



Black music explosion

■ Black Student Union spends week informing OSU about the history of black music stylings

By Jeremy Da Rosa
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Music to the Ears, For Over 300 Years."

This is the headline for the Black Music Festival, an event put on this week by the Black Student Union. It couldn't fit the display better.

This week in the MU Commons, the Black Student Union will be showcasing different genres of black music at the table next to Carl's Jr. The display is designed to cover many contributors to black musical stylings, which comprise many different genres.

Various types are featured throughout the week, ranging from spiritual and gospel to jazz, blues, classical, reggae and hip hop. Each day from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a display board is arranged with facts about the styles and mini-profiles of artists pertaining to the given genre. Spotlights artists include Muddy Waters, blues legend BB King, Yolanda Adams, Tupac and Bob Marley.

"This is a chance for students to experience the history of African music and the changes it's gone through," said freshman Angela Gill, the political director for the Black Student Union.

Gill emphasized the week's capstone event, the Black Music Explosion, set for Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Escape Night Club. Immediately following, there is a '70s and '80s disco party at the same location. Both events are free and all students are encouraged to attend.

Tanaira Johnson, who coined the week's headline phrase, reiterated the focal aspects of the "Explosion."

"This is an event that is fun and educational to ourselves and to others. Black Music Explosion will feature student performers and all elements of music: dances, poets, spoken word and fashion," Johnson said.

Drew Shinholster, a senior in psychology who passed by and checked

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Bryce Kaufman, left, business freshman, and Alvin Lui, business marketing junior, play a pickup game of soccer on the campus intramural fields near Hawley-Buxton residence hall quad Tuesday afternoon.

RESER FUNDS ON NEW TURF

A plan to re-surface campus intramural fields looks to tap pay back funds

By Holly Strassner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At issue

A plan to turf OSU's intramural fields in an effort to keep them useable when wet.

Status

Supporters seeking funding from the Raising Reser reallocation funds were tentatively rejected by OSU's student fees committee.

What's next

The proposal, among others, will be discussed during a meeting of the fees committee today at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Journey Room. The meeting is open to the public. Any proposal gaining approval at the committee level would still face a battle in the ASOSU senates.

Students and staff affiliated with OSU's Department of Recreational Sports are pushing a proposal to turf 40 percent of the intramural fields, a plan that recently hit a roadblock.

The idea will be discussed today in the Memorial Union Journey Room at 5:30 p.m. Supporters aim to attract the interest of 1,000 supporters at the meeting to bolster their case.

The proposal was recently tentatively rejected by the student fees committee because it was not received as a "make or break" priority, nor a matter that had been sufficiently discussed, according to Casey Schaufler, chair of the Student/Incidental Fees Committee.

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Although posted as closed and in disrepair, the IM fields continue to be used by students.

SHS flu clinic today, limited number of shots

■ Non-"high-risk" people asked to wait, flu shot still encouraged

By Jennifer Moser
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Despite a limited supply of vaccines, Student Health Services will offer a flu vaccine clinic today, beginning at 9 a.m., on the third floor of Plageman Student Health Center.

Because SHS received only 20 percent of its original vaccine order, patients who are not at high risk for the flu virus are asked to wait until later in the morning before coming to the clinic.

According to an SHS press release, high-risk people include those over 65, "people with chronic health conditions such as diabetes," pregnant women, and caregivers of children less than six months old.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also list other groups as high risk, such as nursing home residents, the groups above are the most likely to be found in a university population, explained Lora Jasman, director of SHS.

Another option available is the needle-free FluMist nasal vaccine, of which SHS also has a limited number of doses. FluMist is a live, though attenuated or weakened, vaccine, so it is restricted to healthy people younger than 49 years old and is not available for young children.

Those who can take FluMist are encouraged to do so, in order to save the needle shots for those who cannot take FluMist.

FluMist costs \$25 for students, \$30 for faculty and staff, compared to \$12, \$18 for the regular vaccine. The cost may be billed to an OSU account or Blue Cross insurance.

"I want to encourage people to still think about getting flu shots. We don't want to give any kind of mixed messages. The flu shot is still the best way to protect yourself against the flu, but ... when we are dealing with a limited supply of vaccine, we some-

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Oregon State GIS group gets ready to map your world



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This GIS rendering of Mt. Hood was built on software like that used by the OSU Geographic Information Science certificate program.

■ OSU to host a GIS day today; activities will be held across campus to highlight unique academic program spanning six departments

By Riad Lemhachheche
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Global Positioning System technology has become famous for letting hikers and travelers find their location wherever they are.

GPS devices are used in cars to provide driving directions and in airplanes to display the distance to one's final destination. But GPS is only the tip of a growing industry and academic field known as Geographic Information Systems or GIS.

"GPS is no good unless GIS is doing analysis with that data," said Dawn Wright, professor in the Department of Geosciences at Oregon State University.

GIS technologies are used for research in forest science or oceanography, as well as being incorporated in products and services used by millions of people every day.

Mapping services like Mapquest, Yahoo Maps or Google Earth rely heavily on GIS to associate topographic data, street and highway layout and traffic information to enable their users to plan their travels.

GIS experts were on the forefront of the emergency response team during the Katrina relief effort. They were able to generate up-to-date maps of transportation systems and locate areas where flooding had the most impact.

OSU is an academic leader in the GIS field, as it is one of the 16 founders of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, the major academic consortium in the field, that now counts over 70 members.

Last fall, OSU launched a new program for students and community to provide increased learning opportunities in the field of GIS.

The certificate program in Geographic Information Science is available students from any major. It is a collaborative effort among at least six programs at OSU: geosciences, oceanography, forestry, computer science, horticulture, and crop and soil science.

The Environmental Systems Research Institute, the major corporation in the field of GIS, supports OSU's initiative with \$500,000 worth of software.

To support their coursework, students have access to the resources of different research programs on campus through the extensive collection managed by the Valley Library. An example of these resources is the Oregon Coastal Atlas built jointly by the geosciences department, the state of Oregon and Ecotrust, a group interested in sustainability.

The certificate program includes a course on ethics principles, making OSU one of the few schools in the nation to educate its students on the ethical issues associated with geographic data.

These issues are becoming ever more important as mobile phones make it possible to log every move people make. For example, Internet users have

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Bush urges China to grant more political freedom, cites Taiwan

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — President Bush prodded China on Wednesday to grant more political freedom to its 1.3 billion people and held up archrival Taiwan as a society that successfully moved from repression to democracy as it opened its economy.

In remarks sure to rile Beijing, Bush suggested China should follow Taiwan's path.

Bush made his remarks in the advance text of a speech that was to be the cornerstone address of his Asian trip. From Japan, he will continue to South Korea, China and Mongolia.

At a state guest house, Bush met with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, an unflinching ally despite the president's record-low popularity and mounting problems at home. The president called Koizumi his "buddy." Bush wants Japan to play a stronger role in Asian security issues, perhaps as a counterbalance to China's growing strength, vast army and designs on U.S. ally Taiwan.

Koizumi supported the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and made an unpopular decision to send noncombat troops there in January 2004. That mission expires next month and Bush has indicated he wouldn't press his friend for a decision on whether to extend it.

U.S.-led operation kills 30 insurgents on Syrian border

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces swept through most of an insurgent stronghold near the Syrian border on Tuesday, encountering pockets of fierce resistance, destroying five unexploded car bombs and killing at least 30 guerrilla fighters, the U.S. command reported.

Three U.S. Marines died during the

last two days of the operation to clear the town of Obeidi, a military statement said. More than 80 insurgents have been killed, mostly in airstrikes, in the same period, it said.

Separately, three U.S. Army soldiers were killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing near Baghdad, the U.S. command said.



Alito distances himself from abortion statement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Samuel Alito who argued against abortion rights in 1985 was "an advocate seeking a job" with the conservative Reagan administration, the Alito who is now a Supreme Court nominee told Democrats Tuesday.

The current version "thinks he's a wiser person" with "a better grasp and understanding about constitutional rights and liberties," senators said as Alito tried to play down a 20-year-old document in which he asserted "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion."

At the same time, some anti-abortion groups warned Alito not to go too far if he hopes to retain their support.

"A nominee who is willing to take the seemingly mandated Roe oath, whereby they testify that it is settled law, never to be overturned, is not the type of justice worthy of pro-life support," said Stephen G. Peroutka, chairman of the National Pro-Life Action Center.

Senators wrangle over Iraq war strategy as election looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A clash over U.S. policy in Iraq on Tuesday highlighted fissures in the Senate over President Bush's war policies, concerns that are surfacing as lawmakers embark on a congressional election year amid slumping public support for the war.

The GOP-controlled Senate rejected a Democratic call for a timetable for a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops in Iraq and, instead, chose to prod the president to outline a strategy for "the successful completion of the mission."

"It is an absolute repudiation of the cut-and-run strategy put forward by the Democrats," Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said after back-to-back votes that left both parties jockeying for political advantage.

Offering a different view, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the outcome was "a vote of no confidence on the president's policies in Iraq." Republicans "acknowledged that there need to be changes made," he said.

Indeed, the maneuvering on Iraq showed a willingness by Senate Republicans to question the White House — although carefully — on a war that's growing increasingly unpopular with Americans.



Boy taken from mother's arms found safe in California

HILLSBORO (AP) — A 4-year-old who was snatched from his mother's arms by a man in a minivan was found safe at a gas station in Redding, Calif., police said.

Jason Martinez Contreras was taken from his mother as they waited for his preschool bus outside their home.

The California Highway Patrol found the boy Monday night inside a blue minivan in the parking lot of a gas station. A driver had recognized the van from its broadcast description and called authorities, said Lt. Chris Skinner, a Hillsboro Police Department spokesman.

The Shasta County Department of Human Services in California took custody of Jason, pending his transportation back home.

Jose Guadalupe, 24, was arrested and taken to the Shasta County jail after he was found in the van with the boy, authorities said.

An Amber Alert, issued at 1:30 p.m., identified Guadalupe as the suspect in the abduction. Skinner said police think the abduction was orchestrated by the boy's father, Caritino Martinez Campos, who is separated from the boy's mother and lives in Southern California.

Kitzhaber tied with Kulongoski in latest governor race poll

SALEM (AP) — He says he's not even running for his old job, but former Gov. John Kitzhaber nonetheless is tied with Gov. Ted Kulongoski — who is seeking re-election — in a new public opinion survey of Democratic voters.

On the Republican side, the poll shows former state GOP chairman Kevin Mannix leading two opponents for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, but with a majority of Republicans saying they are undecided.

The survey by Portland pollster Mike Riley shows a surprising amount of support for a former governor who — while not ruling out a comeback bid — has said he has no plans to run at present, and lackluster backing for the current chief executive who claims some of the credit for an improving state economy.

In the Oct. 18-25 survey of 476 voters, 29 percent said they would be likely to vote for Kitzhaber, while 27 percent said they would back Kulongoski. That means they are in a statistical tie, since the difference between the two falls with the poll's margin of error of 4.5 percentage points.

The other potential Democratic challengers all were in the single digits in the survey, which also showed that 36 percent of Democrats are undecided about their pick in the May 2006 gubernatorial primary.

Meetings

ASOSU Student & Academic Affairs Task Force, 4pm, ASC Conference Rm. Discuss campus affairs, student issues and come up with solutions.

State Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Conf. Room in Snell. Advocate your interests to the state government.

ASOSU Disabled Student Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Lounge, 149 Snell Hall. Help make buildings, courses, and student life accessible to all.

Pre-Veterinary Club, 7pm, Magruder 102. Hear current Vet School students talk about their experiences.

Students for Life, 5pm, MU Board Room. Come get involved with pro-life activities on campus — bring a friend!

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 9:11pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Prayer. We'll sing, pray, talk, listen and receive God's gifts.

Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Noon Mass — Take a pause with faculty and staff for mid-week Mass.

UCPS, Noon-1pm, MU 213. Relax! Learn stress management strategies.

United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd. Our book focus is "Can I Get a Witness?"

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Student Gathering — home-cooked meal, conversation.

Rifle Club, 6pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse (south end). All students welcome. First-time students come 15 minutes early for a safety briefing.

Women's Center, 9pm, Women's Center. Stitch & Bitch. Bring your latest craft project and enjoy conversation.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., all cultural centers. Hurricane Katrina clothing drive through Nov. 20.

ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 7pm, Owen 103. Film Festival — "Toilet Training" — Not rated.

Dept. of Languages & Literatures of West International House, 1:30am-1:30pm, Marketplace West, NW private dining room. Practice language over lunch. All languages spoken.

BCC/BSU, 11:30am-2pm, MU Commons. Black Music Week: Music to the Ears for over 300 years, featuring Jazz and Classical Music.

Asian Pacific Cultural Center, 5-7pm, Asian Pacific Cultural Center. Movie Night! Joy Luck Club.

Peer Health Advocates, 6pm, SHS 322 A/B. Vagina Monologues Auditions.

Pro Choice OSU, 5:30-6:30pm, Black Cultural Center. "How to Talk About Choice."

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Meeting Corvallis' Local Judges

■ Corvallis League of Women Voters brings local judges in for a public chat on judicial issues

By Andrew Miner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Benton County Library board room was packed with an attentive audience, eager to learn of exciting issues pertaining to the Benton County Judicial Department, especially the most recent threat to judicial independence.

Judicial independence is the right of the individual judge to decide on a certain scale, what the fine or ruling will be, depending on the facts and circumstances of each case. It is also a vital component of deciding the country's most controversial cases apolitically.

By tapering down the discretion of the judges, the legislature is "ignoring individual facts and circumstances" said Municipal Judge Mark Donahue.

The issue of judicial discretion is a newly created legislative apparatus that originated because of insufficient State resources.

"Since the '70s, Oregon judges have had almost unlimited discretion. This changed a few sessions ago when Oregon State Legislature decided to increase traffic offenses due to their tight state budget. This takes away from our discretion to decide what is fair to those who really can't afford to pay fines. It is a sense of what is fair and what isn't," Donahue said.

This new legislative creation is one that will "tie the hand of judges" said Judge Holcomb, and the judicial branch of Oregon's State government will not return as it was once even if the state allocates sufficient resources for its budget. "It will not go back unless the people stand up and speak to their legislature", said Judge Donahue.

Circuit Judge David Connell agrees with Donahue saying "social policy should be made by legislature."

Judge Connell was a practicing attorney in Corvallis and now sits on the bench for his first term. He believes that "sometimes you have to go contrary to your feelings" and that the judicial system is "based on the facts."

"In my strong opinion you need to let the people that have done it for a long time have that discretion," Donahue said.

In reciting the Oregon Judicial mission statement, Circuit court Judge Janet Holcomb, in her sixth term, believed the courts need to be, "fair, inspiring public confidence."

Reiterating this ideal, Connell believes

that "I want and hope that everyone who comes in front of me would feel that I would be impartial and uphold the law."

Yet many judges take their personal views into the court, which is exactly what many voters would like. In South Dakota, voters created an initiative to recall judges whom they did not agree with.

"These attempts by the legislature to undermine judicial discretion will certainly erode the justice system," Holcomb said.

In questioning the panel on how politicizing the justice system would affect the effectiveness of its future, Circuit Court Judge Locke Williams said, "it would water down your best and brightest," meaning that those appointed would no longer be influenced by case precedent, their judicial temperament, and their vast legal experience, but rather public opinion and their own emotional attachment to the case.

Holcomb said, "it would basically disrupt the whole checks and balances system, negatively affecting the judicial neutrality."

Judge Connell believes that a lot of judges enjoy retiring before the end of their term so as to force the governor, who applies great scrutiny in his hiring process, to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Donahue believes that "a judicial decision is based on what they think the law is, rather than what the public opinion thinks the law is."

Judges must watch everything they say, as once they commit to certain issues and make public an opinion, even in the past, he or she would have to technically recuse his or herself from a case which he might later to sit on.

"Judges should be judged upon their track record, and that if their political views are not affecting their rulings, then their rulings are what should be looked into and not their political stance," said Judge Williams.

The circuit and municipal judges of Benton County consider themselves lucky that they do not have to deal with mayors or community leaders putting pressure on them to decide in a certain light, using an independent judicial philosophy based on case precedence and circumstantial evidence rather than a political judicial agenda based.

"No one has told me 'we think you should rule this way on this topic,' and for that we are lucky," Donahue said.

Finally, as Connell said, "In every ruling you make one permanent enemy and one temporary friend."

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Forum to discuss cultural centers' 2010 look

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Office of Diversity Development is holding an open student forum today covering campus cultural centers and how they plan to look come 2010.

The forum, Cultural Centers 2010: What should they look like?, will meet in the Memorial Union room 206 from 11:30 p.m to 1:30 p.m.

Mercedes Benton, coordinator of the cultural centers, said the forum is simply to gather ideas of what the physical space of the centers should include by 2010 and is not set up to debate the centers' existence.

The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, the Native American Longhouse, the Asian Pacific Cultural Center and the Centro Cultural César Chávez have been used for much longer than the buildings were initially intended to for, Benton said, and the office is trying to gather information from the general campus.

Benton said budgeting reality may limit the realization of all suggestions, but centers are looking at the possibility of complete reconstruction of the buildings or renovation.

Multi-purpose rooms, classrooms, center museums and change in location are just a few things Benton said students might bring up.

FLU: Shortage this year due to production and distribution delays of supplier, Chiron

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times have to alter who gets the vaccine, because we want to make sure the highest-risk individuals get the vaccine first, but that doesn't make it any less important in the scheme of public health," Jasman said.

Jean Stilwell, SHS marketing and communications coordinator, said it is unknown how many high-risk individuals will seek flu shots today, since many of them may have already obtained one.

Stilwell commented that those unable to get a vaccine today can still seek one from their primary health care providers or other sources in the community.

Linda Reid, SHS nursing manager, said SHS expects to get another small shipment of vaccines in the coming weeks and would publicize it if this did happen.

"It's changing for everybody every day," Stilwell said of the local vaccine supply.

The flu season is mild so far

Shotless Flu Prevention

- * Wash your hands with soap and water, often and for 15 seconds at a time.
 - * If you cannot get to a sink, use alcohol hand sanitizer. Wash with soap and water as soon as possible.
 - * Stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick.
 - * Encourage colleagues and students to stay home from work and class when sick; provide support if possible.
 - * Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - * If you are sick, keep your distance from others.
 - * Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; use a tissue or your arm, not your hands.
 - * Don't touch the moist areas of your eyes or nose unless your hands are washed; wash your hands afterward.
- * Information provided by Lora Jasman, director of Student Health Services.

this year, with only five documented cases in Oregon.

This year's vaccine shortage seems to be due mainly to production and distribution delays on the part of Chiron,

the supplier, Jasman said.

By contrast, vaccines were scarce last year because about half the nation's supply was withdrawn due to possible contamination, Reid said.

A flu coalition of representatives from local clinics, SHS and the Benton and Linn county health departments last year helped determine appropriate distribution of shots in Corvallis and is meeting again this year.

Last year, SHS did receive a shipment of flu vaccines and held a clinic in January 2005.

Though the optimal time to receive a flu shot is in October or November, Jasman still encourages later vaccination, if possible, for those who have not already received one. The flu season peaks in February and might run until May, so a later vaccine may still offer some protection.

Information about SHS flu shots is available at <http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/news/influenza.php> or by calling 737-9355 (737-WELL).

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to OSU football for personal-fouling its way into the obituary pages of the regional sporting press. It's time to move on and start tailgating before OSU rugby games.

Nay to Congress, for even considering cuts to federal student aid. We have a better plan — cut funding for congressional luncheons. Or at least cut them back to one bag of peanuts per hearing.

Yea to fake IDs. There's no better way to start an acting career than by pretending to be Megan from Nevada until you turn 21.

Nay to early morning classes. Fortunately, we seniors registered for next term in May of 1993.

Yea to freshmen, who are deservedly last to register. Enjoy your 7 a.m. lecture on 20th century gnome culture.

Nay to the NCAA soccer tournament selection committee, which snubbed the third-place Beavers in favor of a lesser team. We think it's clear that there is only one person to blame here: Head football coach Mike Riley.

Yea to torture.

Nay to those sissy Democrats and ... ahem ... Republican and former prison of war John McCain ... for opposing torture. It's time we all shut up and "nutt up for democracy."

Yea to democracy. Oh wait, isn't that the reason we ended up at war in Iraq? Oh well, it's also solely responsible for the development of delicious, delicious orange chicken.

Nay to chat rooms. Just as you're getting bored with the not-so-futuristic 2000s, there's nothing like cyber sex and 15-year-old boys making fart jokes to take you back to 1998.

Yea to cyber sex. Instead of paying tuition for your unplanned child, all you need is a bottle of Windex and \$20 for a new keyboard.

Nay to underhanded professors who assign projects and six-page papers over the Thanksgiving holiday. Research and thinking do not go very well with turkey, stuffing or cranberry sauce.

Yea to the mysterious orange smiley face sign that suddenly appeared near the MU parking lot. It looks suspiciously like Wal-Mart's "rolling back prices" character — which, near a campus bookstore, is incredibly ironic.

Nay to the smiley face, which creepily seems to be watching you at all times. With the Reser video cameras and the ASOSU President Dan McCarthy banner watching us as we walk up Jefferson Avenue, our campus is looking more and more like Orwell's "1984."

Yea to a Barometer column that bashed the ASOSU's Escape Hunger free lunch program. Nothing says loving like biting the hand that feeds you ... literally.

Nay to Coach Riley for closing this week's football practices to the media. Perhaps, though, it is wise to shield our secret Civil War strategy from the public. If the Beavers win, the whole team gets free milkshakes after the game.

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Please, sir ... can I have a sexist joke

Q: What is the definition of making love?
A: Something a woman does while a guy is f***** her.

If you are anything like me and you are laughing at this joke, you are passively giving countenance to an assault on all women, since you are bolstering an already superegoized, patriarchal language and further undermining the historical plight of the fairer sex — or so feminists like my girlfriend would have you believe. I have to put my hand up on this one. I laugh at many sexist jokes. I also laugh at many racist jokes, handicapped jokes, jokes about diseases, jokes about my family and yes, even jokes which are pointed at me.

Programs such as the British hit sitcom 'The Office' are a way of life in my country, literally. The British like nothing more than a bit of shameless raillery, since a joke should be one of the few blessings in life, where language is not tainted by this dug-up fear of saying something ridiculous.

Daniel Cullen

Minding the Gap

Yet, sexist jokes are a faux pas in America today — whereby a person is worthy of another's disdain, solely because he or she can laugh at issues of sex, which American ideology would have us all shaking about in our beds. Just look at how the American version of the 'The Office' turned out; apart from the show being made more relevant to an American audience with an array of interpolated scenes, all jokes regarding sex, race and disabilities were conveniently omitted so as not to offend a fragile American public — and see how critics panned it. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the stiff of the modernizing world, American political correctness. Let's laugh at it awhile.

Personally, I do not believe that jokes about sexual difference are

where stereotypes and prejudices begin; jokes are where stereotypes and prejudices are undermined, explored for what they really are, irrationalized and neutralized.

If we cannot negate the ridiculous world by laughing at it in our day-to-day lives, especially when there are only a handful of people in the room, we give the oppressive aspects of our social climate more credit by taking them seriously, even though sexism and racism do not deserve the time of day. Joking about sex is not burying one's head in the sand or inflaming a sensitive issue; joking about sex acknowledges that no one escapes ridicule because we are all born equal. What sexist jokes are really saying is: we should all have moved on enough that we can joke about these things, without having to fear that WE ARE DIFFERENT. A woman is a she, and a man is a he — remember the birds and the bees talk (it might have been a while now)?

Nevertheless, identification by sex is a risqué business now that

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Nathanael Blake

Restoring with a New Verse

Torture, logic and contradiction

“Who shall tell the agonies heaped thick and new before my shuddering glance?”

The problem with discussing torture is that no sooner has the subject been broached than people begin echoing Dante, though without the poetry and with the addition of a great deal of moral preening.

A serious examination of the topic is necessary in our society but has been stymied by an enormity of self-righteous prattle by those apparently competing for the most florid condemnation of it.

First, if we are to consider the issue, we need to ponder what torture actually is. There is no shortage of self-professed opponents of torture who believe that anything unpleasant that is done to a captive is such. They are wrong.

After all, if I was ever captured by people who wanted to pump me for information, all they'd have to do is play country music and within twenty minutes I'd be a broken man.

“I'll tell you anything, anything you want to know; just make the nasal twang and banjos go away!” But offending my aural sensibilities isn't torture.

It's difficult to define just where the line is, but it certainly exists. Slapping a captured terrorist around some isn't torture, severely beating him with rubber truncheons is.

The distinction is significant, because without it anything at all coercive or painful is branded as torture. I hope that the self-styled foes of torture are not opposed to visiting any discomfort or pressure on our captured enemies, but that is where their sanctimonious posturing has led them.

I shan't bother defending the use of low-level interrogation tactics, because I believe the justification for their use to be self-evident. Most of those who oppose them seem to be doing so out of opportunism, not genuine conviction. I suppose that when you're zealously bashing Bush and Co., it's easier to call all interrogation techniques “torture” than to admit any nuance into the debate.

The real issue is torture (as in razor blades, boiling oil, and electrodes), for which I'll give a quick and dirty definition: the causing of extensive pain and/or permanent physical damage. Can such ever be ethical, and if so, how should it be covered legally?

At this point we must note that this question is not like the one we face in criminal justice. It is neither about punishment, nor (to address Machiavelli's defense of cruelty in “The Prince”) about cowering subjects into submission. Interrogative torture isn't concerned with what the

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Letters to the Editor

Veterans Day Article

A little copy goes a long way

I believe that employers will continue to seek out and reward college graduates who can write clearly, concisely, and unambiguously. Unfortunately our beloved student newspaper regularly provides discouraging if humorous examples of how much remains to be learned. To quote from Monday's Barometer, page 1: "From 11 a.m. on Friday to 11 a.m. on Saturday a table was set up to honor the 25 million veterans on the MU steps." Does anyone see anything wrong with this sentence? It's a competitive world out there.

GEORGE BAILEY, PhD
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Pineda Cartoon

Toon has no merit

As an OSU alum and a veteran of 33 years of service I'm appalled that anything this vile and misleading could find its way into print. A first year journalism student knows that at least a modicum of effort is necessary to make an editorial page cartoon relevant. The depiction of an American soldier as a blood thirsty monster is not only a fiction of galactic scale it represents a worrisome lack of appreciation for our military and an insidious attempt to mislead and misrepresent the facts.

Napalm has rarely if ever been used as an antipersonnel weapon. Its purpose is to destroy the enemy's cover, concealment, and war fighting capability. In the current war in Iraq and Afghanistan, napalm has not been utilized to any extent because there are alternatives that pose lower risks of collateral damage. There is no country that has been more ardent than the U.S. in meeting the letter and spirit of international law with regard to warfare. The U.S. has even extended combatant protections to terrorists who are not recognition by the Geneva/Hague articles of war.

If this cartoon was a depiction that ridiculed or demeaned a female, a person of color or any other protected group there would be sit-ins in the President's Office — where is the outrage to this attack on our men and women in uniform who represent and defend us all?

TERRY & GAIL OXLEY
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Bergh Column

Facts misrepresented

In her critique of campus political groups such as the College Democrats and College Republicans, she states that "...we have groups like the College Republicans and College Democrats, backed by huge organizations with plenty of financial support, yet still pulling thousands in funding from the rest of us."

Had Ms. Bergh bothered to take the responsible route and do a modicum of research prior to writing her tirade, she would have realized that this is simply incorrect. During the 2004/2005 fiscal year, the Educational Activities committee approved a budget of \$1057 for the College Democrats. Our budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is \$997. Clearly this is in the range of "thousands" as pointed out by Ms. Bergh.

Apparently, she knows about some secret funding source for the College Democrats that

we don't know about. Our total budget from "huge organizations" providing us with "plenty of financial support"? \$0.

I don't have a problem with Ms. Bergh's argument that she pays too much in student fees. I do have a problem with her misrepresentation of the facts. I am led to only two possible conclusions: either she is blatantly lying in the hopes that no one would bother to fact-check her arguments, or she is simply inept.

I find it all too convenient that this paper's editors hide behind a disclaimer stating that they do not necessarily agree with their columnist's opinions. Rather than enabling their writers to contribute to a worthwhile campus dialogue, it seems to exist entirely to allow them to forego any responsibility they might otherwise have for the content printed in their paper.

SEAN REA
senior, computer science

Wilson Column

Seems like a regurgitation of lies

In his Nov. 14 column, Mr. Wilson quotes the following from President Bush's recent speech: "a bipartisan Senate investigation found no evidence of political pressure to change the intelligence community's judgments related to Iraq's weapon problems."

The Senate Committee on Intelligence agreed to investigate the prewar evidence in two phases — the first analyzing the accuracy of the evidence and the second examining the handling of prewar evidence by administration officials. Phase I was completed on 7/7/2004, but Phase II has not been completed so it would seem patently obvious that the committee would not have found any evidence of political pressure yet, though this fact is conveniently ignored by Mr. Wilson and the president.

However, the committee did find evidence that the administration altered the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE.) For example, the classified version contained the following line: "Although we have little specific information on Iraq's CW stockpile, Saddam Hussein probably has stocked at least 100 metric tons [of chemical weapons]." In the public report used by the administration in the case for war, it was changed to "Saddam probably has stocked a few hundred metric tons of CW agents." Note the absence of "Although we have little specific information" in the public NIE.

Despite Mr. Wilson's claims, members of Congress did not have access to the same evidence as President Bush. Senator Rockefeller, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee noted on 11/04/05 that "We not only don't have, nor probably should we have, the Presidential Daily Brief ... There's a lot of intelligence that we don't get that they have."

In fact, the entire column reads as if it was simply stripped from the administration's weekly talking points. Mr. Wilson, could you please clarify whether you did any actual research for your column or whether you simply regurgitated lies?

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What will you do with that major?

The Observer University Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) — Choosing a major can be one of the more daunting decisions facing a student early in his or her college career. Often, one has taken enough classes to be interested in a variety of subjects, but not yet enough to be sure as to what course of study to pursue. It is only too common that in this confused period some of the lesser known, yet vitally important, majors get forgotten.

The Classics and the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) are two such disciplines that are crucial to the overall mission of a university. These majors frequently get lost in the fold as freshmen decide what to study, and many do not even know that they exist. More than once has my response to the question of what I study been accompanied by, "We have a Classics program?" or, "Really? What will you do with that?"

The Classics are actually a rather practical major that teaches students many important skills that will aid them in whatever field they may pursue, whether it is further studies or employment. One of the most important skills one learns by studying The Classics is the analytical and attentive focus to the intricacies of language that comes from studying a classical language like Latin or Greek. These languages throw away word order and thus are grammar-intensive in a way that most modern Western languages are not.

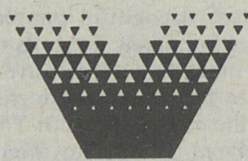
The word endings tell the grammatical function of a word within a sentence, and thus the study of these languages requires a near mathematical approach in its precision and analytical nature. The study of these languages also vastly improves one's English, as one is forced to learn grammar more precisely in order to translate into English. The approaches of grammar and precision are skills that will prove useful in any field that one chooses to enter.

The Classics and the Program of Liberal Studies both focus on studying great books that have proved to be of such lasting worth and beauty that they have survived the test of time. The former is of a narrower scope and the latter of a broader scope, but both indeed bear these grand flow-ers of the human intellect to a modern generation of students. Western thought to this day has been undeniably shaped and molded by the works that are studied in these disciplines, and the study thereof allows one to gain great insight into modern world in which we live and the very thought patterns that continue to influence the fates of nations of the world. PLS is particularly well suited for this as it follows the course of Western thought from its incipient stages until the twentieth century.

The greatest benefit that the study of the great works of history offers is the development of the mind that accompanies this effort. One learns to think in a new, more critical manner as the mind adapts. The writing of many a paper gifts the students with an ability to express and articulate themselves in an elegant manner. The study of these texts, which are often difficult and require high levels of attention and consideration, imparts the student with the skills needed to analyze and deconstruct information so that it can be understood, processed and properly dealt with. This is a skill that will allow one to succeed in a variety of situations and occupations, especially as the modern world is increasingly information- and communication-based.

Despite the vast benefits conferred upon the student of the great works that allow them to succeed in life, the true gift that these disciplines deliver is a growth and improvement of the soul. The liberal arts should primarily be studied for their own sake, ars gratia artis (art for the sake of art) as the beginning of each MGM film states when the lion roars. The liberal arts have their own inherent value that is worth studying on its own. As students contemplate the deep concepts and themes of the authors, they will question what it is to be human and why we are. They will marvel at the beauty and even tragedy

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BLAKE: Sometimes, using a little institutional hypocrisy can go a long way in avoiding disaster

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victim deserves, nor with frightening the populace into good behavior.

Likewise, it isn't about devouring men's souls in the fashion of the communist regimes' treatment of dissidents. We're not interested in extracting fake confessions for use in show trials or tormenting people into loving Big Brother. The goal is to get information in the hope of preventing future attacks.

The question then is whether it is always wrong to inflict extreme pain, or whether it can be justified in some cases in an attempt to prevent some greater evil.

Consider the classic "ticking bomb" scenario, where a captured terrorist knows the location of a time bomb that's been planted somewhere. Anyone who denies that this is an ethical dilemma is a moral idiot.

It sounds very noble to say that torture is so evil that it should never be used under any circumstance, but it appears less so when the alternatives are examined. Not getting information from one captive may mean that American soldiers will be killed; what we could have gotten from another captive might have prevented a bombing in London, Bali, Jordan, or Madrid. Determining ethics on the margins is difficult, because it invariably involves weighing relative evils.

Is the intentional infliction of great pain

upon a helpless enemy so vile that we ought never to do so, no matter what horrors may befall otherwise? I think not; sometimes torture is a lesser evil by which we can avoid greater suffering.

However the warning of the Director in C.S. Lewis' "That Hideous Strength" should be remembered. "I am not allowed to be too prudent. I am not allowed to use desperate remedies until desperate diseases are really apparent. Otherwise we become just like our enemies — breaking all the rules whenever we imagine that it might be possible to do some vague good to humanity in the remote future."

Furthermore, I concur with the critics who argue that legalizing such methods would be corrosive to our national character and international image. Thus, though I believe torture can be justified and is necessary in some cases, it ought to be illegal.

Sometimes it would pay us to not delve too deeply into just how some information was acquired. If we capture bin Laden or al-Zarqawi, I think we should get all the information we can from them and not look particularly closely at the methods used. In such cases as those or a "ticking bomb" scenario, a little institutional hypocrisy would be invaluable.

Perhaps in those instances we could resurrect what Florence King called, "the dour Scottish verdict of 'Not Proven,' the Presbyterian way of saying 'We know you did it, but...'"

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CULLEN: Political correctness is doing a 'stand-up' job at killing the modern joke

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political correctness plays into the hands of supposed feminists, in jokes and even regular speech, while the biological differences between men and women still thrive, no matter how much "progress" tries to suppress the fact.

The joke that I have here given you as an example does not fairly represent women, but it does not fairly represent men either. It would be wonderful for a man if he could guarantee that every time a woman is having sex with him she is making love — but I doubt that this is the case. And to say that men only f*** women is not true either, it is only a stereotype. Some jokes are funny because they are true, while others are funny because they are so far from the truth — but neither method should be off-limits in my opinion.

We all know a joke has about as much resonance as a badly timed fart; it can be hilarious or damn-right offensive, it might even linger a little too

long, but that is not to say that the culprit deserves to be reprimanded, or rooted out for the evil he is, just because he is performing a public service by outing the frigid thoughts of a nation. Sorry — I meant 'he' or 'she' (I would not want to be politically incorrect here). So then, why is making a joke at women's expense not funny? Or to rephrase the question, why do supposed feminists have to sully the name of genuine feminists by not being able to take a joke? Better still, why is it socially acceptable that anyone who goes by the name feminist is automatically given invincible status by political correctness against the easy pickings of language?

The answer is: American political correctness seeks to govern thought and relations between people in a strangely Marxist way, and those people who would claim to be feminists are empowered by a cruel twist of fate. The American ideology promotes a culture that owns its own means of

production, language, to force a classless and egalitarian society into being. And while such a state does not infringe on the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, social censorship saturates American society to such an extent that freedom of speech is a fallacy, not just because feminists say so, but because we have been indoctrinated into believing such views already.

Is it any wonder that we have to laugh, not at sexual difference itself, but at American political correctness, which tries to govern it? Where do they think the jokes come from, I wonder? Maybe one day political correctness will have succeeded in making all difference off-limits, and there will be nothing left to laugh about anymore, since by that time all jokes will have been ruled faux pas. Such is the world we are headed towards, but is this the type of world you want to live in? I know where I stand on this issue, and I am laughing all the way.

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OBSERVER: Universities are for creating thoughtful people

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of the human existence. They will savor the pleasures of poetry, at times delicate and at others exhilarating. One will be gripped by the stirring narratives contained within the works and try to make sense of the vast array of knowledge, experience, and truth drawn up within them.

The authors of the great works poured their very souls into their works and have captured so much of life into these works. Having gazed upon the contents of these brilliant souls, readers are able to gain a new understanding of themselves and the greater world around

them. The student of the great works is now better suited to make decisions and understand his or her own existence than he or she was before entering that course of study. This is in essence the true focus of the university: to produce improved, thoughtful people. University should not be merely a means to an end. It should be more than a mere diversion that allows one to get a necessary degree so as not to impede the march to wealth. The target that the university aims to affect should be the soul, not the future wallet. So if you should find yourself undecided as what to study, consider the study of the great works of humanity.

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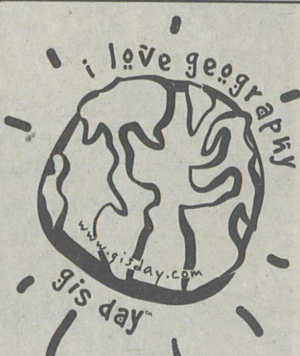
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TURF: Reser reallocation funds are tentatively approved for a \$159,000 service memorial and a \$2.2 million child care center

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“As argued by members of the committee ... in a perfect economic situation this would greatly benefit the university aesthetically and recreationally,” Shaufler said. “Members opposed agreed that it would be ideal to have this field but ... other programs that enable access to education should take precedence.”

The issue was raised by the Department of Recreational Sports, which is requesting allocation of \$700,000 from the Raising Reser Stadium payback to partially fund the project.

Part of the Raising Reser payback has already been tentatively approved for two campus projects: the development of a \$159,000 service memorial to honor past, present and future students and faculty who have served in the military; and a \$2.2 million child care center.

“The idea is that the Raising Reser payback monies (allocated to us) over two years,” said Tom Kirch, director of recreational sports. “We would hope to do the

project next summer after July 1.”

According to Ben Hemson, a junior in political science and student chair of the presentation committee for the Department of Recreational Sports, the turfing proposal deserves ample attention and consideration.

“The fields are chewed-up and pretty much unuseable,” Hemson said. “If we had a really big week of rain it would end up shutting down the fields until April.”

Despite the looming threat of rain, however, safety of the intramural athletes is the Department of Recreational Sports’ main concern.

“We’ve had complaints about the lack of traction on the field ... exposed sprinkler heads is an issue (as well),” Hemson said.

Ben Prahl, a senior in public health and an intramural sports supervisor, called the rejection “upsetting.”

“So many people use those fields,” he said, adding that turfing the field “would

improve not only the program but benefit those who want to play IM sports.”

Jenny Walker, a senior in business and new media communications, recreational sports office manager and a member of the proposal committee, is adamant that turfing the fields would prove beneficial to all members of the university, not just the 34 percent of OSU students involved in intramural sports.

According to Walker, campus sports clubs, activity classes, the KidSpirit program and residence halls could all use the field at various times during the day, without the subconscious fear of slipping or hurting oneself on muddy grass.

“There would be no maintenance (for a turfed field), safer playing conditions, directional lighting to increase hours of useability so we can play at times when we can’t traditionally play,” Walker said.

The turfed field could also be rented out

for community use, which would generate revenue for the university, supporters said.

The also say the plan could serve as a way to recruit high school athletes looking to hone their skills in an intramural setting before attempting the varsity level.

Jamie Colbert, a junior in political science and the ASOSU veteran’s affairs committee chair, feels the recreational department’s proposal is “great.”

“It’s definitely something that will be beneficial ... 5,000 students will make use of the turf versus the 150 that will use the day care center,” Colbert said.

As the chair of one of four groups that requested funds from the Reser payback, Colbert feels that receiving the funds is “all about being proactive.”

“A lot of student fee money doesn’t go to education,” Colbert said. “All 19,000 students have the opportunity to come forth and get their voices heard.”

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GIS: Awareness week will bring locals, kids to see OSU mapping

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already cross-referenced public databases, such as sexual offenders listings, with Google Maps. Dots on such maps represent the location of the sexual offenders.

Today is an opportunity for the OSU community to see for themselves what GIS is all about. As part of Geographic Awareness Week, OSU is having a campus-wide GIS day where activities will present the different aspects of the technology.

Among the general public, 400 sixth graders and their teachers will invade the OSU campus for a GPS hike. The City of Corvallis Mobile GIS truck will be parked in the MU Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to showcase the new wireless networking technology in use in its Public Works department.

“We look forward to seeing what our colleagues and students are doing with the technology, some of which is also receiving national attention, to interacting with the kids who will be visiting, as well as with locals from the Willamette Valley who will come to campus to see our events,” said Wright.

The OSU GIS Day activities schedule is available on the Internet at <http://www.geo.oregonstate.edu/gisday>.

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MUSIC: Passers-by impressed by display; BSU open to public

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out the display, recently transferred from OIT in Klamath Falls, Ore.

“That’s one thing I love about OSU: the diversity. I think it’s great what we do here. At OIT we never had anything like this,” Shinholster said.

Johnson, a junior in international business and marketing, encouraged any students interested to drop by the Black Student Union meetings on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

“We change meeting locations every week to explore the campus, so anyone who wants to find out where we meet can stop by the BCC, where the information is at.”

For more information about Black Music Week, visit the display table by Carl’s Jr. from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., or call Joakina Modé at 737-4372.

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College linemen pack on pounds to win, but the dangers can be hefty

■ Oregon State players, coaches among those who discuss issue

By Bryan Chu
THE DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Oregon's Geoff Schwartz pictures himself a slender man at the conclusion of his college career. He's listed at 350 pounds, but sees himself as a lean 230.

Former college offensive lineman Ryan Schmidt is a changed man after ridding himself of the lineman's diet — a whopping eight meals and 9,000 calories a day. Schmidt dropped 85 pounds in just six months once he pulled out of the lineman lifestyle and pushed himself away from the dinner table.

UCLA's Robert Cleary ballooned to a scale-tilting 320 pounds. If he's going to be healthy, he says, he'll need to get below 280.

Over the past decade, college offensive linemen's waistlines have continued to grow, leading to high blood pressure and morbid obesity. Ultimately, the zeal for a competitive edge comes with a price. The game has evolved, but the standards for offensive linemen's health have lagged sluggishly behind.

Linemen feel the pressure to gain more and more weight, looking at each pound the way a rapper looks at rhymes, each pound getting the linemen one step closer to the NFL.

"Players do see the risks," Oregon senior offensive guard Ian Reynoso said. "But they don't think it's going to happen to them. No one thinks they're going to die."

Five years ago, the death of Minnesota Vikings lineman Korey Stringer, a 27-year-old who weighed in at 335 pounds and stood 6-foot-4, brought the heavy burden to the front pages of newspapers nationwide.

This past summer, the death of 23-year-old San Francisco 49ers lineman Thomas Her- rion, a 341-pound lineman, also sent a jolt through the football community as teammates and coaches were left to wonder why such a young life ended so prematurely.

Despite the tragedies, college offensive linemen continue to disregard the risks they expose themselves to by continuing to pack on the pounds.

Leslie Bonci, who for the last 14 years has been the director of sports nutrition for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and a nutrition consultant for the Pittsburgh Steelers, knew the cause.

"It's a phenomenon that has been happening over a period of time, and it's a huge problem where lives are at risk. Players don't get (to the weight they are) just by eating grilled chicken salad," Bonci said.

"Bigger is better: Kids are being given that perception, coaches are reinforcing it, and players (are reinforcing it) to each other. The coach says to the player, 'I want 30 pounds on you,' he doesn't say '30 pounds of muscle.' Coaches just want them to eat more -- they don't care."

How we got here

College rosters with offensive linemen weighing in at less than 300 pounds are becoming rare. To stay competitive, offensive linemen say putting on weight is a necessity.

College has always been a farm for the NFL, and if the NFL demands players of a certain size, college players are bound to respond.

"I definitely think it's a feeding program," Oregon State second-year offensive lineman Kyle DeVan said.

"Absolutely. That's what college athletics has turned into," said Washington State strength and conditioning coach Rob Oviatt, who has 24 years of experience with related issues. "Ultimately, it's the feeder system from high school to college, and college is for professional."

Football has increasingly become a business where young men are given a certain image of what they need to be in order to make it professionally. For offensive linemen, that means bulking up.

"Players see so much mass on (professional players') bodies," UCLA offensive coordinator Tom Cable said. "So they say to themselves, 'If I want to give myself a chance then I'm going to have to be like that myself.' Guys literally train and eat themselves that way."

In 1979, Alabama was atop the collegiate world with an offensive line that averaged between 240 and 250 pounds per player. The average starter on the offensive line in the Pac-10 today weighs in at 302 pounds. The Southeastern Conference features its aver-



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The offensive line huddles around quarterback Matt Moore during OSU's home win over Washington State on Oct. 1.

age offensive line at a meaty 307 pounds. Arizona senior offensive tackle Brad Brittain, who weighed in as a freshman at 240, said he was pressured to fit the stereotype of a professional lineman. He beefed up by more than 50 pounds.

Upon his arrival at UCLA, offensive tackle Ed Blanton had a 295-pound physique. Since then, he's put on 45 pounds. UCLA senior center Mike McCloskey, who came in at 260 pounds as a freshman and swelled to 280, says its old-fashioned competition driving him to devour slabs of meat and bowls of pasta.

"When I first came in I knew I was underweight," McCloskey said. "I really felt the heat from the coaches that I needed to put on some weight to have a chance to block these 300-pound tackles."

Bite by bite

Blanton wakes up at 7 a.m. and gets ready for a draining day. By 10 a.m. he's already working his pecs out in the Acosta Training Center.

He follows that up with breakfast. Sometimes it's an energy bar. Sometimes it's a handful of eggs and a fistful of bacon. After hours of tape and scouting reports, Blanton heads to the dining commons in the residence halls. If it closes, he'll cook at home — the menu varying from sausages and steaks to salads and pasta.

"I eat whatever I can get my hands on," Blanton said.

Brittain says when his teammates get dinner he looks like an assembly line.

For dinner, Reynoso scarfs down three and a half steaks, a big bowl of spaghetti, broccoli, corn, salad and a strawberry

shake.

DeVan gorges on steaks and potatoes. He goes home and makes an egg sandwich with a couple fried eggs. After eating four or five meals a day, he gets hungry again at night.

"Fast food run. Gotta have it," DeVan said.

Cleary is right behind him at the drive-through.

"I eat pretty much everything," Cleary said. "We try not to be too fat, but you know it's going to happen. We tease each other."

California's nutritionist Helen Pak uses a sophisticated computer software program that analyzes the intake requirements for each athlete. From there, she determines the dietary recall and how many calories each athlete should be eating for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.

"A meal for a typical offensive lineman during season is at least 6,000 calories," Pak said. "I've taken food records as low as 2,500 and as much as 9,000 and 10,000 calories."

Pointing fingers

When asked why these athletes are growing at such an accelerated pace, coaches, players, scouts and nutritionists have alluded to the growth hormones in food and supplements.

Yet when offensive linemen's stomachs fold over their waistbands and when they are more inclined to reach for oxygen masks on the sidelines than cups of sports drinks, some eyebrows raise. The question that remains is whether high schools, colleges, professional leagues or the individuals should be responsible for ensuring the well-being of offensive linemen.

Although universities have nutritionists and programs to monitor athletes such as offensive linemen, Washington strength and conditioning coach Trent Greener, who has 15 years of coaching experience, feels it is the individual's responsibility.

"There isn't a guiding hand, so it's their own personal responsibility to stick with eating correctly and working out," he said.

UCLA strength and conditioning coach E.J. "Doc" Kreis, who has been in the field for 13 years, sees the growth of offensive linemen as merely the evolution of football.

"The specialization has

changed in football," he said. "(Players) aren't playing both sides of the ball, they're more specialized in their area. That's what's allowed football to be bigger, faster and stronger."

Elevator to the NFL

The director of college scouting for the Carolina Panthers, Tony Softli, stalks the sidelines in search of collegiate talent. Most years he reviews the performance of nearly 1,800 players.

While the perception may be that offensive linemen are well over 300 pounds, Softli says that isn't the case for him. He's only seen one player heavier than 360 pounds in the past year.

Contrary to other NFL teams, both the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos recruit what now would be considered undersized offensive linemen.

"You don't need to be 330 to be in this league," Softli said. "Athletically, you look at size, but obviously bigger, stronger, faster doesn't mean everything."

Professional teams like the Panthers and Broncos look for players who have balance, lightness on their feet, agility and the ability to change direction. The Broncos implement an option offense that requires mobile and athletic linemen. Because of that, the Broncos have just six linemen who weigh 300 pounds or more. The heaviest is 338.

While Softli says the Panthers don't force their players to put on weight, Oregon State offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh says otherwise.

Cavanaugh remembers coaching Vincent Manuwai at Hawai'i. Manuwai is now the Jacksonville Jaguars' offensive guard. In college, Manuwai weighed in at 287 pounds, but the Jaguars pushed him up to 320.

"A lot of (NFL teams) are enamored by these bigger guys," Cavanaugh said. "(Manuwai) is too heavy where he's playing at. They want him to be at that weight, but to me he doesn't need to be."

But impressionable rookies want to stand out. So they adjust their lives to being large because that is what professional teams look for.

"If you put enough pressure on these kids, they can make a stupid, harmful condition," said Oviatt, who has trained several players at Washington State.

That perception is the reason coaches throughout the nation are trying to dispel the notion that players need to be a certain size to make it in the NFL. Washington's Greener actually prefers offensive linemen who can withstand 60 minutes and 80 snaps of punishment each game.

"There's a lot of guys that fall under the 300-pound mark that master the technique and play with great leverage. And if they can do that, (the NFL) will find a home for them," he said.

Though the obesity issue may not be pertinent to the Broncos, general manager Ted Sundquist considers it a major concern. By the time athletes

reach the professional level, they would have had 10 to 15 years of football, which can permanently damage their bodies.

"I think we're very cognizant of weight being an issue," Sundquist said. "Obviously, there have been a few instances, such as at San Francisco. We as a league are on top of the issue by educating our players."

The NCAA harps on education as being critical during the season and the offseason.

An issue that gets even less attention, though, is what happens to players when their playing days are over. National Athletic Trainers' Association President Chuck Kimmel sees retirees falling into one of two trends after the NFL — either they lose all that extra weight or they end up gaining more.

During the season, Kimmel, who helps train certified athletic trainers, said that if a person does exhibit signs of obesity a staff member should step in.

Bonci, who also works as a nutrition consultant with the University of Texas and neighboring Pittsburgh high schools, is thinking long-term when it comes to the well-being of offensive linemen. They're deemed high-risk players and are regulated more. But the plan isn't to cut off all food from players.

"We need to show expertise and guide players," Bonci said. "Coaches should not be the police."

The future

A study released by the NFL in March 2005 reported that 56 percent of players qualify as obese, roughly 30 or more pounds over a healthy weight. The study of 2,168 NFL players aged 21 to 44, by researchers at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, also stated that about 26 percent of football players qualify as severely obese and 3 percent are morbidly obese.

Despite all the studies on the dangerous trend, it continues.

Louisiana State's redshirt freshman Herman Johnson, a right tackle, is 6 feet, 7 inches, 371 pounds, and is one of LSU's largest players ever. Arizona State redshirt freshman Leo Talavou, a left guard, is 377 pounds.

It begs the question: What's next? 400-pound linemen?

"I hope not," Pak said. "That's a scary thought."

"There's got to be a ceiling to all of this, and things tend to run in cycles," Oviatt said.

Putting NCAA restrictions in place is not likely, primarily because body types and heights differ.

"To make a blanket statement wouldn't be appropriate because everyone is different," Kimmel said.

What has remained the same, however, is the danger that looms over the growing bodies of these linemen. The football community continues to struggle with what to do, if anything. But all agree on the desire to avoid another death.

After all, that's why players like Schwartz and Cleary are ready to shed weight after their careers end.

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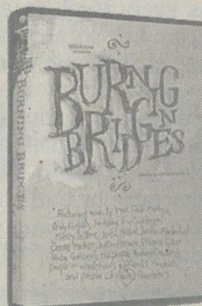
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Harvard researcher ready to wash her hands of space aliens

■ Book takes on the minds of those who think they've been abducted by aliens

By Michael Kunzelman
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Susan Clancy is sick of space aliens.

The Harvard psychologist figures she has read every book and seen every movie ever made about extraterrestrials, and she has interviewed roughly 50 people who claim to have been abducted by aliens.

And it's all in the name of scientific truth, not science fiction.

"I have become a reluctant scholar of alienography," Clancy said.

Clancy is bracing for a fresh round of hate mail with her new book, "Abducted: How People Come to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens," published by Harvard University Press.

Those who believe aliens are among us haven't taken kindly to her theory that abductees have created "false memories" out of, she writes, a "blend of fantasy-proneness, memory distortion, culturally available scripts, sleep hallucinations and scientific illiteracy."

That doesn't mean Clancy thinks her subjects are crazy. In fact, she was surprised how many of them seemed quite normal, intelligent and articulate.

"Arguing weird beliefs is a very normal thing," she said in an interview from Nicaragua, where she is a visiting professor at INCAE, the Central American Institute for Business Administration. "It's very human for us to believe in things for which there is no scientific evidence."

Angry letters

When she arrived at Harvard in 1996, Clancy didn't set out to debunk the stories of little green men kidnapping people from their bedrooms and using them for painful experiments. Instead, she started her research on false memories by studying victims of sexual abuse.

She quickly found herself the target of angry "outsiders" who accused her of trying to discredit victims. One irate letter-writer called her a "friend of pedophiles everywhere."

Around the same time, Harvard Medical School started investigating the research methods employed by Pulitzer Prize-winning psychologist John Mack, who used hypnosis to retrieve memories from people who claimed to be alien abductees. (The school decided not to censure Mack, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver in London last year.)

Mack's work gave Clancy an idea: Wouldn't it be easier to test her theories if she could be certain that her subjects' memories were not real?

She and her adviser, Harvard psychologist Richard McNally, placed a newspaper ad that asked, "Have you been abducted by aliens?" It took less than a day for callers to fill her voice mail.

As Clancy and McNally interviewed the abductees, they started to find some common threads. Many of them, for example, described the terrifying experience of waking up and being unable to move, certain that an intruder was lurking in their room.

To the Harvard psychologists, it was obvious that their subjects had suffered an episode of sleep paralysis — a state of limbo between sleep and being awake, sometimes punctuated by hallucinations.

"It's a little bit like a hiccup in the brain. It's harmless," said McNally, adding that 20 percent of the population will experience sleep paralysis at least once.

Many of the abductees also could be described as "spiritual people" who have abandoned conventional religious beliefs, McNally added. "The people convinced of this are getting genuine spiritual payoff," he said. "To encounter a naturalistic account of it is deeply offensive."

Regular people

In her book, Clancy describes her subjects' stories of abduction in detail, changing only their names.

One man, "an articulate, handsome" chiropractor with a "strikingly attractive wife" and twin sons, claimed to have fathered hybrid babies with an alien, a "streamlined, sylphlike creature."

Another subject, a 34-year-old artist with a college education, couldn't identify "disturbing sleep-related experiences" until he was hypnotized by an abduction researcher he found on the Internet. During his second hypnosis session, the artist said he recovered memories of being abducted by aliens who strapped him down on a black marble table and subjected him to a painful sexual experiment.

Clancy said a wealth of research shows that hypnosis makes it easier for people to create false memories.

"This is in large part because it both stimulates the imagination and relaxes reality constraints," she writes in her book.

However, Clancy learned it was impossible to categorically disprove alien abductions.

"All you can do is argue that they're improbable and that the evidence adduced by the believer is insufficient to justify the belief," she wrote. "Ultimately, then, the existence of ETs is a matter of opinion, and the believers have their own opinions, based on firsthand



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Susan Clancy poses for a portrait at Harvard University Press, in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 11. Clancy, a Harvard psychologist, is the author of "Abducted: How People Come To Believe They Were Kidnapped By Aliens."

experience."

One of those "believers" is Will Bueche, a 36-year-old who was working for Mack when Clancy and McNally interviewed him several years ago.

Bueche said he has had more than a dozen "encounters" with aliens since he was a young child. These encounters with the "pale, thin beings," he said, usually happen at night, in his room, and he feels alert but "a little bit drugged" while they communicate with him telepathically.

"It's not like they're speaking English in my mind," he said. "It's a mixture of music, pictures, feelings and impressions."

'Typical debunking book'

Bueche said Clancy's theories about alien abductions, including sleep paralysis, cannot fully explain what he's experienced.

"I think her book comes close to the truth in many ways, but it isn't able to see the potential out there for another breakthrough in how we see reality," he said.

Clancy's conclusions aren't shared by David Jacobs, an associate professor of history at Temple University. Jacobs, who teaches a class called "UFOs and American Society," said Clancy's "Abducted" is a "typical debunking book."

"This is junk social science, and there is a

certain condescending quality to it," he said.

Jacobs, who said he has used "hypnotic regression" to recover memories from more than 900 alien abductees, said sleep paralysis, faulty hypnosis and false memories "simply do not account for the convincing details" in abductees' stories.

"All debunkers make one or more of the following mistakes: They ignore the data, they distort the data or they don't know the data," he said, describing himself as a "serious UFO researcher who believes the evidence is compelling that these events are happening more or less as (abductees) say."

Clancy and McNally aren't the only psychologists who have studied alien abductees.

Leonard Newman, a psychology professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is the co-author of a paper that argued alien abductees are "masochists" who enjoy the painful experiences they describe.

Unlike Clancy and McNally, Newman did not interview any abductees firsthand, relying instead on other published accounts of abduction reports.

Clancy said the volume and nasty tone of the hate mail she gets these days is far worse than what her research on sexual-abuse victims generated.

"I'm done with aliens," she said.

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Matsui gets paid by NY Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Hideki Matsui and the Yankees reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday night on a \$52 million, four-year contract that will keep the popular outfielder in New York.

Matsui's agent, Arn Tellem, and Yankees general manager Brian Cashman met the Nov. 15 deadline contained in Matsui's first contract with the team. That deal stated that if there was no agreement by then, New York would have to place the outfielder on unconditional release waivers, which means the Yankees could not have re-signed him until May 15.

The deal was confirmed by a baseball official speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not yet been made. There were still a few minor issues remaining, such as finalizing the payout schedule over the four years, the official said.

Matsui is coming off a \$21 million, three-year contract in which he earned an additional \$1.5 million in performance bonuses.

A-Rod's defense made the difference

NEW YORK (AP) — For all their big hits, fielding was the difference between Alex Rodriguez and David Ortiz when it came to balloting for the American League's Most Valuable Player.

A-Rod won the award for the second time in three seasons in a vote that rewarded an all-around player over a designated hitter. In his second season as the New York Yankees' third baseman, Rodriguez received 16 first-place votes, 11 seconds and one third for 331 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ortiz, the DH for the Boston Red Sox, got 11 firsts and 17 seconds for 307 points. Los Angeles Angels outfielder Vladimir Guerrero received the other first-place vote and was third with 196 points.

"I think defense, for the most part, being a balanced player and also saving a lot of runs on the defensive side, I think was a major factor here," Rodriguez said after Monday's announcement. "To me, defense is foremost. It's always been. The White Sox showed us this year pitching and defense wins to this day."

Voting was done before the start of the post-

season, when both the Yankees and Red Sox were eliminated in the first round. Rodriguez hit .133 with no RBIs in a five-game loss to the Angels while Ortiz batted .333 with a home run as the defending champion Red Sox were swept by the Chicago White Sox.

"I would certainly trade his World Series championship for this MVP trophy," Rodriguez said, thinking back to Boston's 2004 title. "That's the only reason I play baseball. It's what I'm consumed to do right now."

Rodriguez hit .321 with an AL-high 48 homers, 130 RBIs and 21 steals, breaking Joe DiMaggio's 68-year-old Yankees record for home runs by a right-handed hitter (46). A-Rod also won the award in 2003, his final season as the Texas Rangers' shortstop before he was dealt to the Yankees.

Steroid penalties changed by MLB

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major league players and owners agreed to toughen penalties for steroid use to a 50-game suspension for a first failed test, 100 games for a second and a lifetime ban for a third.

Baseball also will test for amphetamines for the first time starting next year under the deal, which must be ratified by both sides.

Baseball's current steroid penalties are a 10-day suspension for a first offense, 30 days for a second offense and 60 days for a third. The earliest a player could be banned for life is a fifth offense.

"This is an important step to reaching our goal of ridding our sport of performance-enhancing substances and should restore the integrity of and public confidence in our great game," commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "I appreciate the effort put forward by the players' association and our players in reaching this new agreement."

After winning the NL MVP award Tuesday, the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols said he supported the tougher punishments.

"I think that if you get caught the third time, I mean that's real bad, you should get abandoned from the game," Pujols said. "You shouldn't be able to be caught the third time because after the first time, if you don't learn from that, from 50 games that you sit down without getting paid, that's pretty bad."

Mariners haven't signed All-Star, yet

SEATTLE (AP) — The agent for Japanese all-star catcher Kenji Jojima said Tuesday his client is not close to signing with the Seattle Mariners, one day after Jojima left Seattle following a weekend stay.

"The visit went well," agent Alan Nero said Tuesday morning via telephone from his Chicago-area office. "But I don't believe we are close to an agreement."

"The Mariners were incredibly hospitable. But we are still in the middle of this process. He's only visited one team. He's only been to Seattle."

The New York Mets and the San Diego Padres reportedly are also interested in Jojima, 29. The Mets are expecting to lose veteran catcher Mike Piazza to free agency this offseason. The Padres catcher, Ramon Hernandez, is also a free agent.

Jojima, an all-star for the Fukoka Softbank Hawks, officially became a major-league baseball free agent Nov. 8. He turned down a reported three years and \$22 million to stay with Fukoka.

He would be the first Japanese catcher to play in the major leagues.

Jojima batted .309, hit 24 home runs and drove in 57 in 116 games last season before he broke his left leg. He has won a Gold Glove in each of his last seven seasons for his defensive prowess.

Snyder calls it a career at K-State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State football coach Bill Snyder is retiring after this season, a source told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Snyder, who transformed one of the nation's worst college football programs into a powerhouse, planned an afternoon news conference, a highly placed source within the athletic department told the AP on condition of anonymity prior to the announcement.

Snyder will retire after the Wildcats play their final game of the season Saturday against Missouri.

The 66-year-old Snyder told his players about the decision Monday night, according to several newspaper reports.

Kansas State (4-6, 1-6 Big 12) failed to qualify

for a bowl game for the second straight year, the first time since 1991 and 1992 that the Wildcats missed consecutive postseasons.

Despite the recent setbacks, Snyder is credited with one of the biggest turnarounds in college football history. When he took over in 1989, Kansas State was the only major college football program with 500 losses.

Under his leadership, the Wildcats have gone 135-68-1, including a run of 11 straight bowl games that began with the 1993 season.

Snyder went 1-10 in his first season, but his team steadily improved. In 1993, the Wildcats appeared in a bowl game for the second time in school history, defeating Wyoming in the Copper Bowl.

By the late 1990s, with Michael Bishop at quarterback, they were a national championship contender.

Pujols nudges Jones for MVP award

NEW YORK (AP) — Albert Pujols won his first National League MVP award, beating Andruw Jones in a close vote Tuesday.

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman received 18 first-place votes and 14 seconds for 378 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Jones, the Atlanta Braves center fielder, got 13 first-place votes, 17 seconds and two thirds for 351 points.

Chicago Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee got the other first-place vote and was third with 263 points.

Pujols was second in the NL with a .330 average, five points behind Lee, and hit 41 homers, trailing only Jones (51) and Lee (46). Pujols tied for second in RBIs with 117, 11 behind Jones.

Just 25 years old, Pujols has put up remarkable statistics in his first five major league seasons, averaging 40 homers and 124 RBIs to go along with a .332 average.

He was third behind Barry Bonds and Adrian Beltré in last year's MVP voting after finishing fourth as a rookie in 2001 and second to Bonds the following two seasons. Bonds missed most of this year with a knee injury after winning the award four straight times to increase his total MVPs to a record seven.

Jones led the major leagues in home runs for the Braves, and batted .263. He has won eight straight Gold Gloves.

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with six goals, nine assists, 21 points and 47 shots.

He ends his career as OSU's all-time assist leader with 30, and finished third in points (66) and tied for seventh in goals (18).

Johnson earned Pac-10 Player of the Week honors earlier this year when he had three assists in a game against UNLV and scored a goal against then-No. 1 Indiana.

Johnson is only the second OSU player to earn Pac-10 Player of the Week honors twice in one season (Alan Gordon was the other in 2002).

The Beavers ended the season with a 9-7-4 record and finished third in the Pac-10 with a 5-5 record.

GYMNASTICS: Seniors excited for opportunity to end college career on their home campus

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Morales are expected to shoulder some of the load, but it's a job they and Chaplin, believe they're capable of.

"It's their senior year, and that gives them a lot of motivation," Chaplin said. "Who knows what will happen on the floor?"

But Lamun and Morales aren't just focusing on putting together high-scoring routines. Both have made it clear that setting a good example and leading the team is their first priority.

"I just want to be the best leader I can be, and that means being consistent in competition," Lamun explained. "I believe my purpose as a senior is to show the younger girls how to lead."

"There will be off days," Morales added. "But as leaders, it's our job to not let that affect us. I don't think of it as just me and Chrissy—it's about all of us."

The Beavers will kick off the season on Dec. 2, when they host their annual intrasquad meet at Gill at 7 p.m.

"That's really when we'll get a chance to start showing our stuff," Chaplin said. "It's important for us to be in the mix of those top teams right from the beginning."

Morales also said that it's a team goal to be ranked in the top 16 nationally before the post season begins.

And the team is confident they will be.

"There's a lot of talent and enthusiasm with this team," Chaplin said. "They come to practice every day hungry to get better and we're excited to see how it all goes."

Regular competition will start in early January, and then the team will have almost three full months to prep for their first big obstacle — the Pac-10 Championships.

But the Beavers have another advantage. In addition to hosting the NCAA Championships, the Pac-10 Championships will also be held on their home floor.

Netting the opportunity to host both the conference and national competitions is quite the accomplishment, and it's one the whole team is looking forward to.

"It will be good for us to be able to have a dry run with hosting Pac-10s," Chaplin said. "That way, we'll know what we need to improve on as a host when NAAs come around. It's pretty exciting to get to host both in one year—that doesn't really happen much."

"Who could ask for a better senior year? We'll get to have our last actual meet at Gill," Lamun added. "We really have the opportunity to go out with a bang."

But for now, Lamun, Morales and the other 14 girls on the squad are focusing on back flips, handstands and perfect landings, all while keeping an eye on April.

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Schedule filler poses major threat to Trojans perfect season

■ Instead of filling an empty week with an easy win, USC has to face a ranked opponent in the form of NO. 16 Fresno State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Coach Pete Carroll felt fine about Southern California having one weekend off before playing crosstown rival UCLA.

Two idle weekends was too much.

So Carroll was pleased Fresno State was plugged in last February as an opponent for the top-ranked Trojans on Saturday night at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"We had an opportunity to schedule a worthy opponent," the USC coach said Tuesday. "I think (three weeks between games) is more than you need. Having a bye is always advantageous."

Fresno State was happy to oblige. Bulldogs coach Pat Hill has wanted to schedule USC and other topflight West Coast schools for several years. He got his wish when the matchup was finalized.

Before that, the Trojans didn't have a game scheduled between last Saturday, when they beat California 35-10, and Dec. 3, when they meet UCLA at the Coliseum. The Bruins, who beat Arizona State 45-35 last Saturday, are off until the game against USC.

At first glance, it appears the Trojans have little to gain and a lot to lose by playing Fresno State, and the Bulldogs have little to lose and a lot to gain.

Neither Carroll nor Hill buy that premise.

"This is a great matchup. I don't know if the rest of the country realizes that," Carroll said. "How much more difficult can it be, playing two 9-1 teams (to finish the regular season)? We'll earn everything we get this year."

Actually, No. 16 Fresno State has an 8-1 record, with its only loss a 37-34 setback at No. 10 Oregon on Sept. 17. USC rallied from a 13-0 deficit to hand the Ducks a 45-13 setback — their

only loss — the following weekend at the same site.

"They're going to be revved up and prepared as they can get," Carroll said of Fresno State. "This is a great opportunity for them, a great shot. This is (also) a beautiful opportunity for us."

"We've grown to the point where we need these kind of challenges. It keeps us strong."

Carroll said Fresno State might be the best team USC plays all season.

Hill has no question regarding the Trojans.

"They are the best team in the country," he said. "I've got a lot of respect for them as a team and as a philosophy. They've got great strengths. That's why they've won 32 in a row."

That being said, Hill added: "I'll tell you this: I think we have a lot to lose if we lose this game."

And if the Bulldogs win?

"I know it would make the game the next week bigger," Hill replied.

He was serious.

Fresno State finishes the season with games against Nevada and Louisiana Tech.

Echoing the sentiments of his coach, USC offensive guard Fred Matua said he sees playing Fresno State as an opportunity.

"They've wanted to play us for a couple years. Now they have a chance," Matua said. "We know that they're very capable of beating us. I think they're underrated; they should be in the top 10. We feel we have everything to gain."

Said USC center Ryan Kalil: "Just as much as it's their opportunity, it's ours as well. This journey that we're on, we're not going to overlook anybody. Guys are ready to finish this thing off."

Three more wins will get the job done.

Carroll is impressed with what Hill has done since being hired by Fresno State in 1997. The Bulldogs went 26-22 in Hill's first four years and are 46-17 since then.

"He's done it with a style. He's taken on all comers," Carroll said. "He's done all of the things you would hope a guy would do with a program. I think it's a great marriage."

The same can be said about Carroll and USC. In addition to their 32-game winning streak, the two-time defending national champion Trojans have won 25 straight games at the Coliseum. They are 45-3 since going 6-6 in 2001 — Carroll's first year as their coach.

USC and No. 2 Texas are the only unbeaten NCAA Division I-A teams.

"It doesn't happen very often," Carroll said. "You win a big game, you have to go out and win again. I don't know how hard it is, really. I don't understand it. I just know what we're doing."

"Two teams left, it's pretty cool."

The Bulldogs beat the Trojans 24-7 in the 1992 Freedom Bowl in the only previous game between the teams. Larry Smith was fired as the USC coach shortly thereafter.

Cross country roster rounds out

■ After signing three athletes earlier in the week, OSU added one final runner to its young squad

THE DAILY BAROMETER

One more runner has signed a national letter of intent to attend Oregon State University, announced women's cross country and track head coach Kelly Sullivan on Tuesday.

Rounding out the Beavers's recruiting class will be Hayley Oveson.

Oveson is the daughter of Jeff Oveson, a former OSU runner who is No. 4 all-time in school history in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. He set the mark in 1973.

"It is only fitting that Hayley be the last one to sign, since she has the greatest connection to the track and field program here at OSU," Sullivan said. "Hall-of-fame head coach Berry Wagner has been a big factor in rallying alums and friends of the program, and I know his relationship with Hayley and her mom and dad goes back a long ways."

Sullivan said that in addition to being a strong runner, Oveson excels in the classroom as well.

"We are thrilled to have Hayley in the program, she is an outstanding student, has won state titles and been among the top runners in the state all four years," he said.

Sullivan said he has no worries about Oveson's rough finish this season.

"Last fall she had a great race in the Nike BorderClash and showed she can compete with all the best in the Northwest," Sullivan said. "She had a disappointing end to this fall season because of an illness, but early on she was on fire. She brings a passion, work ethic and along with the other three, she too comes from a rural Oregon background and I love that!"

Oveson is the final recruit for the Beavers for this year's recruiting class. She will join Holly Dieu, Megan Hibner and Krista Stangel at OSU in the fall.

"It says a lot about the ladies we have in this program that they were able to connect and show four blue chip recruits, like Hayley and the other three, that OSU was a great place to call home once they graduate from high school. All four of them had a lot of great options besides OSU," Sullivan said.

"It goes without saying that with the ladies we have returning and these four joining the program next fall, that in two short years we have begun to build something really special and as long as we keep it all in perspective and have fun doing this 'running thing,' great things will happen."

Washington schools both in need of a win

■ It's been a bad season for both Washington teams, and Saturday is last chance to turn it around

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PULLMAN, Wash. — A victory in Saturday's Apple Cup game would help erase doubts from the minds of some Washington State players and restore the swagger needed to build toward next season, Cougars coach Bill Doba said Tuesday.

The Cougars (3-7, 0-7) have yet to win a Pacific-10 Conference game this season, despite some close games, as they travel to Seattle to play Washington (2-8, 1-6), which notched its first conference victory against Arizona last weekend.

The Cougars' were 3-0

before an Oct. 1 loss at Oregon State started a nightmare skid, shaking their confidence.

"That's why this game is so important," Doba told reporters at his weekly news conference. "If we can win this thing and erase that doubt and get that swagger back. And I'm sure they're thinking the same thing."

Doba said this season feels like the seasons after the 1998 Rose Bowl, when Cougars teams went 3-8, 3-9 and 4-7 before reeling off three consecutive 10-win seasons.

"It's just a small difference between winning and losing. I think you start winning a few games and it just snowballs," he said. "I think you have to go into the game expecting to win, not hoping to win."

Except for a 55-13 blowout

by Southern California, the Cougars lost their conference games by an average of 4.5 points.

Doba and his assistants have been trying to find out for the last seven games what makes the difference.

A victory over the Huskies could help send this year's juniors and sophomores into the offseason and summer on the right note, he said, adding that how well they work will translate into wins next year.

"A win this week would really help the program," Doba said, adding he would like to see a victory to send seniors like running back Jerome Harrison, the Pac-10's top rusher, out on a happy note.

Wins against the Huskies have been hard to come by the last decade. Last year's 28-25 win at Pullman was the

first victory over the UW since 1997. The Huskies have won the last three Apple Cups in Husky Stadium.

"We'll have to play very well to compete with these guys," Doba said of the Huskies.

Entering this year's Apple Cup, WSU has one less win than last year, when the Cougars went 5-6. An Apple Cup victory would give the Cougars a 4-7 record this season.

Even before the game, the Cougars came out the winner in one competition against the Dawgs.

Seattle's Space Needle will be wearing a new crimson and gray paint job this weekend after WSU fans raised more money for hurricane relief efforts than their UW counterparts.

The "Tackling Hurricane Relief" effort raised nearly \$164,294 over 13 days. Donations in WSU's name were larger all but two days. WSU fans raised \$97,947, while UW fans contributed \$66,346.

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made it 37-13 with 8:10 to go.

The Beavers hit the 50-point mark with 4:50 to go in the first half on a Cuic dunk, which gave them a 32-point lead.

OSU went into halftime with a 61-25 lead after Hurd's long-range three-pointer.

Lewis & Clark shot much better in the second half (31 percent in the second compared to 14.9 percent in the first), but the Beavers still outscored them 49-38 in the second half with primarily their second team.

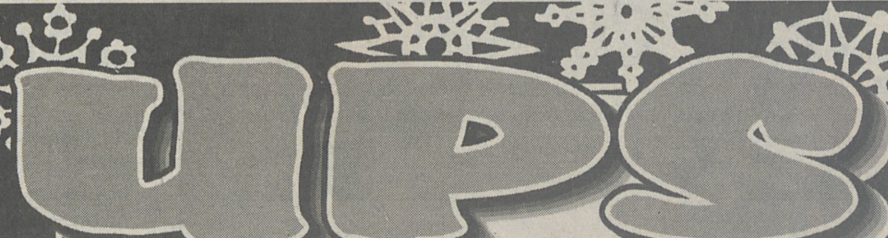
The Beavers broke the century mark with 6:55 to go on a reverse lay-up by freshman guard Brett Casey, going up 101-53. OSU's biggest lead of the game (49 points) came shortly thereafter.

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Senior Angela Morales works the beam at a match up against UCLA last season. Morales and the rest of the seniors will have their final meet on Oregon State's campus assuming they make it to the NCAA championships this year.

Gymnastics readies for big season

■ Beavers hope to qualify for NCAA championships this season as OSU will host the national competition

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Chrissy Lamun and Angela Morales know that April is a long way off. So the senior Oregon State gymnasts are focused on the present.

When they think of April though, and how OSU team is hosting this year's NCAA Championships, the pair can't help but get a little excited.

"The fact that we're hosting championships is definitely motivating," Morales said. "We want to stop the streak of not going to nationals."

And if Morales and Lamun have any say in things, they will be competing at Gill Coliseum come the end of April. They are expected to help fill the void left by the seven athletes who depart-

ed last year.

Joining them are a handful of other experienced returners, as well as a strong freshman class who are already leaving their mark.

"The freshmen are making an immediate impact," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin. "They've had an excellent group of upperclassmen to watch and learn from."

"I think there's a reason why the coaches spend so much time recruiting," Lamun added. "They can anticipate what we're going to lose and make sure everyone comes in ready to fill those positions."

With the loss of six seniors to graduation and one sophomore who left the team, the Beavers lost a total of 14 different routines.

Chelsea Plourde, a would-be junior, retired from the sport last spring, leaving OSU with two more routines to fill.

Chaplin is quick to point out that she believes

the Beavers won't miss a beat.

"Chelsea leaving was not new news," Chaplin said. "We've had to adjust, but we have a great group of young people who are excited to represent OSU and we have high expectations for the season."

OSU has consistently been one of the top women's gymnastics programs in the country, and its plans for this season are to rise in the rankings.

At the end of last season, OSU was ranked No. 13. But if preseason workouts are any indication of how the season will turn out, the team expects to still be competing come April.

"Last year at this point we were still trying to put certain things together," Lamun said. "Now we're definitely a step ahead compared to last year."

As the lone seniors on the team, Lamun and

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Men's hoops routs Pioneers

■ Chris Stephens leads OSU to victory in final exhibition game

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior guard Chris Stephens scored 19 points in 16 minutes of work to lead the Oregon State men's basketball team to a 110-63 drubbing of Lewis & Clark in the Beavers' second and final exhibition game on Monday night in Gill Coliseum.

OSU now opens the 2005-06 regular season with a game at Tennessee Tech on Sunday at 1 p.m. CT.

Among the OSU highlights: senior guard Lamar Hurd sank a three-quarters-court shot at the halftime buzzer, and all 14 Beaver players got on the scoreboard (with five in double figures). In addition to Stephens (who scored his 19 points on 9-of-11 shooting), Hurd had 13 points, sophomore forwards Sasa Cuic and Marcel Jones each had 12 points and sophomore guard Angelo Tsagarakis had 11 points.

With an enormous size advantage over the NCAA Division III school, the Beavers outscored the Pioneers 70-4 in the paint and out-rebounded them 64-35. OSU shot 63 percent from the field.

Unable to take the ball inside, Lewis & Clark attempted 72 three-pointers and only 16 two-pointers. The Pioneers shot 22 percent from the field and 20 percent (15-for-72) from beyond the arc.

David Berggren scored a team-high 19 points.

The Beavers scored the first 13 points of the game, with Stephens getting seven of them.

An alley-oop lay-up from senior guard Jason Fontenet to Stephens made it 13-0 with 17:10 to play.

All five Beaver starters scored by the first media timeout, which occurred at 14:55 with OSU ahead 19-3.

A layup by Stephens capped off a 9-0 run that pushed OSU's lead to 20 points at 31-11 with 9:15 to play in the first half. Another 6-0 run

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Senior forward Ryan Johnson attacks the ball in OSU's 1-0 home win over Washington on Oct. 2.

Forward named player of the week

■ Senior Ryan Johnson honored for his stellar play against the Huskies

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior forward Ryan Johnson was named Pac-10 Conference Player of the Week on Tuesday, the second time he received the honor this season.

Johnson, playing in his final game for OSU, had a hand in all four goals during the Beavers' 4-1 win at Washington on last Sunday.

He scored OSU's second and fourth goals and assisted on the other two. The six points set a new career high.

He helped the Beavers to only their second win in Seattle in 12 tries.

Johnson led the Beavers in almost every offensive category this season

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Receiver up for top national honor

■ Senior Mike Hass leads the nation in yards per game

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Oregon State University senior split end Mike Hass has been named one of 15 semi-finalists for the 2005 Biletnikoff Award, which is awarded annually to the nation's premier receiver.

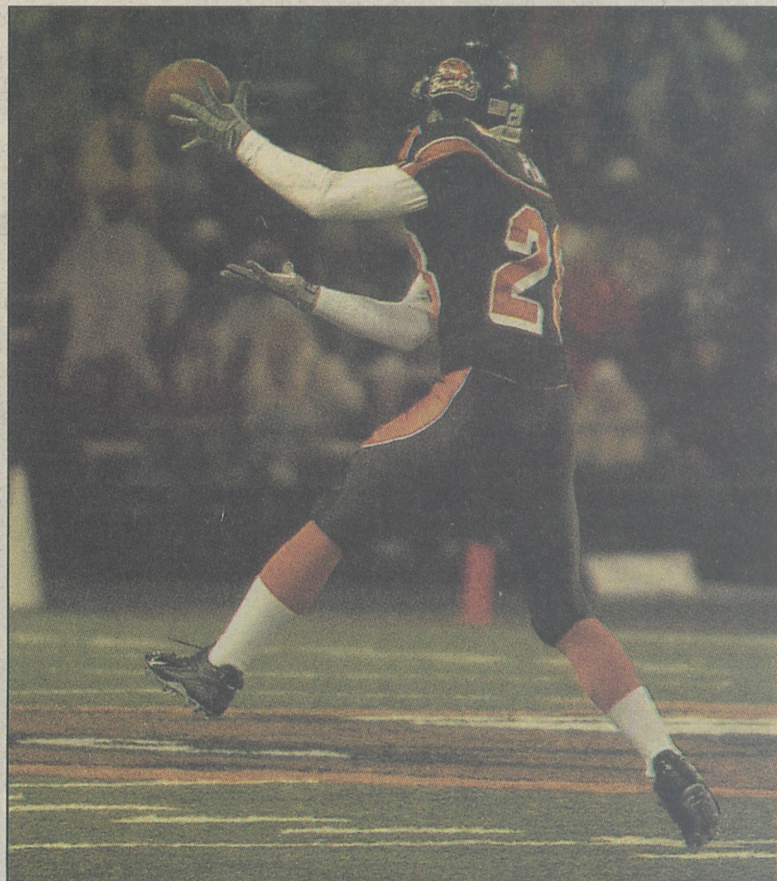
Hass enters Saturday's Civil War against Oregon second in the Pac-10 Conference for career receiving yards with 3,817.

His 1,425 receiving yards this season is a school record and he is currently tied for career touchdowns receiving with 20. He needs seven receptions Saturday to break his own single season receiving record, set last year with 86.

Hass is also just 96 yards short of setting a new Pac-10 record for single season receiving yards, currently held by former USC standout Johnnie Morton with 1,520 yards in 1993. Hass leads the NCAA for receiving yards per game at 142.5.

Hass has at least one game to add to his numbers, two if OSU makes a bowl.

The award is presented by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation and will be announced on the ESPN College Football Awards Show Dec. 8 in Orlando, Fla.



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Senior receiver Mike Hass reaches for a pass in Saturday's home loss to Stanford. Hass had 140 receiving yards in the loss, but never found the endzone as the Beavers lost 20-17.