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New challenge pits houses against each other to score one for mother earth



Anthony Wynne, ASOSU's director of environmental affairs, speaks to representatives from Greek houses about the Greek Green Challenge in **Kelly Engineering** Center Tuesday.

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at OSU, fraternity, Beaver sports

IMPRINTS

Man in the

By Ashley Slocki

Richard "RJ" Sohler, Delta Chi president by day, Benny Beaver by night. Sohler has the hard task of balancing the conflicting titles of having to be known and remaining anonymous on a campus of more than 19.000.

Sohler, a fifth-year senior in business administration, did not begin his collegiate career at OSU. Sohler took a different route and ended up at the very prestigious West Point.

"I was so proud of him for getting accepted to a school like that," said Sohler's younger brother David. "I myself applied and did not get accepted.

After being a victim of one of the many controversial hazing incidents that occur in the military college, Sohler decided to leave West Point.

"I no longer felt comfortable in a place like

RJ Sohler that," said Sohler. "I wanted a great education, and after something like that I knew it could not happen

there. He was released with honorable discharge, but not before receiving the United National Defense medal for being an active service member during the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy.

"I try to never regret the past because it made me who I am today,' said Sohler. "If I didn't go to West Point, I would probably not be Benny or involved in many of the other things I am."

Sohler then returned home to attend Portland State University where he walked onto the track team. But PSU still didn't fit.

"I didn't feel like I fit in, and after being on my own it was difficult to return home to my parents," he said.

Then Sohler transferred to Oregon State, and six weeks later became a

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Using recycling bins, like these in front of Delta Chi, is one of three ways that fraternities and sororities can obtain points in the ASOSU Greek Green Challenge. The other possibilities are conversion to renewable energy sources and conservation of energy within the house.

Green what?

Fraternities and sororities compete for most "green" friendly house. The winner will have money donated to a charity of their choice.

Who's involved

Nine chapters are participating in the challenge posed by the ASOSU Environmental

What's next

A sustainability presentation happens tonight at 7 p.m. in Kelly Engineering Center 114. It's worth 1,000 points for participating houses.

nthony Wynne is on a mission to reform the Greek community's environmental efforts, one house at a time.

Wynne, along with ASOSU's Environmental Task Force, has created the Greek Green Challenge, a program designed to award houses for their attempts in being more earth friendly and environmentally conscious

Recently, Corvallis has pushed to become a Green Community, a recognition that is awarded to cities who convert nine percent of their

By Kristina Stone

energy grid to renewable sources. Corvallis has met that mark, but would like to increase the percentage to 15 and has started targeting OSU to help with their endeavors beginning with the Greek Communi-

Wynne, the ASOSU director of environmental affairs, has been working with City Councilor Charlie Tomlinson to bring awareness on campus about promoting renewable

Every Monday evening Wynne has

been eating dinner with different fraternities and sororities, convincing them to join the Challenge.

"The whole thing has been a grassroots movement. With the Monday night dinners, outreach is growing,' Wynne said.

Wynne feels the personal approach is paying off. Chi Omega was convinced to join after Wynne's presenta-

"When he came and spoke it sounded like a really good thing," See GREEK / page 3

Reser reallocation at stalemate, tabled

Student fees committee can't decide on proposals so far, votes to wait until March

THE DAILY BAROMETER

After more than two hours of discussion and comments from the public, ASOSU's student fees committee voted Wednesday night to table any discussion of how to spend \$2.4 million paid back from a loan to the Raising Reser stadium expansion project.

The meeting was well-attended by supporters of the proposal to turf a portion of the intramural fields. Many of the supporters said they play club sports and that rain dampers their seasons.

Others spoke in support of a plan to spend \$2.2 million on a student-run campus childcare center, which would offer subsidized rates for up to 100 student par-

An ongoing plan to place a veterans service memorial on the Memorial Union steps was also discussed, in addition to a plan to add a new climbing wall to the

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4Cs a buzz on Monday conversation nights



STEVE STRONG / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tia Bauer, community outreach coordinator for the Centro Cultural César Chávez, speaks with students at Spanish conversation night on Monday.

 Cultural center begins weekly event for native, non-native speakers to communicate, practice and learn Spanish and meet new people

By Cindy Richards

"Hola, bien venido," staff members welcomed guests as they enter El Centro Cultural César Chávez.

More than 30 students from all different academic areas and levels of proficiency got together for the kick off of weekly Spanish Conversation Nights Mondays at 6 p.m. The "whole gamet" of Spanish speakers was present.

"Someone I was talking with had trouble with short questions, those with a lot of time and who were very proficient and some native speakers," said the community outreach coordinator, Tia Bauer, a second year student in human development and family science.

Bauer, a non-native speaker minoring in Spanish, learned the language after studying in Honduras.

"I knew there were others who would like to practice, those native speakers who need to talk and don't have anyone to talk to, to meet and co-mingle," said Bauer on how the Conversation Nights came about.

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Serviceman's sentence in molesting Japanese girl suspended

TOKYO (AP). — A Japanese court on Thursday convicted a U.S. Air Force serviceman of molesting a 10-year-old Japanese girl on the southern island of Okinawa earlier this year, sentencing him to a suspended prison term, a court spokesman said.

The Naha District Court sentenced Staff Sgt. Armando Valdez, 28, to 18 months in prison, suspended for four years, for indecent assault, the court spokesman Yusuke Katsuta said.

Valdez was arrested in July after groping the girl on her way to Sunday church service. He pleaded guilty.

Valdez, who has worked as an aircraft maintenance engineer at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa since January, had no previous criminal record.

Okinawa accommodates about half of the 50,000 U.S. troops stationed in

a sensitive topic. In 1995, mass protests broke out after three U.S. servicemen raped a 12-year-old girl on the island.



WASHINGTON (AP) — War protester Cindy Sheehan and several others return to court Thursday for the second day of trials on misdemeanor charges of demonstrating without a permit outside the White House.

The protesters, who are being tried

separately in one proceeding, took turns questioning police and arguing their cases Wednesday afternoon in front of U.S. Magistrate Alan Kay.

Charges against at least nine were dismissed, leaving about 30 protesters facing possible fines but no jail time if found guilty by Kay. The maximum fine each faces is \$500.

Before the trial began, Sheehan announced plans to return to Texas next week to resume her anti-war protest near President Bush's Texas ranch, despite new county ordinances banning roadside camping.

Sheehan, who is expected to testify before Kay Thursday, was arrested with about 300 other anti-war activists Sept. 26 as they wrapped up a weekend of protests in Washington. It was the city's largest anti-war demonstration since the Vietnam War.

"If we stick together as an American people we can bring down the war criminals that are running our country right now," Sheehan told reporters Crimes linked to the U.S. military are at the end of the first day of the trial.

Sheehan, whose 24-year-old son Casey, a soldier, was killed in Iraq last year, and a dozen supporters are prepared to be arrested when they return to their makeshift campsite along the road leading to Bush's ranch, where he is expected to spend the holiday.

In August, Sheehan spent 26 days camped near Bush's Crawford, Texas, ranch, where he was spending a working vacation.

A month later, McLennan County, Texas, commissioners approved new ordinances prohibiting parking on parts of 14 roads near the ranch —

roughly a 5-mile radius — and banning camping in any county ditch. The laws also ban portable toilets in

Democrats sound warning on Alito's Court nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats said on Wednesday that Samuel Alito's confirmation was not guaranteed as senators kept the focus on a 20-year-old document in which the Supreme Court nominee asserted that the Constitution "does not protect a right to an abor-

"Anyone who thinks that this nomination is a foregone conclusion is sadly mistaken," said New York Sen. Charles Schumer, one of several Democrats who used Senate speeches to criticize

'There are too many questions still to be answered, too many doubts still to be alleviated to say that this nomination is a slam dunk," Schumer said.

Conservative Republicans came to Alito's defense, with some committing their votes more than a month before his Jan. 9 confirmation hearing.

Others are warning Democrats not to think about using a filibuster to stop the federal appeals court judge from succeeding retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She has provided pivotal votes on contentious issues, including abortion, during her 24 years on the high court.

"Even a suggestion that he doesn't deserve an up-or-down vote is outrageous," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison,

Strike in Oregon settled, No Child Left **Behind Act was issue**

SANDY (AP) - An agreement to settle a bitter teacher strike that began late last month, partly over issues surround-

Oregon Trail School Board, confirmed the settlement to The Associated Press and both sides ratified the agreement Wednesday night.

Government Camp and Welches.

Oregon State Conciliator Wendy L. Greenwald and another state mediator, Robert C. Nightingale, helped negotiate the settlement, Kenney and Kuechler

Adjustments to the school calendar to make up the lost days will be determined over the next week or two, Kuechler said.

Both said a proposal by Gov. Ted Kulongoski provided the framework for the settlement, and Kuechler also praised about 30 "very involved parents" who let it be known in recent days "what they felt they wanted from their board."

that the two sides meet halfway on salary and health care and form a joint committee to resolve other issues, with binding arbitration a possibility.

ing the federal No Child Left Behind Act, was reached Wednesday. Steve Kenney, a spokesman for the Oregon Education Association, and Wayne Kuechler, vice chairman of the

Classes were scheduled to resume Thursday for about 4,200 students in a 425-square-mile area east of Portland, including the towns of Sandy, Boring,

Kulongoski suggested last Thursday

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ASOSU Federal Affairs Task Force

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tives and Senators come to lobby their issues. Register students to vote.

Pagan Student Association (PSA),

5-7pm, MU 212. Come hang out with

fellow pagans. Inquiries always wel-

Meetings

Events

Catholic Campus Ministry, 8:30pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Praise & Worship - Celebrate Gods love for us through song.

Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe Evening Mass - A great Thirsty Thurs-

UCPS & Women's Center, 3:30-4:30pm, Wmn's Cntr. Feminism: Myths & Facts. Workshop will explore what

ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 4pm, MU 213. More than Skin Deep: Addressing the Epidemic of Trans Vio-

ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 7pm, Owen 103. Film Festival — "The Brandon Teena Story" Not rated.

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

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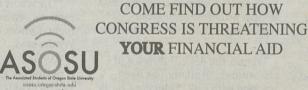
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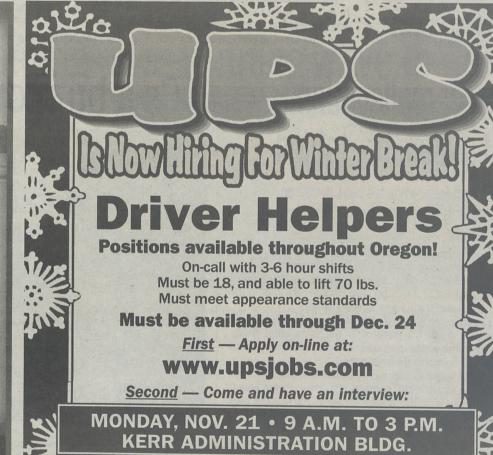
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Civil War activities strike a DisChord

Local Eugene, Corvallis bands unite with hard hitting tunes

By Holly Strassner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Energetic, positive, charismatic. These are the defining elements of Civil War: DisChord, a concert put on by the Memorial Union Program Council as part of the hype surrounding Civil War 2005.

Civil War: DisChord will feature bands hailing from both Eugene and Corvallis, uniting fans from both universities in a night featuring not only music, but a prize drawing and appearances by the OSU cheerleading squad and Benny Beaver.

The idea to hold a concert during the week preceding Civil War came to fruition during summer 2005, when MUPC entertainment director Meghan Bafigo first offered the idea to the program council.

"She (Bafigo) said she wanted to have two bands from each school (play) a concert just kind of for fun ... we took the idea and ran with it," 'said Darrin Crescenzi, MUPC concert director.

According to a press release issued by MUPC, The concert will feature performances by Klementyne, a four-piece hard rock/punk band, from Eugene, and local Corvallis favorites Sweater Club and

Stairway Denied.

Sweater Club, winner of the 2003 Battle of the Bands, features a sixpiece rock band influenced by ska and heavy blues rhythms.

Stairway Denied will feature classic Led Zeppelin songs, as part of its tribute to the singer and their passionate revival of rock and roll.

Two of Stairway Denied's five members, lead singer Noah Stroup and drummer Chris Harver, are no strangers to the rock scene. The two men were once members of the famed band Maryspeak, who headlined Corvallis venues for years.

The concert promises to unite Beaver and Duck fans through the positive energy of music.

Both bands are really super-energetic, positive and really fun," said Crescenzi of Sweater Club and Stairway Denied. "They are bands I've worked with before, they both have a pretty large following in town and I thought they would be the two perfect choices to represent our school."

Civil War: DisChord will take place Thursday night in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the first band taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at MU 103. Pre-sale tickets will cost \$3 and \$5 at the door.

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ASOSU's aid assault held tonight in MU

ASOSU will hold an informative meeting about their "Assault on Aid" campaign in the MU Lounge today from 6:30 p.m. to

"This is a good way for students to clearly understand what these bills mean for them if passed," said Jen Gilbreath, director of federal affairs. "Students will also be free to ask any questions they may

Representatives for ASOSU, Oregon Student Association, U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith and U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley will

Oregon Student Association is a student advocate group working across the state.

Brian Collins, the ASOSU representative, will explain what each bill states and what it means if they are implemented.

Sen. Smith voted for the financial aid cuts in a previous hearing and tonight the representatives for Smith's office will explain what his vote is and why.

"We will be having people dress up as Sen. Pell for a tongue and cheek type thing," said Gilbreath. "As well as other senators that will be in the MU throughout the day trying to get students to come.

Sen. Pell is no longer in office but was responsible for the Pell grants many students depend on. At the meeting students will be able to personally thank "Sen. Pell."

STUDENT FEES: Impassioned students — club athletes, parents - ask for a piece of the pie CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

McAlexander Field House.

Committee members who wanted to table the discussion stressed that the current proposals lacked detailed business plans, a requirement that was included in the final motion to end the discussion. In addition, the next several months have the committee busy drafting student fee budgets.

Committee member Brian Collins advised against rushing to a decision, saying that any new proposals should have a chance to be heard.

Jaimee Colbert, chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, said the total cost of the service memorial project is estimated to be \$322,000. They are asking for \$159,316 from the Reser realloca-

Non-voting committee member Ellyn Canfield noted that when the service memorial was initially proposed and passed through the student senates last year, the resolution explicitly stated that no student fee money would be used.

"That issue is going to need to be re-addressed," Colbert said. "One of the first things we're going to do is address that.

The childcare proposal drew support from two student parents in the crowd who came to the meeting with their kids. Janice Levenhagen, who has a 5-yearold son, said there is a great need for a campus facility geared toward students.

"Childcare is not going to get cheaper," said Levenhagen.

She added that while the turf proposal has support from a large number of students, the money should be allocated based on need, not numbers.

"It's not how many people, it's how they will be affected," she said.

Supporters of the turf plan packed the meeting, and many spoke passionately about the need for improved facilities. Some cited safety, evening practices and cancelled tournaments.

Duffin McShane, the head rugby coach and a student, said other schools in his league have better fields.

"It's not that we need this to compete, but we do need it to keep up," he said.

Once any funding is allocated by the committee, it will still face both the Undergraduate and Graduate Senates.

GREEKS: Some houses already made the switch, others are catching the "green" fever

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said Allison Nopper, a sophomore double majoring in psychology and international stud-

Only nine of the 35 Greek houses are participating, but the goal is to get 20 before the Challenge ends on Nov. 30. Incentive for the houses to win is not only more sustainable energy, but also \$400 donated from Pacific Power to a charity of their choice. However if involvement increases the money may reach \$1,000.

Houses can earn points in three different categories: conversion, conservation and recy-

There is a big misconception in the Greek community that you have to participate in all three elements," said Wynne.

In the conversion element, houses are encouraged to switch over to renewable energy, which initially may be more expensive, but over time "houses can save money with this Challenge," said Wynne.

Alpha Tau Omega, one of the participating houses, switched over to renewable energy last

"Our house was doing that because we think it's important to have renewable energy and it's good for the environment," said Max Lippman, a senior in general science and president of ATO. "We have focused on cutting down shower time. Around 11 or 12 we get all the lights off.'

Another element to the challenge is conservation. The Energy Trust of Oregon will perform a free household consultation to assess how much energy houses are using. ASOSU will compare energy bills for October and November and with each percent decrease 100 points will be awarded.

Also, Greeks are encouraged to attend a presentation on sustainability which will award them all 1,000 available points for the conservation element. Tonight is the second of the two presentations and it will be held at 7 p.m. in room 114 of the Kelley Engineering Center.

Recycling is the final element of the Challenge and perhaps

the easiest way to participate. Houses can pick up free recycling receptacles for mixed recycling at Corvallis Disposal.

"We put out new recycling bins," said Nopper. "It's an effort we want to continue the rest of the year."

Representatives from the **Environmental Task Force will** visit the houses at the end of the challenge to confirm the recycling receptacles are in

Houses were also encouraged to attend a recycling audit at Reser Stadium on Nov. 13. Delta Upsilon was the lone participant raking up 500 points for their fraternity.

The champion fraternity and sorority will win the money for their charity, but also possible recognition at the Greek Awards.

Wynne says ASOSU is going to "really promote the hell out of the chapters who are partici-

The main goal of the Challenge is to raise awareness about sustainability. "A lot of people don't know what it is," said Wynne. "It is really important to everyone, not just the environmental movement."

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CONVERSATION: Coordinator looks toward center becoming spot for speaking Spanish, too CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"I'm really excited to come more often," said April Haydon, a freshman in education and Spanish.

"I'm having a great time, it's very welcoming," she said.

The first activity of the evening was an icebreaker. Students posted names of characters or celebrities on one another's backs and asked questions in Spanish to figure out who their character was.

Haydon, currently taking Spanish 211, began studying the language in high school.

Spanish is really beautiful, it's romantic. I feel really sexy when I'm talking it," she said.

"There's more diversity here than in Wyoming," said Haydon, a Jackson, Wyo.

Haydon has not yet studied abroad but would like to study in Ecuador or Chile.

Some of the other students in attendance Monday had already studied abroad and went to the center to continue practicing

Evan Miles, a junior in mechanical engineering, visited Mexico for seven weeks during the summer.

"I started studying Spanish in high school as it was a language requirement and found how satisfying and joyful languages can be. I continued because I love speaking, and it opens new doors to interact with people you otherwise wouldn't," he said.

Miles, who heard about the event from a professor, found it beneficial.

"I think it's great because I see a lot of non-

native speakers and native and they're interacting and having a good time speaking Spanish," Miles said. "Also, I think it's a good place for people to come and have a good time no matter what level you are, you will learn something."

Spanish music played in the background and guests helped themselves to handfuls of chips and salsa, cookies and soda pop.

Aside from speaking Spanish, students also can enjoy other events the cultural center has to offer.

"I love to salsa and meringue and I hope to dance with more passion," Haydon said. Haydon wasn't the only one in attendance

Monday with feet that love to burn up the "I was here on Saturday night for Latin

dance after the football game," said Ellen Ballantine, a freshman in mechanical engi-

El Centro Cultural César Chávez plans to continue the weekly Monday night meet-

'In addition to so far, I'd like to see faculty and community members - increase in diversity is always good," Bauer said. "I'd like to continue with the same amount of people, or an increased amount.

"I'd like it to be a resource to help with homework if that works out. As a resource to professors, for students as assignments — a consistent place for people to come prac-

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Editorial

Spending Reser

he Student Incidental Fees Committee ended its session Wednesday without making a decision on the allocation of the raising Reser

Let us, the editorial staff of The Daily Barometer, help them in their quest for an equitable solution to this conundrum.

As the discussion has been adjourned until March, ASOSU should widely advertise the availability of the money to the student body. That way groups which do not have close ties to ASOSU will be able to turn in proposals, and existing proposals can be polished.

We agree with the committee decision to require detailed business plans from the four projects that have been presented thus far and the same from any new projects that might come up in the next few months.

The largest proposal is a student run childcare facility. If the project remains as what was presented, it would cost \$2.2 million. We support this project because it could potentially turn into a money maker that would help reduce, if not eliminate, the ever growing student fees. And of course, students parents could certainly use the help.

We also support both the turfing of some of the intramural fields at an estimated cost of \$700,000.

ASOSU should serve the majority of students on campus, and IM sports, with a 34 percent participation rate among students, represents a big chunk. We believe that IM sports are about passion, and we know first hand that students allowed to pursue their passion are more likely to succeed academical-

What we do not support is the creation of a veterans service memorial on the MU steps for \$159,000. It is interesting to note that last year the committee pre-sented an outline of their plan to the undergraduate senate for support. The outline mentioned said no student fees would be used. The stipulation appeared on a petition to gain support and on the official non-binding resolution which

passed the senate.
Along with the change in tune about student fee money, the estimated cost has tripled over the course of a year.

At Wednesday night's committee meeting, despite more than two hours of hearing people present views and numerous failed motions by committee members, no action

But now students have a chance to voice their opinions, create their own proposals, do their own research and influence the way student money is spent.

While the delay that comes with democracy can be frustrating whether its a 10 minute recess in a committee meeting or a four month wait for another meeting - that's the way things get done.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both national and local, grand in scale and diminutive. Opinions here are a reflec tion of the Editorial Board's majority.



How to keep that friendship 'beneficial'

Editor's Note: This is both a humor and advice col-the house. Your roommate will get the idea in no time umn. Neither Ms. Gill nor Ms. Davis have degrees or any professional experience in counseling or dealing with sexual ailments or difficulties. Common sense reigns supreme in this column; glean from it what you will. Questions can be sent to kateandleslie@hotmail.com or dropped off at the forum desk in the Barometer newsroom, 118 Snell Hall. All questions submitted to Kate and Leslie are subject to being answered in their column.

ear Kate and Leslie, I have a friend with a Facebook addiction. She sometimes checks it more than four times in an hour, and has been known to refer to these sessions as 'stalking.' Is there any kind of intervention for this type of behavior?

— CONCERNED IN BUXTON

Kate Gill

Leslie Davis

Dear Concerned,

First of all, stalking is considered by many to be the sincerest form of flattery. In case you missed the memo, Facebook has now made stalking socially

Rather than being so concerned for your friend, hop to it and join. Where else can you find a picture of your straight-A chemistry partner pole dancing, discover if someone does, in fact, "like the beads" or judge your classmates based on how many Facebook

friends they have, half of whom they haven't ever it clear that there is no "we.

P.S. Tell your "stalker" friend to check out the 'Katie Gill and Leslie Davis want YOU to be their friend' group. According to our 39 members, people like us we're kind of a big deal.

Dear Kate and Leslie,

My roommate blares Montgomery Gentry at all hours of the day. Make it stop!!!

- BLEEDING EARS

Dear Bleeding Ears,

We can image how fun it must be listening to two brutes spread their American propaganda with the help of a 10-gallon hat and leather chaps, but this form of "art" must meet its end.

Solution? Psychological warfare. If you think Montgomery Gentry is bad, wait till your roommate realizes that your house has slowly been turned into a Safeway — with a constant rotation of Celine Dion, Whitney Houston and Kenny G. playing throughout and you won't even have to say anything.

Remember, compromising is the key to any successful living arrangement. If the music doesn't stop, give your roommate another option: you protesting in true Montgomery Gentry form by wearing chaps naked until the cruel and unusual punishment stops.

Dear Kate and Leslie,

My friend and I have been messing around for a while now, and it has left me confused about where we stand ... are we dating, just friends? I've tried to bring it up, but he just avoids the question. How do I tell him that I just want things to stay the way they are, no commitment involved.

- WANTING THE UNATTAINABLE

Dear Wanting,

Aaaahhhh, friends with benefits. This is a delicate situation, and difficult for even the most strong-willed.

As one of our dear friends once said, "A man's gotta eat." Same goes for the ladies. If all you want out of the relationship is sex, that's fine, but you can't have your cake and eat it too. Honesty is the best policy — make sure your intentions are clear. The Blind Leading the Blind

If your "friend" is okay with messing around — no commitments attached, set some ground

We suggest the following:

1. Absolutely, positively no discussions about the future. Make

2. Leave no clothing or personal items behind, and vice versa. This will make for a clean break when the time comes.

3. No dates should precede the rendezvous - get in and get out.

4. Keep the door open for communication, but slam it shut when things get too serious. Any statement beginning with "I feel" should be met with your tires screeching out of the driveway.

5. If you start to feel the burn of passion, it probably is just that. We suggest you get tested.

Dear Kate and Leslie,

My ex-girlfriend snubs me every time I see her. She walks right past me every time I try to initiate a conversation. Should I keep trying?

- ATTEMPTING TO BE CIVIL

Dear Attempting,

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Discrimination for none

e all know what discrimination is. We know that if one group is singled out and treated unfairly, that's discrimination. We know that if people are treated differently based on their race, ethnicity, age or gender, that's discrimination.

So it should be clear, then, what I'm getting at when I tell you that nine of the 410 death row inmates in Texas are women. It will be even clearer, when I talk of the 648,500 men that were forced into the Vietnam War. Perhaps you'll finally get my message when I mention that a Stanford study of California custody battles showed that fathers gained sole or joint custody of their children 25 percent of the time, while in the other 75 percent the mother gained sole custody.

There is sexism in America, and it's more complex than feminists are willing to admit. I'm not going to say that women have achieved full equality, and I'm not going to claim that feminism doesn't have a place in modern society. There are two sides to this issue, however, and gender roles are causing harm to men as well as women.

The feminists that I know have, on more than one occasion, tried to redefine the discussion to preclude this kind of talk. For instance, as one emphatic young lady insisted to me, the 'philosophical' definition of sexism is limited to the oppression of women, and to broaden the term any further would destroy its implications of power imbalance.

Forgive my cynicism, but that sounds an awful lot like Orwellian Newspeak. You can't simply redefine a term to mean what you want it to mean. Sexism is a form of discrimination based on sex. There are two sexes, male and female. Thus, there are two forms of sexism.

It's hard to believe that anyone is willing to argue with me about this. I've actually had people tell me that the draft is sexist against women, because it denies them the honor of fighting for their country.

Feminists love to counter my death row numbers with their own statistics on violence. In the United States 87.7 percent of homicides in 2002 were committed by men. Men commit an even higher perce of other violent crimes. So there's no wonder why so many more men are on Death Row, right?

Wrong. The numbers are way off. 87.7 percent may seem high, but not compared to the 99.9 percent of men on Death Row. Even more insane are the actual execution statistics. In 1998, the state of Texas executed Karla Fay Tucker, the first woman to be executed in Texas in 135 years. Keep in mind; this is Texas we're talking about. They love killing people. It's like a hobby over there.

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Letters to the Editor

Blake Column

Torture just doesn't work

I may be going out on a limb here, but judging from Nathaneal Blake's Nov. 16 column, he has never been beaten unconscious or waterboarded. I, on the other hand, have been through the distinct displeasure of both of these experiences. They led me to the determination that victims of torture and military personnel concluded centuries ago:

Torture does not work.

When an agonized human being will do or say ANYTHING to make it stop, reliable intelligence does not result.

Beyond that, it is unfathomable to me that a self-purported follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ could EVER condone such an act as coercive torture.

TUCKER SELKO senior, chemical engineering

Oregon Wilderness

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Do vou hike, bike, raft, canoe, kayak, bird watch, cross-country ski, fish or hunt? If so, chances are you use and benefit from Oregon's public lands, rivers and streams. As an outdoor enthusiast, you have a vested interest in keeping those forests and waterways in prime condition.

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rally, comment on a timber sale, lead a hike, send an e-mail, speak up in church, put on a benefit, volunteer for a local environmental organization, get creative ...

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Don't you think it's time we give back a little of what we've taken (for granted)?

BEN CASTLE Eugene, Ore.

Bergh Column

Don't dis something you don't understand What ever happened to responsible journalism and checking your

Apparently Ms. Bergh doesn't to eat. While Bergh points out that

know what that means, as she would rather bitch about things she doesn't like than do something about it. For her information, and for the rest of the student body to know, "your student government" is not using your money that you all work so hard for, to pay for the Escape Hunger program.

Obviously while you over at student media are at the Escape Hunger program that "... does less to solve student hunger than it does to feed student media," you haven't noticed the little donation box at the end of the line. That is for those of us students who are working and can afford lunch, to pay for it if we so choose to. You on the Barometer staff get paid, so why don't you support those who are less fortunate.

I know that members of ASOSU donate money when they choose

"your student government" is taking your money to "...advocate for an increase in left-handed desks, yank the "boy" and "girl" signs off the bathroom and lobby for instate tuition rates for illegal immigrants," she fails to mention the equally important topics also effecting students.

What about parking, an issue that continually affects students? We also have the \$14 billion cut to financial aid that ASOSU is fighting against, or the sustainability project that the Environmental Affairs Task Force is working on? All students at Oregon State University are being affected by at least one thing our student government is doing to help us. Why doesn't Ms. Bergh look at the big picture instead of worrying if she is going to get fed her favorite meal at "Escape Hunger?"

STACY THOMSEN junior, political science



BLIND: Sometimes you just have to be the bigger person after a failed relationship CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

not being over a relationship is their inability to perform

basic skills, such as speaking. Frigid people are sometimes difficult to deal with,

but that's not a reason to give

The first sign of someone up on attempting to be courteous to someone who used to mean a lot to you.

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attempting to be the bigger person ... and in return, we'd like you to join our Facebook group, too.

Until next time faithful readers ... peace out.

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GREENE: Studies show that men are victims of violence, too

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What can we call this other than sexism? We, as a society, seem to have decided that women are above being put to death, and that men can be executed with impunity. Is that equal?

Let me put it this way. If 0.022 percent of the

used specifically to protect women from violence late at night. The problem here is that men are much more likely to be the victims of violent crime. Why are there programs set up specifically to protect women on the streets if men are, far and wide, the most common vic-

I'm not trying to compare who has it worse off. I simply understand the problem of inequality is more complex than people are making it out to be. We simply should not be treating people differently based on their sex, race or any other superficial quality, and I think that counts for everyone.

Ryan Greene is a junior in new media communications. The opinions expressed in his columns, which appear every Thursday, do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff. Greene can be reached at forum@daily-

inmates on death row were white, and the other 99.978 percent were black, there would be an uproar. If white people were exempted from the draft, the NAACP would probably start Men are also victimized more often than women. I remember only last year Saferide was opened up to men as well; before then it was Open 7 Days a Week Non-Members Welcome

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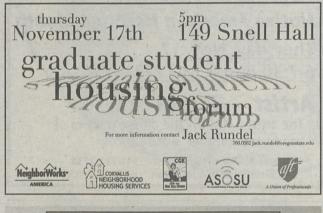
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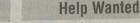
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BENNY: Sohler's brother is also a mascot in Utah

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resident adviser for Wilson

"A lot of what I am doing and have done has to do with the leadership skills I learned while at West Point," he said.

Sohler was at an OSU football game and made a comment about being Benny Beaver if the chance ever presented itself.

The next day the Barometer just happened to print an ad for Benny tryouts.

"I must have got a dozen of calls from my friends letting me know about the tryouts, it was something I could not pass up," said Sohler.

Sohler went to Benny auditions and landed a spot inside the costume.

Three years later, Sohler is still Benny.

"There are a total of four Benny's as of now," he said.

"It's not as easy as it looks," Sohler admitted. "I love doing it, but at first it is really hard to get used to the weight of the suit, and not being able to see or hear anything, but I love it, if I didn't I wouldn't do it."

Sohler is not the only mascot in his family, his younger brother David is the mascot of Westminster College of Salk

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Benny Beaver, seen here with one of his fans, provides a smiling face to represent all of Beaver Nation.

Lake City, Utah.

"My mom had mentioned to the dean of students that my OSU's mascot," said Sohler's brother David. "The dean said that they needed a mascot then asked me if I would like to do

Because Sohler has seniority over the other three Benny's he gets to do many of the bigger events, though this Friday's Civil War game could possibly be his last.

"I have cheered at most of the home football games," said Sohler. "Except homecoming of course."

Sohler has a very good excuse for not suiting up for the big game.

I was homecoming prince," said the very proud Sohler.

Last year not only did Sohler fulfill his Benny duties, but once again stepped out of the realm of norms and joined OSU's orange cheerleading

'RJ is an incredible person," said Denise Cloud, orange squad coach. "He is such an intelligent person, and I think the mixture of his intelligence and his sense of humor makes him a great Benny," said Cloud. "He gets very creative."

"I love being Benny because I can get away with things in costume I can't when I am out here," said David. "I haven't of it," said Sohler.

Sohler ventured into yet another territory he never thought he would go near.

"I always swore to myself I would never 'go Greek,' but the guys in Delta Chi are amazing and for the most part are not like the typical Greeks," said Sohler. "It is actually a house

joke, because most us said the same thing."

The OSU chapter of Delta Chi was closed down in 2000, but by 2002 was up and run-

the third president of OSU Delta Chi chapter. Sohler isn't the only Benny in

ning again, and Sohler is now

Delta Chi, another member is one of the newer Bennys. Sohler's military background

played a large part in his management skills.

"RJ is from a military family and because of that has great leadership ability and an amazing capability to get a large group of people to do what he wants done," said Sohler's Delta Chi "little" Kyle Waletich, a second year history major who also cheered with him on last year's orange squad.

On top of being Benny and Delta Chi president Sohler also works as a semi-pro mascot for the Portland Beavers baseball team and the Portland Lumberjacks soccer team.

"RJ understands discipline and hard work," Cloud said. "He is a very well rounded per-

After Sohler graduates this summer he might be heading to Utah to attend graduate school with his younger broth-

"It would be great to have RJ really got to spend a lot of time By the end of his junior year with him and it would be nice to have him around."

As far as his mascot career goes? Sohler says it's in the air.

"I am not planning on anything, but if I get an offer - of course I will take it."

Ashly Slocki, staff writer campus@dailybarometer.com, 737-2232

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Former Beaver guarantees he won't be stopped, and nothing more

Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson continues making a name for himself with his game and mouth

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chad Johnson took his last bite of noodles, washed them down with a gulp of punch-flavored sports drink, then turned toward the semicircle of 23 reporters and photographers bracketing his

Time for a guarantee about those unbeaten Colts.

"Hold on, I've got to get my game face on," the Bengals receiver said, wiping his hand across his face. "All right, come on.'

He leaned forward on his fourlegged wooden stool, his eyes focused on the camera lenses.

"For the guarantee, you've got to zoom in close, because I'm about to get myself in trouble," he said, hinting that coach Marvin Lewis wouldn't like what was coming next. "I guarantee -I'm serious - I guarantee that I will

not be stopped on Sunday. For real.

"I won't be covered. I will do everything I can to make sure we win this game. That's my guarantee.'

That's it? That's all?

Yep. Two years after his most famous guarantee, he wasn't about to issue another.

Johnson was roundly criticized two years ago when he flat-out guaranteeda win over 9-0 Kansas City. Angry veterans lashed out at Johnson for drawing attention to himself, and Lewis was unhappy that he gave the Chiefs more motivation to stay unbeaten.

Johnson apologized to coach Dick Vermeil before the game, then had seven catches in a 24-19 victory that got him off the hook and out of the guarantee business. He hasn't promised another victory since then, and wasn't about to start with the 9-0 Colts coming to town.

There's no need for me to guarantee a victory. No point," Johnson said. "We're 7-2. We are one of the best teams in the NFL right now. So there's

He'll let this game promote itself. Not that it needs any help.

The Colts are off to the best start in their history, and one more victory would make them the first team since the 1998 Broncos to start 10-0. The Bengals are trying to stay in first place in the AFC North and are closing in on their first winning season since 1990.

In the past, it wouldn't have stopped Johnson from saying something outlandish. It's a sign he has matured since 2003, when he was so unpredictable that even Colts coach Tony Dungy had to talk him out of some-

Dungy coached the AFC's Pro Bowl team after the 2003 season, when the NFL was still stewing over Janet Jackson's infamous halftime show at the Super Bowl. Justin Timberlake yanked off part of her top at the end of the show, embarrassing league officials.

Johnson devised a touchdown celebration for his first Pro Bowl appear-

no need for me to go out on a limb like ance that was a takeoff on the halftime controversy, but Dungy got him to change his mind.

"I cut a hole in my jersey and stitched it back together," Johnson said Wednesday. "When I scored, I was going to pull it open. He talked me out of that one. He was right. I didn't want to tease the league like that."

Dungy was diplomatic Wednesday when talking about the receiver's

"Chad is a great receiver and he's fun," Dungy said. "He makes the game fun. I'm glad Marvin has to coach him and I don't.

Johnson has evolved from guaranteeing wins to celebrating touchdowns this season, coming up with a new skit for each score. His most famous celebration — an end zone Riverdance - got notice around the league and inspired him to come up with something new for each oppo-

He's got something in mind for the

'My plan is Martha Stewart-like,' Johnson said. "What it's going to be exactly, I can't tell you. You'd have to watch. It's going to be fun, though. It will probably keep you on the edge of

The Colts couldn't care less.

"Whatever he has planned, I don't want to see it," cornerback Nick Harper said, laughing. "He can save it for next week.

"Hopefully at the end of the ball game, he'll be pretty quiet," defensive tackle Montae Reagor said.

Johnson praised the Colts' defense, giving it credit for their 9-0 start. He also suggested that the Colts' cornerbacks shouldn't take it personally when he guarantees that he won't be covered very well on

"It's just impossible," Johnson said, with a straight face. "It's not who I'm playing. It can't be done, and I've come to that conclusion. If I had to stop myself, I probably wouldn't be able to do it, either."

VOLLEYBALL: Washington State seeks redemption for prior loss to OSU in Corvallis

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balls and slow them down," assistant coach Salima Rockwell said. "It will help us be more successful against Washington if our blocking is there.

Earlier this season, the Beavers were swept by the Huskies with Brie Hagerty and Christal Morrison supplying the offense for Washington with 12 kills apiece. Senior outside hitter Katelyn Healy led OSU with 11 kills on the night to help the Beavers keep their momentum going. OSU plans to use the first meeting with Washington to its advantage in preparing for the game.

We are working on taking advantage of Washington in their serve receive and trying to have strong serving on our end," Rhoades said. "I think that's the way to get

any team out of rhythm, so that will be one of our ways to get at them."

Following Thursday's match up, the Beavers challenge the Cougars for the second time this season. OSU battled to beat Washington State in four games during their last meeting in Gill, with a valiant

In that match-up, Rhoades posted a season-high 17 kills and sophomore outside hitter Kristin Murray tallied a careerhigh with 16 kills. Junior middle blocker Brittany Cahoon also added to the excitement of the night with 16 kills and eight blocks for the Beavers.

"Washington State is going to want to beat us bad, so it'll be a battle," Rockwell said. "But we're expecting more of a game because they're going to be so hot to beat us, and it's always tough to play away; you can't expect to win, and you need to be mentally prepared for that."

Although the Beavers dominated the last meeting, the Cougars should not be counted out. WSU leads the Pac-10 with

3.48 blocks per game. Jen Barcus ranks third in the conference with 1.32 blocks per game and Natalia Owens is fifth with

Adding to the Cougar depth is libero Jalen Pendon, who ranks fourth in the Pac-10 with 4.69 digs per game. In addition to their strong blocking and serve receive, WSU will also have home court advantage this time around, which may prove to be a big factor.

Washington State is a hard place to play because the gym is small and the fans are right there on the sidelines yelling at you," senior outside hitter and middle blocker Katelyn Healy said. "But it's a fun atmosphere; we definitely feed off of other teams heckling us and trying

WSU is a good team, and they've been playing well. They're going to come out hard; it's definitely going to be a tough

> Lacey Gable, sports writer sports@dailybarometer.com, 737-6378

ROWING: OSU rowers have gone on to national prominence after exiting program

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"It pretty much tougher than anything I've done, even the light days are tough. You just get used to doing them and don't really think about it," Carlton said.

In 2004, the U.S. won the Olympic Gold medal with five of the eight athletes never having rowed before starting college," Honebein said. "Joey Hansen (a 2001 OSU grad) was one of those athletes. Again, it's about knowing how and wanting to compete.

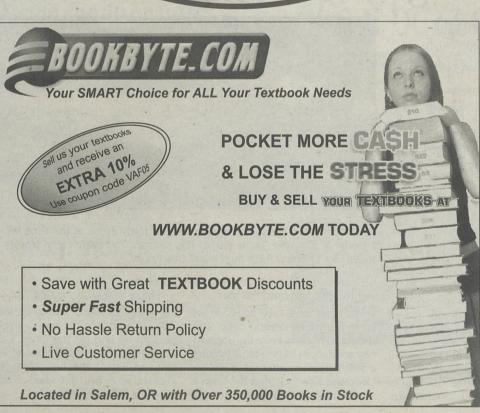
Josh Inman, a 2003 OSU graduate, joined the team with no prior rowing experience. Inman was recently named USRowing's 2005 Male Athlete of the Year. He is a two-time national team member and gold medal winner in the men's eight at the 2005 FISA World Rowing Championships.

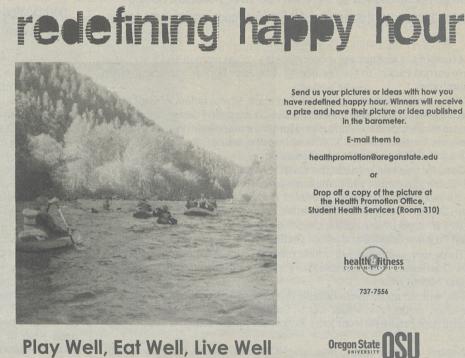
Carlton and the rest of OSU's men's and women's crews completed its fall season on Sunday at Head of the Lake Regatta in Seattle. The team gets its spring season under way on April I at the San Diego Crew Classic and finishes up in Henley, England on June 2.

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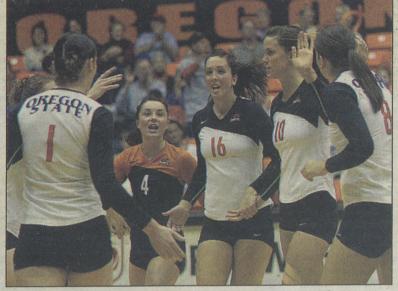




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The volleyball team celebrates a point during their Nov. 3 home game against UCLA. Volleyball tours the Washington schools this weekend, playing No. 3 Washington on Thursday and Washington State on Friday.

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Volleyball heads north to face UW, WSU

 Washington Huskies pose interesting challenge for energized Beaver squad

By Lacey Gable

After an emotional five game civil war victory over Oregon last week, OSU faces another challenge this weekend as they head north.

The Beavers visit No. 3 Washington on Thursday night before traveling to Washington State on Friday. OSU hopes to carry their momentum from the Duck triumph over into Washington, which will prove to be a challenging weekend match-up.

Coming off of a civil war victory you always have a little bit of a high, and we're going to use that to our advantage," senior outside hitter

Karah Rhoades said. "I think the way we finished that game will be important for us to carry on to these next two games.'

The Beavers will definitely need the edge Thursday night against Washington, who had their first lost match of the season last weekend against UCLA. OSU will try to capitalize on the Huskies' damaged ego, but their strong offense and killer blocking might be too much for the Beavers to handle. Washington ranks third in the Pacific-10 in blocking with 3.18 per game and has some dominant players at the

"Because Washington is such a physical team and they play big at the net, it's going to be very important that we can catch a lot of the

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Rowing competes without scholarships

Finishing in top 10 nationally for the past five years, 80 percent of OSU crew team are walk-ons

By Denny Burnett

The fall of his junior year, Adam Carlton decided taking a rowing class would be fun. He had no prior rowing experience and had no idea what to expect. Now, three years later he's a graduate student in his third year on Oregon State varsity team that finished last season ranked No. 10 in the

Carlton, a successful runner and wrestler in high school, is a typical OSU oarsman. In fact, 80 percent of the team has walked on, because the crew team doesn't give out scholarships. The most impressive thing about the Beavers is they have finished in the top 10 in the nation for the past five years and have been in the top 15 the past 10 years.

"I was just coming out to have fun," Carlton said. "I had no expectations going into it. It's a pretty open program, so if you just stick with it, and as long as you're participating and trying hard you'll do fine."

The members of the OSU men's rowing team all have one thing in common — a desire to win. OSU has become one of the countries premier rowing programs finishing ranked higher than powerhouses such as Yale, Cornell and Columbia last sea-

"Sport is sport, not matter if it is basketball, football or crew," said OSU's men's head Fred Honebein. "Competing and competition is the common denominator. Our guys like



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The men's JV eight rows its way down the Willamette River during a practice session last year. The crew team does not offer scholarships to its athletes, yet the Beavers have a proud history, finishing among the top ten teams in the nation for the last five years.

that they do not have scholarships and have less experience than who they compete against. It's a motivating (thing) for them when they go up against California, Washington and Stanford."

The Beavers are Pac-10 medalists, despite being one of few teams in the Pac-10 that doesn't offer scholarships to its recruits.

'Throughout the summer, we our team."

to compete and take pride in the fact spend a lot of time identifying and contacting potential athletes who have been accepted to Oregon State and are interested in competing in a D-1 program that has a rich history of success," said Honebein.

"We get them to take a Pac class where they get to try a new sport and see if it is something they want to do to enrich their college experience. This process makes up 80 percent of

Rowing takes a lot of work and dedication. A typical day of practice begins with a work out on one the 60 ergometers (indoor rowing machines) in the team's strength barn. The team goes all out for 2,000 meters on erg machines to stimulate race distances. Then it head upstairs to do 85 pound bench pulls. Two oarsmen go side by side for six minutes, doing as many reps as they can. The rowers can do anywhere from

150 to 190 reps in six minutes. Once the team is done in the barn, it hits the water for anywhere from seven to twelve miles of rowing.

The rowing season begins in the fall with headraces, which are 5,000 meter races against the clock. In the spring, the team competes in sprint races held on a 2,000 meter courses, head to head races with six other

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Soccer teams make the grade

*Oregon State showed up big when Pac-10 All-Academic honors were announced this week as 13 Beavers made one of three teams

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A total of 13 Oregon State soccer players — eight women and five men have earned Pacific-10 Conference All-Academic honors, the league office

Three student-athletes made the first team. Senior defender Cara Miller made the women's first team with a 3.96 GPA in apparel design, while sophomore midfielder Brett Gardner and junior forward Bryan Jordan did so for the men. Gardner has a 3.82 GPA in business administration, and Jordan has a 3.45 GPA in business administration.

Gardner previously made the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District first team, while Miller made the third team. Miller earned Pac-10 All-Academic honors for the third straight year, and was on the first team for her second time. Jordan made the first team for the second time.

Two student-athletes made the women's second team: sophomore forward Whitney Goodell and junior goalkeeper Melissa Onstad

Three men made the honorable mention squad: sophomore defender Alex Christensen, redshirt freshman Packy Deenihan and sophomore midfielder Mason Webb.

Five women made the honorable mention squad: senior forward Stacey Mescher, senior midfielder Liz Money, sophomore defender Monica Storm, sophomore forward Jodie Taylor and junior defender Lauren Wip-

Neither team was able to make the NCAA tournament, but posted some of the best numbers in OSU history before the 2005 season came to a close.

■ OSU won the last meet it participated in, now No. 5 Golden Bears await Lady Beavs

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The Oregon State women's swimming team travels to California this Friday to take on the No. 5 California Golden Bears at the Spieker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley.

The Beavers are coming off a firstplace finish at the Rice Invitational and are looking to swim some competitive races against the nationally ranked Cal Bears.

"Cal is a very good team," OSU head coach Larry Liebowitz said. This is a great opportunity for our team to see some great competition and to race at a high level."

The last time the Beavers raced against a ranked team, Texas A&M on Oct. 28, nearly ever swimmer record-Saori Haruguchi broke the school record in the 200 backstroke. on the brink of entering the national



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Senior Christina Kinney competes in a butterfly event at the Rice Invitational in Houston, Texas earlier this season. The swim team travels to No. 5 California for a dual meet this Friday.

Liebowitz has hopes that similar rankings. results will come from this meet.

With one more meet to its experience, the young Oregon State team should be ready to seize the opportued a season best time or OSU top-10 nity and race to its potential. Pending time. Also in the meet, freshman a solid performance at Berkeley, Liebowitz also feels that the team is

"I think we are very close to becoming a top-25 team," Liebowitz said. "We just need to have a few more people step up and get the times. I am hoping that the girls will respond Friday and have some breakthroughs. That will really help us towards reaching some of our season goals."