



'Fizzy' endeavor a fruitful success with youngsters

■ OSU scientists create new snack that is looking to find more fans

By Holly Strassner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The results are in: local kids are wild about Fizzy Fruit.

Students at Sunrise Elementary School in Albany fell in love with fizzy grapes — a new concept in food science and technology and an alternative to many sugary and salty snacks lurking in kids' lunch boxes — and left their lunchroom clamoring for more.

"Fizzy Fruit" is the result of five years of development by the Food Innovation Center in Portland, a research center run by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Fresh fruit, specifically grapes, receives its characteristic carbonation through a pressurization process.

The grapes are placed into a pressurized chamber, where carbon dioxide is forced into the fruit, similar to how carbonation is added to a soda. Throughout the process, the fruit does not lose its nutritional value.

"Especially in the snack food category, we try to encourage kids to eat a more healthy diet," said Qingyue Ling, OSU food technologist for the FIC. "This is a challenge for the food industry because kids usually like crispy, fried products ... like the French fries and soda. That's basically kids' nature. Their tastes aren't fully developed."

Ling and his team stepped up to the challenge to develop a practical, healthy snack that would appeal to the tastes of children while offering healthy benefits.

"It's a challenge ... to get kids to eat more fruit and vegetables," Ling said. "Although there's a proportion of kids that like fruit and vegetables, most do not. We wanted to focus on these kids and try to develop something that is healthy but fun. Fizzy Fruit combines fun and healthy together pretty

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Qingyue Ling

It went right through my roof

—Kathleen Yaeger, a junior in biology who found her car smashed by a tree Tuesday night



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ABOVE: Employees of OSU's Facilities Services remove of several pine trees near the one that toppled under 25 mph gusts Tuesday night, damaging six unoccupied vehicles. BELOW: One of the cars damaged by the tree. Three of the damaged cars had to be towed away, and one was deemed totaled.

Cars damaged by wind-toppled tree

■ Nobody injured in Tuesday night incident, which led to the removal of other unstable trees nearby

By Peter Chee
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Wednesday morning brought an uneasy calm to the faculty end of Coleman Field parking lot on campus, which lay cordoned off by barriers and yellow caution tape. The night before, high winds toppled a large pine tree beside the lot, which fell on six parked cars.

The tree, 18 to 24 inches in diameter and approaching 100 feet tall, fell at about 8 p.m. Tuesday.

According to a report from Oregon State Police, four of the six cars hit required towing. One car, a silver 1989 Subaru, was reported totaled and remained in the lot through Wednesday.

There were no injuries.

The report listed rough damage estimates to be more than \$1,500 each for four of the vehicles. Damages included smashed roofs, windshields and doors.

"It went right through my roof," said Kathleen Yaeger, a junior in biology. She had returned to the parking lot at 9 p.m. to find her truck pinned beneath the fallen pine. Yaeger said her 2003 GMC Yukon Denali was the tallest of the six vehicles hit, so it took the brunt of the



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tree's impact. The damage to her truck is still being estimated, but Yaeger said it will probably be classified as totaled, or at least with damages over \$20,000.

She said OSU officials had yet to contact her as of Wednesday night. "My truck still had branches stick-

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Black and orange and green all over

■ ASOSU is taking on multiple environmental causes on campus

By Kristina Stone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Environmental leaders on the Oregon State campus have continually invested their efforts into projects promoting sustainability, recycling and awareness. This term is no exception as several projects and ideas are already in motion concerning the green aspect of college life.

Anthony Wynne, ASOSU's director of environmental affairs, is wrapping up the Greek Green Challenge, an event that was created to encourage fraternities and sororities to become more environmentally friendly by switching to renewable energy, shortening their shower times and recycling.

"We have a handful of chapters who are going to convert 100 percent (to renewable energy)," Wynne said.

There are 17 houses participating, and Delta Upsilon is currently leading the challenge after attending a recycling audit and sustainability presentation, as well as converting to renewable energy. Although the final winner of the challenge will not be known until ASOSU is able to compare this February's energy bill to February 2005.

Wynne was working with Jon Kenneke, of Pacific Power, to promote the challenge.

"I like to work closely with ASOSU," Kenneke said, "We are a big supporter of the Greek Green Challenge." Pacific Power will be providing prize money and materials to the winning house as well as increasing support with ASOSU in 2006.

The environmental task force also has plans for the People's Park, which was recently relocated after the building of the Kelley Engineering Center.

"We're tinkering with ideas. We don't want this green space to not be used," Wynne said. Eco-friendly designs have been created with the hope of creating People's Park into more of a community center. "It's not mainstream, it's not the MU Quad," Wynne said. He hopes the area will

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Luke Woodward, a junior in new media communication, sits in the editing booth in the basement of Kidder Hall where he splices sections of public access television into a two hour program which airs nightly. Woodward spends up to 20 hours per week editing film, but aspires to be a chef and someday have his own television cooking show.

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IMPRINTS

Video: a dish best served well cut, well done

■ OSU junior Luke Woodward spends his time editing footage for Oregon's version of C-SPAN

By Ashley Slocki
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Few chefs spend their time in a small "broom closet" in the basement of their local college campus. But for one aspiring OSU student, for now, the small confines of Kidder Hall's editing booth will have to do.

Junior Luke Woodward, 21, was born and raised in Corvallis. He started to realize what his goals in life were earlier than some.

Woodward's junior year humanities class at Crescent Valley High School started him on his journey for finding his career.

"We had a month long project about the Vietnam War," Woodward said. "One part of the class did a book, and the other did video, I was in the video group."

After finishing the project, Woodward became very interested in film and video. Upon graduating high school Woodward entered OSU as a new media communication major.

Once at OSU, Woodward joined the OSU marching

band and the athletic bands and after completing his first term, he joined the OSU radio station KBVR. By spring term he had landed himself a job with the Oregon Public Affairs Network.

"OPAN is Oregon's version of C-SPAN," explained John Greydanus, OSU director of outreach and media services and Woodward's boss at OPAN.

Currently with OPAN, Woodward is in charge of splicing together footage from statewide events such as OSU events, lectures, state legislative coverage, Supreme Court hearings, unedited news conferences, economic developments conferences, political debates and various other public meetings and forming it into a two-hour program.

The program airs locally every weekday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Comcast channel 27.

During term and summer breaks, Woodward is still in charge of piecing the broadcast together.

All in all, the program reaches more than 400,000 homes in Oregon in locations such as Bend, Portland, Salem, Eugene and the Oregon coast.

"I am told what will be on the program and then record

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THURSDAY JAN. 12

Meetings
OSU Triathlon Club, 7pm Dixon lower classroom. Discuss workouts, Beaver Freezer, upcoming events.

FRIDAY JAN. 13

Events
United Campus Ministry, 8pm Westminister House 101 NW 23. Reel to reel. Join us for our first film night of the term as we enjoy "The Sea Inside," a highly praised Spanish film based on the true story of Ramon Sampedro.

SUNDAY JAN. 15

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm Grace Lutheran Church 435 NW 21 - corner of Kings and Harrison. Evensong worship with communion, especially for students.

MONDAY JAN. 16

Meetings
Pagan Student Association, 5-7pm, MU 212. General group meeting. New people welcome. Every Monday from Jan. 9 through March 13. Same room all term.

TUESDAY JAN. 17

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30am Luther House 211 NW 23 St. Lunch: Come and go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 18

Events
Academic Success Center, 4:30-5:30pm MU Council Room. How to's on Notetaking Workshop: Learn how note taking can assist you in paying attention in lectures, help you with test-prep and allow you to identify key concepts or needed areas of clarification before a test.
United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm 101 NW 23 Westminister House. Student gathering, join us for a home cooked meal, conversation oriented Bible Study and worshipful singing.
United Campus Ministry, 9:30-11am 101 NW 23 Westminister House. Coffee and conversation, you are welcome to stop in for a warm up with coffee, tea, or cocoa and conversation in the front lounge.

SUNDAY JAN. 22

Events
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Israel halts contact with Robertson for comments on Sharon

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel has suspended contact with evangelist Pat Robertson for suggesting Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's stroke was divine punishment for withdrawing from the Gaza Strip.

The controversy has cast doubt on plans for a Christian tourism center that would showcase the growing flow of money and influence from U.S. church groups.

The decision, announced Wednesday by Israeli officials, does not affect other Christian groups that also consider it their spiritual duty to support Israel as fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

Israeli leaders see the Christian allies as tireless lobbyists in Washington and elsewhere. The evangelicals also funnel millions of dollars each year to Jewish settlers in the West Bank and — before last year's pullout — the Gaza Strip.

Tourism Minister Abraham Hirschson said he gave instructions to "stop all contact" with groups associated with Robertson. Last week, Robertson implied Sharon's massive stroke was a blow for "dividing God's land" with the withdrawal from Gaza and four West Bank settlements.

But Hirschson said the order did not apply to "all the evangelical community, God forbid."

EU Dock workers protest harbor liberalization plans

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Tens of thousands of dock workers in several European Union nations went on strike Wednesday to protest plans to liberalize cargo handling at EU seaports, unions said.

The European Transport Workers' Federation said a total of about 40,000 people were participating in 12 countries to protest an EU bill that would open up cargo handling to competition, ending the situation in many European ports where loading and unloading is run by monopoly handlers.

Supporters say the bill is needed to cut costs, speed up deliveries and encourage investment in ports across the 25-nation bloc.

Dock workers' unions fear it would lead to lost jobs, lower wages and less safety. They want qualified stevedores

to continue carrying out dock work, arguing the job is too specialized to leave to personnel on board the docking ships.

The European Parliament will discuss the issue at its meeting Monday in Strasbourg, when dockers planned a major demonstration in the French city.

Some 4,500 German port workers took part in Wednesday's strike, which paralyzed container terminals in the North Sea port of Hamburg where some 1,000 workers walked out, the service workers union ver.di said.

Houston is about to tie teachers' pay to student test scores

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston is about to become the biggest U.S. school district to tie teachers' pay to their students' test scores.

School Superintendent Abe Saavedra wants to offer teachers as much as \$3,000 more per school year if their students improve on state and national tests. The program could eventually grow to as much as \$10,000 in merit pay.

The school board is set to vote on the plan Thursday. Five of the nine board members have said they support it.

"School systems traditionally have been paying the best teacher the same amount as we pay the worst teacher, based on the number of years they have been teaching," Saavedra said. "It doesn't make sense that we would pay the best what we're paying the worst. That's why it's going to change."

Opponents argue that the plan focuses too much on test scores and would be unfair to teachers outside core subjects.

Other U.S. school districts have adopted such programs in recent years. Denver, with 73,000 students, took such a step in November, becoming the biggest district to do so. Houston, with more than 200,000 students, is the nation's seventh-largest district.

Alito turns aside Democrats' criticism, wife leaves in tears

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito turned aside Democratic attacks on his judicial record and credibility at contentious confirmation hearings Wednesday that left his wife in tears.

"If I'm confirmed I'll be myself," said Alito, a 15-year veteran of a federal appeals court, named to succeed Jus-

tice Sandra Day O'Connor for a swing seat on the high court.

Challenged by Democrats, Alito repeatedly said he had no memory of involvement with the conservative Concerned Alumni of Princeton, though he highlighted his membership in a 1985 job application for the Reagan administration.

He repudiated the opinions expressed in articles in the organization's magazine. "They're not my views ... I deplore them," he said of writing that contained material that was racist, sexist and homophobic.

Under persistent questioning, Alito also declined for a second straight day to say whether he believes, as he did in 1985, that the Constitution contains no right to an abortion. "I don't think it's appropriate for me to speak about issues that could realistically come up" before the courts, he said.

Alito, 55, was unflappable for hours on end in marathon questioning before the Senate Judiciary Committee. But his wife, Martha-Ann Bomgardner, grew emotional near the end of the day.

"Judge Alito, I'm sorry that you've had to go through this. I am sorry that your family has had to sit here and listen to this," said Sen. Lindsey Graham. A moment earlier, the South Carolina Republican had offered Alito a chance to defend his integrity, asking whether he was a "closet bigot."

Divers find commercial-grade explosive in harbor south of L.A.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Commercial-grade explosives discovered on the ocean floor south of Los Angeles prompted authorities to ban cell phone use Wednesday to prevent accidental detonation.

Environmental divers hired to check on algae growth in the Huntington Beach Harbour found the cigarette-sized blasting caps late Tuesday.

At least eight of the volatile explosives, which often are used to trigger larger explosions, were intentionally placed beneath nine to 15 feet of water near the shore, said Jim Amormino, spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

There was no evidence of explosives stronger than the caps, which could cause an explosion equivalent to a hand grenade, Amormino said. Cell phones were banned for several hundred feet surrounding the shoreline because their

signals could detonate caps, he said.

"They are very unstable in salt water. They do pose a threat to the divers, any swimmers, any boaters in the area," Amormino said. Nearby homes and large yachts docked in the exclusive area were not threatened, he said.

At least four of the blasting caps had been removed by Wednesday afternoon. Authorities did not immediately know why the explosives had been placed there but said terrorism was not suspected.

Corrosion on brightly colored wires attached to the explosives led investigators to believe they had been placed there sometime in the previous two days, Amormino said. A diver would have been able to see the wires from a distance, he added

Oregon organization plans to send more volunteers to Pakistan

PORTLAND (AP) - Four more volunteers from Northwest Medical Teams are headed to Pakistan to help earthquake survivors dealing with cold, snow, rain and blocked roads.

The team is the fifth sent from the Tigard-based humanitarian organization. It left as Mercy Corps of Portland reported that exposure-related illnesses such as pneumonia are increasing in the area affected by the Oct. 8 quake, which killed more than 80,000 people. Both organizations are appealing for more contributions.

"I expect we'll see a lot of upper-respiratory stuff, a lot of scabies, and diarrhea because of the close confines," said Jamie Langmade, an Albany nurse. "Also there's evidently a lot of wound care from amputations."

NATO, which sent 1,000 troops to Pakistan, is winding down relief operations in advance of a Feb. 1 pullout.

Smoking ban passed for Corvallis parks to begin Friday

The smoking ban ordinance passed by the city of Corvallis will take effect this Friday. It will ban smoking in public parks. Although no one in city hall seemed to be aware of any kind of planned protest, city hall employees reported that three people had protested the ban over last weekend.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times reported that due to the size of its department, CPD didn't plan on making enforcement of the ban a high priority.



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Rugby men for sale

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The men's rugby club will host its third annual Rent-A-Rugger auction this Saturday at the Timberhill Athletic Club from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Team members will be auctioned off at the event to perform a number of services including tutoring, gardening, and even taking out some lucky lady on a date.

"It's designed to show off some of our off-the-field skills," said club president Clint Peterson. "And, of course, raise money for our program."

Peterson estimates that the club has raised a little more than \$2,000 at the event over the previous two years. He is hoping to see more of a profit this year.

"Personally, I'd like to see us raise \$2,000 this year alone, but hopefully we can even do better than that," he said.

Rent-A-Rugger is open to all of the OSU and Corvallis community.

There is no fee to get in the door and drink and appetizers will be available. The proceeds will go to helping pay for the rugby team's trip to Australia this spring where it will play four games.

Timberhill Athletic Club is located at 2855 N.W. 29th Street. People with questions can call Peterson at 541-908-3394.

Wilberger murder suspect labeled 'suspected serial killer'

■ Joel Courtney is currently being held in a New Mexico jail on a separate kidnapping and rape charge

PORTLAND (AP) — A New Mexico man charged with aggravated murder in the disappearance of college student Brooke Wilberger has been labeled a "suspected serial killer" by Oregon prosecutors.

Wilberger, 19, was a Brigham Young University student when she vanished from an apartment complex near Oregon State University in Corvallis in May 2004.

Joel Courtney, 39, was indicted on aggravated murder, kidnapping, rape and sodomy charges last August in her disappearance. No body has been found.

Courtney has been held at an Albuquerque, N.M., jail since November 2004 on an unrelated rape and kidnapping charge.

During a hearing late last week in Benton County Circuit Court in Corvallis, a lawyer for the Oregon attorney general's office said a Benton County grand jury is investigating Courtney and more charges are possible, according to KGW-TV in

Portland.

The television station, with The Associated Press and The Oregonian newspaper, filed a lawsuit seeking disclosure of sealed documents that would further outline the murder case against Courtney.

The comments on the grand jury investigation came as David Leath of the attorney general's office asked a judge to deny media access to the court records.

"The investigation remains active, the investigation has expanded, as I mentioned, developing information and now seeks to identify the full scope of a suspected serial killer's crimes," KGW reported Leath said. "The state anticipates that the continuing grand jury investigation will result in at least one additional indictment."

Following the hearing, prosecutors told KGW they do not yet have enough evidence to charge Courtney in any other murder cases.

Kevin Neely, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, confirmed Leath's comments but said he could not provide any other details about the investigation.

Courtney could be extradited to Oregon following his New Mexico rape trial currently scheduled for March.

ENVIRONMENT: Organizer hopes OSU will take first in national recycling competition

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be for ASOSU and the community as a whole.

Jamie Sturn, president of the Oregon State Environmental Activists and an employee of campus recycling, is another environmental force on campus. Sturn is helping to plan RecycleMania, a friendly competition between university recycling programs across the country. For 10 weeks schools compete to see who can obtain the largest amount of recyclables, have the highest recycling rate and the least amount of trash.

"Last year was OSU's first time competing and we came in fourth, which is good, but we want to do better," Sturn said. "Our goal is first place this year, and we're hoping that our composting efforts at the dining centers will help push us over the edge."

To promote RecycleMania, Sturn is planning waste audits for the residence halls and co-ops on campus.

"We take garbage out of a particular buildings dumpster and sort through it," Sturn said. There are nine separate bins: white paper, cardboard, plastic, metals, glass, paper towels, organic (food waste), true trash and mixed paper (colored paper, magazines, paperboard). "Campus recycling isn't able to take all these items to recycle or compost, but we do it to get a better idea of what students are throwing away," Sturn said.

RecycleMania will run Jan. 29 through April 8. Once the competition begins the Environmental Resource Operation Center will be open for students seeking information or interested in helping out.

Wynne is excited about the upcoming events and ideas happening on campus, it "shows people environmental issues matter to everyone," he said. "I think it speaks volumes about student activism and the power students have."

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FRUIT: Keeping up with demand for more of the hit snack at Oregon schools will be a challenge

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nically."

The story of Fizzy Fruit began in 2000, when the FIC began research on healthy snacking alternatives. However, funds were limited, so research was conducted sporadically.

After receiving a Small Business Innovation Research grant, which helps fund small businesses pursue and research products with commercial potential, the FIC was able to delve even deeper into the project, which spawned the Fizzy Fruit Company.

"The grant helped us to look at how to carbonate fruit, how to optimize it, and carbonation conditions for different fruit," Ling said. "It was a very close collaboration between the FIC and the Fizzy Fruit Company."

After receiving positive feedback on the fruit during the 2004 OSU football season, the FIC added the finishing touches to their product in preparation for a test drive at Sunrise Elementary School in December 2005. The product won over the

children almost immediately.

"The kids loved it. We could not keep up with the demand as far as kids wanting seconds! They want to know, 'When are we getting it again?'" said Connie Larsen, principal at Sunrise. "They had as many grapes as they could eat ... their comment was 'Oh, it tastes like grape juice!' because it is fizzy when you bite into it."

Youngsters weren't the only ones enjoying the fruit — adults at the school spouted rave reviews as well.

"For the most part, there was a good response from the adults also. It's a very good (snacking) alternative," Larsen said.

Ling is overjoyed to see that five long years of research has paid off.

"It's overwhelmingly received," he said. "The kids all gave two thumbs up, four thumbs up. It's a great pleasure to see how well kids react to this."

The next challenge presented to the FIC will be how to keep up with the demand for more Fizzy Fruit, as schools across Oregon wait for

another round of the healthy snack.

"They have these containers that they put the fruit in to (carbonate) it, and they only have two containers for our school district," Larsen said. "There's 13 elementary schools, so we get the containers for our school once a month. They didn't want to buy a number of containers and then have the kids not want it."

Producing more containers is only a fragment of future plans for the Fizzy Fruit project. The FIC plans to introduce more fruit to the carbonated menu, including pineapples and oranges, while the Fizzy Fruit company plans to launch the product into the retail and wholesale service sometime this year.

Ling says this product reflects the "art of our mission at FIC."

"Our mission here is to advance northwest food. We feel like this will really start to change the behavior of how kids eat. It's very very positive," he said.

Larsen is prepared to share the two existing carbonation containers with other schools and awaits their return at Sunrise, which should take place at the end of January.

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WOODWARD: Interest in cooking began with mac and cheese, but now he has developed his own recipes

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it and edit it," Woodward said.

"Luke has taken on a lot of responsibility and he has the technical skills and determination to make it happen," Greydanus said.

Woodward is now in his second year of employment at OPAN.

"The most time I have taken off was a week and a half the whole time I have worked there," Woodward said. "We have series set up with a bunch of programs set up to run when I am not there to do it."

When Woodward first stated working with OPAN he was trained by Larry Bentley, who soon left to work for Western Oregon University.

Bentley's daughter took over but soon left leaving Woodward the one and only person working on the production of the segments.

"Without students like Luke we would not be able to provide the services we do with our limited resources," wrote Curt Pederson, OSU vice provost of information services.

Woodward said he works on the program an average of 20 hours during the week on top of his 16-hour

credit load.

"Our big question is after almost two years of monitoring our state government at work, will Luke be more inclined or less likely to pursue a political career?" Greydanus said.

However, after graduating Woodward does not plan on doing any work with film for at least a year and a half.

"I am going to take the summer off after I graduate, then I am going to Western Culinary Institute located in Portland," he said.

Woodward admitted his interest in cooking started young with "macaroni and cheese and Ramen noodles."

"But now I have developed some recipes of my own," he said.

After completing the year and a half culinary program, Woodward has yet another journey he plans on taking on.

"My ultimate goal is to have show that I help produce and cook on," he said. "Like on the Food Network."

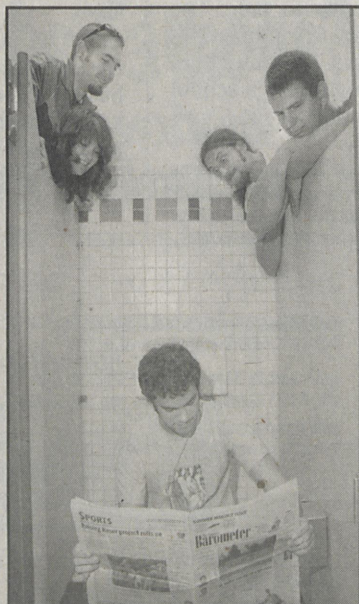
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Editorial

Big bucks for Beaver Nation

Last year, as reported in several media outlets in recent days, OSU subsidized its athletic department in the order of \$4 million. Without the help, the department would have been in the red.

Merry Christmas, Beaver Nation.

A slightly lower subsidy was dolled out at Portland State, while, according to reports, the University of Oregon did not receive a subsidy last year.

The practice is not uncommon. One board member noted, according to a report in The Oregonian, that not even UO has been without a subsidy.

Surely a huge number of factors play into the income and expenses for an athletic department at a big school, including ticket sales, cash from wealthy donors, winning programs and the amount of scholarships handed out.

Now is the time to ask if the subsidy is good for higher education in Oregon. At a recent meeting of the State Board of Higher Education, reported on by The Oregonian, two board members brought up the issue, asking if the subsidy should be brought under guidelines or eliminated completely.

However, in a prime example of the pace of government, the issue was tabled so members could learn more about it. The Oregonian said no date was set to take up the issue. Let's hope it doesn't get left behind and has its day before the board in the near future.

Because, as has been pointed out in media reports and acknowledged by school officials, that \$4 million could have gone toward academics. Is this just another example of misguided priorities when it comes to big college athletics and academics?

At a time when tuition is on the rise (recently an 8 percent bump for OSU's Summer term), it's right to call into question the wisdom of every penny spent.

State funding for higher education has long been on a downward slope, meaning class sections and faculty positions fade away while tuition and fees skyrocket. OSU is in the middle of a slimming-down of its own, with President Ed Ray warning of looming cuts and departments scrambling to live within their shrinking means.

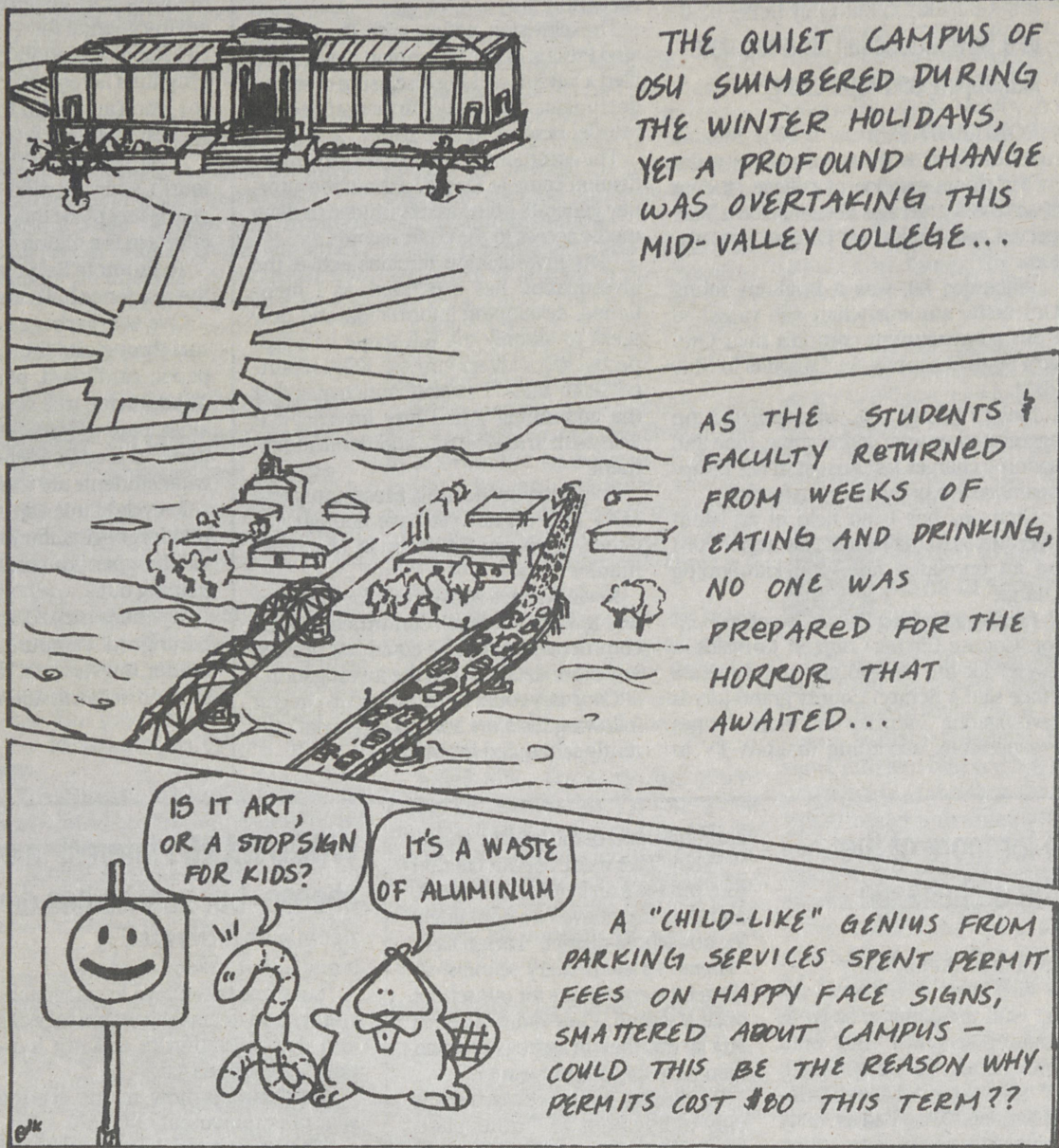
Fortunately, members of the state board are at least interested in taking up the issue. One member told The Oregonian that athletic departments at OSU and PSU should try to avoid needing the subsidy. That's a good goal. Others suggested that some kind of limit should be imposed.

And at OSU, officials are optimistic that things could turn around in the future, even if it isn't right away. This is thanks in part to the renovated Reser Stadium, which can bring in more dollars for Big Beaver.

The subsidy needs to be limited, and the idea of eliminating it all together should at least be discussed.

Until then, it's Merry Christmas for Beaver Nation.

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Angie Burgh
Right Wing Wench

With liberty and 'WiFi' for all

The Internet is a big deal. Without it, I'd have to spend hours upon hours in the library scanning 20 different newspapers and even more books and magazines in order to find the information I use to write my columns and papers. I wouldn't be able to save money by buying my textbooks on eBay. And on top of that, my family would probably consider the absence of communication to be a sign that I was dead.

I, like many people, have come to rely on this incredible network for my daily activities. So when I first heard that several U.S. cities were proposing plans to provide free WiFi access city-wide, I was excited.

Major cities such as Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans are in various stages of plans to provide free or relatively cheap wireless Internet access to their citizens. And as these plans move from proposals to reality, speculation regarding a similar network nation-wide has grown.

One rationale for this plan is to provide Internet access for those who can't afford it for themselves. But for me, the idea of being able to use my laptop to access the Internet anywhere is just very cool.

Upon more serious reflection, however, I've developed several objections to this proposition. First of all, our government isn't known for its efficiency. Profit is a much more effective incentive for improvement than "public service," and since government subsidized monopolies tend to quash competition, service and quality would probably be terrible.

But bad service would only be part of the problem.

The primary difficulty with any new project or service the government takes upon itself is the fact that government doesn't generate its own revenue. Rather, it spends our money (with impunity, I might add). So in the theoretical case of free nationwide wireless Internet, free wouldn't be free.

It would mean that every taxpayer would be subsidizing the creation and maintenance of this system, even if they didn't need it or want it. In some cases, individuals may need a better connection, and would find themselves paying for a service twice. And, in general, there would be nothing to control those who pay less from using more than their fair share.

Simply put, the means of financing this grand WiFi network would be inefficient and unjust.

This issue bears significance regardless of whether or not we ever achieve a government-run national wireless network. It points to a

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The total irony of 'Justice Sunday'

I'm a big fan of irony. I get the feeling that when something truly ironic happens the world is making fun of itself. So when I see clips from Justice Sunday III, the most recent installment of a series of massive Christian congregations involving influential speakers and politicians, and the speaker is wailing on about how Christianity is being oppressed, I can't help but laugh.

The idea that Christianity is being oppressed in this nation is ludicrous. No religious freedoms have been stripped from people of the Christian faith. Christians may still practice their faith as they please. In fact, I would say that of all religions in this country, those of the Christian faith can feel the most accepted, and the most welcomed.

No, what Rick Santorum, Jerry Falwell, and all the rest are complaining about is not freedom of expression or belief. They are complaining because, slowly but surely, Christianity is being treated in the same way that other belief systems in this country have been for years.

I find it difficult to see things from their perspective. How can one see the removal of the Ten Commandments from a courthouse as being oppressive of Christianity? Do you see Buddhist philosophy or sections of the Qur'an on the walls of the courthouse? Of course not. So why, then, must a blatant symbol of



Ryan Greene
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Christian faith be placed in a public building? These are the same people who declared that there was a war on Christmas this past month. I'm sorry, but when a single religious holiday completely consumes a month and a half out of every year, you don't get to pretend it's being oppressed. Yes, baby Jesus was taken out of many town squares. Is that a sign of oppression? Absolutely not.

Here's a fun little test you can use to see if Christianity is being oppressed: look for symbols of other religions. Is the nativity scene gone? Look for a menorah. If you can't find one, guess what? It's not oppression, because now every religion is being represented equally. Has prayer and religious practice been removed from public schools? Check for Islamic, Hindu or Buddhist prayer sessions. There aren't any? Then Christianity isn't being oppressed.

Of course, some will argue that because a vast majority of the nation's population is Christian, they should receive the privilege of extra representation in their public institutions. They would argue

that if a town is almost entirely Christian, then the town should be free to put up the Ten Commandments in their courthouse or enable prayer sessions in public schools.

Once again, however, this smacks of exclusionism. The religious minority in those towns could easily feel excluded from the rest of the community. This is exactly what freedom of religion is supposed to avoid. If people have difficulty living in this country solely because of their religion, then there's a problem. To then sanction that problem by plastering government property with Christian theology is to tacitly ignore the needs of every other religious minority involved.

And yet, these processions continue. United States senators stand in front of large, cheering audiences and proclaim that this is a Christian nation, and that our public schools, city halls, and courthouses should reflect this. No attention is paid to the many in this country who do not believe in a Christian God.

Inevitably, when I watch congregations such as this, the humor in the situation begins to fade. The supposed war on Christmas will always be hilarious. The thought of a Jewish kid sitting through school prayer is significantly less so.

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The momma's-boy's guide to dealing with change

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Leslie Davis

Blind Leading the Blind

The end of an era has arrived. Kate Gill, my dear beloved partner in crime, has graduated. Not only one of the best people I have ever worked with, Kate was an amazing friend and confidant. Dear Kate and Leslie will never be the same, and she will be incredibly missed. Kate, I will miss you like I would miss my left arm — I never really use it, but if it ever went missing I would be incomplete and deformed. And that is true love.

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Dear Leslie,
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— Bob

Dear Bob,
Open with something that no parent would ever want to hear from their son. For example — "Mom I impregnated a 14-year-old girl!" is guaranteed to spur the desired reaction. When she proceeds to flip out, calmly say "No, but I am changing my major." I'm guessing your mother would much rather have a son majoring in floral design rather than a criminal son with a baby on the way. Your mom will be so relieved that the new major may even be celebrated.
Can I get "real" with you, Bob? Let's get

real, Bob.

You are a 20-something-year-old and you are freaked out about telling your parents about a new career path? Do mommy and daddy pick your clothes out for you the day before school, too? Everyone changes their major. It's almost weird if you don't. In short, grow a pair, Bob. Man up and tell your parents.

Dear Leslie,
I am planning my first date with a girl I am head over heels for. Do you have any tips for the perfect date?
— Clueless in Love

Dear Clueless,
A lot of people will go the stereotypical route and tell you to buy flowers, cook a fancy dinner and to just be yourself. Don't buy flowers, don't cook a fancy dinner and avoid being yourself at all costs. The real key to any successful first date is an appropriate sound track. If you have good music, everything else will fall into place. I suggest the following.
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Dear Leslie,
I've been noticing a lot of people around campus who are growing beards. I've always wanted to grow one, but I'm not able to. I feel really out of place around my friends as they all have the ability to grow one, and I do not. What do you think I should do?
— Beardless in Corvallis

Dear Beardless,
Beards are over-rated and so incredibly yesterday. The hot new rave that is hitting the nation is mutton-chops. If there ever was such thing as a "babe magnet," mutton-chops is a prime example. If perhaps you are not daring enough to "rock the chops," the beard is always a conformist's second best.

On the other hand, your inability to grow a beard is obviously God's cruel trick on you so that your peers can identify your lack of masculinity and small penis size. Some 14-year-old boys can grow supple, full beards. Why can't you?

As many athletic coaches will tell you, there is no such thing as "can't." So stop giving up so easily and try harder. If first you can't succeed, try, try again.

Until next time faithful readers ... peace out.

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BERGH: Would it be right to force people to part with what is theirs to support others?

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broader, more important question that we often face in political discussion:

When is it morally justifiable to forcibly take something from one person in order to give it to another?

In this case, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom justifies it by calling WiFi a "basic human right." Now I think most everyone would say that his statement is ridiculous. But those in favor of

any public system where the richer subsidize the poorer would have to agree that the poorer have some right to it.

Assuming that everything works as planned, free Internet for all would improve the lives of some people. But does that make it a right, in the sense that we are allowed to forcibly confiscate someone else's property in order to guarantee that they receive it?

In a similar vein, last year, one of our undergraduate senators stated during a meeting that he thought we all had a right to a college education. Now, if everyone received a college education, it would also improve the lives of some people. But does that in and of itself make a college education something we have a right to?

The Declaration of Independence points to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as our unalienable rights. But what qualifications must be met for

something to be considered a "right" along these lines? How do we get these rights? And whose rights ought to be violated in the case of a conflict between declared rights (i.e. private property vs. free Internet)?

These are questions that need to be carefully considered and answered, or we may find ourselves declaring that a brand new Lexus is a basic human right.

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This 2003 GMC Yukon Denali owned by OSU junior Kathleen Yaeger was among six vehicles damaged by a tree which was knocked over by wind on Tuesday night. Rotting roots were also said to have contributed to the fall.

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TREES: Official says tree didn't show strong enough signs of poor health to warrant immediate removal prior to Tuesday's incident

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ing out of it as they towed it away," she said.

"This one was a surprise," said Bill Morris, associate director of site operations for facility preventative maintenance.

"[The trees] were not growing as balanced as they could have been, but the surprise was the root rot," he said.

Morris said the tree hadn't displayed strong enough signs of its poor health to warrant immediate removal. But Tuesday's high winds proved too much for it to handle.

Police labeled the incident as a "Force of Nature." Morris called it an "act of God." In either case, Morris said a \$2,500 deductible is in place to cover the cost of damages. Anything over would go against insurance.

Morris recalled a similar incident which occurred two summers ago near the Tsunami Wave Research Lab. In that instance, OSU was ruled not liable for the damages.

"We're really happy they were empty cars," said Norman Brown, landscape main-

tenance supervisor for OSU Facilities Services. Inspecting the bottom of the fallen pine, Brown said workers were quick to discover extensive root rot. In its weakened state, the tree was not able to withstand Tuesday's strong gusts of up to 25 mph.

The decision was made Wednesday to immediately remove several adjacent pine trees which also displayed signs of poor health.

Though brows were wiped in relief that no one was hurt, questions quickly arose as to what could have been done differently, and what is being done to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Brown's answer is that Facility Services is already in the middle of an assessment project for mapping trees on campus. Each tree's position will be mapped using a Global Positioning System and its condition will be noted. Brown estimates nearly 5,000 trees will be assessed on campus by summer.

By Wednesday afternoon

the sound of chain saws and falling limbs could be heard from McAlexander Fieldhouse to Snell Hall as at least five other diseased pine trees were removed. A Wednesday e-mail to staff and faculty said the faculty section of the parking lot would be closed for two days while the pines are removed. In all, Brown said seven ailing pine trees will be taken out.

Standing in a yellow hard hat, Randy Milstein, on call working with Facilities Services, explained the situation to curious passersby and occasionally directed traffic. Pointing out sap dripping from the trunk of one of the pines, Milstein said that was sign the tree wasn't doing so well.

Milstein said in addition to the root rot, many of the pines had grown off balance because they were fighting for sunlight against several much larger Douglas firs growing on the same plot. He said the Douglas firs are in good health and would remain so.

"There's still all the greenery," Milstein said. "We're just taking out the danger."

As the wind picked up in Coleman parking lot, several of the pines set for removal began to sway. When asked if pines normally sway that much, Milstein's answer was quick and simple.

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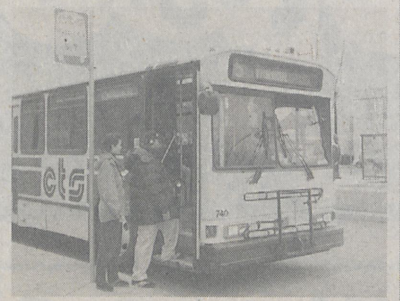
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Flamboyant Portis faces MVP Alexander

Two top runningbacks in NFL face off in Saturday's NFC Divisional playoff game

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) - As someone who knows both Shaun Alexander and Clinton Portis, Washington Redskins cornerback Shawn Springs has insight into the personalities of both.

"Both are fun, they're just different," said Springs, a teammate of Alexander's for four years with the Seattle Seahawks. "It's like having an angel and a devil - I ain't saying which one is which."

Well, Portis dressed as an angel two weeks ago, one of his costumed appearances that have become a weekly highlight at Redskins Park. When asked to choose Wednesday, however, he found it hard to vote against the league's MVP.

"He might think I'm the devil, but Shaun Alexander is a great back," Portis said. "For the longest time, people said he was soft and couldn't do this and couldn't do that. Right now, he's the league MVP. Maybe we need all to adopt that mentality of him staying fresh by running out of bounds and not taking the extra pounding. That got him the league MVP. I'm sure everybody will like to be in his shoes."

Saturday's playoff game between the Redskins and Seahawks features two of the league's most dynamic backs, both on and off the field. They are engaging and media savvy and occasionally a bit too outspoken - although Alexander's winning smile is no match for Portis' theatrics.

"It's not me against Alexander, but nine times

out of 10 the guy who has the best rushing performance, unless there is another close one like the first game we had, the team is probably going to win," Portis said. "Whoever can control the ball the longest, whoever can stay on the field, will probably come out with the victory."

Alexander set an NFL record with 28 touchdowns, led the league in rushing with 1,880 yards and helped lead the Seahawks to an NFC-best 13-3 record. He had 11 100-yard games and missed a 12th by two yards when he gained 98 against the Redskins in Washington's 20-17 overtime victory in early October.

Portis set a Redskins record with 1,513 yards, including five straight 100-yard efforts in the season-ending five-game winning streak that got Washington into the playoffs. He had 90 yards in the first game against the Seahawks. He was held to 53 yards against Tampa Bay last week because of a pinched nerve in one shoulder and soreness in the other, which no doubt came to mind while he was discussing the "extra pounding" he said Alexander avoids.

"I actually have learned to become more patient, just knowing what the guys are doing around me," Portis said. "Understanding the scheme, understanding our blocking, basically just reading it. I think last year I just got to the point where I wanted to make a play, and I was trying to do it on my own instead of taking the 4 and 5 yards. This year I take the 4 and-5, line up and keep pounding, and when the big play comes, it comes."

Top team knocks off a ranked rival

Duke players signed their home court Tuesday and protected it Wednesday

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - One by one, Mike Krzyzewski sent the Duke players and coaches to the midcourt logo at Cameron Indoor Stadium and asked each to sign his name. It was the final practice before facing No. 23 Maryland, and the Hall of Fame coach wanted to show the importance of protecting their home court.

They got the message. Shelden Williams got his first career triple-double and J.J. Redick scored 27 points, helping the top-ranked Blue Devils snap a three-game losing streak to No. 23 Maryland

with a dominating 76-52 victory Wednesday night.

Maryland swept the series a year ago after beating Duke in the final of the 2004 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, and Williams and his teammates came out with an inspired first half to make sure it wouldn't happen again.

He had 19 points, 11 rebounds and a career-high 10 blocks for the Blue Devils (15-0, 3-0), who scored the game's first seven points and eventually stretched the lead to 45-22 at halftime. They held the Terrapins (11-4, 1-2) to 29 percent shooting in the opening 20 minutes while forcing 18 of Maryland's season-high 29 turnovers to leave the second half without

much drama.

Redick tried to bring a little back with about 5 minutes left. The 6-foot-4 senior used another turnover by the Terrapins to record his first career dunk, leaping high to slam the ball through with both hands. Perhaps that made up a bit for his lackluster shooting - the ACC's leading scorer finished 9-of-22, including 4-of-13 on 3-pointers.

Williams, as he has done most of the season, more than compensated. "The Landlord," as he is known to the Cameron Craziest for his control of the paint, helped keep all of Maryland's players in single digits in points until Chris McCray made a layup with 3 1/2 minutes to reach 10.

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ships. BYU returns seven letter-winners from 2005 including Kacie Capra who finished eighth in the all-around at regionals.

Iowa also travels to Corvallis to get its season underway. The Hawkeyes return 10 letter-winners including second team All-Big Ten, Liz Grajewski. Iowa has added three freshmen to a squad that finished sixth at the Big Ten Championships and sixth at Regionals.

Oregon State, as always, will use the home floor advantage to compete in the Olympic order beginning on vault. Iowa starts on bars with Florida on beam and BYU on the floor exercise.

Oregon State freshman Brooke Barclay tore the ACL in her right knee last week at the Hawaiian Classic. Barclay suffered the injury on the floor exercise when she landed her first pass. Barclay had been slated to compete in the vault and beam lineup as well. Barclay is scheduled for surgery on Thursday and should be ready to return well in advance of the 2007 season.

Sophomore Yuki Lamb was well on her way to earning spots in all four lineups before suffering a fall on the uneven bars resulting in a dislocated left elbow. Fortunately no breaks were found and Lamb has displayed an impressive work ethic in an effort to return this season. She is scheduled to take off the brace on Monday and will then begin an aggressive range of motion and strength rehabilitation regimen.

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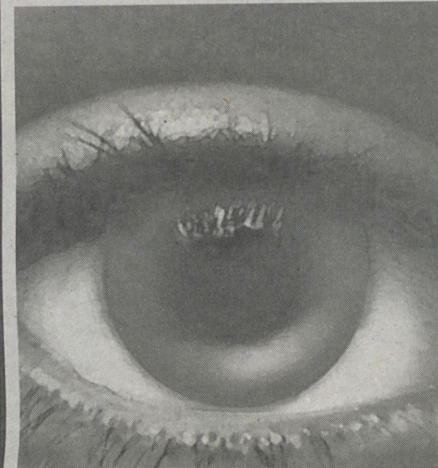


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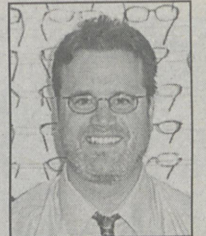
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Women's basketball looks to step up

■ Oregon State is off to a rough start in conference play, but a struggling Arizona team could yield a win

By Matt Boase
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's basketball team (6-6 overall, 0-4 Pacific-10) has struggled of late, but a trip to Arizona could yield positive results.

Arizona (5-10, 1-4) has stumbled in conference as well, limping to a 1-4 mark. The team is attempting to overcome the offseason death of center Shawntice Polk, who collapsed and died at the McKale Center from a pulmonary blood clot in late September.

This season Arizona is attempting to use a small lineup, which could prove to be an issue for the Beavers.

"Arizona has had some adversity that they're fighting through, but they're tough at home, and they pose a problem for us because they start and play five guards," said OSU head coach LaVonda Wagner.

The smaller lineup will force OSU to run more, but it could help with Oregon

State's rebounding issues that have surfaced in conference play. In Saturday's 71-50 home loss to California, the Beavers were out rebounded 24-40.

"We work on it (rebounding) every single day in practice," Wagner said. "We put an emphasis on it, obviously, even more since Pac-10 games have started. It's just a matter of heart and hustle and they (the players) are going to have to step up and get it done."

The team's second leading rebounder is Kim Butler. She's been pulling down 5.3 boards per contest, but where she's been most productive is scoring. She leads the team with 17.3 points per game from her forward position, good enough to make her the third leading scorer in the conference.

"She works hard and she understands what we're looking for out of our offensive sets and she's really good about communication on the defensive end," said Wagner. "She's really just trying to enjoy this senior year and really come out of it in a successful way and that might not be so much in Ws and Ls (wins and losses), but just getting better and making people around her better."

The entire squad is going to have to play at the top of its game when it visits Arizona State on Saturday. The Sun Devils have had a good season to date and will be looking to get back on track after losing back-to-back games to USC and UCLA last week.

The No. 15 Sun Devils (12-3, 3-2) could be the best team OSU has faced this year, so the OSU seniors will have to play well to keep the game close.

"Mandy Close and Kim Butler have both stepped up," Wagner said. "They are our leaders and they understand that they need to give us more in order to compete at this level in the Pac-10."

While Butler has been finishing at the hoop, it's been Close who has created for the Beavers. She's averaging a five assists per game which puts her at second in the Pac-10 in that category. Close has also been able to insert her own offense into the club, scoring an average of 12.7 points each game from her point guard position.

The Beavers trail by a slim margin in both all-time series. Arizona holds a 24-18 advantage while Arizona State has won 21 of the 40 meetings with OSU



Senior Mandy Close drives around a Western Oregon defender during the Beavers' 71-28 home win on Nov. 11, 2005. Close is averaging 12.7 points and 5 assists per game, which ranks second in the Pac-10. The team will look to Close and senior Kim Butler to lead on the road this weekend against Arizona and no. 15 Arizona State.

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D'Anna Piro led off for the Beavers on bars in Hawaii with a 9.65. The gymnastics team opens its home season this Friday at 7 p.m.

Gymnastics hits home mats

■ Oregon State will host top team in nation Friday when No. 1 Florida makes a trip to Corvallis

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Oregon State's gymnastics team, No. 15 in the country this week, opens the home schedule Friday night with No. 1 Florida on the slate. Brigham Young and Iowa join the Gators and Beavers in the quad meet.

OSU has history with both unranked teams, having been narrowly edged out of NCAA Championship berths by each team in recent years (BYU in 2005 and Iowa in 2003). The meet starts at 7 p.m. at Gill Coliseum with the doors opening at 6 p.m.

Florida, which finished seventh at Nationals in 2005, busted out of the gate with an outstanding meet last weekend. The Gators, one of only two teams nationwide to score more than 195, posted an impressive 195.900 in their first meet of the year. Corey Hartung and Nicola Willis each competed in the all-around posting scores of 38.975 and 38.925 respectively.

Brigham Young, which was ranked 19th in the pre-season coaches' poll, gets its season started Friday in Corvallis. The Cougars performed a set of lights-out beam routines last year in the final rotation to edge the Beavers out of a berth at the NCAA Champion-

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Beaver standouts head to NFL Combine

■ Five players will be critiqued at NFL Combine on Feb. 22-28

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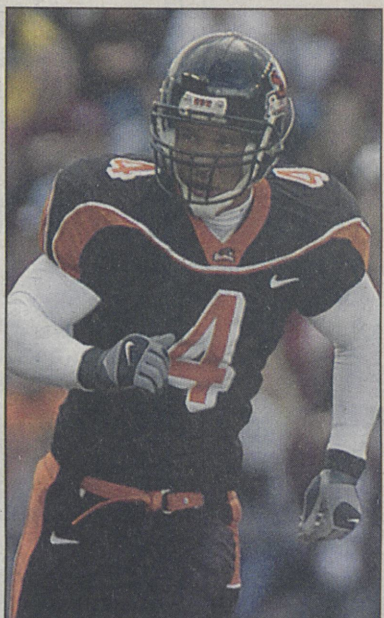
Former Oregon State University football student-athletes Sir Henry Anderson, Trent Bray, Keith Ellison, Mike Hass and Sam Paulescu have been invited to the National Football League's Combine Feb. 22-28 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Combine is for potential professional players and involves physical and mental skills evaluation by NFL scouts and organizations.

Bray, Ellison, Hass and Paulescu were honored as First Team All-Pac-10 Conference selections in November, and Anderson earned second team honors. Bray, Ellison and Hass will be playing in the East-West Shrine Game Jan. 21 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Anderson will appear in the Hula Bowl Jan. 21 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

The players will attend the Combine for one of two four-day sessions.



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Mike Hass celebrates a touchdown against Boise State at Reser Stadium on Sep. 10, 2005.



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Keith Ellison chases down an Arizona player during the Beavers' home loss on Oct. 29, 2005.

BreakSk8-ing through halftime

■ A new type of entertainment will keep fans in their seats at halftime of basketball game

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Team BreakSk8, a national champion professional dance team on skates, will perform at halftime of tonight's men's basketball game between Oregon State and Arizona.

Based out of Indiana and a mainstay at Indiana Pacers games, the group has performed throughout the nation. Team BreakSk8 is the No. 1 freestyle skate team in the United States with a record of 4 undefeated national championship.

The basketball game will not be televised despite the presence of one of the nation's top players in Hassan Adams. Adams has wowed fans with his aerial assaults on the rim this season and should only add to the entertainment.



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National champion freestyle skaters Team BreakSk8 will perform tonight at Gill Coliseum during halftime.