge Reyes combined to pitch a no-hitter as the Beavers beat Hawai'i-Hilo 5-0 in the baseball season-opener for both teams. It was the third no-hitter in OSU history, and the first in 40 years.

OSU steps away from competition next weekend, then visits Georgia for a three-game non-conference series Feb. 9-11.

## GYMNASTICS: Beavers open on bars and tally highest team score of year with 49.000

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"We went out there and hit some things, but we weren't sharp. We let some opportunities slip through our fingers. To compete with the very best, we have to have a certain spark and it wasn't there tonight," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "This was not our best performance, but we'll go back to the gym and get it back together. We need to on every time we go out there. But it is better that this kind of thing happens early in the season when we can still learn from it."

Oregon State opened the meet on the uneven bars by tallying its highest team

score of the year, 49.000. Rodriguez notched a career-best score of 9.875 to finished second on the event. Jami Lanz scored a season-high 9.850 to tie for third. OSU's 49-point performance left the teams tied after one event

The Beavers moved to the vault in the second rotation and received a boost with Tasha Smith's return to the lineup for the first time this season. Smith, a 2006 All-American on the vault, scored 9.875 to finish second in the competition. Rodriguez added her second career-high of the night with

a 9.850 to take for third.

OSU continued to the floor exercise and received a solid lead-off performance from Claire Pierce, who received a 9.700 score to get things started. Kera Bolen matched the career-best score she created last week with a 9.875 for the second week in a row. Jami Lanz followed in the anchor spot with a matching score, for her highest score of the season.

The Beavers return to Gill Coliseum next week to compete against Arizona State Friday at 7 p.m. Next week the Beavers will turn in their traditional orange and black leotards for pink. The meet is Oregon State's second annual pink meet to aid in breast and cervical cancer awareness.

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## No. 15 OSU opens 2007 with four straight wins

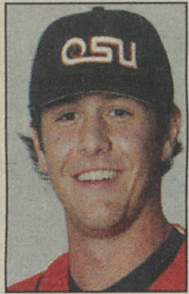
■ Beavers notch first no-hitter in 40 years as defending national champion Oregon State cruises to four wins over Hawai'i-Hilo

THE DAILY BAROMETER

So far, so good.

The No. 15 Oregon State baseball team opened the 2007 season with four straight victories over Hawai'i-Hilo in the first games for the Beavers since their incredible run to the College World Series Championship last June.

The Beavers, defending national champions, reeled off the four wins after OSU's early workouts were limited to sessions in the Merritt Truax Indoor Center. With a host of new players being worked into both the pitching and position plans, the season-opening series gave Oregon State a chance to give everyone a look in game situations.



Mike Stutes

"I think everybody who was on the trip for us played, which was fantastic," OSU head coach Pat Casey said. "It was great to get outside for the first time; we hadn't even practiced on a field due to our (artificial) turf being put down, so that was good. The awareness of competition and how drastically better it's going to be is also something I'm well aware of."

Saturday, Lonnie Lechelt collected three hits, Mike Lissman homered and Anton Maxwell pitched five innings for the win as the 15th-ranked Beavers beat Hawai'i-Hilo 10-2.

One day earlier against Hilo, Oregon State (4-0) collected a dozen hits in each game of the doubleheader as the Beavers swept Hawai'i-Hilo 17-4 and 9-3. OSU put up six runs in both the third and fourth innings of

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Kyle Bressler helped Oregon State score two wins over the weekend, with victories against Arizona State and Boise State to keep the Beavers undefeated in the Pac-10.

## Wrestlers dominate ASU, then Boise State

■ Beavers defeat Sun Devils 31-10, then roll past Broncos 32-6 for third straight time to stay undefeated in conference action

By Sean McLean  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After an important weekend in conference dual meets, the 19th-ranked Oregon State wrestling team proved that it will be a contender for the Pac-10 title.

The Beavers (13-1, 5-0 Pac-10) earned a pair of team victories by defeating Arizona State, 31-10, and Boise State, 32-6, to keep them undefeated in conference and gave them their 11th straight win at Gill Coliseum dating back to last season.

"The guys wrestled hard. I thought we won some lopsided matches but there were some close matches that we need to work on," coach Jim Zalesky said. "Some matches we are not working hard enough to really set the guy up and hit our scoring holes, so we have to continue to work there for the matches down the road."

At the start of Sunday's dual meet against Boise State, OSU got out to a quick team lead with Bobby Pfenning (133 pounds) and Derek Kipperberg (149 pounds) cruising to victories and a forfeit in the 141-pound match, giving nationally ranked Kyle Larson an individual win. The Broncos did not even earn their first individual point until the second period of the

third match.

"I think I went out there and wrestled tough," said Kipperberg, who now has a 14-7 record with one pin on the season. "The coaches have been pushing us to be ready to go and I went out there and wrestled the best that I could."

From there on out, however, it was close match after close match. Freshman Keegan Davis — who perhaps had the toughest two matchups this weekend by facing two nationally ranked opponents at 157 pounds — stuck with Tyler Sherfey before falling 3-0. Brett Arand (165 pounds) and Kyle Bressler (184 pounds) both earned takedowns in the final period to grab individual victories for Oregon State.

"They are obviously very competitive and they have a great coaching staff," Kipperberg said. "I'm excited to get a chance to wrestle against them again, cause you have to be ready to wrestle against them."

The other nationally ranked wrestlers for the Beavers, Jeremy Larson (174 pounds) and Ty Watterson (Heavyweight), both notched a second win for the weekend. Jeremy Larson used two takedowns to defeat the Broncos' Nate Lee, 5-1, while Watterson's escape point was enough to upset Andy Patrick, ranked seventh nationally, 1-0.

Perhaps the Beavers most dominating effort of the day came from 197-pounder Travis Gardner, who pinned Ryan Allen in the first period following a couple 3-point near falls and a takedown.

"He really took it to him, and he is wrestling with a lot of confidence right now," Zalesky said. "He's one of those guys that have been our most improved guy throughout the year and hopefully this gives him some confidence heading into next week's matches."

Returning to the varsity lineup, 2006 NCAA qualifier Eric Stevenson (125 pounds) concluded the Beavers scoring in the final match by posting a 6-0 shutout over Cory Fish.

On Friday night against the Sun Devils, Oregon State won seven of its 10 matches with many dominating individual performances. Watterson

opened the dual meet with a major decision over Thor Moen, 10-2, in the heavyweight matchup. Arizona State quickly came back by notching a 9-4 win by John Espinoza in the 125-pound match over Beaver freshman Jake Gonzalez. It would, however, be the last time the Sun Devils would remain close in the team scores. Kyle Larson (141 pounds) dominated Robert Galvin and would earn a technical fall, while Kipperberg's forfeit in the 149-pound

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### Wrestling

**Friday:** Beavers dominate ASU, 31-10  
**Friday:** OSU beats Boise State for third straight time, 32-6  
**Next Up:** Oregon State travels to California-Davis for meet at 7 p.m.

## Good Things To Come?



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The OSU softball team, which qualified for its first Women's College World Series last May, is ranked No. 6 in the USA Today preseason poll. Oregon State will open its 2007 season Feb. 8 in San Diego.

## Arizona upsets gymnasts in Tucson

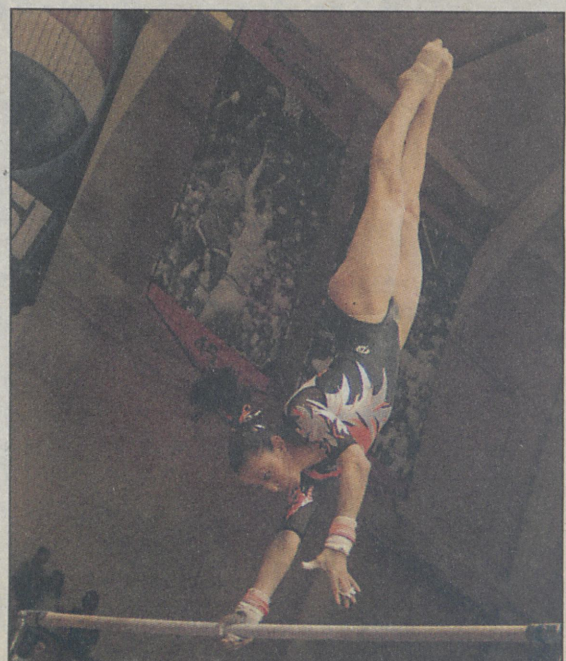
■ Despite three career-bests from Mandi Rodriguez and Jami Lanz's second place finish in all-around, Wildcats sneak past Beavers

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Jami Lanz finished second in the all-around and Mandi Rodriguez scored three career-best scores for the second week in a row. The Oregon State gymnastics team used a season-best performance on the uneven bars to add its third solid score of the season despite falling to No. 16 Arizona, 196.325-194.600.

Rodriguez scored 39.200 to improve her career-high by two-tenths of a point and Lanz, ranked No. 11 in the nation in the all-around, scored 39.275.

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Laura-Ann Chong and the No. 13 Beavers fell at Arizona against the No. 16 Wildcats, but OSU will have another chance this week to get its second Pac-10 victory when Arizona State comes to town for the second annual Pink Meet in Gill.

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