



GREEN GREEKS

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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IMPRINTS

Man in the mascot

Portland searches, finds home at OSU, fraternity, Beaver sports

By Ashley Stocki
THE DAILY BAROMETER

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.



RJ Sohler

"I no longer felt comfortable in a place like 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.

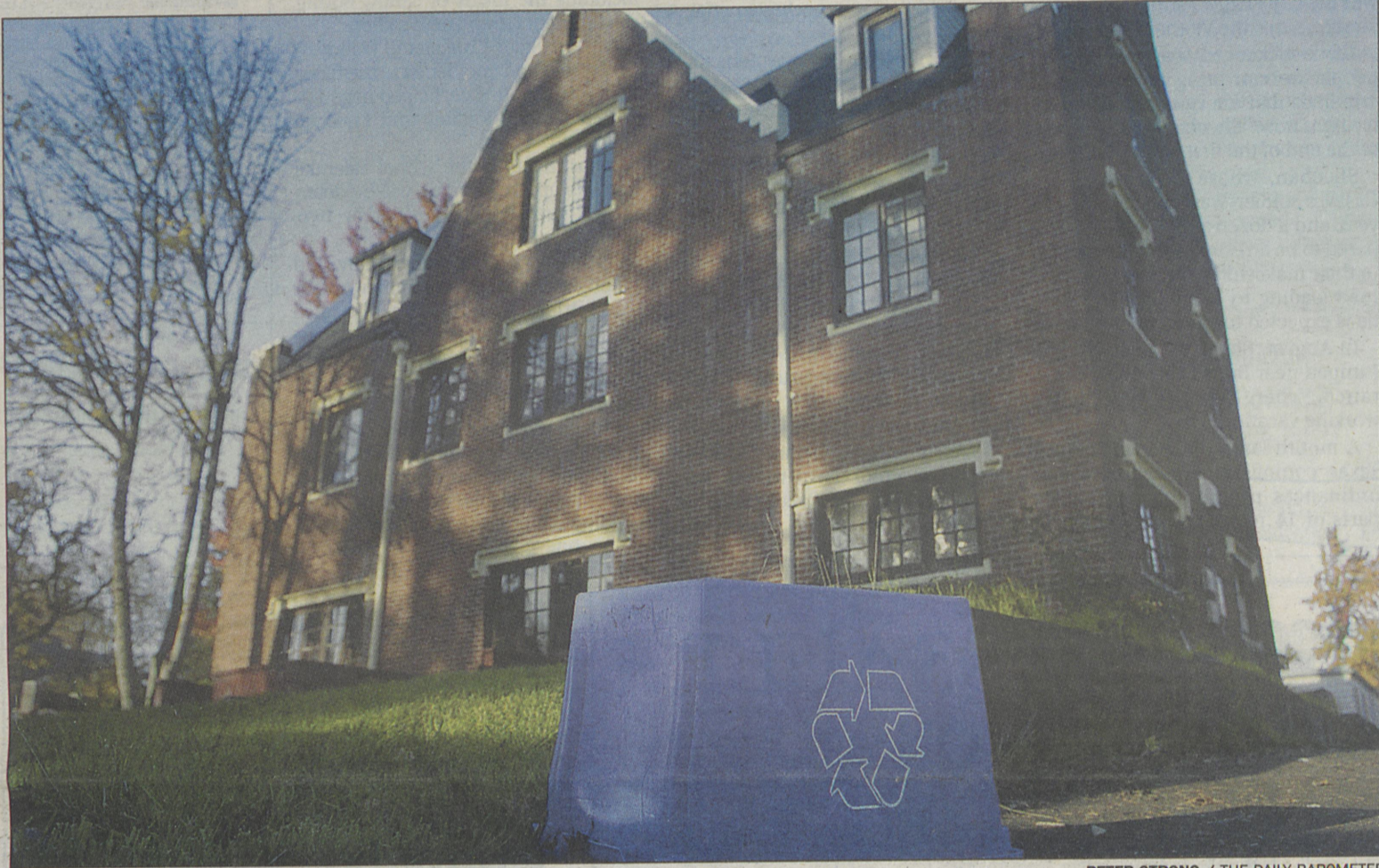
"I try to never regret the past because it made me who I am today," said Sohler. "If I didn't go to West Point, I would probably not be Benny or involved in many of the other things I am."

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 Task Force

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.

By Kristina Stone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Anthony 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

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 Community.

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

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 presentation.

"When he came and spoke it sounded like a really good thing,"

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Reser reallocation at stalemate, tabled

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

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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 dampens 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 parents.

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

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

By Cindy Richards
THE DAILY BAROMETER

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

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 Japan.

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

Anti-war activist trial to enter second day

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 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 ditches.

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 abortion."

"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 Alito.

"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, R-Texas.

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

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, Government Camp and Welches.

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

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."

Kulongoski suggested last Thursday 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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

Meetings

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Arnold Dining Gold Room. Come experience God with us.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30pm, Women's Center. Alcoholics Anonymous beginner's meeting. All welcome.

ASOSU Federal Affairs Task Force, 6:30pm, ASOSU Conference Rm. Be a liaison for OSU students. Representatives 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 welcome.

25+ Students of OSU/Non-Traditional Students, 3-4pm, 25+/Commuter Lounge — MU 203. Meet other students. Guest from Academic Success. Refreshments. All students.

Events

Catholic Campus Ministry, 8:30pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Praise & Worship — Celebrate God's love for us through song.

Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Evening Mass — A great Thirsty Thursday alternative.

UCPS & Women's Center, 3:30-4:30pm, Wm'n's Cntr. Feminism: Myths & Facts. Workshop will explore what it means to identify as a feminist.

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

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 Education Week Language Tables. 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 Rock and Pop.

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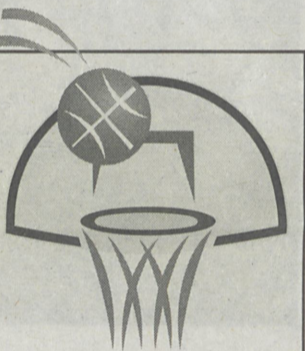
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Editorial

Spending Reser

The Student Incidental Fees Committee ended its session Wednesday night without making a decision on the allocation of the raising Reser money.

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.

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.

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 academically.

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 presented an outline of their plan to the undergraduate senate for support.

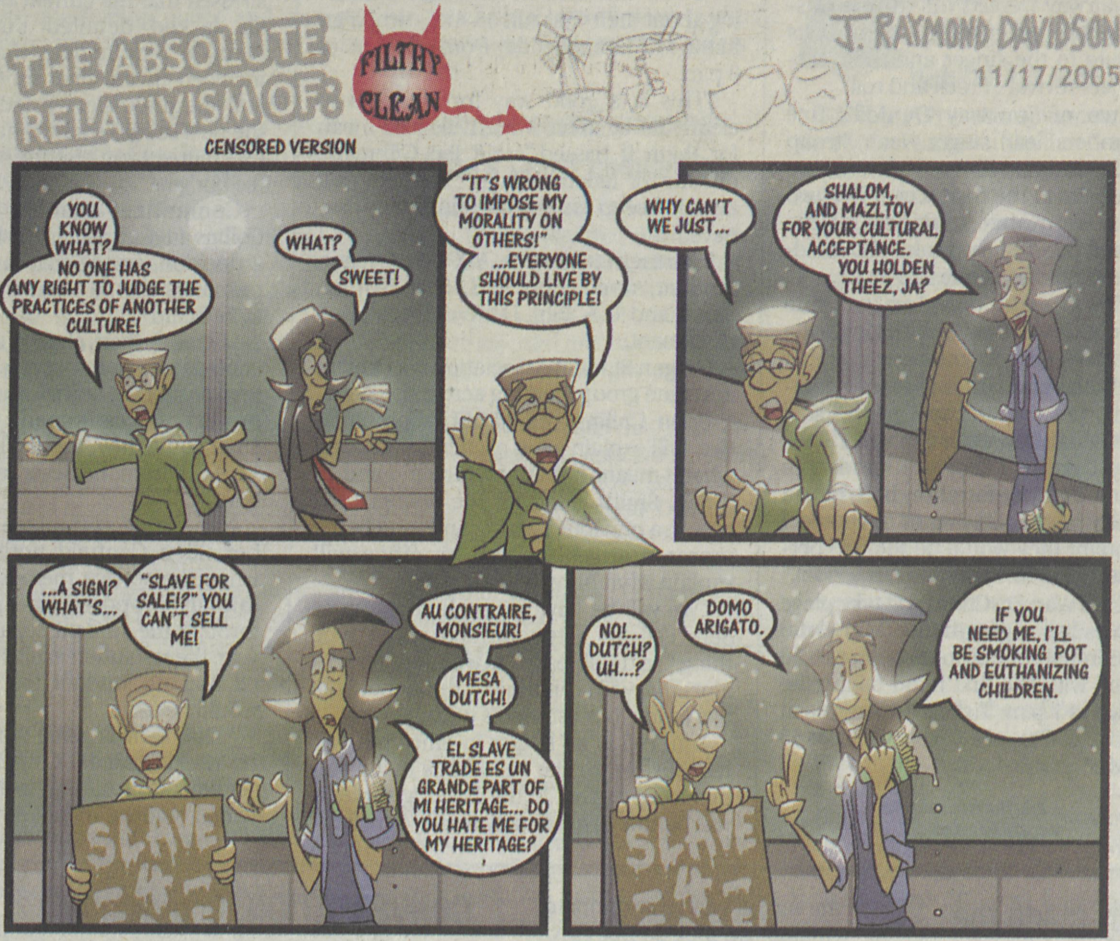
Along with the change in tune about student fee money, the estimated cost has tripled over the course of a year.

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 was taken.

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 reflection of the Editorial Board's majority.



Discrimination for none

We 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 percentage 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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How to keep that friendship 'beneficial'

Editor's Note: This is both a humor and advice column. 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 kateandlesie@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.

Dear 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

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 acceptable.

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 met.

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 bleats Montgomery Gentry at all hours of the day. Make it stop!!!

— BLEEDING EARS

Dear Bleeding Ears, We can imagine 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

the house. Your roommate will get the idea in no time 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.

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

- We suggest the following:
1. Absolutely, positively no discussions about the future. Make it clear that there is no "we."
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, See BLIND / page 5



Kate Gill
Leslie Davis

Letters

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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-proclaimed follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ could EVER condone such an act as coercive torture.

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Oregon Wilderness

It's time to give back

Do you 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.

What is the dominant threat to Oregon's wild areas? The greedy and short-sighted logging of our remaining forests. What person in his right mind would choose to hike through the nasty scar of a clearcut, or fish in a silted stream? If it is important to you to maintain the high quality of your outdoor experience, it is in your best interest to oppose all subsidized logging on your public lands.

You might not be able to do everything, but you can do SOMETHING! It's easy to get involved — just find your role: write a letter, attend a

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 ...

Wait a second, you may say: "I NEVER use public lands! I don't owe the forests anything!" Well, do you need fresh AIR to breathe, clean WATER to drink, rich TOPSOIL to grow your food?! It's not just for the forests' sake — but humanity's sake as well.

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

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Eugene, Ore.

Bergh Column

Don't dis something you don't understand

What ever happened to responsible journalism and checking your facts?

Apparently Ms. Bergh doesn't

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.

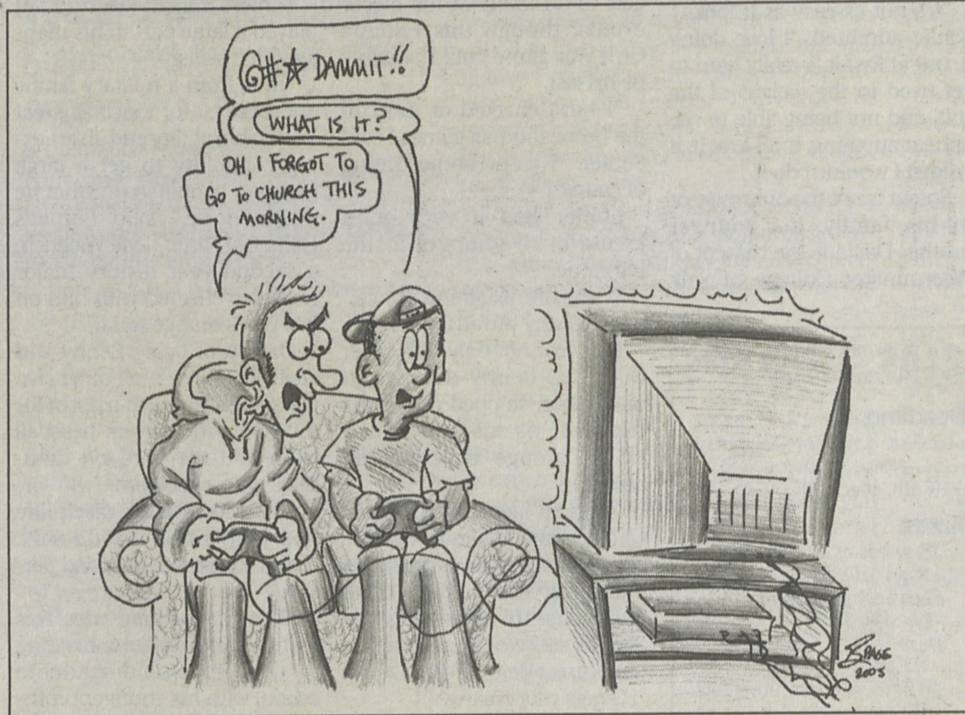
Obviously while you over at student media are at the Escape Hunger program that "... does less to solve student hunger than it does to feed student media," you haven't noticed the little donation box at the end of the line. That is for those of us students who are working and can afford lunch, to pay 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 to eat. While Bergh points out that

"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 in-state 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?"

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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 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 riots.

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

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 victims?

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.

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BLIND: Sometimes you just have to be the bigger person after a failed relationship

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The first sign of someone 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

up on attempting to be courteous to someone who used to mean a lot to you.

Recognize that she's not in the same place as you, but with time, she might be.

We commend you for

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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■ 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 locker.

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 four-legged 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 guaranteed a 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

no need for me to go out on a limb like that."

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 something.

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-

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 antics.

"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 opponent.

He's got something in mind for the Colts.

"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 your seat."

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 Sunday.

"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 team effort.

In that match-up, Rhoades posted a season-high 17 kills and sophomore outside hitter Kristin Murray tallied a career-high 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 1.29.

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 to get at us."

"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 match."

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

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boats.

"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 experi-

ence. 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 1 at the San Diego Crew Classic and finishes up in Henley, England on June 2.

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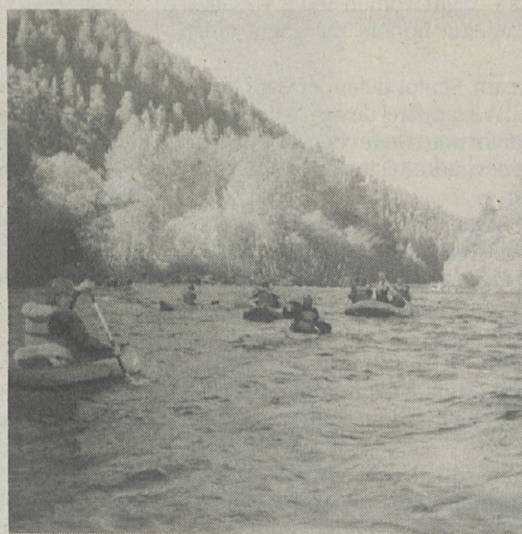
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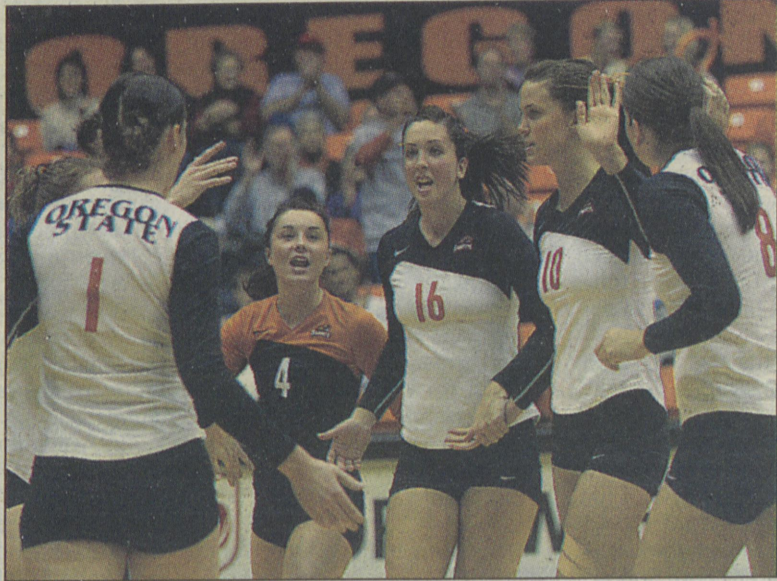
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The volleyball team celebrates a point during their Nov. 3 home game against UCLA. Volleyball tours the Washington schools this weekend, playing No. 3 Washington on Thursday and Washington State on Friday.

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Volleyball heads north to face UW, WSU

Washington Huskies pose interesting challenge for energized Beaver squad

By Lacey Gable
THE DAILY BAROMETER

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 net.

"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 DAILY BAROMETER

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 nation.

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 season.

"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.

to compete and take pride in the fact 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

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 our team."

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 announced.

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 Wipfel.

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.

Swimming rides winning wave to Cali

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

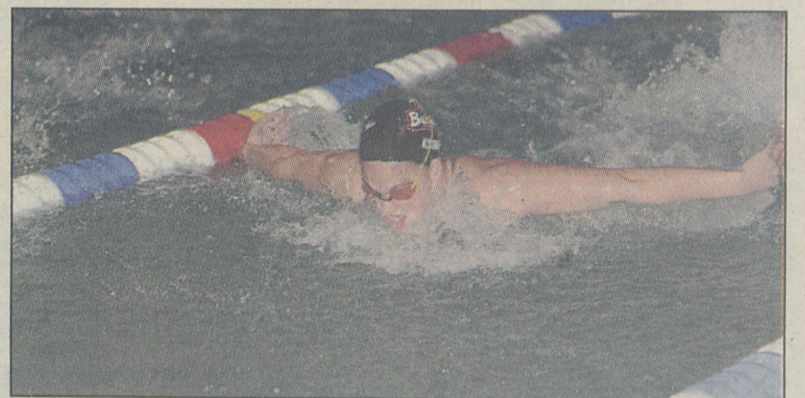
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The Oregon State women's swimming team travels to California this Friday to take on the No. 5 California Golden Bears at the Spieker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley.

The Beavers are coming off a first-place 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 recorded a season best time or OSU top-10 time. Also in the meet, freshman Saori Haruguchi broke the school record in the 200 backstroke.



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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 results will come from this meet.

With one more meet to its experience, the young Oregon State team should be ready to seize the opportunity and race to its potential. Pending a solid performance at Berkeley, Liebowitz also feels that the team is on the brink of entering the national

rankings.

"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."