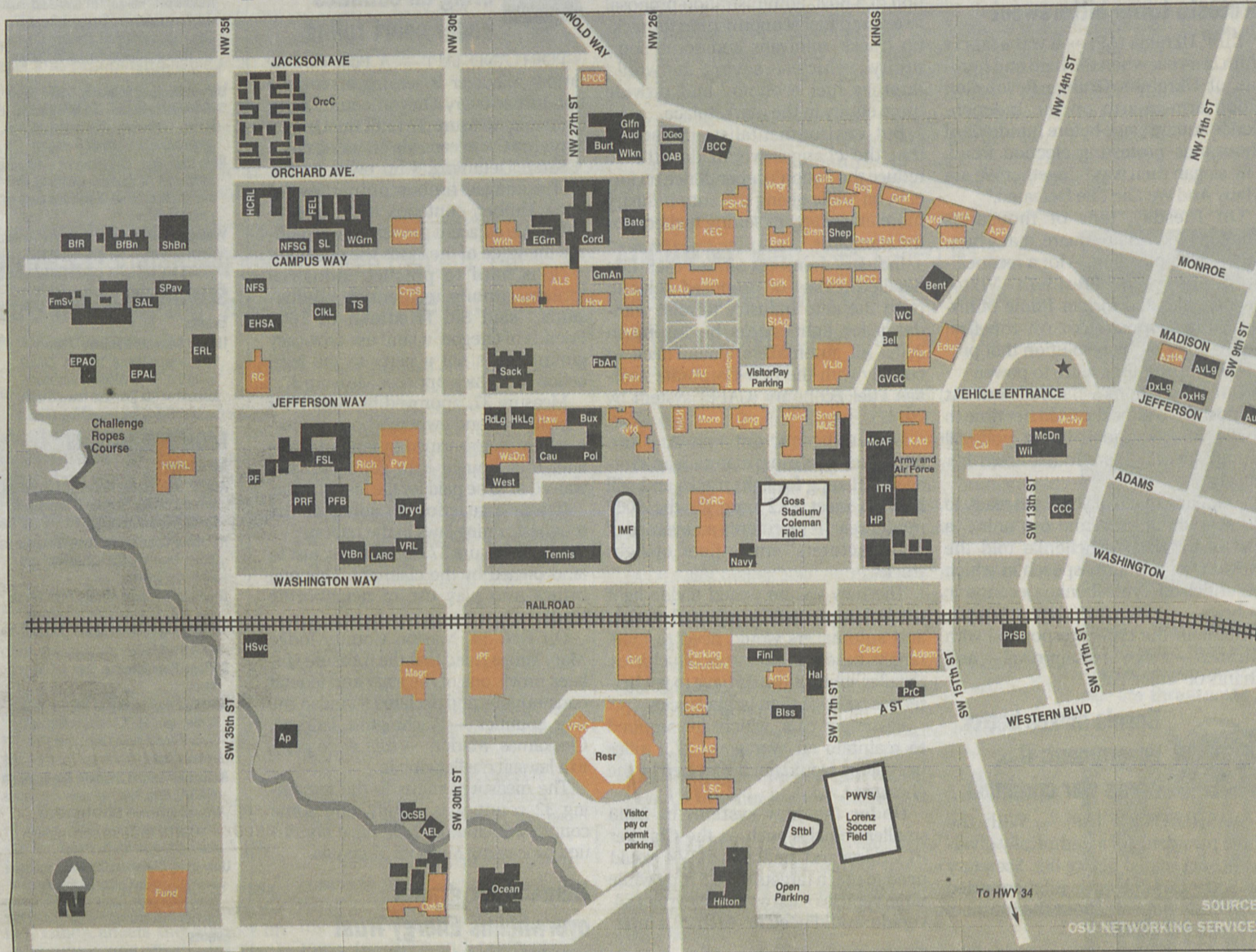




OSU unplugged: Wi-Fi on campus is hot



Buildings colored orange are equipped with wireless Internet connections. The wireless coverage might expand over the next few years. In addition to campus locations, several places around Corvallis — including many coffee shops — offer wireless Internet for customers.

Students log on to wireless hotspots around campus and Corvallis

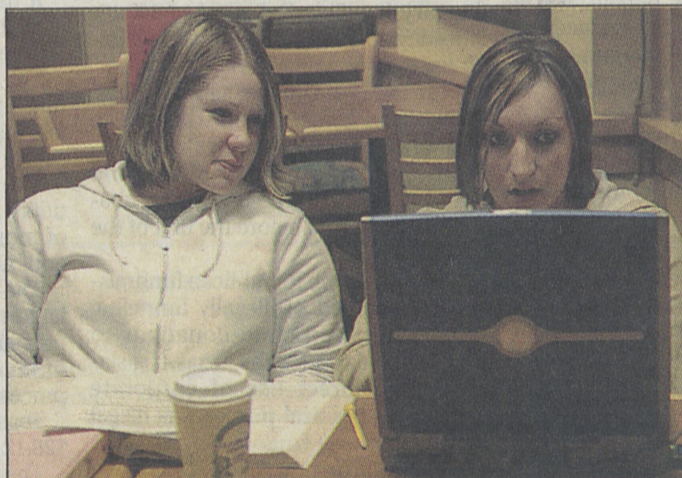
By Holly Strasser
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the stress and strain of final exam week fast approaching, students are constantly scrambling to find a quiet place to pore over those pages of notes.

Luckily, parts of the university and Corvallis have gone wireless, offering laptop-toting students a number of study-friendly locations.

Currently, OSU offers wireless Internet hotspots in all three dining halls, the Valley Library, the library quad, the Memorial Union commons, the MU Recreation Center, Education Hall and Bexell Hall. The most recent building to acquire wireless capability is the brand-new Kelley Engineering Center, after receiving a \$670,000 networking equipment package from Hewlett-Packard.

OSU is continually looking to broaden its wireless spec-
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Melissa Pence, left, and Stefani Zollner, both seniors in nutrition and food management, take advantage of the wireless capabilities in Java II at the Valley Library Tuesday night.

PETER STRONG
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Student hit by car in crosswalk

Driver's windows were fogged up; injuries are not life threatening

By Dan Traylor
THE DAILY BAROMETER

An 18-year-old OSU student suffered head injuries Tuesday night when he was struck by a vehicle as he crossed the street at 15th Street and Washington Avenue just before 7 p.m.

Leonel Soto Jr., 18, was in stable condition at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Tuesday night, said Oregon State Police Trooper Scott Granger, who investigated the incident. He said the injuries did not appear to be life threatening.

Granger said the driver, identified as 18-year-old Abdullah F. Hamed, did not see Soto in the crosswalk. Granger said Hamed's windows were "70 percent fogged up."

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Departments to find their own way to save

Budget shortfall means tough choices for OSU departments

By Amanda Robbins
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Budget cuts for OSU are inevitable with a \$10 million shortfall, and every college must decide what is best for them.

"We had a two percent increase in revenue from the state and tuition, however, our expenses raised about five percent. This leaves us with a big shortage," said Nancy Heiligman, the associate vice president for finance and administration.

"Our expenses are going up quick-

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A 'Majestic' night of Shakespeare

Oregon Shakespeare Festival travels from Ashland to entertain Corvallis, students left behind; 'Anything You Can Do' plays tonight at 7:30 p.m.

By Ryan Blake
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With Thanksgiving almost here many students are headed home with warm thoughts of turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberries. For those who must stay behind, the Majestic Theatre in downtown Corvallis next to the Peacock Tavern offers an escape for students left behind.

Catherine Davis and John Tufts, two renowned actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, will be presenting "Anything You Can Do" tonight at 7:30 p.m.

"It's a very virtuoso show," said Angela Carlson, a volunteer at the Majestic Theater and instructor in OSU's music department.

The show will be themed around the song "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better," with excerpts from several

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'Clean sweep' campaign targets 'rogue' OSU logo

Marketing office working to 'Hex' out old OSU logo by June '06; project finishes up campaign started in 2001

THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU has found itself in the middle of an identity crisis in recent years.

But now, University Publications is prepared to begin its "Logo Clean Sweep" project, an attempt to remove the old OSU logo in favor of the new one that has already made itself known on campus.

On the way out is the "Hex" design, which OSU's image team wants erased by June 2006. The Hex has been the face of the university since 1989.

The new logo displays a text-only orange or black "OSU" and the words "Oregon State University" in a bold font.

Efforts to change the design began in 2001, but budget issues and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks shifted priorities and moved

the issue to the back burner.

In 2003, several designs were placed on the OSU Web site for a vote. But the initial reaction suggested the new options were not an improvement, then-Faculty Senate President Stella Coakley told the Barometer in 2004.

Some key areas likely to be hit by the clean sweep include letterheads, business cards, fliers and other printed material.

Campus signs will be affected as well. Hank Kemper, OSU's Sign Shop manager, said only a handful of signs will be replaced, specifically those marking paid parking and the general information booth on Jefferson Avenue.

Because the logo might see another redesign down the road, the university will not put it on most new signs, Kemper said.

"It is very expensive to go through the process of changing all signs, so this will

keep the expenses lower," Kemper said.

According to a Sept. 25, 2001 Barometer article, the university's marketing department budgeted \$31,000 for market research and the design.

Current costs of sweeping up the old and posting the new logos were not made available to the Barometer as of press time.

Kemper reiterated the majority of the expenses will probably come with the redesign of letterhead and other publications.

Kemper said the university is hoping for the current sign change-up to last 10 to 15 years.

An informational Web site pertaining to Project Clean Sweep contains the three approved versions of the new logo, as well as info and a link for students who are interested in helping OSU find and remove all of the old logos. The site, oregonstate.edu/sweep, refers to the Hex design as a "rogue logo" and offers a "tipline" form so that anyone can note any place they see the old design.



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Vatican: active gays can't be priests; abstinent men may

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Reiterating its stand against sexually active gays in the priesthood, the Vatican also says in a new document that men with "transitory" homosexuality must have overcome their sexual tendencies for at least three years before entering the clergy.

The long-awaited "Instruction," due to be released next week, was posted Tuesday on the Internet by the Italian Catholic news agency Adesta. A church official who has read the document confirmed its authenticity; he asked that his name not be used because the piece has not been published by the Vatican.

Conservative Roman Catholics who have decried the "gay subculture" in seminaries will likely applaud the policy because it clarifies and perhaps toughens what the Vatican expects of seminarians and their administrators.

Critics of the policy warned that, if enforced, it will likely result in seminarians lying about their orientation and will decrease the already dwindling number of priests in the United States even further. Estimates of the number of gays in U.S. seminaries and the priesthood range from 25 percent to 50 percent, according to a review of research by the Rev. Donald Cozzens, an author of "The Changing Face of the Priesthood."

The document, from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, says the church deeply respects homosexuals. But it also says it "cannot admit to the seminary and the sacred orders those who practice homosexuality, present deeply rooted homosexual tendencies or support so-called gay culture."

Suicide bomber in Iraq kills 21; 3 U.S. soldiers dead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber killed 21 people in northern Iraq on Tuesday after insurgents lured police to the scene by shooting an officer, officials said. The U.S. command said three more U.S. soldiers have been killed, pushing the American military death toll for the conflict to 2,100.

Elsewhere, insurgents fired a mortar shell at a U.S. ceremony transferring one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Tikrit to Iraqi control. The shell failed to explode but sent the U.S. ambassador, the top American commander and robed tribal sheiks scurrying for cover as the round whistled overhead.

The suicide bomber struck on a busy commercial street in Kirkuk, a mixed Arab, Kurdish and Turkoman city in an oil-producing region 180 miles north of Baghdad. About half the dead were police who rushed to the scene after gunmen killed a fellow officer.

In addition to the 21 dead, another 24 people were wounded, according to police Brig. Gen. Sarhad Qader.

The attack was the latest in a wave of spectacular suicide operations that have killed more than 160 Iraqis since Friday. Most of the victims were Shiites.

Two other soldiers from Task Force Freedom were killed Saturday by small arms fire while on patrol in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, a U.S.

statement said.

Those deaths raised the number of U.S. service members who have died since the Iraq war began in March 2003 to at least 2,100, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,638 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's figures.

Anniversary of Orange protests turns bittersweet

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — It was a far cry from last year when the hero and heroine of Ukraine's Orange Revolution stood arm-in-arm on the Independence Square stage before hundreds of thousands protesting election fraud. The slogan then was: "Together We Are Many And We Can't Be Defeated."

On Tuesday, tens of thousands flooded Kiev's main square, many hoping — even pleading — for a reconciliation between President Viktor Yushchenko and former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko on the first anniversary of the revolution that propelled the one-time allies to power.

But Yushchenko lashed out at Tymoshenko after she used her time to make what sounded like a political stump speech. Tears rolled down her cheeks.

"I swear to each of you, I am ready to do everything to restore our unity," a clearly frazzled Yushchenko told the crowd after a lengthy speech in which he criticized Tymoshenko's economic policies.

Some in the crowd responded with whistles — a sign of disapproval — and chants of "Yulia! Yulia!"

Bosnia makes better government; U.S. wants war criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the three presidents of an ethnically divided Bosnia seated before her, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sounded cautiously hopeful about the future of peace in the Balkans.

Leaders of Bosnia's three major ethnic factions agreed Tuesday to consolidate power in a stronger national government a decade after the end of their civil war, Europe's bloodiest fighting since World War II.

Rice heralded the Balkan accord struck in Washington but warned that international patience has run out for the accused war criminals who walk free in Bosnia.

She noted with approval that leaders of Bosnia's Serb community stated publicly that they are committed to arresting and turning over two notorious indicted war criminals.

"These are encouraging words and now they must lead to serious action," Rice said at a State Department luncheon celebrating the 10th anniversary of a U.S.-brokered peace settlement. "There can be no more excuses and no more delays. Ten years is long enough."

The 1995 agreement signed in Dayton, Ohio, ended a three-year civil war only by allowing Serbs, Croats and Muslims to preside over separate political spheres. The result was an inefficient, three-headed government that Rice said was appropriate for its day but is now outmoded.

The nation of 4 million people — about the size of Los Angeles — has 14

different education departments.

"Today, Bosnia-Herzegovina is joining the international community," Rice said.

Opposing sides clash on Bush fuel economy proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Automakers said Tuesday they support the direction of a Bush administration proposal to revamp fuel economy rules for pickup trucks, minivans and some sport utility vehicles, saying it would improve fuel economy and provide more equity in the marketplace.

But environmentalists countered that the changes would do little to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil while giving the auto industry more autonomy in setting fuel economy standards.

Industry members offered their first detailed review of proposed rules to push the auto industry to raise standards for light trucks beginning in 2008. All automakers would need to comply with the new Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) system by 2011.

Under the current system, auto manufacturers must maintain an average of 21 mpg for light trucks and will have to meet 22.2 mpg for the 2007 model year. It represents an average of manufacturers' entire fleet of light trucks.

The new system would divide light trucks into six categories based on size, and automakers would need to meet targets based on their mix of vehicles. Smaller vehicles would have to get better gas mileage than larger trucks.

Passenger cars, which are required to maintain an average of 27.5 miles per gallon, would not be covered by the changes.

Under the new system, in 2008 smaller vehicles such as the Chrysler PT Cruiser and the Toyota RAV 4 would need to reach targets of 26.8 mpg while large vehicles such as the Chevrolet Silverado would need to reach 20.4 mpg.

Judge declines to rule now on dropping DeLay charges

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hoping to regain his post as House majority leader when Congress reconvenes in January, Rep. Tom DeLay asked a judge Tuesday to throw out the campaign-finance case against him.

However, the judge said that the Republican congressman will have to wait until at least December for a decision, and that the conspiracy and money-laundering case would probably not go to trial before the first of the year.

DeLay and two Republican fundraisers are accused of illegally funneling \$190,000 in corporate donations to GOP candidates for the Texas Legislature. The direct use of corporate money for political purposes is illegal in Texas.

DeLay attorney Dick DeGuerin argued that the conspiracy charges were based on a law that was not even on the books when the alleged conspiracy happened.

But prosecutor Rick Reed disputed that, saying that the Legislature was just clarifying the law in 2003 and that state law has long defined conspiracy as an agreement to commit any felony.

DeLay wants the charges dismissed or resolved in his favor by January. Under House rules, he was forced to give up his leadership post after he was charged with a felony. But he could regain it if he is cleared before Congress returns.

Suit seeks to bring all counties under court ruling

PORTLAND (AP) — A Polk County timber manager is seeking an injunction to bar every Oregon county from enforcing Measure 37 until the Oregon Supreme Court can rule on its legality.

Sarah Deumling, who owns timber and manages timber properties for Zena Timber, contends that plans to subdivide adjacent properties will damage the value of the lands she manages.

"It is hard to practice industrial forestry among residential subdivisions," said Sid Friedman of 1000 Friends of Oregon, a land use advocacy group that is not a party to the legal action but which opposes Measure 37.

Measure 37, approved by voters last year, allows land owners whose property values were harmed by land use laws after they bought it to get those laws waived or to be paid for the loss in value.

It was a reaction to some of the toughest zoning laws in the nation.

Most Measure 37 claims apply just to land owned by the claimant. This one brings into play use of neighboring land.

On Oct. 14, Marion County Judge Mary James ruled that the measure violates provisions of the state and federal constitutions and declared it void in the four counties — Washington, Jackson, Clackamas, Marion — that were party to a lawsuit challenging it.

The measure's status in the remaining 32 counties is cloudy, and some counties, including Polk, have continued processing Measure 37 claims.

Demand for grants overwhelms Energy Trust

PORTLAND (AP) — The demand for grants from the Energy Trust of Oregon, a group of programs offering energy-efficient subsidies to manufacturers, has overwhelmed the nonprofit and created a waiting list for new applicants.

It may be 2007 before any money is available, said Margie Harris, Energy Trust executive director.

The delay has frustrated businesses that had been told they could expect fast subsidies to help pay for energy-saving devices.

The trust relies on payments from utility ratepayers for its annual budget of more than \$50 million. Households and businesses all pay into the fund.

The budget squeeze involves the two largest programs in the trust. One deals primarily with lighting systems. The other focuses on manufacturing processes.

Together, they represent an estimated \$28.12 million in spending this year.

The trust began in March 2002, fed by a 3 percent assessment on the utility bills of PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric.

Some of the money is dedicated to conservation in homes and schools.

At first, the trust drew little interest from businesses, many of them hurting from the recession. That changed as energy costs soared.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

- Meetings**
ASOSU Student & Academic Affairs Task Force, 4pm, ASC Conference Rm. Discuss campus affairs, student issues and come up with solutions.
State Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Conference Room in Snell. Advocate your interests to the state government.
ASOSU Disabled Student Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Lounge, 149 Snell Hall. Help make buildings, courses, and student life accessible to all students.
- Events**
Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe.
Noon Mass — Take a pause with faculty and staff for mid-week Mass.
United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd. Join us for conversation. Our book focus is "Can I Get a Witness?: Reading Revelation Through African American Culture" by Brian Blount.
United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Student Gathering — home-cooked meal, conversation-Bible study & singing.
Rifle Club, 6pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse (south end). All students welcome. First-time students come 15 minutes early for a safety briefing.
Women's Center, 9pm, Women's Center. Stitch & Bitch. Bring your latest craft project and enjoy the conversation.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

- Events**
United Campus Ministry, 7:30pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Living the ?s — Guided conversations focused on our journey toward faith understanding & spiritual formation.

MONDAY, NOV. 28

- Meetings**
AISES, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. American Indian Science & Engineering Society weekly meeting.
Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Meeting. OSU's LGBTQI and ally social group.
Graduate Student Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC. Discuss ways to improve advocacy for and service to graduate students at OSU.
College Republicans, 6pm, MU Board Room.
ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 4pm, EROC inside Poling Hall. Come discuss issues concerning the environment.
Native American Student Association (NAsA), 6pm, NAL. All welcome. Topics organizing Annual Klata Eena Pow Wows, attending area Native events, learning to organize, fund raise, etc.
University Christian Center, 7pm, University Christian Center on the corner of Kings & Monroe. Come enjoy fellowship, food and fun and learn about the Bible.
- Events**
Rifle Club, 7pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse (south end). All students welcome. First-time students come 15 minutes early for a safety briefing.
Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, 6-8pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Spanish Conversation Nights. Practice your Spanish and help others practice theirs. Refreshments. To continue weekly. All welcome!

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

- Meetings**
ASOSU Women's Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Conference Rm (basement of Snell).
ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Lounge in Snell Hall. Discuss issues about the community.
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), 6-7pm, Women's Center. Come help us plan Rock for Choice.
ASOSU Disabled Student Affairs Task Force, 5pm, ASC Lounge. Help make buildings, courses, and student life accessible to all students.
- Events**
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. LUNCH — Come and go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.
Catholic Campus Ministry, 7pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Bible Study — Gather with others to reflect on Sunday's Gospel.
United Campus Ministry, 10:30am-Noon, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Coffee & Conversation.

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Cigarette tax hike aimed at 2006 ballot

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Thwarted by Republican opposition to new taxes in the 2005 Legislature, a bipartisan group of lawmakers now wants to ask Oregon voters to approve a hefty cigarette tax increase to extend health coverage to thousands of uninsured Oregonians.

The lawmakers' proposed initiative for the 2006 ballot would boost the state cigarette tax by 60 cents a pack. Sponsors say the tax hike would help provide health insurance for nearly 200,000 low-income Oregonians who currently have no coverage.

The proposed increase likely will encounter strong resistance from tobacco industry interests and others who say it's not fair to saddle smokers alone with extra costs of expanding state-subsidized health care programs.

A similar proposal that was introduced late in the 2005 legislative session died after House GOP leaders refused to take it up.

"The advantage of the initiative is that it

goes directly to the people. Our job is to make the best possible case as to why this is necessary," said Rep. Billy Dalto, R-Salem, who is sponsoring the plan with Sens. Ben Westlund, R-Bend, and Alan Bates, D-Ashland, plus Rep. Mitch Greenlick, D-Portland.

The plan would raise the state's cigarette tax from \$1.18 to \$1.78 per pack and jump Oregon's rate from the nation's 14th- to sixth-highest.

A tobacco industry spokesman on Tuesday called the legislators' initiative an "excessive" tax hike that unfairly targets one group of Oregonians — smokers.

"Smokers already pay more than their fair share of taxes," said Bill Phelps of Philip Morris USA, the Richmond, Va.-based tobacco company. "Nearly 60 percent of the cost of an average pack of cigarettes already goes to the government" in state and federal taxes.

Phelps said it's too soon to say what role, if any, the tobacco industry will play in the com-

ing campaign over the proposed Oregon cigarette tax.

Oregon voters have shown a willingness in the past to support cigarette tax increase, and Westlund, the Bend senator who is co-sponsoring the new plan, said he thinks the state's voters will strongly favor another increase.

"Most Oregonians recognize the fairness of taxing a product that makes people ill and has the greatest impact on health care costs of any product sold in the state," Westlund said.

Plus, he said, providing health coverage to more people will bring down overall medical costs by reducing the use of expensive hospital emergency room care by uninsured people who wait until they become so ill that they have nowhere else to turn.

Once the state certifies a ballot title for the proposed initiative, backers will have until next July to gather the necessary 75,630 valid signatures to place the measure on the November 2006 general election ballot.

THEATER: Show put on by Oregon Shakespeare Festival program

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Shakespeare plays and sonnets.

Carlson said that past performances have been "quite entertaining," with a simple setup including a few chairs, hats and scarves.

The show is put on by the Tony-award winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival outreach program based out of Ashland, Ore., and is sponsored in part by the Helen Clay Frick Foundation, Oregon Cultural Trust and the Bowmer Society.

OSF is one of the oldest and largest non-profit theatres in the nation and presents more than 780 shows each year, with a total attendance of around 360,000. The outreach program travels to various theatres and universities throughout Oregon after their regular season ends.

Tickets for tonight's show are \$10 for adults and \$7 for those under 18 and are available from the Majestic Theatre box office from noon to 6 p.m. Call 541-738-SHOW.

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BUDGET: Tuition will rise by three percent, but cuts to faculty may also come in wake of crunch

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er than revenue," Heiligman continued.

Each college has been informed about the budget cuts. The colleges must decide for themselves what they want to do. However, the university is taking necessary steps to improve the financial situation as well.

"Tuition is set to go up by three percent," Heiligman said. "There is just not enough money in the federal and state budget. Some agencies did not receive any money."

There is some good news in the mix. The state increased the level of financial aid for students. Meanwhile, however, federal legislation pending in Congress could cut financial aid.

The English department is among the most affected by the cuts. Their major expense is paying faculty salaries.

"When we are forced to make cuts, they inevitably affect personnel, which affects the number of courses we can offer," said Tracy Daugherty, chair of the English department.

The English department is in a crunch because they must offer a writing department and baccalaureate core classes for the entire university. They also have a nationally visible program in creative writing.

"In order to meet this enormous demand, we're dependent on adjunct instructors, hired term-by-term, and because they are untenured, they are vulnerable

during a financial crunch," Daugherty explained. "What this means is, the only place we can make cuts, at the level we're being asked to make them, is in the Bacc core courses we offer, taught by instructors."

She went on to say that cutting classes is not a choice the department wants to make as it doesn't serve the student population.

"But we have no other room to maneuver," she said.

Daugherty added that this was not a final solution and it would not help the financial situation as a whole but it would help some. She hopes that this will not continue for long.

"This is not about budget cuts, it is more about distribution of sources," said Jeffrey Hale, the faculty senate chair.

"There are teachers with tenure contracts who have not received raises in several years. We are trying to provide the funding for these teachers and professors," continued Hale.

Most colleges are finding funding it easier to cut costs by reallocating money from their service and supplies budgets or not renewing contracts for short term teachers.

"We have a tight budget with very little money which is not very flexible," Hale said. "Our personnel expenses are our greatest expenses. It is a struggle, but not impossible."

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ACCIDENT: Witnesses called 911, directed traffic and checked on victim before emergency workers arrived

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Granger said he would submit a report that would be reviewed by a Benton County Grand Jury, which will decide if any criminal charges need to be filed.

Witnesses said the Soto was walking in the crosswalk with a group of friends when he was hit. Granger said they were wearing "bright orange shirts" and were on their way to the OSU mens basketball game at Gill Coliseum.

As medics treated Soto on the side of the road, more than 15 feet from the crosswalk, a single shoe rested nearby. Witnesses said they saw a second shoe in the crosswalk.

The vehicle, a 2000 Volvo, was substantially damaged, Granger said. Its windshield was cracked and it had dents on the hood.

Christina Puentes, who was driving behind the Volvo, said the Soto flew through the air and landed several feet away. She pulled over and immediately called 911. Her niece, OSU senior Jennifer Puentes, tended to the victim.

"We just made sure he was breathing," she said. She said he was breathing but was unconscious.

OSU Air Force ROTC Cadet Cara Miller witnessed the accident from a parking lot shortly after crossing the street herself.

She opted to direct traffic until police had the intersection under control.

"I don't know CPR," she said, "But I'm a cadet, I had to do something."

Granger said it's important to make sure windows are clear before driving. He added that police sometimes receive complaints about people failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, which is required by law.

Soto is listed in the OSU directory as an undergraduate in exploratory studies living in a residence hall on the east side of campus.

Hamed declined to comment at the scene.

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Oregon State Police Trooper Scott Granger photographs a 2000 Volvo that struck an OSU student. The student is in stable condition at a Corvallis hospital and his injuries are not life threatening, Granger said.

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HOT SPOTS: Local spots wired by businesses to entice customers in

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trum, according to Jonathan Dolan, assistant director of networking services.

"We have been working to identify money for wireless including working with departments to apply for grants from the Technology Resource Fee to cover areas that would be used by students," Dolan said. "We are also setting aside money from our budget to cover areas that would be used by staff."

An entirely wireless campus, however, is years in development and will remain dependent upon the availability of funds and research.

"Part of the problem is that you need a good wired network to plug the wireless into and there are areas on our campus that have very poor wired networks,"

Dolan said. "A fair bit of work needs to be done in order to get wireless going."

For those students looking to escape the confines of campus, several city establishments offer wireless connections free of charge.

Brian Bovee, general manager of the campus American Dream Pizza, said that obtaining wireless for their establishment was accomplished with ease.

"We contacted a provider and they brought us a modem," said Bovee. "It was that simple."

The router, provided by Qwest Communications, has also boosted customer flow to the restaurant, especially during the hustle and bustle of finals week.

"It's mainly a convenience for students so they can come in and eat and do what they need to do on the Internet," Bovee said. "Especially during dead week ... students tend to come in and huddle around their laptops."

The Beanery also offers free wireless

connections through Peak Wireless to patrons at their 2nd Street and Monroe Street locations.

"We have a coordinator from our headquarters who found the right deal (for us)," said Amber Sacca, store manager of the Monroe Beanery.

Sacca said that the availability of free wireless continually attracts new customers to the establishment.

On the campus front, plans to expand the wireless network are in consideration.

"We have actually made a huge amount of progress this summer in attaining full campus coverage and have a number of jobs still in progress that should be completed shortly after the first of the year," Dolan said.

If this proposal is successful, OSU should be very near to full coverage by next fall.

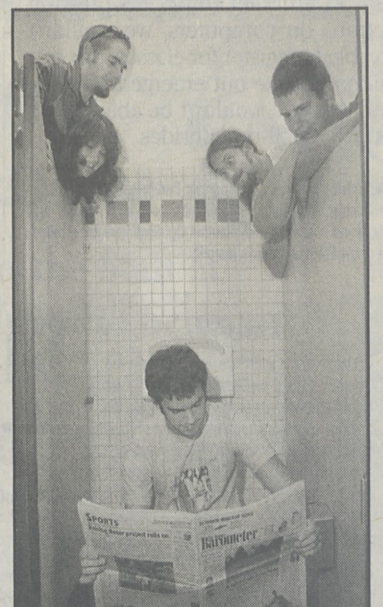
"We hope to get funding for at least five more buildings," Dolan said.

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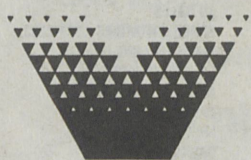
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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to a successful football season for OSU. The stunning 67-12 victory over the lackluster Ducks was a fine way to make a case for a share of the national championship.

Nay to the real world, in which the above scenario exists only in the imagination of all of Beaver Nation. Oh, and on a brand new Facebook group.

Yea to Mike Hass, who in our imagined reality, scored 36 points on five touchdown catches and a 99-yard reverse handoff kickoff return to the end zone. Mike Hass!

Nay to fog. How are you supposed to drive drunk when you can't even see the road?

Yea to OSU's volleyball team for, as their coach put it in Monday's Barometer, "touching more balls." That's sure to lead to more play.

Nay to Thanksgiving. Traveling several hours for what amounts to nothing more than a four-day weekend with your family cannot be countered by any amount of pie. Unless, of course, you have both pumpkin and pecan pie. That would be sweet.

Yea to Thanksgiving. Gluttony, football, naps and the one day it's totally cool to undo your pants in front of Grandma.

Nay to the Christmas commercials that have now started to play repeatedly on TV. If we wanted to jingle bells and deck halls in November, we would ho-ho-haul our asses down to the mall ourselves.

Yea to the day-after-Thanksgiving sales. We at the Barometer choose to wait in line at Wal-Mart starting at 6 a.m. so that we can buy crap that they always have in stock for, like, 87 cents less.

Nay to Xbox 360. At nearly \$400, it's far beyond the budget of college journalists. And for gaming enthusiasts, it sucks up all of the money they had set aside for purchasing submissive foreign wives.

Yea to the "frozen fans" sculpture that will go up at Reser Stadium next fall. However, the state police have already pledged to arrest fan No. 3, who obviously has a beer can stuffed down his pants.

Nay to the zero tolerance policy at Reser, meaning anyone caught with booze is removed from the stadium. Perhaps the police should be focused on a more important task — threatening the referees with guns when they make bad calls.

Yea to the new term "boner of hate." Everyone is using it to describe things they hate "so hard." Coming soon to The Washington Post: "Bush has boner of hate for North Korea."

Nay to OSU's new logo and the "clean sweep" of the old maze-like logo. The administration felt that the maze was too metaphoric for the process of getting a degree at OSU.

Yea to bureaucracy. Without unpaid government employees pressing buttons on computers, we wouldn't be able to register for classes, pay our tuition or take out emergency loans. And then we wouldn't be able to buy our new mail-order brides.

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On the road to 'Wasterville,' USA

Does something about you say 'drug addict' to people? Are obscure types finding new and ingenious ways of approaching you, only to bring contraband into the conversation before doing the inevitable thing — offering you a hit? Well, do not fear. At first I thought it was my pasty white skin, my liberal attitude, my disheveled (severely in need of a cut) hair, or perhaps a combination of all three, but no. As it turns out, the answer is far more simple; I have been smoking rolling tobacco, which, to a drug user/abuser, is the welcoming sign to Wasterville — 'your mutual appreciation society.'

When a drug addict decides to cross a road he needn't cross, hollering the number on your T-shirt because he does not know your name, chances are you are eating, drinking, or as seems to be the case for me, breathing something that he wants to scrounge. Incidentally, I was first sitting outside of The Beanery, minding my own business with a cup of Earl Grey, a strawberry muffin and a rolled cigarette, when a khaki-sporting, self-professed "bum" engaged me: "Dude, is that Drum you're smoking? I don't suppose I could steal a rollie from ya, could I?"

I had to admire his audacity, and so I handed him the tobacco, whereby he took a seat right next to me and began ranting. Compared to the way some people dress here in Corvallis, I did not even realize he was homeless, especially after hav-



Daniel Cullen

Minding the Gap

ing to drive to Albany for my Social Security number; there, I discovered what can only be described as the scum of the Earth. At least this guy looked hygienic; the people I saw in Albany were so clinically obese that size had disabled them from washing the fat rolls, which mounted at their napes with brown smears in between, disappearing and reappearing in ripples as they moved. This guy was young, slightly built and cleanly shaven (again, more than I can say for some of the women in Albany). He had no strange unwashed smells, and he spoke articulately with courtesy and intelligence, no grunts or loud burps.

"Just about to do a little freight hopping," he said. "My friends and I have no fixed abode, so I'm just on my way to find them, score some acid, and then we're off East."

I almost laughed out loud when I heard him say acid, but I was swallowing a mouthful of tea at the time. "I used to study computer science," he continued, "but now I'm proud to be a bum. Thanks for the cigarette. Do you need any acid, by the way?" I thought of saying to him, "I don't need any acid — you're tripping me out right now." The conver-

sation carried on in this desultory fashion for a good 20 minutes, but because I don't do drugs and because his second "borrowed" cigarette had exhausted any reason he had for staying, we happily went our separate ways after I declined.

Then there was last Friday night: I was at a party with friends, enjoying a cigarette and a beer outside, when two jocks who both thought I must be smoking weed approached me. These two students were quite a contrast to the homeless guy, who, I must say, I liked considerably more; he had no delusions of grandeur, unlike these perhaps too nicely groomed jocks, who felt it their mission for the night to talk to me about the "monging effects" of the morphine tablets they had both taken.

I suspected the tablets were probably Aleve passed off as morphine, you know? It would account for the way people act drunk or high, when really they are just stupid. Trying to appear as unimpressed as I could, but still smoking away, I heard two inevitable questions: 1) "Do you want any?" and 2) "Can we both roll a cigarette?" Yet again, the power of my rolling tobacco must have been flashing the sign 'Welcome to Wasterville.'

Amidst the cacophony of hip hop and people's voices competing for authority inside the party house, all I could help thinking was 'Like hell do I want any morphine?' I should probably have pointed out that my

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Nathanael Blake

Restoring with a New Verse

Respectable eugenics

"Eins, zwei, drei, alle!" A study published earlier this month in The New England Journal of Medicine demonstrated that Down Syndrome can now be detected 11 weeks into pregnancy (the previous threshold was 16 weeks). In reporting the news, The Washington Post tactfully said, "Earlier diagnosis allows more time for decisions."

Such oblique phrasing glosses over the specific decision, which is whether or not to kill the fetus. In America, when a prenatal screening detects Down Syndrome, the fetus will be aborted approximately 80 percent of the time.

"Waiting to cut out the deadwood."

This is a volatile subject for me; my youngest brother has Down Syndrome, and the presumption that his life is not worth living is personally, as well as morally, repugnant. But in our society, that presumption usually wins out, and those like Zachary are killed because they're not what the parents wanted.

Writing in The Washington Post about her decision to abort her Down Syndrome son, People magazine correspondent Maria Eftimiades said, "While I have no doubt there can be joys and victories in raising a mentally handicapped child, for me and for [my boyfriend], it's a painful journey that we believe is better not taken." Apparently, if you don't like the child you're given, you're allowed to take a mulligan.

"Waiting to put on a black shirt."

This is often facilitated by the medical profession, which has moved from "do no harm" to a more enlightened, compassionate policy of "do no harm to those who have made it out of the womb." A study published earlier this year in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology found that even women who choose not to abort had often been pressured or encouraged to do so by their doctors.

And the doctors who push for abortion aren't always medically accurate in describing Down Syndrome. In a Washington Post story by Jonathan Finer on the above study, Beth Allard related the scare tactics a doctor used to try to encourage her to abort her child:

"It could just be hanging off you, drooling,' the physician said, contorting her face into a saggy, expressionless imitation of what a child might look like."

Anyone who has spent time around individuals with Down Syndrome knows that to be ridiculous. For instance, Zachary is one of the most dynamic and happy children I know. He's currently attending school and, though certainly behind his age group, can read and write at a

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Dissent shouldn't be confused with disloyalty

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Talking about our ill-fated adventure in the Middle East has become difficult lately.

We always disagreed — about Iraq's weapons, our role in the world and why Saddam Hussein continually chose to wear those unflattering military jumpsuits that did little to mask his spare tire — but at least we were coming from the same place.

Now we're living in alternate realities.

What of the tens of thousands of civilian casualties in Iraq, continuing to pile up as we firebomb border areas and raid entire neighborhoods with aplomb?

"I don't believe much of it," Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan III told The Associated Press. "Some of that has been staged," continued the man in charge of the 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, in a bizarre rant more Strange-love than Sherman. Reassuring, indeed.

But it's not restricted only to level-headed military men. The rising disconnect with reality is apparently beginning to catch up with el presidente.

When told that former hawk Rep. John Murtha, D-Penn., wanted out of the war, he had his underling, Vice-Prez Cheney, deliver a blistering attack on war critics, calling Murtha's change of heart "reprehensible."

"We cannot continue on the present course," Murtha had said. "It is evident that continued military action in Iraq is not in the best interests of the United States of America, the Iraqi people or the Per-

sian Gulf region."

Truer words have never been said. But you wouldn't know it from the reaction they received. No one dared to call him wrong — but everyone in the world told him that he might as well strap explosives to his waist and walk into a Baghdad market himself.

"They want us to retreat. They want us to wave the white flag of surrender to the terrorists of the world," House speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., responded, either unable to read or otherwise knowingly lying about what the Congressman said. Maybe both.

Then Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary, compared Murtha to radical left-wing filmmaker Michael Moore — this even though Murtha has cultivated a reputation as one of the most pro-military figures of either party on the Hill.

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Thus the veteran, a decorated Marine, was tarred and feathered for what he didn't say — and all because he dared to speak the truth.

But even stranger is hearing an American president counseling against dissent, particularly while professing to appreciate it.

It's a contradiction we're growing used to and with this hermetic president in charge, nothing's shocking anymore.

Fortunately, the total disconnect between the war's proponents and commanders and the reality on the ground is beginning to catch up.

Bush's approval rating has sunk to 37 percent, a new low; and a stunning 79-19 Senate vote will require regular updates from the White House on the war's progress, a purely symbolic measure that says in no uncertain terms, "We don't trust you anymore."

The goal here, of course, isn't "Cream Bush." But knowingly equating patriotic dissent with disloyalty or somehow shilling for the enemy is the worst crime of all (though, in deference to the patron saint of conservative name-calling, Ann Coulter, I will fight the strong temptation to use "traitorous" or "treason" as an insult anywhere in this article.)

The real point of all of this criticism is, quite simply, to jar Bush into understanding that policy must change.

The hermetic president is so bad at dealing with dissent partly because he never sees it — he is shielded from any protests; speaks only to hand-picked, friendly audiences; and generally lives in a bubble in which he depends on top aides to read the day's news to him and summarize major documents that find their way to his desk.

It's never easy to talk to a hawk.

But until there's some indication that our hawk-in-chief comprehends the many serious problems his administration has so far chosen to ignore, the anti-war political maneuvering can't and won't stop — and in these dark times, it's the most patriotic speech of all.

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Letters to the Editor

Torture Columns

Adding fuel to the fire

Ah torture ...

To all of those who have been writing on the torture argument: Good for you, you now have exercised your right to freedom of speech and opinion. While I'm not going to put forward one side or another in this fight, I am going to give my support to both sides with some fuel for the fire.

On the pro-torture side, we have been torturing people for millennia, and if we have learned anything from the Spanish inquisition it's that torture can convert people to Christianity. And if torture can convert people to a different faith, it can easily get information.

Conversely, on the anti-torture side: What is torture? How do you define torture? If it is what you can see, smell, taste, and touch, then torture is just electrical impulses interpreted by the brain. And if these are just impulses, then they should be easy to ignore thus negating "torture."

Hope this helps the discussion. I look forward to seeing more logically fallacious, and ignorance based arguments in the future.

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Wilson Column

Deliberately misleading readers

I am very amused by the fact that Wilson

quotes Ann Coulter, a media pundit known for her shoddy researching skills, as well as for her flat-out lying and misquoting of sources, and then proceeds to lie about a source in his first paragraph. Wilson refers to a survey performed by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, in which they found "national media to be 34 percent liberal and seven percent conservative," and then goes on to say "... according to the same survey, many journalists 'cleverly call themselves moderates, but their views haven't changed.'"

The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan research center on trends in values, and political and social attitudes, so I sincerely doubted that a survey somehow found the "trend" of journalists cleverly calling themselves moderates. A quick search on the Web reveals the source of this comment to be from Fred Barnes, one of the editors of The Daily Standard, from an article entitled "Liberal Media Evidence" published on May 28, 2004.

Perhaps your fingers slipped while typing, and you wrote "survey" rather than Fred Barnes? It's ironic that in an article where you are trying to prove liberal bias in the media, you lie about the source of a quote from a well-known conservative newspaper and try to pass it off as coming from a survey. Not only is this immoral, it is deliberate subterfuge. But I'm sure Ann Coulter would be proud if she read this article.

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CULLEN: Getting up close and personal with the seamy under-belly of Corvallis

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Mum is a nurse who took time in my younger life to explain to me exactly what happens to a patient who builds a high tolerance to opiates. The long and short of that situation is that paramedics can only administer a safe amount of diamorphine before they will refuse to give you any more, no matter how bad the pain. Needless to say, I turned these jocks down flat and wished them both a good night with a cigarette. Then I carried on with my night as if nothing had happened, while they got mashed. It's priceless entertainment to say the least, while it has become dauntingly apparent that drug culture is

rife here in Corvallis.

So far I've probably scared off most of the approaching drug addicts with devilishly crafted Anglicisms like 'I've just popped out for a quick fag' and 'do you want me to pack you one'; yet, those who are not terrified at the prospect of English bed habits are still getting through the net, to enrich my life with forbidden knowledge of a darker way of living, just when I think I'm successfully minding my own business. And these people are not strictly limited to the hobos and the jocks. Such a manifestation has to make you wonder what kind of criminal underworld thrives in Corvallis. Just how naïve and innocent are people when Big Beaver isn't watching?

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BLAKE: Abortion gives people the tools for legalized eugenics

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basic level. He played soccer this year and celebrated exuberantly whenever he scored a goal. Hardly "hanging off you, drooling."

"Waiting to weed out the weaklings."

But one of the more hideous sides of the ugliness of abortion is its use as a tool for eugenics. When parents (particularly the mother) are given the right to determine if their child lives or dies, is it any wonder that they'll soon use it to eliminate those who don't fit their vision of the

ideal baby?

And this is accepted and applauded by the self-proclaimed evangelists of enlightenment and compassion. They think it's barbaric for the government to kill murderers or hurt captured terrorists and that such ought to be banned. They believe that spanking a disobedient child is abuse and should be outlawed.

Yet they cheerfully grant every woman the right to kill her child if she thinks it inconvenient or imperfect; they even believe that government ought to pay for it.

"Waiting for the final solution to strengthen the strain."

This is what columnist George Will (who has an adult son with Down Syndrome) bitterly calls "today's 'respectable' eugenics."

Most Americans, it seems, don't even need government encouragement to facilitate and sanction the elimination of the disabled. Our only caveat is that it must be done early, before our consciences can be pricked by meeting those who are being liquidated.

In the bad old days, individuals with handicaps and disabilities were generally institutionalized. But with the incredible wealth and technology we now possess, we're able to kill them before they bother us hardly at all.

"Waiting to follow the worms."

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Wal-Mart and Target gearing up for holiday sales battle now

Wal-Mart is feeling the pressure from upscale rival chain; will open 5 a.m. Friday, a whole hour earlier than in past

By Anne D'Innocenzo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The slim tunics and velvet blazers on Wal-Mart's clothing racks this holiday season are more than the latest trendy fashions — they're a sign that the intense competition between the world's largest retailer and its upscale discount rival is ratcheting higher.

There are other indications that Target Corp. has put pressure on Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Hoping to get customers shopping earlier, Wal-Mart will open its doors at 5 a.m. Friday, the official start of the holiday shopping season; that's an hour earlier than during past holiday seasons. It's also promising to match competitors' prices on specific merchandise that day.

"This is the most aggressive Wal-Mart I have seen in 10 years," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "Target is definitely going to have to be more promotional. It needs to respond."

Wal-Mart stumbled last holiday season when its discounts weren't big enough to satisfy customers and its stores lacked must-have items including iPod music players. So far this year, it looks like Wal-Mart has gained ground — this time it's Target that's been less generous with discounts, charging more on toys than Wal-Mart and Toys R Us Inc., according to Sean McGowan, an analyst at Harris Nesbitt. And Wal-Mart began promoting holiday merchandise a week earlier than Target.

Wal-Mart's more aggressive marketing may already have stolen some business from Target, which warned that sales from stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, are tracking well below its 4 percent to 6 percent growth forecast for November. Same-store sales are considered a strong indicator of a retailer's health. Wal-Mart has held to its November sales growth forecast of 3 percent to 5 percent.

"Overall, things are changing," said Gail Lavielle, a Wal-Mart spokeswoman. "We have to be relevant to a broad range of customers. Price is important, but we are also concerned with value. Value is not just price. It is assortment and convenience."

The early positive signs from Wal-Mart are a welcome turn for the retailer, which has been under increasing criticism for how it treats its workers. But Target appears to be unfazed.

"We feel we will be absolutely competitive with Wal-Mart and the rest of our competitors," said Lena Michaud, a Target spokeswoman. "Our marketing is just starting."

Target, whose stores will open at 6 a.m. on Friday, is reprising one of last year's marketing gimmicks, a wakeup call to shoppers that they can arrange in advance. This year, it's also adding tuck-in calls, which customers receive the night before the big shopping day.

Target's early stumble is surprising since the retailer has enjoyed a robust 6.2 percent increase in same-store sales so far this fiscal year, surpassing Wal-Mart's modest 3.6 percent gain. Target, the No. 2 discounter whose affordable but trendy fashions appeal to a higher-income shopper, has been less vulnerable than Wal-Mart to economic woes such as higher energy prices; Wal-Mart's core customer is from the lower-income brackets.

But Target faces tough competition from Wal-Mart on more than just price. Wal-Mart has sharpened its merchandise selections in hopes of reaching out to its more style-conscious customers who'll go to Wal-Mart for food and basics, but avoid the fashion and home furnishings departments. One new attraction is Wal-Mart's new brand called Metro 7, which offers such designs as low-priced velvet jackets and camisole tops. Shoppers will also see more luxurious linens and a broader array of consumer electronics items that includes higher-end plasma TVs and digital cameras.

Wal-Mart is using its Web site, walmart.com, which sells exclusive, higher-priced products, to reach out to its more affluent shoppers. At the high end, there are \$9,988 diamond rings and \$1,200 flat-screen TVs with built-in DVD players, but there are also cutting-edge affordable gadgets like \$100 pink cube-shaped MP3 players.

Shoppers have noticed the changes. "They're getting better," said Maribel Santiago, shopping at a Wal-Mart supercenter in Wallingford, Conn.

Still, plenty of consumers still look to Target as the place to get cool merchandise. While Wal-Mart has made improvements in its women's fashions and electronics selection, its



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Mehdi Taheri, left, of Snohomish, Wash., and Donna, right, of Bothell, Wash., discuss movies while digging through a bin of DVDs on sale for \$5.50 at Wal-Mart in Lynnwood, Wash., Monday, Nov. 21.

home furnishings and men's apparel still lack excitement, according to Bob Buchanan, a retail analyst at St. Louis-based A.G. Edwards.

"They (Target) represent the fashion and where it is going toward now, more than Wal-Mart," said shopper Tamara Koch at the Target store in Durham, N.C.

Moreover, Wal-Mart struggles with poor customer service and stores, particularly its older ones, that look tired and unkempt. Target's stores are brighter and easier to shop.

Judy Klopp, of New Britain, Conn., said of Target employees, "if you're looking for something, they'll take you to the right spot. I can't stand Wal-Mart. You stand in line too long to check out. It's not clean at all."

Analysts are also watching to see if ongoing negative publicity about Wal-Mart could turn shoppers away this holiday season. The company has long been criticized for its employment policies, including its wages and health care coverage. Last month, an internal memo, written by a company benefits executive and obtained by an anti-Wal-Mart group called Wal-Mart Watch stirred controversy because it suggested ways to cut soaring medical costs by discouraging unhealthy job

applicants.

What could make things worse is a scathing documentary called "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices," which went to a week of screenings in mid-month at 7,000 locations including churches, homes and libraries across the country organized by Wal-Mart critics.

Some consumers said the publicity has influenced where they shop.

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Unable to get a stadium, Marlins to pursue relocation

■ Portland is among cities expressing interest in the Florida baseball team

By Tim Reynolds
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins will look into relocation as early as the 2008 season, after years of unsuccessful attempts to secure a baseball-only stadium in downtown Miami.

Marlins president David Samson said Tuesday the team has received permission from the commissioner's office to investigate its options in other cities. Samson added owner Jeffrey Loria's primary intention is to keep the team in South Florida, but added that no deal will be struck for a ballpark in Miami.

"No longer can baseball in South Florida be assured," Loria said in a statement read by Samson. "It is now clear to us that there will be no baseball stadium in the city of Miami. So we must begin to explore other options. Therefore, we will expand our search beyond the city of Miami."

Loria was in Europe and unavailable for further comment.

The Marlins' lease with Dolphins Stadium — owned by former Marlins owner H. Wayne Huizenga — is in effect until 2007. The team has a series of

one-year options that could keep it there through the 2010 season. Samson said the team will not extend its current lease at Dolphins Stadium under any circumstances.

"We simply must play in a baseball-only facility," Samson said.

Samson wouldn't get into specifics of any trades, but said there would be an immediate "significant market correction" to the team's payroll, which was \$60 million at the start of last season.

He said several trades are being considered, but cautioned against calling the moves a "fire sale" like the one that occurred following Florida's 1997 World Series championship. The Marlins won only 54 games the next season.

"That's not what this is," Samson said. "This is a deliberate effort by the Marlins to correct what ails them. And what ails us is the amount of money lost."

Samson said some cities have called the Marlins to discuss possibilities, including Portland, Ore., which moved quickly after Tuesday's announcement. Portland also wooed the Montreal Expos before they became the Washington Nationals.

"We made an introductory phone call," said Drew Mahalic, chief executive of the Oregon Sports Authority.

"Hopefully this opens a dialogue with Portland and the state of Oregon as far as the advantages of relocating a team here."

The team has lobbied for its own stadium since Huizenga, the original owner, sold the team to John Henry in 1999. The team's latest ballpark plan, 38,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof that would be built next to Miami's Orange Bowl, came apart this spring.

Gov. Jeb Bush said he hopes the team remains in South Florida. "I'm more than happy to work with the ownership of the team and the Florida Legislature to come up with a solution," Bush said.

The ballpark had an estimated cost of \$420 million to \$435 million, and the financing plan included \$60 million in state funding. While money was approved in April by the Florida House, the state Senate refused to go along.

Then, South Florida government officials and the team didn't meet a June 9 deadline established by Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, for a detailed update on the funding plans.

Miami Mayor Manny Diaz didn't immediately return messages seeking comment. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said he will "continue to be supportive of the team's efforts to build a stadium in South Florida."

Trail Blazers 95, Grizzlies 87

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph and Darius Miles were back to playing the way the Portland Trail Blazers expect them to.

Randolph, who finished with only two rebounds in Sunday's loss in New York, had 20 points and 13 rebounds, while Miles added 22 points as the Trail Blazers beat the Memphis Grizzlies 95-87 Tuesday night to snap a two-game losing streak.

Miles, who averaged 15 points in his last three games, keyed an early burst in the fourth period with three baskets as Portland built a 75-65 lead. The Trail Blazers maintained at least a six-point advantage the rest of the way.

"Zach will get 20 points and 10 rebounds every night, so we're not worried about Zach or Darius," reserve guard Juan Dixon said. "We're worried about other guys stepping up and helping those guys out."

Dixon filled that role against Memphis with 20 points, including nine straight in the final minute, while Travis Outlaw finished with 10 points and shot 4-of-6 from the field. Miles added three steals and two blocks.

"Darius made big plays. Zach did, and I thought Dixon did as well," Portland coach Nate McMillan said. "If you've got three guys that are giving you something offensively that you can use as go-to guys, then you have a chance to win any ballgame."

Shane Battier led Memphis with 21 points and reserve Mike Miller had 20, shooting 8-of-14 from the field and 4-of-7 from behind the 3-point arc. Pau Gasol scored 18 points and grabbed 16 points for Memphis, which has lost two straight.

Memphis was slow on defense, sending the Trail Blazers to the line 33 times.

"Defensively we didn't come out right tonight," Memphis guard Eddie Jones said. "It was evident."

WOMEN'S HOOPS: A hot shooting Drake team will look to tarnish LaVonda Wagner's perfect record as a head coach when two teams meet on Saturday

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ic on Sunday but still tallied the win.

"A lot of the little things we controlled on Friday, we did not do on Sunday," Wagner said. "They jumped right on us and we missed some easy shots." Pacific forced OSU into 23 turnovers and racked up 19 offensive rebounds but still fell to the 2-0 Beavers.

After a day off on Monday, Wagner and the Beavs were back at it Tuesday, getting ready for the 2-0 Bulldogs from Des Moines, Iowa.

Jill Martin has led the way for Drake in its first two games, averaging 16 points per game. Lindsay Whorton and Jordann Plummer follow with better than 11 ppg each.

"Drake shoots the ball very well," Wagner said. "They do a lot of motion cuts so we are going to have to talk and communicate well on the defensive side."

The Beavers will have their hands full on the glass again — the Bulldogs have out-rebounded their first two opponents by more than 10 boards apiece. OSU will look to the inside-out scoring combo of post Kim Butler and guard Mandy Close to lead the way on offense.

Both OSU seniors had solid pre-season numbers and they started the regular season with much of the same. Butler is averaging 17 points and Close is right behind with 15. Karen Vickory and Anita Rivera both had solid offensive weekends for the Beavers as well.

"We need to play hard and play smart every night," Wagner said. "We are still searching for our identity but we are playing as a unit and taking care of each other."

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SOCCER: Team reached top 25 before a rough stretch in Pac-10 play knocked squad out of NCAA tournament picture

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Perhaps the most impressive feat was accomplished when then-No.1 Indiana left Corvallis with a tie on Sept. 17.

"We knew we had a young team," Taylor said. "And one of the things we wanted to get of the season was for that team to learn to mature and secondly to bond as a group, so I thought we were able to do that over the course of the year."

OSU was ranked as high as No.17 in the nation, a surprise from the team that was picked to finish fifth out of six teams in the preseason Pac-10 coaches poll.

Several freshmen made their collegiate soccer debuts memorable this season. Defender and co-captain Daniel Leach started every game and scored two goals. Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Packy Deenihan was named Pac-10 player of the week on Oct.11, and is now fifth all-time on OSU's goals-against average with 1.29. At least four freshmen started the last 19 games of the season and accounted for 14 of OSU's 27 goals.

"Our leadership was youthful," Taylor said. "We worked on developing our leaders and I feel like we came out of the fall with a great understanding of what we need to do in the future."

"The freshmen stepped up big, more than I expected," Gardner added. "They were very mature and grew

up quickly."

Amidst the freshmen, Johnson had an impressive senior season and will be remembered as one of the greatest soccer players in OSU history. He led the Beavers in almost every offensive category this season, with six goals, nine assists, 21 points and 47 shots. He became only the second player in OSU history to be named Pac-10 player of the week twice in one season and was named to the All-Pac-10 first team. Johnson looks forward to a career in the MLS and returning to Jamaica in a few months to work his way back onto the national team.

"This was a good season for me, growing up wise," Johnson said. "I feel I'm ready for the next level now with all the things my coaches taught me and all the things we've been through and just everything in general that worked me into the player and person that I am right now."

Gardner had a solid season with three goals and two assists and was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine All-district eight first team. Junior co-captain Robbie Findley enjoyed another stellar season and was named to the All-Pac-10 first team. Four Beavers were named to the Pac-10 honorable mention squad.

Considering it was a rebuilding year, the young OSU team surpassed many of its preseason expectations and only looks to be stronger next year.

"The fact is, we did everything we needed to do to establish ourselves as a premier team in the country over the last four years," Taylor said

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BASKETBALL: Hopes to maintain winning ways on road trip

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Despite the large rebounding margin for the Beavers, they committed 23 turnovers, adding to the Panthers second half revival.

Seeing his first action in a Beaver uniform was freshman Calvin Hampton, who won't be redshirting due to the injury to junior Kyle Jeffers' foot. The injury occurred in the second half of the Tennessee Tech loss.

The home win was nice, but now the Beavers return to the road where they have struggled the past few seasons. Last seasons the team didn't manage any conference wins on the road and the recent shelling at Tennessee Tech has the Beavers thirsty for a road win.

"What I am trying to extract is to have the same personality wherever we play," said John. "If we focus in on playing exhaustion anywhere, we will be able to play our game."

The Beavers next opponent is the Fresno State Bulldogs on Saturday.

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Boxscore - OSU 88, Prairie View A&M 71

Pts.	Rb.	Ast.	Min.	PF.	TO.	Blk.	St.
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Cuic, Sasa	19	8	1	25	4	5	1
Hurd, Lamar	14	3	4	28	1	1	1
Fontenet, Jason	1	1	3	22	2	5	1
Stephens, Chris	15	5	0	27	3	2	0
Jones, Marcel	18	6	2	25	1	2	0
Hughes, Liam	2	7	0	8	0	0	1
Hampton, Calvin	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Tsagarakis, Angelo	0	0	2	6	1	1	0
McGillis, Jack	4	3	2	13	1	0	0
Washington, Wesley	0	0	0	7	0	1	0
Johnson, Michael	0	0	0	11	2	2	0

PITCHERS: Wallace Watch List expands and contracts as the baseball season progresses

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Brooks Wallace. Wallace was a slick-fielding shortstop at Texas Tech from 1977-80. A four-year starter, he was named All-Southwest Conference and All-District Six his senior year when he led the Red Raiders to their first-ever appearance in the Southwest Conference Tournament.

After playing two years in the Texas Rangers organization, Wallace returned to Texas Tech and served as a graduate assistant and later as an assistant coach. In the summer of 1984 he was diagnosed with

cancer and fought the disease until his death on March 24, 1985, at age 27.

The selection committee for the Wallace Award is comprised of a national panel of preeminent coaches, sports information directors, former winners and beat media who most closely follow the sport. Screening Committee members will evaluate the candidates and will continue their review throughout the entire baseball season. The list will expand and contract during the regular season and additional Wallace Watch candidates may be added as the season progresses. Voting for the three finalists and the Wallace Award winner will be conducted by confidential balloting, with totals tabulated by the J.W. Anderson & Associates accounting firm in Lubbock, Tex.



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 — OSU forward Marcel Jones after scoring a career high 18 points Tuesday night



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Lamar Hurd flies up court in OSU's 88-71 home victory. Hurd had a career high 14 points including two dunks that set the crowd into a frenzy. This is Hurd's fourth season on the Beaver squad.

Men's basketball bounces back at home

■ While not in hand until late, OSU eventually takes a big lead and gets away with a home victory

By Steven Masters
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

After suffering a 28 point blowout loss to Tennessee Tech on Sunday, the Oregon State Men's Basketball team responded with aggression. The Beavers (1-1) had five players score in double figures and won 88-71 in front of 4,556 fans. The win was the Beavers' third straight win in a home opener.

"What happened on Sunday was uncharacteristic and we weren't ourselves," said Lamar Hurd. "It was a good win, but now we want to go out and get a road victory."

"Obviously we're not a refined product," said OSU head coach Jay John. "Our tail kicking on Sunday at least woke the guys up."

The Beavers took an early 9-2 lead on a Sasa Cuic basket, but the Panthers came back fired up under first year interim coach Darrell Hawkins. With only 8 minutes left in the first half, Prairie View trailed 28-25. The Beavers were able to knock a few foul shots down and exited the first half leading 38-32.

While the Beavers held a rebounding margin of 11 in

the half, they only hit 10 of 20 foul shots.

Cuic held the Beavers by scoring 16 first half points and hitting 8 out of 9 foul shots.

The second half began with a calmer Hawkins's team shooting more outside jump shots. Back to back Philip Scott three pointers put the Panthers up 38-40. Both teams began to trade baskets and the score was all tied up at 54 with 9:43 in regulation.

This is when Marcel Jones began to show the strengths of his offensive game. He hit a jumper and had a put back as the Beavers began to pull away. A Chris Stephens three with 6:32 left put the Beavers up by 10. Stephens hit another three with 4:40 left to make the score 75-62.

Cuic led the Beavers in scoring with 19, followed by a career high of 18 by Jones. Jones, 8 of 12 from the field, played 25 minutes and continued to show his maturation on both sides of the court.

"I can play offense and I can play defense. I'll even play special teams if they want me to," joked Jones after the game.

Lamar Hurd also racked up 14 points, a career high, and amazed the crowd with two powerful slam dunks.

Nick Dewitz added 15 points and dished out six assists.

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Hurlers to watch

■ Two Beaver pitchers will be looked at carefully this year

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State pitchers Dallas Buck and Kevin Gunderson are on a list of 120 baseball student-athletes on the 2006 Wallace Watch released this week by the College Baseball Foundation in Lubbock, Tex.

The Brooks Wallace Award is presented annually to the national college baseball player of the year. The 2005 winner, third baseman Alex Gordon of Nebraska, has signed to play professionally for the Kansas City Royals.

Juniors Buck, a right-handed starter; and Gunderson, a left-handed closer, helped Oregon State to its best-ever baseball season in 2005. The Beavers won the

Pacific-10 championship, advanced to the College World Series, and finished the season with a 46-12 record and ranked seventh in the country.



Buck

Buck earned a number of All-America honors in 2005, going 12-1 with one save and a 2.09 earned run average in 129.0 innings. He allowed 90 hits and 51 walks while striking out 118.



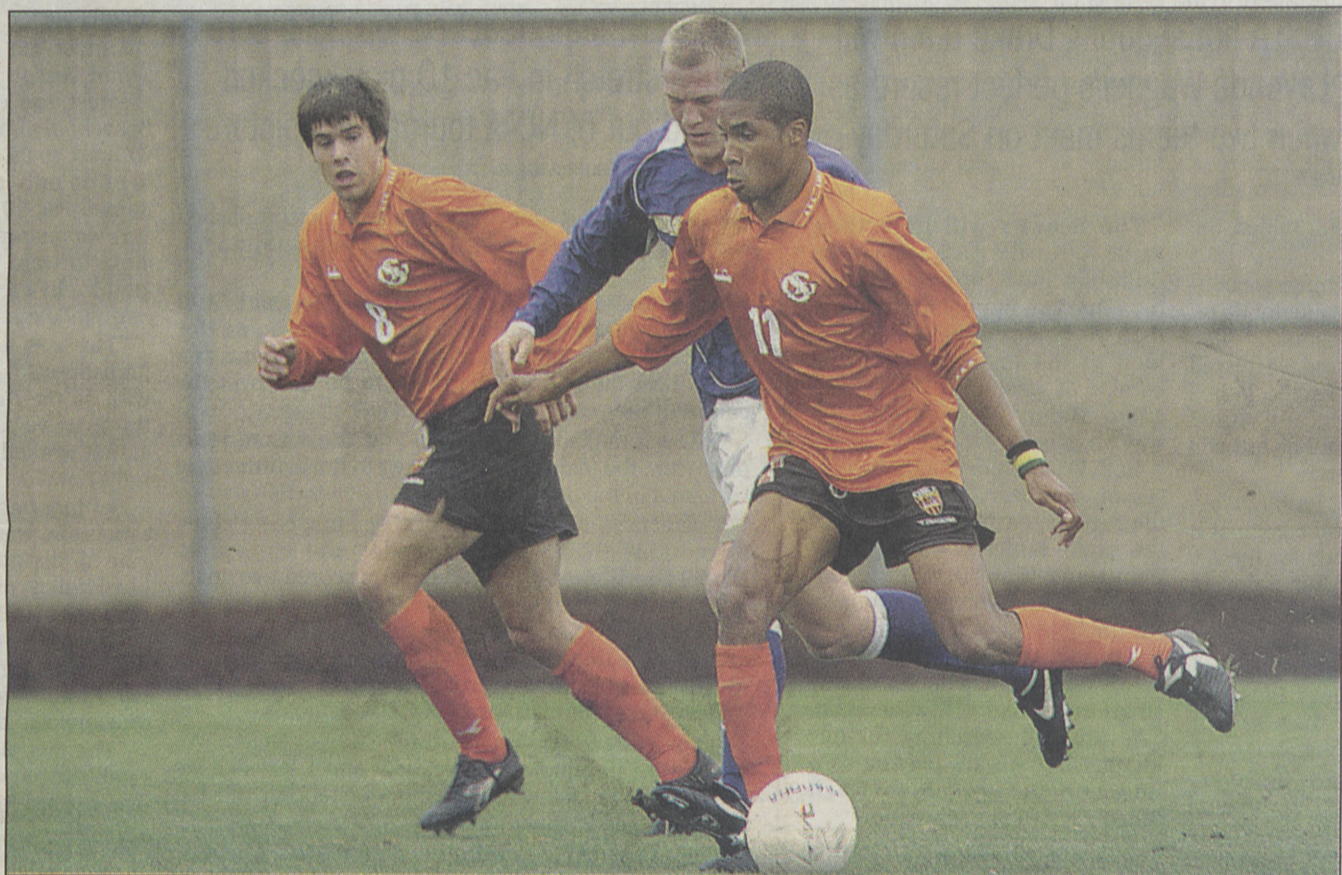
Gunderson

Gunderson was All-Pacific-10 first team in 2005, going 6-4 with a school-record 14 saves and a 2.76 ERA. In 65.1 innings he allowed 49 hits and 14 walks while striking out 62. He earned a place on the USA Baseball national team last summer.

The Wallace Watch will be trimmed to 12 semi-finalists by late May. The selection committee will narrow the list to three finalists following the NCAA Super Regionals at a press conference in Omaha, Neb. The finalists, their head coaches and their parents will be invited to Lubbock, Tex., for a schedule of special events tied to the award banquet, which will again be nationally televised by Fox Sports Network.

The award is dedicated to the memory of former Texas Tech shortstop and assistant coach

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Senior Ryan Johnson controls the ball as sophomore midfielder Nick Webb runs along side during OSU's home win over Washington on Oct. 2. Johnson led the team with six goals, nine assists and 21 shots.

JACOB GREGORY
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Youthful soccer surpassed expectations this season

■ In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, OSU nearly made the postseason and has a bright future despite team's youth

By Denny Burnett
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Despite not earning a spot in the NCAA tournament, the Oregon State men's soccer team completed one of its best seasons ever, finishing third in the Pac-10.

It was an up-and-down season for the Beavers (9-7-4 overall, 5-5-0 Pac-10). The team started off slow and then enjoyed a 10-game unbeaten streak. Things went downhill from there when a loss to California sent OSU spiraling to a 2-4 finish, which included losing four straight and

ended a 10 game home unbeaten streak with a 3-2 overtime loss to Stanford. But the Beavers rebounded in their last game of the season to pummel the Huskies in Seattle 4-1.

"Our goal was to make the postseason," said sophomore midfielder Brent Gardner. "We had a good middle of the season; we bounced back from a slow start, and finished strong with a win at Washington."

"This year was all about stepping forward," added OSU head coach Dana Taylor. "I thought with the extremely hard schedule we had and all the youth, we did just that. It was just unfortunate that the selection committee didn't see it that way."

The Beavers' tough schedule included facing competition from six ranked opponents, a

schedule that arguably could have earned them an at large bid into the NCAA tournament over fourth place San Diego State 2-3-5.

"The season overall was pretty good," said senior forward Ryan Johnson. "We deserved to make it to the tournament and we proved that by our record compared to the teams on the East Coast, so that was a big disappointment, but then with so many freshmen on the field, this program should do really well next year."

OSU played solid at home this season going 5-2-2. The Beavers handed No. 8 UCLA its only conference loss on Oct. 9 in Corvallis. Playing at Lorenz Field also proved difficult for No. 9 California, which lost to the Beavers on Oct. 23, 1-0.

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Women's hoops looks to rain on Drake

■ Saturday OSU looks to remain undefeated under their new coach when Drake visits Gill

By Travis Ball
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's basketball team will try to get to 3-0 on the season when it hosts Drake University Saturday in the Beavers' home opener at 2 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

The Beavs began the 2005-06 campaign with a pair of road victories in Montana and California last weekend. OSU doubled up the Montana State Bobcats on Friday,

70-35, and slid past Pacific on Sunday, 54-46.

"We played very well on Friday, particularly in the second half," Oregon State head coach LaVonda Wagner said of the season opener, which was her first career regular season win as the Beavers' coach. "We did a nice job defensively. We got in the face of their shooters and only gave them one look at the basket. They did a nice job of executing the gameplan."

The Beavers felt the effects of the long flight to California and started a little slower against Pacific. See **WOMEN'S HOOPS** / page 7



Kim Butler drives to the basket in OSU's home game against Western Oregon in an exhibition game. Butler had 20 points in the contest and leads the team in that category through the first two games of the regular season.

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