

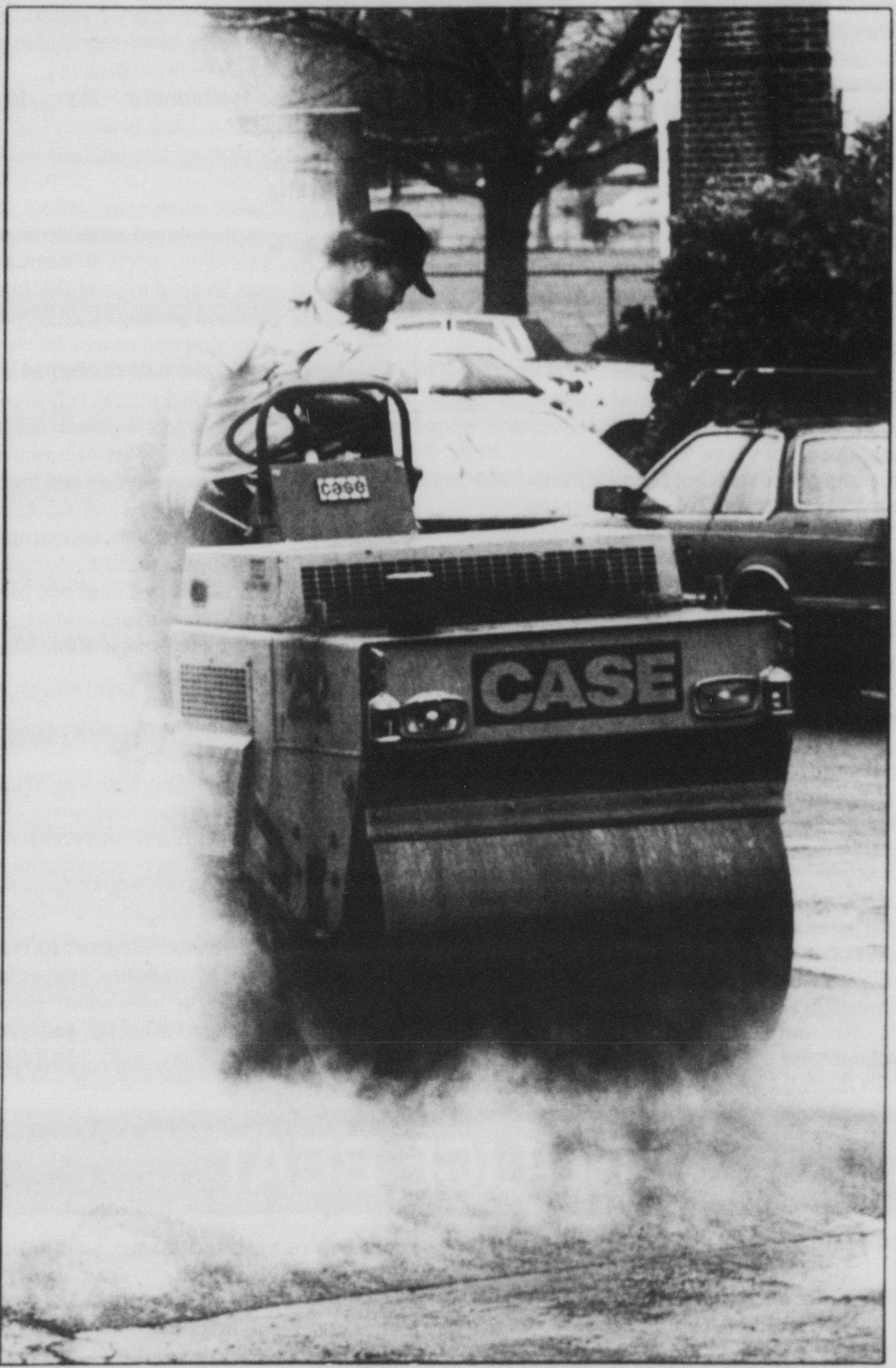
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Dale Gangestad, City of Corvallis worker, sits shrouded in a cloud of steam while compacting asphalt over a water-line repair on 26th Street. The new asphalt is laid down at 300 degrees Fahrenheit, and steam clouds form when the hot asphalt comes into contact with water from the roller drum.

OSU fire cause to be probed

By DAVID KURLE
of the Daily Barometer

The OSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will investigate the cause of a fire that erupted in a garbage truck Tuesday, in part to find out if OSU hazardous waste policy was violated, said OEHS Director Bill Francis.

The fire started in a truck behind the USDA Forestry Sciences Lab, then reignited later at a local landfill.

"We're going to try and find out, if we can, what may have been in there," Francis said. There is no clear evidence right now, just theories and possibilities.

The fire was discovered at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday after the truck's operator, employed by Corvallis Disposal Co., heard an explosion in the back of the truck. The Corvallis Fire Department spent three hours containing the smoldering fire, fearing there may have been hazardous materials in the truck.

The USDA lab was evacuated and the fire department closed portions of 35th Street and Jefferson Way during the operation.

After opening the truck and dumping half of its contents on the ground, the smoldering trash was extinguished and hauled to the Coffin Butte Landfill. A second explosion and fire were reported Tuesday afternoon at the landfill, located north of Corvallis, in the trash that came from the truck. There were no injuries or damage reported in either fire.

Doug Van Pelt, operations chief for the Corvallis Fire Department, theorized that the cause of the original fire was a 1- to 2-pound bottle of methylacetylene, propane and propadiene (MAPP) gas, used for soldering and heating purposes, which had somehow leaked and was ignited from a spark or compression.

"Right now, the most plausible (cause) is the MAPP gas," Francis said. "We found no other chemicals that would cause an explosion."

There were no punctures or other openings in the container, he said. The second fire at the landfill was probably caused by a "residual hot spot" or an ember contained in the remaining trash.

"The following incident out at the dump is a little unsettling," he said.

The investigation will consist of talking to people in the laboratories and other places on campus along the garbage truck's route in order to identify what may have caused the fire, Francis said.

"From other laboratory material we found, it looked like someone was cleaning up," he said.

EHS workers also found other chemical containers in the truck, but they were all empty except a container with some pesticide, Francis said. No disciplinary action will be taken against anyone in the investigation.

"What we want to do at this point in time is to assure the people in the laboratories that we have proper chemical disposal methods and we don't want to establish blame here at all," he said.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be on campus tomorrow for a "hazardous waste generation compliance inspection," said John Taylor, inspector for the DEQ. However, he said the inspection is not in response to the garbage truck fire.

"The reason for the visit is actually unrelated to the garbage truck incident, entirely unrelated," Taylor said. "It was coincidental that the garbage truck incident happened only yesterday (Tuesday)."

It is common for the DEQ to inspect commercial entities that generate solid waste, Taylor said. The last time the DEQ inspected OSU was in 1986.

Francis said that as a rule, chemicals should not be dumped in dumpsters for the disposal company to collect and that EHS and OSU have guidelines and policies on the disposal of hazardous waste.

OSU chem. waste policy

The OSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) has published guidelines for disposing of hazardous waste that are included in official OSU policy.

The OEHS suggests storing waste in leak-proof containers, preferably the chemicals' original packaging. For unmarked containers, OEHS suggests attaching a label, which can be picked up at the OEHS.

OEHS officials urge that boxes be made available for pick-up, but prefer to pack the waste in the boxes themselves.

For pick-up of hazardous waste or for more information call 737-4921.

Prisoners' magazine gets grant, award for its "Convictions"

By MICHELE LADD
of the Daily Barometer

Convictions, a magazine written primarily by prisoners for prisoners, has just received a \$15,000 grant from the C.S. Foundation. The magazine's publisher will use the money to attract subscribers.

Jim Trappe, *Convictions* publisher and OSU professor of forest science, said he plans to use the money in an attempt to reach every prison throughout the United States and Canada by printing a 10,000-piece promotional run of the next issue, which will come out in February. To reach the people who are not aware of this publication, subscription ads will be placed in other magazines that are read by prisoners.

In a past attempt to reach more subscribers, the magazine was sent to prison administrators across the country — many times never making it into the hands of prisoners, Trappe said. One convict found a copy of *Convictions* in a wastebasket, took the magazine and signed up several subscribers.

With an increase in subscribers, Trappe said he would be able to continue publishing the magazine with the quality and style that have always been used.

"We ran out of money in late 1990 and spent 1991 working on new funding," Trappe said. "The magazine needs 10,000 subscribers to survive — a reachable goal in light of the million prisoners in the United States."

Many prisoners have become interested in the magazine by word of mouth, Trappe said.

If one prisoner receives a copy of the magazine, it is likely that 10 prisoners will eventually read it, and by the time the last person receives it, the reader needs a new copy and will subscribe, he said.

Approximately one-third of the subscriptions come from people other than prisoners. Prison libraries, families of prisoners, and other people associated with the prison system also show interest in the publication.

Trappe started the magazine after his son James, a prisoner at the Oregon State Penitentiary, presented the idea. An enthusiastic response came from prisoners who were writers and artists and who produced works that deserved to be published, he said.

The work by the prisoners includes fiction, essays, poetry, humor and art. Regular features include a legal column, news about prison issues, editorials, a column titled "Nature in the Pen" (written by Trappe), book reviews and pen-pal ads.

Submitted articles go into the magazine uncensored, meaning that, unlike with most other publication, wardens and prison officials have no authority over what information the prisoners can use. In *Convictions*, the prisoners can "tell it like it is," Trappe said.

Trappe said he thinks the magazine offers enlightenment for the prisoners. They get a little shred of self-respect back when they see their work published, he said.

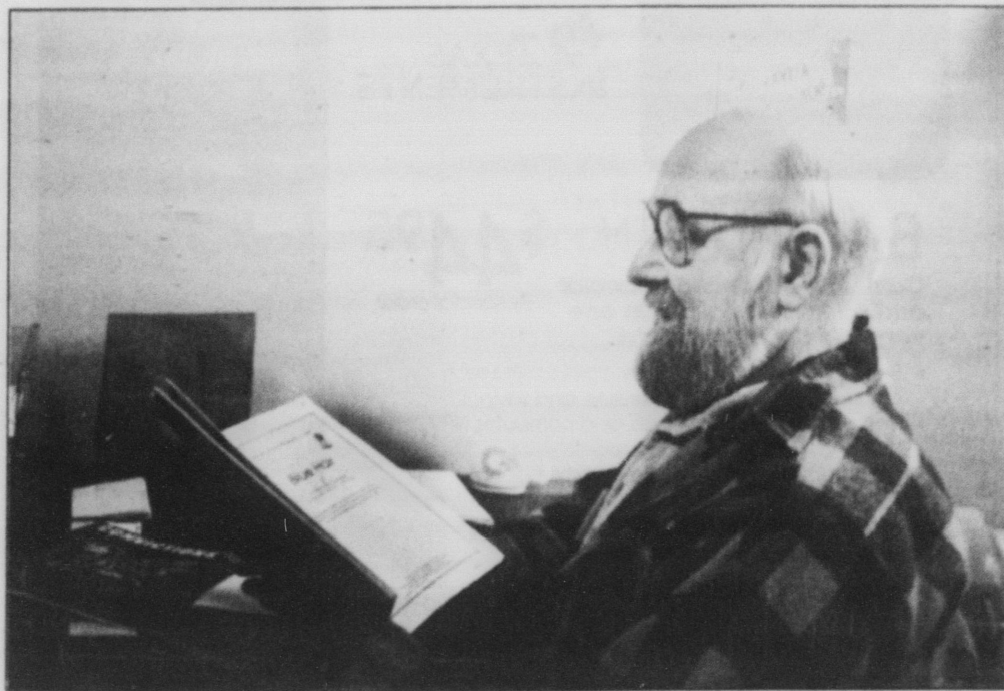
This is also the reason Trappe would like to preserve the high quality of the magazine. Most of the publications the prisoners receive are of a low quality, including newspapers and

newsletters, Trappe said.

Convictions has received a couple of awards for its content and for its stand to defend the civil rights of the prisoners. The magazine recently received a Giraffe Award for "sticking their necks out" for prisoners from the

nonprofit foundation, Giraffe Project.

The publication also received the 1990 Oregon ACLU Civil Liberties Award for defending the prisoners' right to receive the magazine, despite efforts by some wardens to confiscate it.



Jim Trappe, publisher of *Convictions* magazine, takes time to talk about one of the three issues that he produced before running out of money. His work will continue because of a \$15,000 grant from the C.S. Foundation.

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Older students flock back to classrooms

By AMY REYNOLDS
College Press Service

Caryl Ann Minor's amusement is obvious as she recalls a run-in she had years earlier, at the age of 50, in freshman English with a "cute young man" about 19 years old.

"He was the nicest, most sincere young man," the 55-year-old graduate student says, "and he came up to me after class and said, 'Would you mind me asking what you are doing here?'"

"I said that this is something I always wanted to do. You think you kids are the only ones who can do what you want to do?"

With millions of people like Minor going back to school, that question is slowly fading from higher education. Older students are returning to the classroom in unprecedented numbers.

According to 1989 Census Bureau information, 3.3 mil-

lion college students were age 30 or older — double the number 15 years ago. In 1989, one of every five women in college was 35 or older.

Now, the National Center for Education Statistics reports that 43 percent of all college students are 25 or older, up from 39 percent in 1981. Estimates for 1992 expect the enrollment of students 25 or older to bypass the 7 million mark.

One researcher at the NCES offered an interpretation of the flood. "One of the things that happens, the economy slows and people will return to school."

Others agree.

"We have seen for a long time that when the economy goes down ... a lot of people cycle back into the university," says Kay Holmberg, adult student program coordinator at Iowa State University. Not only does it buy time while the economy recovers, but Holmberg says returning to school "increases their chances in the job market," which is becoming more competitive.

Although economic hardship is one common explanation for the phenomenon, it is certainly not the only one, nor is it the most popular. Many of the students themselves say self-improvement and missed opportunities in their youth are perhaps the biggest motivating factors.

Minor worked with her husband to build a family fishing business off Lake Erie after the two married, she at the age of 17. Two children and more than three decades later, Minor longed to return to school.

"One fall I looked out at the

leaves falling and saw myself," she says. "I love my family ... but I let my real self get lost in the process of being a wife and a mom."

So Minor, who hadn't graduated from high school, enrolled in classes to earn her GED. Enrollment at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania soon followed.

"I latched onto this kaleidoscope of thoughts and ideas I'd never been exposed to," Minor says. "It was like a big party."

Her success and enthusiasm led her daughter Shellie, then 34, to return to college as well. Mother and daughter graduated together — Caryl Ann Minor magna cum laude and Shellie Minor with a 4.0 — in May 1991. In September, Caryl Ann Minor started graduate school at Purdue University.

"During the five years I've been in school, I was the exception when I started. But there's been a tremendous jump," she says of older students.

Evidence of that jump is not only seen in the Census numbers but also in the formation of a national organization designed to help older students.

In January 1991, Norman Tognazzini, who returned to college eight years ago at the age of 33, founded the National Association of Returning Students in Salem. NARS is a non-profit organization designed to offer financial and social support to older students and to help them understand the challenges of college.

"The one big thing is financial. Some people are giving up X amount of income by returning to school," Tognazzini says. "If it's a two-parent

household, there's the stress and frustration that adds psychological pressure. Another problem is scheduling. If someone chooses to work, they need someone to work around them." Another problem is child care.

But, Tognazzini says that because the college population of students 25 or older numbers more than 7 million, colleges are more sensitive to the needs of these students.

Holmberg says Iowa State's Adult Student Program is one of the earliest established, in place since 1967. Since then, the school has implemented numerous programs for adult students and has worked to establish financial aid packages, one-on-one advising and counseling seminars and has revamped student scheduling to help accommodate older students' needs.


Companies are also aware of the personal needs and professional benefits of education and many are encouraging employees to return to college for advanced degrees. Many will pay tuition and grant a leave of absence. IBM Corp. is one example.

And from the universities' standpoint, the older students are welcome.

"It's like Rip Van Winkle waking up," Holmberg says. "College and universities are now actively recruiting all students and in that sense you will see universities making increased efforts" to reach older students. Especially since the high school population has "dried up" and budget cuts have hurt institutions financially, she says.

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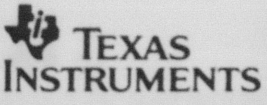
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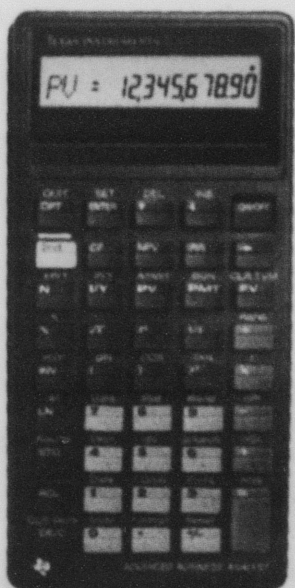
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THEFT II 1:30 p.m. Jan. 14. A student reported his backpack stolen from the Memorial Union Commons while he was away from his table. The contents of the pack, which contained a 10-karat gold ring with three diamonds, are valued at \$200. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

THEFT I 3:45 p.m. Jan. 14. The subject reported her 1940 Schwinn bicycle stolen from her residence near campus. The blue and white, women's-style bike was valued at \$500.

FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT CARD/FORGERY I/ THEFT III 6:45 p.m. Jan. 14. The victim recently received a new ATM card in the mail along with his pin number the next day. He left the pin number out on his desk for about two hours before putting it away. Lost in the theft were the ATM card and a packet of 25 checks. The suspect attempted to cash a check at First Interstate Bank, so the teller was able to describe the person and a video of the transaction is under observation.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 9:15 p.m. Jan. 14. A woman reported being closely followed by a white male as she walked from Dixon Recreation Center to Finley Hall at 5:45 p.m. The suspect was further described as being skinny, about 40-years old and 6 feet tall. He was reportedly wearing blue jeans and a red satin jacket and had brown hair and a short brown beard. When the victim realized that the subject was so close (3 feet), she ran toward Finley Hall. She didn't think the suspect followed her.

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Students spread word about Ag-sciences opportunities

By JEANIE DONELLY
of the Daily Barometer

Nine undergraduates from the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences are traveling throughout Oregon to inform high school students about college opportunities.

The team's purpose is "making agricultural and natural resource sciences known to students, parents and industry, as well as recruiting students for OSU," said Michael Burke, associate dean and director of academic programs.

The group wants to reach as many high school students as possible, "to inform them about the opportunities that exist in the college. We emphasize that agricultural sciences is not just traditional production farming, but also food science and technology, fisheries and wildlife, crop and soil science, and much more," said Cara Bergman, a member of the team.

The team is split up to speak in pairs. "We use sub-groups and match them up with the audience. One pair works with inner-Portland schools with diverse students, for example," Burke said.

So far, the team has spoken at 10 high schools including Grant, Jefferson, and Lebanon high schools.

The speakers have been "very well received; students can relate better," Burke said. "The speakers can do things faculty couldn't do."

Students can ask the speakers about college life and the college experience as well as educational opportunities Burke said.

Helping the ambassadors in their cause is the current job market for agriculture-related jobs. While the recession has depressed the job market in many areas, many agriculture jobs still go unfilled, Burke said. "For OSU graduates, there are going to be about two positions waiting for them when they get out of school. We're really not graduating enough people to fill all those jobs. That certainly helps interest people," Burke said.

Nine students are chosen each year through a series of interviews with former ambassador group members.

The group members are: Debbie Pohlschneider, senior in agricultural and resource economics; Becky Houston, senior in animal science; Robert Holveck, senior in agricultural and resource economics; Cara Bergman, junior in wildlife science; Sharon Glivinski, senior in food science and technology; Teri Lechner, senior in animal science; Dennis Gamroth, junior in crop science; Kim Dodson, senior in animal science; and Barry Thom, senior in fisheries science.

Nike book alleges steroid use

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND — Steroid use by Nike-sponsored athletes and widespread under-the-table payments to amateur competitors are among the allegations in a book released this week that details the inner workings of the athletic shoe and apparel giant.

"Swoosh, The Story of Nike and the Men Who Played There" was written by sisters Julie Strasser and Laurie Becklund.

Strasser was Nike's first advertising director and her husband, Rob, was the marketing whiz during the company's meteoric rise to national prominence during the 1980s. Becklund is a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Much of the 660-page book deals with the unusual personalities whose unorthodox tactics made Nike more than just a shoe company. But there are also allegations of amateur sports rule violations.

In the book, the authors write that competitors for Athletics West, the Nike-sponsored track club that operated from 1977-1985, used steroids, and officials of the club were aware of the practice.

Strasser said this week that she had a copy of the minutes of the 1979 management meeting of Blue Ribbon Sports, Nike's parent company at the time, in which Athletics West head

Harry Johnson said Athletics West was testing for steroid use.

"At that time, you know that Nike management knew that was going on and didn't stop it," she said.

Dick Brown, exercise physiologist for Athletics West, said the material attributed to him on the subject is accurate. He said the club did nothing to encourage or discourage use of performance-enhancing substances.

Instead, Athletics West gathered all the scientific information it could and distributed it to the athletes, he said. Experts were brought in to give lectures on the subject.

At the time, he said, virtually all competitors in track and field weight events felt they had to use anabolic steroids to remain at the world-class level.

"If athletes at that time were not using steroids, they weren't going to be in the top 20 or 30 in the world," Brown said Wednesday. "The athletes knew this. The meet promoters knew this. It was fairly common knowledge."

Using the substances, which now are widely thought to be damaging to long-term health, was and is against international amateur rules. But Brown said in the book that athletes knew how to get around tests for the drug.

In fact, he said Wednesday, meet promoters would help the athletes circumvent the rules by notifying them in advance whether they would be tested.

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Correction

The penalties involved with the firearm and controlled substance incident at Sackett Hall were reported incorrectly in the Jan. 13 issue of the *Barometer*.

The report should have read that, with a

conviction, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana is classified as a violation, punishable by a maximum \$500 fine. The other two penalties were reported correctly.

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Editorials

Threats won't solve the issue

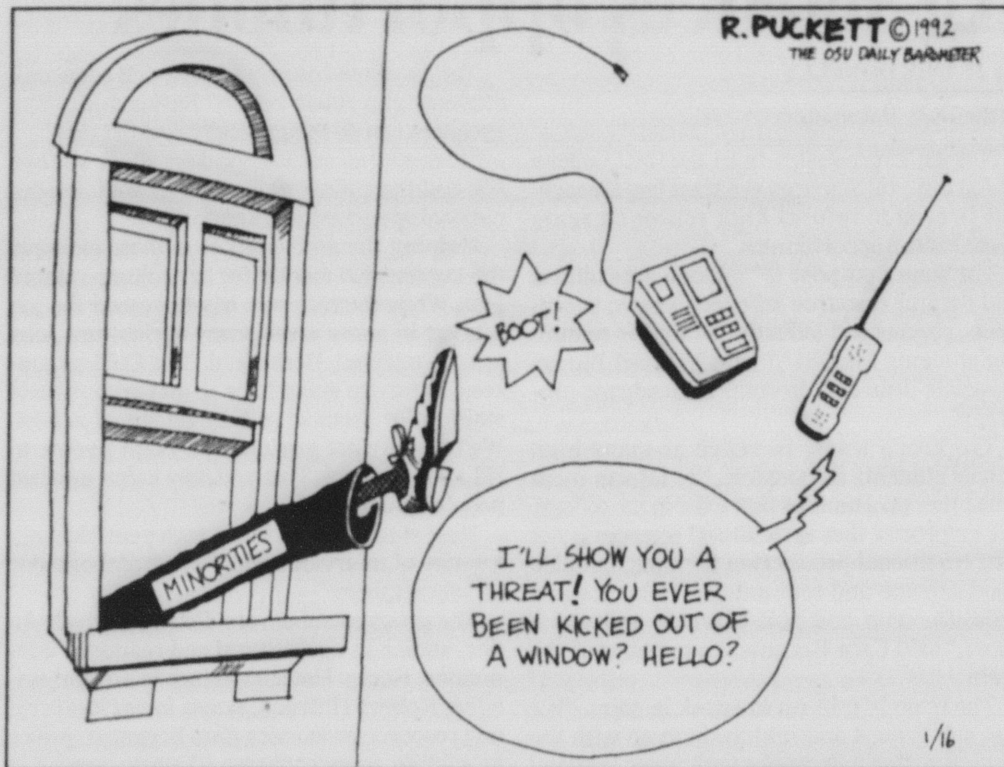
Reasonable debate between two opposing parties ends when threats and violence begin. The Oregon Citizens' Alliance and homosexual advocacy groups have been debating for months over proposed legislation in the Corvallis City Council. But incidents over the weekend have taken the "reasonable" out of the argument.

Seventeen anonymous death threats were left on an answering machine belonging to After 8, a Corvallis homosexual advocacy group, over this last weekend. The messages expressed support for OCA, even though OCA vehemently denies any tie to the calls. After 8 has charged OCA with creating a climate of hatred and bigotry that

threatens the lives of law-abiding homosexuals.

Though the debate will no doubt go on longer than anyone cares to think about, what must stop is bringing violence, or threats of, into the argument. Violence is resorted to only by narrow-minded individuals who aren't patient and intelligent enough to seek other recourse for solving conflicts. It's obvious that the callers leaving such messages need to reevaluate their position in this argument. No issue is so deep and biting that it requires violence.

It is hoped that this situation can be worked out within the parameters of the law. Democracy, especially in an intellectual community such as ours, is above resorting to violence.



A job at Taco Bell looking better now

I got a phone call the other day from an old friend of mine. It was great to hear from her because I knew she was out in the world, doing what I wanted to do and making it big.

She was, in fact, everything that I ever wanted to be in a journalist. She had experience, not just at the school paper, but from many key internships. She was sharp and witty, with a keen eye for the news that really mattered, always going beyond the "who," "what," "where," "why," "when" and "how" to tell us the "what for" and the "yeah, so?"

She'd graduated nearly a year ago with honors from a decent school of journalism. She had a degree that professed her as qualified to find the news and tell us about it. And she was proud of that.

But she wasn't living up to it the other day.

Erik Van Eaton

You see, for all her high-falootin', arm-and-leg costin' education, for all her gut-wrenching, ulcer-causing, late-night-studying toil, she was working at a Taco Bell.

Judging by the job market, folks, it looks like many of us will either join the ranks of graduates nationwide who are staying in school, or join my friend at Taco Bell. The first idea works for me — you know, keep getting degrees until I have one that can get me a decent job.

Only I can't do that here. Oregon state higher education is getting so expensive, working at a Taco Bell looks like the American Dream in comparison.

The most frustrating aspect of my predicament are the grand expectations given me by my mother. Mom always told me that as long as I stayed in school, I could be whatever I wanted to be. Anything. And I believed Mom. I could be a firefighter, a police officer or an astronaut. I could act, sing, drive trains or fly planes. Anything.

Well here I am, Mom, and I want to be a reporter. But Mom hadn't considered a recession. Mom didn't know that the president would abandon vital domestic issues right before my graduation. Oh, the pep talk was great for morale, but I can't pay the rent with it can I?

Well here I am, Mom, and I want to live at home. From the looks of things out there, almost all fields are trying to squeeze into a tight job market. Applications for internships increased exponentially over the past year, while the number of internships themselves fell.

In fact, things look so bad out there in my field that the department of journalism created a special class that is ostensibly designed to show me how to take advantage of my special talents to steal a job slot from my fellow graduates. Actually, I suspect the class is just a way to break the unemployment news softly.

There are a few occupations that are still enjoying plentiful job opportunities — those would be the careers I decided not to follow, like engineering, agriculture and, of course, job placement.

The harder I look at the situation, the louder rings the advice from my how-to-get-a-job-when-there-are-none class: Time to lower your standards.

Now that's a scary thought. How low do I have to go? My friend, my hero in journalism and honors graduate from j-school, went all the way down to Taco Bell. Her keen, well-trained insight and no-nonsense questioning intellect now inquires whether or not a customer would like a Coke with the order.

If her success is any indication of how well I can expect to do, I'd better quit hoping that there are journalism jobs left and start praying that there are ANY jobs left.

Well here I am, Mom, and I want to be ANYTHING.

E. Van Eaton is the copy editor of the *Daily Barometer*.

Cultural centers should reexamine goals

Black Americans lost a great leader when Martin Luther King Jr. died. So did every other American.

He dreamed of a time when men and women would be judged by their character, not their skin color. They weren't judged by their character then, and they aren't now. Men and women are still judged by their skin color, but in a slightly different way.

Then, society in parts of the country was largely segregated. Black Americans were kept out of restaurants, certain seats on buses and were harassed by men in weird white hats. Martin Luther King Jr. struggled for integration of society and unity between races.

Kimberly White

Progress has been made; the Jim Crow laws requiring segregation in society have been repealed, and *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Supreme Court case that upheld school segregation with "separate but equal" facilities was overturned by *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Racism persists, of course, in the form of David Duke and white supremacist-types and more subtly in stereotypes, graffiti on walls, threats and job discrimination.

Since King's death, minority groups have worked in the opposite direction, and seem to call for a return to the days of segregation and *Plessy v. Ferguson*. Minorities have formed groups to defend themselves against discrimination, but unfortunately, in doing so have worked not for unity but for separation.

Washington Post columnist William Raspberry said Monday in the Tom McCall Memorial Lecture that minority groups now seek special advantages in reparation for their past and probably continued mistreatment by white males. Instead of

becoming more unified, the country has broken apart into special interest groups. These special interest groups include campus cultural centers.

The work of the Black Cultural Center, the Hispanic Cultural Center, the Asian Cultural Center and others is admirable in that it strives to balance the predominantly white-perspective education most people get, with programs such as Black History Month and cultural events that expose students to a variety of cultural perspectives.

These cultural centers may do more harm than good, however, because of their self-imposed segregation. OSU is presumably a fully integrated university, but how unified is a student body that has separate facilities for each minority group? Cultural centers focus on differences — differences that prevent the campus from becoming integrated. This focus is in effect a request that they be judged on their skin color and not on their character.

For example, the Black Cultural Center closed for several days in October 1990 to protest incidents of racial bigotry directed toward the center's coordinator. While actions of racism are inexcusable, the center's closure was not, shall we say, in the spirit of cooperation. Instead of unity, the result was division. Accusations were made on all sides, and tempers flared for the next several weeks. Did anything positive come out of it? A discussion, maybe some raised awareness, and a lot of mad people.

Maybe society has not yet reached the point where people can be judged by their character and not by their skin color — there is obviously a lot of work to be done. We are a long way from unity, which is what minority groups especially should be striving for, not segregation. Maybe OSU's cultural centers need to reexamine their goals and find out what they are working toward. Kimberly White is the night editor of the *Daily Barometer* and an ASOSU Liberal Arts senator.

New Hampshire displays primary power

I can't help it. It's that time of year. It's *that* year. I want to go. One more time. For no good reason, and even knowing better, I itch to be there now.

Where?
"If you want to see the beginning of it," writes Charles McDowell in his book, "Campaign Fever," "you have to go where the snow is deep and the people are few and only a fool or a politician would expect to see the beginning of anything important. The custom, then, is to fly from Washington to Boston and, in Boston, rent a car and seek out the road that follows the Merrimack River due north into the snowy hills and unreality. That way lie the beauty and gentle madness of New Hampshire in the winter of its presidential primary."

McDowell is right, but the whole thing still falls short of making good sense. Try explaining the New Hampshire Primary to a European or a reasonably sane person.

Linda Ellerbee

Here's this small state, this upside-down Vermont, stuck up there near the top right-hand corner of country, bothering nobody. Scarcely more than a million people live there. Most of them aren't registered and don't vote.

Not a particularly multiracial state. Nor a heavily industrial one. No big military bases. They don't grow wheat to send to Russia. They don't have large groups of union voters. No inner-city problems when there are no inner-cities. Or outer, either. Not what you'd call a representative state.

So why is the New Hampshire Primary important? Partly it's the media attention. This is, after all, the world's most extensively covered election relative to the number of votes cast. But the media play less of a role than you might imagine. New Hampshire's small population allows candidates to meet most voters, sometimes more than once. As McDowell points out, this opportunity for comparison-shopping does not exist in the "more representative," mega-media states.

Perhaps the thing about New Hampshire is not in how we see it but in how it sees itself. New Hampshire takes New Hampshire seriously. New Hampshire takes government seriously. At least those who vote do. Maybe it's only habit — if so many politicians over so many years go out of their way to come where you are, shake your hand, look you in the eye and listen to your views, after a while you think your views matter. And when you think your views matter, you think your vote matters; and when you think your vote matters, you pay more attention to who gets it.

Especially this year. The state that was riding a boom when it welcomed the candidates in 1988 is an economic mess now, and many blame Bush, who shouldn't forget that New Hampshire has been the way out of the White House, too. New Hampshire delivered a vote of "no confidence" for two incumbent presidents. Both Truman in 1952 and Johnson in 1968 announced, just a few weeks after the primary, that they would retire. Of course nobody thinks this will happen with Bush, and it's only coincidence that the Bush administration has recently shipped Small Business Administration, Medicaid and other grants to New Hampshire.

Ah, yes, how I wish I were there right now, when winter begins to heat up and politicians to get down.

So why is the New Hampshire Primary important? Hell, I don't really know, but it must be — the man who won New Hampshire for George Bush in 1988 got, as his reward, to run the White House, and some say, the nation.

Sure will miss that John Sununu.

And so it goes.

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Letters

Students last in a long line

To the editor:

This past weekend it was my good fortune to attend a basketball game at the UO. It offered some perspective on how differently students are being treated at the two major universities in Oregon. Many OSU students may not be fully aware that they are being treated as second-class citizens.

At UO, students are encouraged to be a part of the game. They cheer their team on from a floor-level student section that makes them feel part of the action on the court. Their counterparts at OSU have been pushed to the highest sections of the arena, as far from the court as possible. There are no body searches of Duck students prior to entering their arena, a practice which has become an unpleasant routine for Beaver students. Prices in Eugene are student-oriented. Students are admitted free to Duck games; in Corvallis students pay \$2. A Duck game program is \$1, while a program of identical quality at Beaver games is \$2. Duck Bingo cards are 3 for \$1; Beaver Bingo cards are 3 for \$5 (Beaver payoffs are slightly higher). Concession prices overall are lower for Duck fans. There of course is the creation of permit-holder-only parking areas at basketball games (for donating members of the Beaver Club) and the Gestapo-like tactics used to keep students from moving down a few rows into the vacant seats of the obvious "no shows" until only 10 minutes remain in the game. Someone has decided it is important to keep those unruly students up there in the nosebleed seats.

One gets the impression that UO is interested in keeping its student body an integral part of collegiate athletics. The more OSU sporting events I attend, the more I see Beaver students being pushed out of the picture by administrative decisions. It appears that our university is more interested in squeezing every dollar possible out of any opportunity. These opportunities are shortchanging the very concept of the student-athleticism they have recently been preaching so much about.

Bruce Shindler

Doctoral student in forest resources

OSU registrar run-around

To the editor:

Why is it that our registration process here at OSU pales in comparison to that of the UO and even Linn Benton Community College? The UO and LBCC both have tele-stration, in which only a phone call need be made to register for classes. Here, we are forced to fill out a registration form weeks in advance, only to later find out that the classes requested were not provided. Then, we are forced to return a day early from vacation to attend the centralized add/drop. This fiasco takes several hours and in most cases ends up costing an additional fee. Even though those students with an incomplete schedule are not charged that day, it is nearly impossible to find the classes needed for a complete schedule, and another day of decentralized registration must be endured. Thus, even those students with an incomplete schedule incur the fees. I find it hard to believe that a \$6 charge per add or drop is necessary to fix the mistakes made by the university computer. I would have written sooner, but I am just now recuperating from the emotional stress inflicted by this drawn-out process.

Eric Hiller

Freshman in physics

Student behavior not trivial

To the editor:

"Students taking college ethics are debating abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, DNA research and the ethics of transplant surgery, while they learn almost nothing about private decency, honesty, personal responsibility or honor. Topics such as hypocrisy, self-deception, cruelty or selfishness rarely (come) up... The current style of ethics teaching, which concentrates so much on social policy, (is) giving students the wrong ideas about ethics. Social morality is only half of the moral life; the other half is private morality. (It is) urged that we attend to both."

That is what prolific writer, television talk show guest and philosophy professor Christina Hoff Sommers wrote recently on the problem of "so many students (coming) to college dogmatically committed to a moral relativism that offers them no grounds to think (for example) that cheating is wrong."

So student behavior is trivial? We should all be "free" to be jerks to one another just so long as we claim to care about AIDS and things? Give me a break!

Promoting a better campus culture is something we can con-

trol and is to our collective benefit simply, if not for the fact that, a cohesive learning environment creates the medium in which spirits can thrive (i.e., by taking the time and effort lost to "jerkism" and applying it toward greater economy and achievement).

I dare say (at least for the budding scientists and engineers amongst us) that the marketplace can likely absorb us all — recession or not. So why waste energy in petty, quarrelling-styled behavior? Why not instead create an atmosphere of cooperative communication, a condition of joint learning among students and socratic dialogues with professors? Why not enrich and edify one another? If everybody deserves an A, everybody gets an A.

I would call upon the spirit of Linus Pauling to rest upon this campus once more.

Ken Davidson

Post-baccalaureate in mathematical science

Nosebleed for gymnastics?

To the editor:

Forty Dollars!? Forty dollars for a season pass to gymnastics? OK, all right, I admit it's not a small fortune, but to a starving college student it's a good week of food and notebook paper. Mr. Turpin, have you forgotten us? We're the students. We enjoyed looking forward to a reasonably priced ticket for what might arguably be the best show in Corvallis (OSU gymnastics).

What is the theory behind bumping the most energetic and focused fans to the upper balconies? I'm sure many students' budgets can handle a frequent \$8.00 night out, but many of us spend our Friday nights counting pennies and organizing our student loan files.

By raising the price of all quality seats, OSU makes another bold move to take the "college" out of college sports. Similar to when Jimmy Anderson (OSU basketball coach) looks to the stands for his inspirational sixth man and finds a gentle, middle-aged Corvallis businessman doing his best to not mustard stain his tie. Where are the students? Oh, they're behind you, they're behind everybody.

Where will the extra money go? Is the gymnastics program facing the Measure 5 budget axe? Perhaps the increased rate will strengthen the program, i.e. upgrade practice facilities, improve recruiting and increase salaries. These are all valid needs, but at what cost? The Corvallis community and OSU alumni are attentive and have deeper pockets than the students. Most likely, the financial and emotional needs of the team will be shouldered handily. The students however, the reason there is a university, may eventually be forced to give up university-sanctioned extracurricular activities. Yo, can you spot me a fiver?

Al Davis

Junior in chemical engineering

Stirling Fox

Junior in food science

Brian Hockett

Junior in chemical engineering

Vic Stelter

Junior in pre-engineering

Clark Moore

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Jason R. Smith

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Junior in chemical engineering

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To the editor:

Why is it that this university is always trying to assess fees for everything? First of all, every student is charged an "incidental fee" as part of tuition in the sum of \$79.00 per term. What does this "incidental fee" cover, anyway? Considering that there are over 14,000 full-time students attending OSU,

that is a substantial amount of money. Next, there is the \$47.50 per term Health Center charge. I find this to be unwarranted in that I am charged this fee whether or not I visit the Health Center. Perhaps the most infuriating of fees is the one that Wilson and Finley Hall are attempting to impose upon their respective residents. The proposed program is a monthly laundry fee of \$10. At the current cost, that is equivalent to six uses of the laundry facilities a week. This charge is levied even if the machines are not used. Presently, there are 572 students living in Wilson and Finley, which means a total monthly laundry collection of \$5,720. It seems that there will be an excess of money left over when the total operational costs are subtracted from the fund. What will this money be used for? This appears to be another university scheme to pillage and plunder student's already limited funds. Where will these fees end?

Tony Coke

Freshman in mechanical engineering

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Freshman in electrical engineering

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Attention: ΦΣΚ Moonlight Court Ladies:

There will be an important meeting at 10:30am this Saturday, Jan. 18. Please try to make it as we will be discussing plans for this and next term. See you at the house.

Beaver Yearbook refunds can be made until Jan. 31. For books that were purchased during winter registration.

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ΓΦΒ

Sheila O. A.K.A. Slick
 In less than one month you'll be leaving for Europe, so I want you to go knowing how special these last 5 months have been. Thank you.
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 My Love Always,
 Mike

KKΓ

Surprise. Surprise. Get ready for some exciting news in tomorrow's Barometer.
 ♡ The Juniors

The Ladies of ΑΟΠ

The 50's bash was great!
 Thanks for coming and have a great term!
 The Men of ΑΙΩ

To the Pillow Princesses of ΣΚ!
 Winter term, second verse, hitting us with pillows making us curse.
 You tried it fall term the result was the same.
 We kicked your butt, ain't that a shame.
 You "snakes" think you're so tough, attacking guys in the buff.
 So far this year, your 0 for 2, but as I always say, "who knew?"
 We had a great time, thanks!
 ♡ the men of ΣΧ

P.S. Get psyched for Dad's weekend!

ΣΚ

You came to us on the prowl.
 You didn't know you'd need a towel.
 On our porch at the midnight hour,
 You were introduced to the AKAK shower.
 Thanks for being good sports.

ΠΚΦ

You look us around the world in style so grand.
 For that you deserve a resounding hand.
 Thanks for a taste of the good life.
 ΓΦΒ

Calendar

THURSDAY Meetings

Cambodian Student Association, 6pm, MU 204.
Cycling Club, 8pm, MU 210. Important meeting! Pay dues, order Jersey's and discuss team selection process!
Educational Activities Comm./ASOSU, 3:30-5pm, MU 212. All organizations submitting budgets to the Educational Activities Committee are invited to attend an informal budget workshop session to answer questions concerning the budget process.
Finance Club, 6-7pm, MU 208.
Kappa Omicron Nu, 7pm, Milam 213. All invited to attend.
Legal Studies Society, 7pm, Cauthorn Hall Main Lounge. Everyone welcome. Questions 737-8432.
Native American Students Assoc., 5pm, Longhouse. Everyone welcome.
"New" Equine Science Club, 6:30pm, Withycombe 217. Come check-out this new club! All horse enthusiasts who want to learn more are invited.
ODE/Economics Club, 4:30pm, MU 102. Meeting to discuss alumni night, A-TandT Challenge, term plans. Everyone welcome.
OSU Fencing Club, 8:30-10:30pm, Women's Building Rm 116. First practice of the term.
OSU Sailing Club, 7pm, MU 209. Come get info on sailing in the San Juans during Spring Break.
OSU Triathlon Club, 7:30pm, MU Council Rm.
Sustainable Agriculture Project, 5pm, Cordley Hall Library. Student group involved in ecologically sound agricultural practices through gardening, discussing literature, realizing field experiments, and organizing seminars. Join us.

Classes

MU Craft Center, 11am-5pm, MU East, ground floor. Register for 28 non credit craft classes and mini workshops. Studio membership also available. Stop by or call 737-2937.
KBVR-FM, 7:30pm, 2nd floor lobby, KBVR, MU East Spinel. KBVR will train you to be a DJ—Free! To find out how, come to the apprenticeship meeting, 7:30pm, KBVR Lobby on January 16th. M.U. Craft Center, 11:10pm, M.U. East—Ground Floor. REGISTER NOW for winter classes and workshops. There are still a few spots available in ceramics, native american baskets, calligraphy, and wood working. For info call 737-2937.
Student Activities Center, 4:15pm, MU 208. Staff will go over requirements for Philanthropy events.

FRIDAY Meetings

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7:30pm, MU 208. All welcome.
Chrysalis Society, 3pm, Women's Center, OTA's join us for conversation! Start off the new term with new leadership situations. Patty form Financial Aid will address 1992-93 financial aid changes.
OSU Railroad Club, 7pm, Weniger 343, slide show.
Toastmaster, 12:30-1:25pm, Crop Science Bldg 119. Visitors welcome, men and women. Practice in speech for various kinds of occasions.

Entertainment

European Students Association, 7pm, West Minister 23rd and Monroe. The ESA presents an international party (music, refreshments, food, dancing). Non-members \$1, free for members. Membership-\$2.50 entitles free entrance to most ESA events. Note: no alcoholic beverages or smoking inside.
MUPC, 9:5pm, MUPC Office. Take the chance to dance with your favorite elite dancer! \$1 a dance.

Speakers

OSU Faculty and Staff for Peace, 12:30-1:30pm, MU 102, "Human Rights and the Indian Economy." Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Agricultural Sciences.

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Sports

Sugai brings lofty goals, wealth of talent to OSU

By ERIK WIENERT
of the Daily Barometer

Over the winter break, Oregon State's wrestling team gained 142 pounds. No, they didn't pig out on the Christmas buffet table, they added a new team member with all-American potential.

Ryan Sugai transferred to OSU from the University of Iowa and began wrestling right away, winning his weight class in both the Oregon Classic and Arizona State tournaments. He is currently 18-1 and is tied for the team lead in victories.

Sugai came to OSU to get a chance to prove himself. At Iowa, the top-ranked team in the nation, he was stuck in second place on the depth chart behind last year's NCAA runner-up and current No. 1-ranked, 142-pounder, Troy Steiner.

Sugai was aware of OSU's wrestling resurgence under second-year head coach Mark Johnson, a former Iowa assistant, and decided to join the Beavers rather than remain in Steiner's shadow.

"I knew Mark Johnson, and I know he is a great coach and a quality person," Sugai said. "He knows his wrestling just like at Iowa, and I was confident in his program and that he could help me reach my goal of a national championship."

Johnson said Sugai has phenomenal talent and the past couple of years at Iowa has made him a very good wrestler. He just needs a chance to prove it.

"Not too many people know about Ryan Sugai," Johnson said. "The people in the Midwest and the people that have wrestled in open tournaments know how talented he is, but outside the world that Iowa wrestles against, people don't really know him."

But just how good is Sugai?
"Ryan Sugai is very capable of being an all-American this year; I don't think there is any doubt about that," Johnson said. "He's beaten all-Americans already, and mentally if he can handle this big change in wrestling

for Oregon State instead of Iowa, he's got a shot."

Sugai, a native Hawaiian, was not always a wrestler but because of his small, compact stature his father convinced him to try the sport.

"I was competitive with everyone who was bigger, so I figured if I can do this well with guys who are bigger, why not try wrestling," he said.

Sugai credits his family with having a great influence on his life.

"I couldn't ask for a better family," he said. "My dad is like my best friend. If I wanted to quit wrestling tomorrow he would say that's OK. He loves me for who I am, and I thank him for that."

His father, an elementary school principal in Hawaii, even took a one year sabbatical to spend time with Sugai at Iowa.

"In high school I was cutting weight, and he'd be running with me at 11:30, 12 o'clock at night, just helping me and encouraging me," Sugai said of his father. "My mom and stepfather were supportive too, but they didn't play as big a role."

This weekend will provide Sugai with his biggest wrestling challenge so far this season when he faces Gerry Abas of Fresno State, currently ranked fifth in the nation with a record of 20-2.

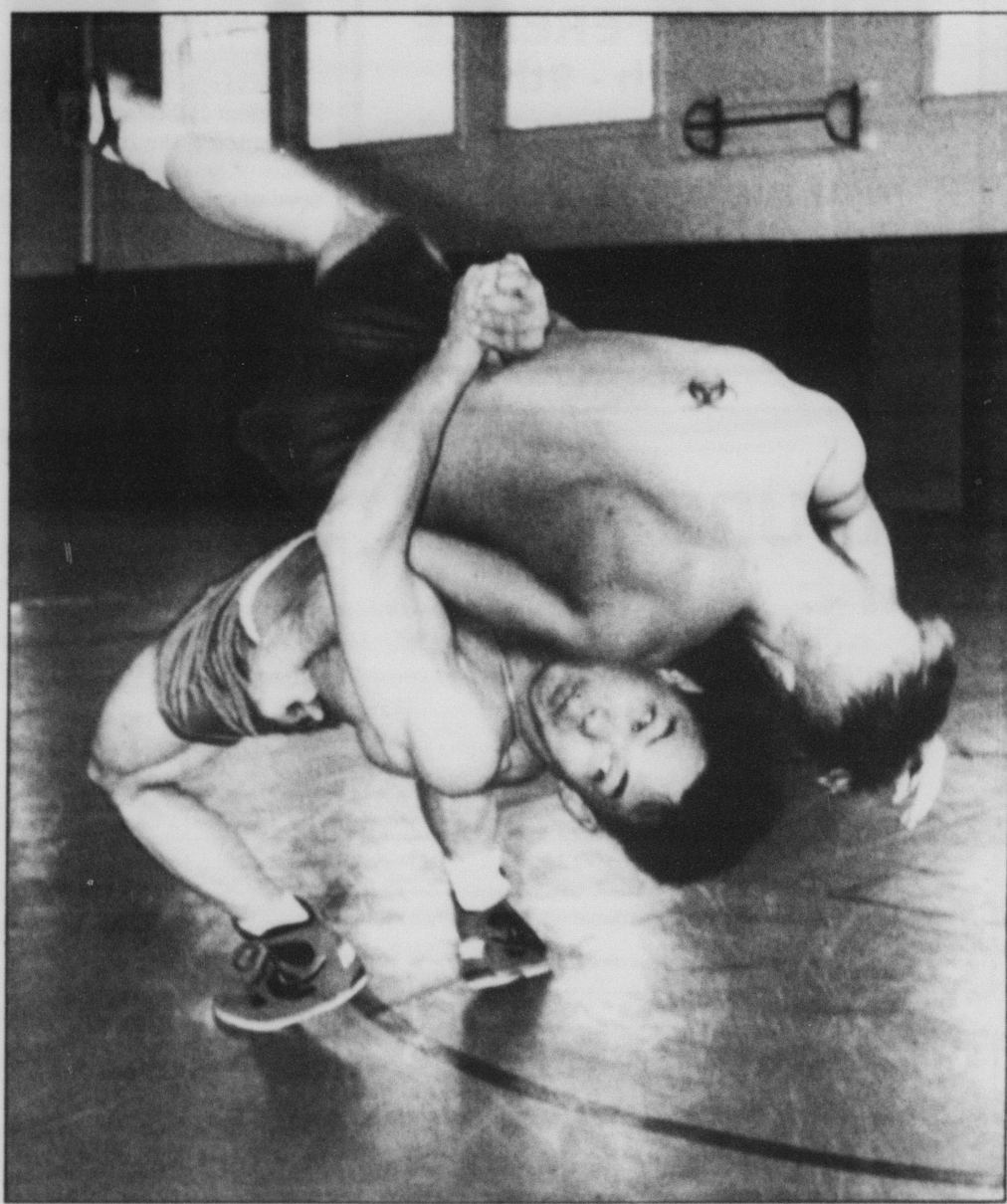
The Beavers will host the 17th-ranked Bulldog team Saturday at 10 a.m.

"Ryan will get a big test this weekend that will really tell us just where he stands nationally," Johnson said. "This will be one of the best matchups of the weekend."

Sugai says after graduating from school he would like to be an entrepreneur.

"I know some businessmen who are going to give me a chance," he said. "Maybe I can make some money and help them make some money too."

Perhaps the best news for OSU concerning Ryan Sugai is that he is only a junior, so regardless of what he accomplishes this season, he will be back next year.



OSU wrestler Ryan Sugai (bottom) demonstrates a belly-to-belly throw on teammate Dave Nieradka. Sugai transferred to OSU from Iowa in December and is currently tied for the best win-loss record on the team at 18-1.

OSU meets No. 2 team tonight

Beavers in search of upset on the road vs. UCLA, USC

By MALINDA WOODMAN
of the Daily Barometer

The really big question is ... will the Orange Express continue on the ride up to a decent season, or will they plummet to the dregs of the Pac-10 poorhouse? They have 16 more games to prove themselves.

Their next obstacle will be junior Harold Miner and the rest of the USC Trojans. Game time is set for Thursday at 7:35 p.m. in the Sports Arena.

"Harold Miner is the Michael Jordan of the Pacific-10 Conference," said Beaver head coach Jimmy Anderson. "Miner is unstoppable. He is going to shoot 20 to 30 times a game and he is a

shooter, so he is going to score a lot of points. He always draws traffic, and he makes other players on the floor better as a result.

"They have a strong bench. They are strong, even though they are not tall. And they are playing with a lot of quickness. They played very well at Arizona State (last week)," Anderson said. "Baby Jordan" is the Pac-10's leading scorer, tallying over 26 points a game. His efforts will be joined by seniors Duane Cooper and Yamen Sanders, junior Phil Glenn and sophomore Mark Boyd.

Although USC currently holds a 2-0 winning streak over OSU as a result of downing them twice last season, the Beavers still hold a three game lead, 44-41, in the all-time series.

On Saturday, OSU will challenge the No. 2-ranked team in the nation, UCLA. The game will be televised live over the Raycom Network, with tip-off time set for 3:05 p.m. in Pauley Pavilion.

"The Bruins are playing much stronger defense, and this helps their offense," Anderson said. "It gets them in an unselfish mode, and I think it reflects in their ability to pass the ball and hit the open man much better this year."

It also helps that they have two of the top five scorers in the league. Junior Tracy Murray and senior Don MacLean have consistently proven

to be one of the best frontcourt tandems in America. Murray is averaging 22.9 points a game and 7.9 boards; while MacLean averages 21.8 points and 8.1 rebounds per contest.

Add to those stats Darrick Martin's assists, Rodney Zimmerman's blocked shots and Shon Tarver's shooting touch. There's also Gerald Madkins, the defensive specialist who shoots 50 percent from 3-point land, and a freshman, Tyrus Edney, who leads the league in steals.

Mix it all up and you have head coach Jim Harrick's recipe for a national champion-contending basketball team.

The Beavers will have their work cut out for them. And they will again be without the services of junior Chad Scott.

"Any time you take away your leading scorer and rebounder it is not a good situation because you weaken yourself in an area where you are not strong in the first place," Anderson said. "Physical strength is the area it hurts most because Chad was our strongest player. He was our banger inside."

"If there is any plus, maybe Chad has learned a lesson about his life and how he must face future responsibilities and how you have to organize your life on a daily basis to be successful," he said.

OSU's next home game will be Thursday, Jan. 23 against the Washington Huskies.

OSU regular season statistics

player	games	points	avg.	rebs	asts	st	bl	fg	ft
Chad Scott	13	231	17.8	108	23	10	9	.51	.72
Scott Haskin	15	228	15.2	76	19	7	35	.60	.80
Charles McKinney	15	182	12.1	45	44	23	0	.55	.73
Earnest Killum	6	48	8.0	7	10	6	0	.40	.75
Mario Jackson	10	78	7.8	45	28	14	5	.54	.74
Karl Anerson	15	114	7.6	47	17	5	2	.63	.65
Kareem Anderson	11	69	6.3	20	12	7	0	.48	.47
Canaan Chatman	15	81	5.4	66	33	14	7	.37	.65
Brent Barry	15	60	4.0	18	24	7	4	.51	.61
Pat Strickland	12	48	4.0	16	28	8	0	.33	.83
Kevin Harris	13	32	2.5	16	25	10	0	.36	.71
Ray Ross	9	21	2.3	9	14	2	0	.47	1.0
David Brown	8	4	.5	3	2	0	0	.17	1.0
David Lawson	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Blazers use 4th quarter surge to win 6th straight game

By BILL BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The Portland Trail Blazers, who started last season 19-1 and finished it 16-1, are making their move in the middle of the 1991-92 race.

"It doesn't matter where we play, east or west, it's important for us to play to our capability," Blazers coach Rick Adelman said after a 96-91 victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night. "For the last three weeks we have been playing really well."

Terry Porter scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Portland held New York to 32.5 percent shooting in the second half. The Trail Blazers' fifth victory in six games pulled them into a virtual tie for first place with Golden State in the Pacific Division.

Porter scored 18 points in the second half and keyed the Blazers' rally from a 12-point deficit.

"I was concerned at the half that he had only four shots," Adelman said. "We told him to get aggressive offensively. He really came through in the fourth quarter."

"I wasn't in the right spots in the first half," Porter said. "The second half was perfect. Everything fell into place for us and the shots began to fall."

The victory was the sixth straight for the Trail Blazers, who played their second game in two nights. And they did it with a 25-6 spurt in the fourth quarter, turning an eight-point deficit into a 95-84 lead with 30 seconds left.

"The key was limiting their second shots and their easy shots," Porter said. "Then we were able to get back up the court."

"When we're active and playing aggressive on defense, there's not a better defensive team in the league," Adelman said.

Portland, which hasn't lost to the Knicks in five games since March 28, 1989, also has won 61 of 64 games in the last three seasons when holding the opposition under 100 points.

Xavier McDaniel scored 20 points for the Knicks, but only one in the second half on 0-for-7 shooting, before fouling out. As a team, New York was 13-for-40 the final two periods.

"We had great opportunities to open a cushion in the fourth quarter," Knicks coach Pat Riley said. "Instead, they tied it, and from that point on they were just a better team than we were. At that particular time, their athletes, their shooters and their experience just took over."

On This Date...

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Un-super Sonics fire Coach Jones

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The slumping Seattle SuperSonics fired Coach K.C. Jones on Wednesday, hours after a one-point overtime loss to the expansion Charlotte Hornets.

No replacement was immediately named. "This is the most difficult decision I have ever made," Sonics President Bob Whitsitt said in a five-paragraph news release announcing the firing. "K.C. is a class person in the truest sense of the word. But at this time, it has become clear that we need to go in a different direction on the court."

Team spokesman Jim Rupp said an interim coach will be named before Thursday night's home game against the Los Angeles Clippers. He said he could not immediately confirm reports that Jones' assistant, Kip Motta, had also been let go.

Ricky Pierce, the team's leading scorer, said he was shocked by Jones' firing.

"I really feel that management expected more 'Ws' at this point. That could be the only reason," Pierce told KJR-AM, which is owned by Sonics owner Barry Ackerley and broadcasts Sonics games.

Pierce anticipated more victories, too. "But you can't expect to get more 'Ws' if players are not willing to come out and execute and play as hard as they can play every night," he said.

Most players arrived at Wednesday's closed practice at the Coliseum unaware that Jones was out.

"What's happened?" asked center Benoit Benjamin. "I don't know what to think."

Pierce and Eddie Johnson said they got the news over their car radios en route to the workout.

"It's not a good feeling," Johnson said. "The players need to look inside themselves about this. He treated us great. He didn't get on guys when they didn't play. He treated us like men and expected us to behave the same way. The whole thing is kind of depressing."

Jones' fate was sealed during the past eight games — five of them losses, including consecutive home defeats to expansion teams Orlando and Charlotte. Orlando, despite dressing just eight players, beat the Sonics 104-103 last Wednesday to snap a 17-game losing streak.

The last straw came Tuesday night, when Larry Johnson's 17-foot jump shot at the buzzer lifted the Hornets to victory before a stunned crowd of 9,132. The shot came after the Sonics' Shawn Kemp missed two free throws with 1 second left in overtime and Seattle ahead 116-115.

Whitsitt was hoping Jones' laid-back style and winning past would rub off on the Sonics. Whitsitt cleaned house last season by getting rid of Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel and acquiring Johnson, Pierce and Benjamin.

"I'm still optimistic about the team and the players on it," Whitsitt said Tuesday night. "I still believe we have all the bases covered. But I can't hide the record."

San Jose lures Giants away from S.F.

By TIM LIOTTA

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — After years of wooing the San Francisco Giants, San Jose city officials today announced an agreement to bring the team south.

"I can't wait to see the first shovel go into the ground," Giants owner Bob Lurie said. "I wish it could be today."

Under the plan, which must be approved by voters in June, the city 50 miles south of San Francisco would build a new 48,000-seat, open-air stadium with natural grass in a public-private partnership with the team. The ballpark would be ready for use in the 1996 season, officials said.

The city will provide \$155 million, and the Giants will chip in \$30 million to acquire land and build the ballpark, with the Giants responsible for any additional costs.

"While others around us share in the suffering of a deep economic recession, San Jose steps forward to ... put San Jose on the map as a truly major-league city," Mayor Susan Hammer said in prepared remarks.

Details were announced at a news conference at city hall.

The Giants, who have threatened for years to leave windy Candlestick Park, have twice been rebuffed by San Francisco voters in their attempts to build a downtown ballpark to replace Candlestick. A multi-city ballot proposal that would have moved the team to Santa Clara was also rejected in 1990.

Media says Walsh in at Stanford

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Bill Walsh, spurning the San Francisco 49ers, has accepted an offer to become the coach at Stanford University, according to media reports Wednesday.

Walsh, who had reportedly reached an agreement to return to the 49ers as a consultant, was offered Tuesday a five-year contract worth \$350,000 a year by Stanford's athletic director, the *San Francisco Examiner* reported.

Walsh, 60, replaces Dennis Green, who resigned as Stanford's head football coach last week to become the coach of the Minnesota Vikings on Friday. Walsh coached the 49ers to three Super Bowl victories in 10 years and was known for his innovation.

Before changing direction this week, Walsh all but signed a pact with the 49ers to return to the NFL team as a consultant to help with drafting players and making trades.

Walsh resigned from the 49ers in 1989 to become a television analyst for NBC, a position he held through the end of the just-completed

season. Walsh, who coached at Stanford in 1977 and 1978, posting a 17-7 record with two postseason bowl victories, has called his years at Stanford the happiest of his life, although he found some aspects of recruiting distasteful.

According to the *Examiner*, Leland offered Walsh some incentives intended to make the job more appealing. Former Stanford and 49ers receiver Gene Washington, who recently was hired at Stanford as an administrative aide, would be available to assist Walsh with recruiting and fund raising.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported Tuesday that Stanford assistant coaches would do most of the recruiting, and Walsh would only be required for final visits to prospects to secure their letters of intent.

"All I can say is that I've talked with Ted Leland about the job, but that doesn't necessarily mean I'm a candidate," Walsh told the *Peninsula Times Tribune* in a story published on Tuesday. "I've helped them in the past, but they're looking at other candidates."

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