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IMPRINTS

While known by fans as a starter for the men's soccer team, senior Matt Johnson also finds himself a pianist. Throughout the season he would practice once or twice a day but still found time to play piano for ten hours a week. Here Johnson plays the piano in the MU Lounge Jan. 9.

PETER CHEE
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Matt of all trades

Fleet of foot, finger makes one OSU athlete an unpredictable presence

By Ashley Slocki
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Matt Johnson is known for pleasing crowds on the OSU soccer field, but his friends know he can be a crowd-pleaser in a different way.

When not kicking the ball, Johnson transplants his natural abilities to music and his movements on the field are re-worked to produce flowing compositions on the piano.

The California native moved to Williams, Ore. when he was 11 years old.

"We moved to a very small town," Johnson said. "It is in the middle of nowhere."

In Williams, Johnson played soccer during high school. Senior year, Johnson was named two-time all-state, all-

conference and team captain after his team was declared state champion.

"I have a soccer field at home that I practice on with my brothers," Johnson said.

However, soccer is not the only skill Johnson has perfected over the years.

"I have been playing the piano since I was about 3," Johnson said. "All self taught."

Johnson's father and brother are also well-known pianists.

"I think enhanced athletic ability and above average talent in front of the piano is a requirement to be a part of the Johnson gene pool," said Johnson's roommate, Matt Lamont.

The 23-year-old

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Heaters are winter fire hazards

Winter showers don't delete in home danger of heating devices

By Shannon Salyer
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Cold, rainy days, bone-chilling winds that turn umbrellas inside-out, heaters running to their full potential — all signs of an Oregon winter.

Space heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves and baseboard heaters are common heating devices among the OSU student population.

Many of these practical sources of heat have hidden dangers though.

"Baseboard heaters do not turn off, they are on low which is about 50 degrees," Carla Pusateri, fire prevention officer at the Corvallis Fire Department said. "When the temperature falls below 50 degrees, the heaters turn on."

Combustible materials such as clothes and linens placed near baseboard heaters are a danger due to the risk of spontaneous ignition.

In a media release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were 9,900 residential fires and 190 deaths associated with space heaters in the 1999 to 2002 period.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests placing the heater on a hard non-flammable surface and at least three feet away from flammable materials.

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Fording Oregon's Highways



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Vehicles drive through flooded streets at the junction between Philomath Boulevard and Highway 34 Wednesday evening shortly after both eastbound lanes of Highway 34 were closed just outside of Corvallis, forcing cars to use turning lanes to get by and delaying traffic into Corvallis. A flood warning was active for the Willamette River at Corvallis, which was expected to reach its 20-foot flood stage by 3 a.m. today. The Wednesday warning indicated some streets in Corvallis could flood overnight.

OSU sticks new sexual violence education project

Commode sticker campaign hopes to make reporting process easier

By Holly Strassner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A trip to the bathroom may result in an important education for OSU students and faculty — how to properly deal with unwanted sexual advances.

Sexual violence on college campuses is a significant problem in today's world, and OSU is no exception.

In an effort to promote campus safety, the OSU Women's Center, in collaboration with the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, has launched a revised program to combat sexual violence and offer resources to students suffering from sexual harassment or rape.

"One in four women who are in college will experience some form of sexual violence," said Beth Rietveld, Women's Cen-

ter coordinator. "That has stayed pretty consistent for as long as I've been with the Women's Center. I don't think people realize it happens that often."

According to a press release issued by the Women's Center, 2,000 rapes occur every five minutes. This statistic has led to a reconstruction of OSU's rape and harassment prevention procedures, including hiring more professionals to work with afflicted students and developing a plan to increase awareness of the problem.

The plan is two-fold. First, OSU's anonymous sexual assault report form has been revised in an attempt to make reporting rape and harassment incidents easier for students. The press release said many students do not report cases of sexual assault due to fear or intimidation.

"Sexual violence is obviously an issue on this campus," said Jenny Kulas,

AmeriCorps Community Educator for the Women's Center. "Assaults go highly under reported. The anonymous report form allows survivors an avenue to report without having all the stress of having to go through victim blaming or harassment."

Kulas, who is in her first year working with the Women's Center, said many cases of sexual violence go unreported.

"A lot of women blame themselves and of course it is never their fault," Rietveld said. "There's an amount of shame and guilt ... you often do not want to get that person in trouble or you don't want to draw attention to yourself or the situation."

According to Rietveld, 85 percent to 90 percent of sexual assault cases are committed by someone the victim knows intimately or through acquaintance.

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Web site hawks cheap books

OSU students create site to sell books, publish classifieds and connect students to employers

By Ryan Blake
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For college students, dropping \$100 on a textbook isn't out of the ordinary. According to Jingyee Inc., the days of expensive textbooks may soon be a thing of the past.

It all started in February of 2005 when Wesley Mahler, a business administration and entrepreneurship major at OSU, came up with the idea of a textbook market for OSU. The project evolved into an online service-based business for students. Mahler then met and joined with business partner Cameron Boehmer, a computer science major, and Jingyee was born. Jingyee's slogan and the main focus of the business would be "helping students through college."

"It's all about dirt cheap textbooks, promoting better grades, and eventually connecting students to jobs," said Mahler.

The original Web site, jingyee.net, hosts many tools for

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Moscow in third day of cold snap; 24 reported dead

MOSCOW (AP) — Temperatures so frigid that even winter-hardened Russians complained gripped Moscow and much of the rest of the country for a third day Wednesday. At least two dozen people reportedly died of exposure nationwide and Russians used a record amount of electricity to keep warm.

Temperatures dropped to 22 degrees below zero overnight, Moscow's First Deputy Mayor Pyotr Akhysyonov said in televised comments. By early Thursday, the cold was expected to reach minus-31 or even lower.

Twelve people died of exposure in the Novgorod region, northwest of Moscow, and two in the capital, the Interfax news agency said. In the Volgograd region, about 550 miles southeast of Moscow and less accustomed to such cold, 10 people died, ITAR-Tass reported.

Over the previous day, electricity consumption nationwide hit 146,000 megawatts — a record high since the Soviet collapse 15 years ago, the head of national electricity monopoly RAO Unified Energy Systems, Anatoly Chubais, said in televised comments.

In Moscow, where a construction boom is in full swing and the gray streets of the Soviet era have turned into glitzy thoroughfares festooned with bright lights, electricity consumption reached a record of more than 15,300 megawatts, RAO UES said.

Surge in bloodshed across Iraq kills Iraqis, two Americans

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents carried out two dramatic ambushes Wednesday, killing 11 people including two American civilians in a roadside bombing in Basra and an attack on an Iraqi convoy in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, Iraqi officials expressed hope that American hostage Jill Carroll would eventually be released, and kidnappers freed the sister of Iraq's Interior Minister after holding her hostage for two weeks.

The ambushes, in which gunmen also seized two Kenyan engineers, were part

of a surge in violence that left scores of Iraqis dead across the country Wednesday.

In the most gruesome development, police said militants used this week's downing of a U.S. helicopter to carve out a killing field north of Baghdad, slaying more than 40 people on remote roads Iraqis were forced to use after American troops cordoned off the crash.

Thirty people were dragged from their cars Wednesday at crude checkpoints erected on unpaved roads and shot dead execution-style in farming areas in Nibaei, a town near Dujail, about 50 miles north of Baghdad, said police Lt. Qahtan al-Hashmawi.

\$1.9 billion pledged to fight bird flu, China logs new death

BEIJING (AP) — After a year of unprecedented appeals for money to cope with the Asian tsunami and the South Asia earthquake, the world dug deeper Wednesday, pledging \$1.9 billion to fight bird flu and prepare for a potential pandemic.

The United States alone came up with \$334 million that will largely be used to help poor countries in Southeast Asia, such as Vietnam and Indonesia, where the H5N1 bird flu virus is endemic. The European Union pledged another \$261 million, responding with a renewed sense of urgency after the disease killed four children in Turkey.

As the two-day donors conference wrapped up in Beijing, participants were again reminded of the risk as China reported its sixth human death.

"Nobody's wishing for more tragedies or more crises, but if the world has a better ability to respond to those, I think that's a good thing," said Jim Adams, head of the World Bank's bird flu task force, who said the \$1.9 billion in pledges over three years was a proactive step for the international aid community, which often responds to major disasters after they happen.

The World Bank had estimated \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion would be needed to prepare for a potential global pandemic and to fight bird flu, which has killed or forced the slaughter of an estimated 140 million domestic birds since it began

ravaging poultry stocks across Asia in late 2003. The virus has also jumped from poultry to people, killing at least 79 people in east Asia and Turkey.

Experts worry the virus could mutate into a form easily spread from person to person, possibly sparking a global pandemic that kills millions. So far, human cases have been traced to contact with sick birds.

Apartment rents rose in 2005 through most of the West

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apartment rents rose throughout most of the West last year in the latest sign that landlords are slowly regaining some pricing leverage, according to a report to be released Thursday.

Only two of the 20 major Western markets surveyed by real estate research firm RealFacts Inc. ended 2005 with higher apartment rents than in the past.

The biggest increases were concentrated in southern California and southern Nevada, where the regional economies generally have been stronger than other parts of the West.

Apartment rents in the bustling inland area of Riverside and San Bernardino counties climbed 7.3 percent during 2005 to an average of \$1,086.

Even though that was the West's largest annual rent increase, a sign of weakness loomed in a region that fancies itself as the "Inland Empire." Average occupancy rates in the two-county region dropped from 95.3 percent in 2004 to 91.6 percent in 2005, a downturn that could force local landlords to back off the steady rent increases that have been imposed for several years.

Nelson says he'll vote for Alito, but other Democrats won't

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito has caused a rift among Senate Democrats, with one saying publicly he will vote for the conservative judge while others are lining up to oppose his confirmation.

Democrats Max Baucus of Montana, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and

Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts all announced Wednesday they will vote against Alito, President Bush's pick to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"He's just not right for Montana, he's just not right for America," Baucus said. Added Mikulski, "I have a lot of unanswered questions."

But Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska announced Tuesday he will support Alito, the only Democrat to do so. Nelson said he will support Alito "because of his impeccable judicial credentials, the American Bar Association's strong recommendation and his pledge that he would not bring a political agenda to the court."

Judge dismisses contempt motion against Sizemore

PORTLAND (AP) — A ruling on whether anti-tax activist Bill Sizemore should be held in contempt for violating a court injunction on political fundraising has been deferred until his case is heard by an appeals court.

Sizemore claims the injunction is unconstitutional if it is interpreted as prohibiting him from raising or spending money for political purposes.

A jury ruled in 2002 that an education foundation and political action committee founded by Sizemore had committed fraud and racketeering when gathering petitions and reporting on campaign contributions for a pair of anti-union ballot measures in the 2000 election.

A Multnomah County judge ruled in 2004 that Sizemore should be held personally liable for the \$2.5 million judgment awarded to the two unions that sued him, the Oregon Education Association and the Oregon chapter of the American Federation of Teachers.

Sizemore has appealed the ruling to the Oregon Court of Appeals while the unions have sought a contempt order against him.

But Multnomah County Circuit Judge Janice Wilson decided this week to defer any ruling on the contempt motion until the appeals court rules on the constitutionality of the injunction.

Thursday, Jan. 19

- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, Reser Stadium. Come play with us! No experience necessary!
U.K. Study Abroad Programs, 4-5pm, Kidder 128. Come learn about our programs in Lancaster, Nottingham, Sheffield, and Bangor, Wales! Pick up applications for 2006-07. Tea and biscuits will be served.
OSU Horticulture Club, 5:15pm, ALS 4001. Come see what Hort. Club is up to this term. Free pizza and fun! New members always welcome.
KBVR FM, 6pm, 210 Snell. New DJ informational meeting. Want to be a DJ? Now's your chance!

- Events**
Freehold of Turris Nimborum, 7pm, MU 208. Movie screening of "Gladiator" followed by discussion.

Friday, Jan. 20

- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, Peavy Field. Come play with us! No experience necessary!

Sunday, Jan. 22

- Events**
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st — corner of Kings & Harrison. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, 14th & Jefferson. Come play with us! No experience necessary!

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

Wednesday, Jan. 25

- Meetings**
United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Gathering — Join us for a home-cooked meal, conversation-oriented Bible Study and worshipful singing.

- Events**
United Campus Ministry, 9:30-11am, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster 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.
Academic Success Center, 4:30-5:30pm, MU 213. Top 10 List — Academic Success Tips Workshop. Looking for a new idea or two to help you in your studying? Join us for a discussion about useful study tips to keep you going for the rest of the term.

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PRODUCT REVIEW: Not much at Google's Video Store

By **MATTHEW FORDAHL**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When a high-tech company slaps the word "beta" on a product, it's usually a sign the product isn't quite ready for prime time yet is far enough to get a good sense of what it will become.

Google Inc. regularly releases fairly advanced services that it dubs beta. So when it opened its highly anticipated Google Video Store last week, expectations were high.

But this time, Google really means beta.

In the first days of its release, the online store is unusually rough around the edges. So far, it doesn't have much premium content, the quality is hit or miss and the interface could be better.

That said, there are some promising elements, including an architecture that has the potential to allow anyone with a video camera to post a creation and choose whether to make it available for free, a one-time charge or a one-day rental fee. Rates are determined by the content owner, not Google.

Though only a select few can do this right now, the implications could be huge once more people have access to the feature, which Google expects to be available in a few weeks.

Think of a vast online bazaar for video where an aspiring videographer or filmmaker could easily get a feel for what the market thinks of his or her talent. Google charges nothing for storage or

bandwidth, though it takes 30 percent of any sales.

That, however, is for the future. As it stands, the service at video.google.com has a way to go before it will come close to its potential.

The problem is particularly striking when compared to Apple Computer Inc.'s well designed iTunes store, which last year kicked off Silicon Valley's latest sport of signing up networks, studios and other content providers for paid, Internet-based entertainment services.

Apple also suffers from a dearth of content, though it's added a smattering of NBC shows to its previous handful of ABC programming that can be viewed on a video-capable iPod, a Macintosh or PC. It's also got thousands of music videos and an endless supply of free video podcasts.

Google lets users browse through videos within their Web browsers, displaying brief previews that are often, annoyingly, no more than a show's opening tune.

Purchased video that's locked down by the provider can be viewed only on an Internet-connected Windows PC using Google software, not a portable player or a Mac.

(If the provider opts not to protect the video or gives it away for free, it can be moved easily, as a matter of fact, to a portable and played on a Mac.)

Another drawback at this early stage is the content itself.

During the unveiling of the store earlier this month, Google co-founder Larry Page highlighted deals the company struck for premium content with CBS, the National Basketball Association and others.

CBS' prime time offerings on Google currently include one episode of "CSI," one episode of "NCIS" and 15 episodes of "Survivor: Guatemala." Each show is \$1.99.

Classic episodes of seven CBS-controlled series also are available. "I Love Lucy" has 16 shows, "Star Trek: Voyager" has five and "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" has twice that many. "The Brady Bunch" has 16 — all from before Greg Brady's hair got curly.

The selection will surely grow, but there's also the issue of finding what you're looking for.

Unlike Google's other sites, the search box isn't terribly useful. That's likely because whoever uploaded the video didn't provide the right text for the search engine to index.

Far more reliable is a dropdown menu that lists a number of categories, including popular CBS shows, movies, music videos and NBA games. Trouble is, that handy menu only appears on the front page. The service would be a lot easier to use if it appeared on every page.

There's also a link to view random selections. It returns 15 thumbnails at a time, but for some reason the price doesn't appear in the grid.

JOHNSON: Among passions, athlete enjoys diving into Japanese culture, language, too

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has been on scholarship for soccer since entering OSU in 2001, although his first season was spent red shirting. But he earned All-Pac-10 honorable mention as a 2002 red shirt freshman.

"Matt is an unpredictable player because he can use his right and left foot. He's hard-working and is a big part of the attack," said head coach Dana Taylor, in a quote on the official OSU sports Web site.

Every year after that, Johnson saw plenty of playing time, but he has just shut the door to the OSU soccer chapter of his life.

"My last opportunity to play got cut short, I did score the last goal of the season," Johnson said after noting he didn't get put into the game until the last few minutes.

The men's soccer team won their last game 4-1 over Washington and placed third in the Pac-10, but were not selected to go to the NCAA championships.

"It is kind of a relief though — I have time to play piano, school and DDR. There is no more pressure with soccer and practice," Johnson said.

Pre-season called for three practices a day. During soccer season, Johnson carried 13 credits along with practice once or twice a day on top of playing the piano for 10 hours a week. Now that soccer is done, he can take 16 credits and spend more time on other extracurricular activities.

"He is amazing with the piano, especially since he was never formally taught," said Phuoc Huynh, Johnson's girlfriend.

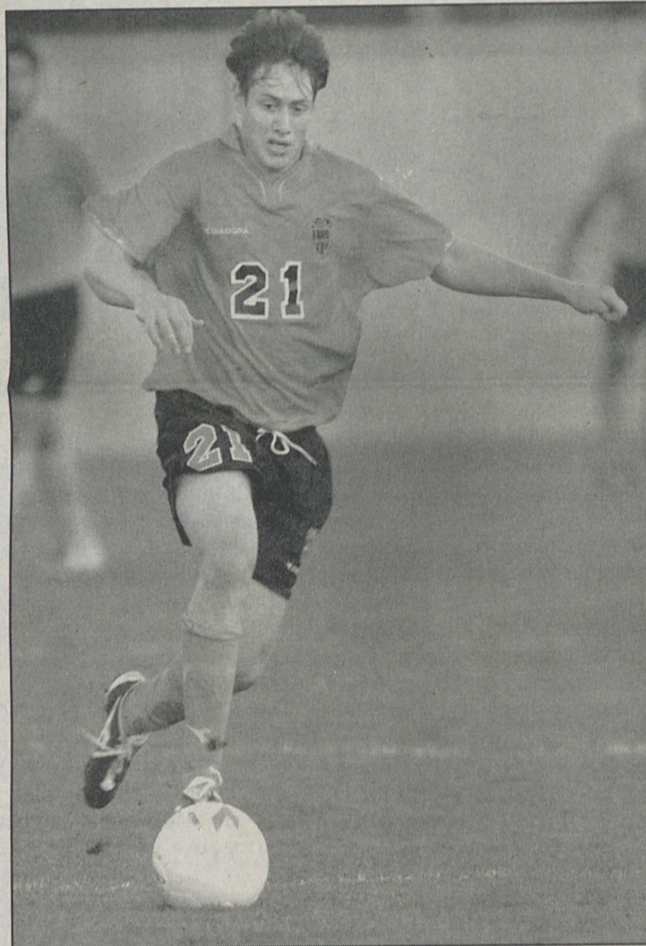
Johnson also has a new found passion in life, the Japanese culture.

"I met some Japanese people playing DDR," Johnson said in reference to the popular Dance Dance Revolution arcade game. "I find Japanese culture fascinating."

Johnson is now in his third year of Japanese studies and will be graduating with a communication major and Japanese minor.

"Matt is the type of person that likes to learn different cultures, and interact with the culture," Huynh said. "It is important to acknowledge other cultures, and he is taking steps to do that."

After graduation Johnson has three options he is looking into. "I will either try out with a professional soccer team, going on tour with my dad and play piano in Washington, or go to Japan and work or try to play some pro-soccer."



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Matt Johnson red shirted his true freshman year and was described by his coach as an "...unpredictable player because he can use his right and left foot. He's hard-working and is a big part of the attack."

Johnson admits his top choice is going to Japan. "He heavily respects (the Japanese) culture and has become pretty fluent in Japanese," Lamont said.

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FIRE: Eight percent of fire related fatalities occur in houses without functional detectors

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The dangers of heaters are not limited to baseboard models, an oversized space heater could cause excess carbon monoxide in a room and possibly death.

When using fireplaces or wood stoves Pusateri suggests having the chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned.

"Chimney sweeps and flues need to be inspected from the roof, the side and the bottom." Pusateri said. "Creosote can form and cause a fire, or heat up enough to ignite structural walls in an attic or room."

In the last three months, Corvallis has seen four fires ranging from apartment to barn fires.

Boy Scout Troop 186 and several Eagle Scouts have been canvassing local neighborhoods asking residents to test their smoke alarms.

"They divided the city into sections and go door to door looking for defective batteries," Pusateri said. "It's really nice."

According to Pusateri, 25 percent of home smoke alarms in Corvallis do not function, and 80 percent of fatalities due to fire happened in house holds that did not have working smoke detectors.

The Corvallis Fire Department urges students to check smoke detectors and replace non-functioning detectors immediately.

WEB SITE: Creators plan to expand services, take enterprise to national level

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students including textbook sales, student-submitted class notes, jobs and housing. You can also post your resume on the Web site.

Soon, the Web site will be split into more precise categories. Campusnotes.net will be dedicated to student-submitted class notes, Corvallisclassifieds.net will be specifically for jobs, housing, textbooks and resumes, but still hosted by Jingyee. These sites are expected to be up by this weekend.

Jingyee.net was first launched at Santa Clara University in November of 2005, and then advertised through Santa Clara University's e-mail system. Jingyee.net is now also being advertised at Portland Community College and the University of Oregon as well as the popular college social Web site, Facebook.com. Mahler and Boehmer plan to make the network nationwide.

"We want to take it to the national level," said Mahler, "and connect all the colleges in the country."

Jingyee ended the Fall term of 2005 with a user population of 820 and more than 100 textbooks listed at Oregon State.

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This session explores the influence that the Black Civil Rights Movement had on the genesis of various movements in the LGBTQ community, the Native American Community and the Chicano community.

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Questions about any of the activities may be directed to the Community and Diversity Office, 330 Snell Hall, 737-4381.

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Guest Editorial

Blogging shouldn't be punished

BLACKSBURG, Va. (U-WIRE) — A child's private thoughts of hatred toward one of his teachers are found scrawled messily in the notebook he keeps in his nightstand drawer. His parents find out, the school finds out, and the kid is expelled.

Sound familiar? Perhaps, except in the high-speed high-tech world of the information age where private journals and secret diaries have evolved into Facebook accounts and Xanga blogs.

Regardless of the medium in which students document their thoughts and feelings, the same age-old question still creates tumult between kids, their parents and their teachers: Where do schools' disciplinary jurisdictions end?

For private institutions, the issue unfortunately doesn't leave much room for negotiation — since the schools are privately owned, they can expel their students for doing anything that they deem violates school policy — and that's a pretty broad definition.

For example, a Catholic school in New Jersey completely banned students' use of Web sites such as Myspace, Xanga and Facebook even at home. They may as well have told the kids that they don't have the right to their own voices.

But, like it or not, that's the United States. The people in charge of private institutions have the right to set up whatever kind of school policies they want whether they're freedom-squelching bigots or not.

However, public schools are another matter entirely. What would get a student expelled in a private institution, the public schools can do nothing about.

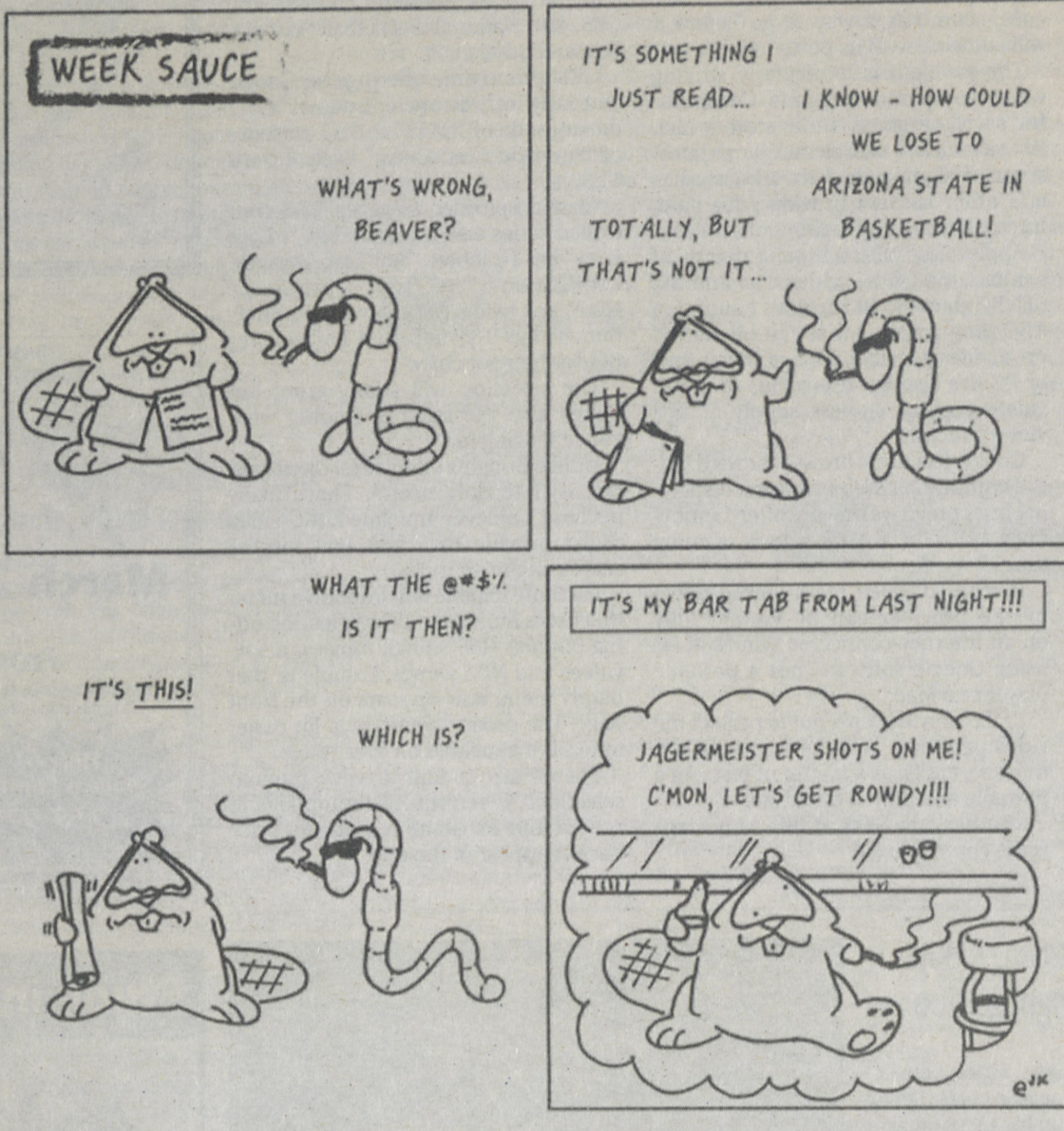
And this is exactly how it should be. Public schools, in a way, are an extension of the government — and as such, they should not be allowed to take disciplinary action against students who are merely exercising their right to free speech.

But, fellow students, don't gloat yet — while you may have the right to say whatever you want on or off public school property, your right to free speech doesn't make you immune to the other consequences your actions might have — consequences that are perfectly legal.

Like ridicule, for instance. Or criticism. Or being frowned upon because people recognize you from your online pictures and disagree with your choice to display yourself in your "Looney Tunes" g-string.

Or, worst of all, being denied employment because the company you're trying so hard to get a job with checked your Facebook profile and deemed that you didn't fit its idea of a good employee. Yes, it happens. Keep in mind that anything you post online becomes public as soon as you click the "Submit" button. And, while it may be your right to post whatever you want to say, consider that your words may have unintended consequences.

This editorial represents the opinion of The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech) editorial board and does not necessarily represent the opinions of The Daily Barometer staff.



Nathanael Blake

Restoring with a New Verse

Liberalism: hypocrisy personified

Pick a liberal, any liberal, and you'll likely find that one of their prized pretensions is to "open-mindedness." Though I'm one of those wicked conservative attack dogs who regularly malign their character, I don't think it's a misrepresentation to say that liberals pride themselves on being cosmopolitan, multicultural and receptive of diverse viewpoints.

In the abstract, this is true. Human sacrifice, female genital mutilation, cannibalism and the like can be taken in stride in an anthropology course, because hey, it's their culture, and who are we to judge? And none of those unpleasant things are affecting us.

When did you last see a feminist getting all hot and bothered over Islamic honor killings, or a gay activist militating against Iran's treatment of homosexuals? Apparently they've been too busy opposing Samuel Alito. Theodore Dalrymple observed sardonically, "Where two pieties — feminism and multiculturalism — come into conflict, the only way of preserving both is an indecent silence."

The real standard of liberal open-mindedness is not what they'll tolerate in far off nations, times past, or communities they aren't a part of. Rather, it's in their ability to examine and think beyond their own ideological suppositions. And they are generally wretched at that.

Of course, so are many conservatives, but conservatives have never made such a ballyhoo about intellectual openness as liberals have. Thus, I shall pay liberalism the insult of taking it seriously.

But before I engage the general subject, I'd like to use Comrade Daniel Cullen's column last week as an example. In it, he railed against the remnants of chivalry because such acts "degrade women from the equal standing they deserve to the lesser sex of hundreds of years ago. By standing nearest the road when there is no apparent purpose for it, or by opening the door for a woman when she is perfectly capable of doing so herself, what men all around the world are indubitably saying is, 'by all means let's not progress; I am the knight and you are the damsel.'"

Comrade Cullen is convinced that there must be equality, which necessitates the abolition of all distinction between the sexes. And if the civilized courtesies of a Don Quixotic tilt against this vision of egalitarianism, then the old knight must fall to equality's lance.

If you read Comrade Cullen's arti-

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What your underwear really says about you

Editor's Note: This is both a humor and advice column. Neither Leslie Davis nor Eric Feigner have any degree or professional experience in counseling or dealing with sexual ailments or difficulties. Common sense reigns supreme in this column; glean from it what you will. Questions can be sent to ericandleslie@hotmail.com or dropped off at the forum desk in the Barometer newsroom, 106 MU East. All questions submitted to Leslie and Eric are subject to being answered in their column.

Last week we said farewell to Katie Gill, this week we welcome Eric Feigner. Computer Science hipster meets communications scenester -- it's like a quirky new sitcom, only better because here we tell you what to do and, occasionally, help you get laid.

Dear Eric and Leslie,

I've been seeing this really spectacular guy. Things are great, except for one thing: he really likes to use "baby talk" in the bedroom. It's makes me feel really awkward, but I don't want to mess things up by bringing it up. What should I do?

— Fed Up with Talk

Dear Fed Up,

What? Emulating dialogue of the very child you may or may not be conceiving at that exact moment doesn't turn you on?

Two year olds aren't sexy (or at least they shouldn't be). Its time to put a stop to this painful dialogue before your partner adds Huggies to his list of turn-ons. At that point you may be so comfortably numb to baby talk that you see nothing wrong with donning a diaper.

Try burning a CD entirely composed of traditional children's music. Plan a romantic evening with the CD as a mood setter. When he looks confused, ask innocently, "Oh, babies aren't sexy? I thought you might be into that." If he goes with it, that's your cue to run like the fully-grown woman you are.

If you lack the nerve to plan such a "romantic" evening, simply put a stop to it by sending him to time-out every time he utters "I wuv you." Don't let this fetish corrupt you.

Dear Eric and Leslie,

I was sitting in math the other day and an incredibly hot

acquaintance sat in front of me. Her pants were riding a bit too low and revealed her ass-crack. Do I tell her?

— Awkwardly Turned On

Dear Perv,

Instead of being appalled at this all-too-common occurrence, use it to your advantage — treat the lower-back/booty region like a treasure map of useful information.

First, look at the underwear, as this can speak volumes on the person's "character."

Granny panties: These classics are both practical and functional yet somehow manage to evade any semblance of "sexiness." Ask yourself: "Was it sexy when Grandma wore them?"

Thongs: Functional (look Ma, no panty lines!) and sexy, thongs may be a turn-on for some, but could also be ripe with bacteria and other foul things. She could be stylish or dirty — it's a gamble.

Boy-cut: Bridging the gap between full-coverage and hot, they are a tell-tale sign of sensibility and sexiness.

Thumbs up.

G-strings: May indicate a future porn star in the making. Hit it and forget it, then, add it to your résumé.

Secondly, look for any tattoos, specifically, the infamous "tramp stamp." At the traffic light of love, these are a green light for insertion, a yellow light for a relationship and a red light for unprotected sex.

Good luck, but remember: while the romance may not last forever, herpes does.

Dear Eric and Leslie,

My birthday is coming up and instead of excitement, I'm filled with a sense of impending doom. Every year I get the most absurd presents from my relatives. I'm reaching my wit's end. I think that if I get another purple-sequined unicorn shirt that's two sizes too big, I'm going to explode. What should I do to keep my cool while everyone is watching me open this year's disaster-in-a-box?

— Birthday Girl

Dear Ungrateful,

We can sympathize with your pain. When Leslie found her stocking on this fateful Christmas morn, she

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The Blind Leading the Blind

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Supreme Court decision seen as win on many fronts

“The Court’s decision today is perhaps driven by a feeling that the subject of assisted suicide is none of the Federal Government’s business. It is easy to sympathize with that position ...”

Justice Scalia’s dissent in Tuesday’s ruling in *Gonzales v. Oregon* is a searing argument in favor of broad executive powers of interpretation within Congressional limits. In Justice Scalia’s world, if Congress doesn’t say no, the answer is yes. But his dissent reveals his dislike of the federal government’s involvement in what the Court has said is an “earnest and profound debate about the morality, legality, and practicality of physician-assisted suicide” that belongs in the “laboratory of the states” (Washington v. Glucksburg).

The decision in *Gonzales* removed the threat of civil and criminal retribution from physicians in Oregon who have or will prescribe a lethal dose of medication to terminally ill, physically suffering patients. It is a victory for proponents of the Death With Dignity Model of assisted suicide, for those concerned with the ever-growing powers of the executive branch, for those in favor of state’s rights, and for Oregon voters who enacted and validated the law in two referenda.

In 2003, Attorney General Ashcroft abruptly reinterpreted Justice Department internal regulations such that Oregon physicians who prescribed a lethal dose of medication could be both deregistered (effectively preventing them from practicing medicine) and criminally prosecuted for violating CSA. Suits were filed, and both the District Court and Ninth Circuit ruled against the Attorney General’s position (now Alberto Gonzales).

The attorney general’s interpretation of the CSA was the law of the land except in the Ninth, and would have stayed that way had the Court

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not intervened. Surprising many and with Justice Rehnquist ill and unable to vote, the eight remaining justices decided to hear the case in February of 2005. It will be many years before the notes of justices are released and there is a chance of knowing who voted for and against hearing the case, but regardless of the tally, this case was a toss-up as it headed to argument. The Court heard the case later that year, with a new chief justice and a seemingly temporary associate justice in Sandra Day O’Connor having the potential to uproot the Court’s potential precedent-making power.

The 6-3 ruling against the attorney general is a clinical dissection of his powers within the CSA and a full-force blow to the position of the Bush White House on this issue and what it was attempting to do by backhanded means. Justice Kennedy’s prose alternates between legalistic and statutory precision and broad commentary on the actions of the attorney general and the proper place of the assisted suicide debate. Kennedy walks a thin line between throwing open the doors of the CSA to all comers and allowing the federal government complete control of medical pharmacology. He points to Oregon’s careful construction of the law and its judicious use as a defense against the claims of the attorney general, and upbraids him for the manner in which he conducted his action inconsistently with the guidelines set out by Congress and Justice Department regulations. Scalia’s dissent, joined by Roberts and Thomas, is an equally impassioned critique of the Court’s opinion and a scathing commentary on the practice of assisted suicide, but seems to share a preference

for the states to settle the issue.

As of Jan. 17, 2006, doctors in any state with a law like Oregon’s can prescribe federally controlled substances in lethal doses without fear of federal recrimination. This case must have weighed heavy with the eight justices of the Rehnquist Court, who watched over the course of a year while their chief withered and died from an illness that might well have been covered by Oregon’s law. Note that the six justices who voted in the majority have an average age of 72, while the three dissenting averaged 58. Furthermore, personal ideology seeps through the cracks of the dissent. The excoriation of the Court’s opinion focused not only on the technical question at hand but the question of assisted suicide itself, citing the opposition of the vast majority of states and professional associations to the practice. Clearly this dissent wasn’t just about defending executive power.

This case is not a slam-dunk defense of state’s rights. Neither is it a ringing endorsement of the practice of assisted suicide. Like the issue of assisted suicide itself, this opinion and its dissents are complex, frustrating, multi-faceted and morally ambiguous. However, it is a proper rebuke of the attorney general’s attempt to involve himself in the state’s regulating of medical practice. It is a curbing of the executive end-run around the legislative branch that this administration has made a hallmark. And it is a compliment to the people of Oregon, affirming that our state’s doctors, legislators and voters have more of a right to say what’s right or wrong in medicine than any federal administration.

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BLAKE: Liberals claim to be ‘progressive,’ but are they?

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cle, it is clear that he is not even capable of entertaining the thought that perfect equality between the sexes is neither attainable nor desirable. His mind is so besotted with liberal notions of maximizing equality that it was unable to consider any other point of view. Men and women are different, and though those differences have sometimes been used to excuse injustice, trying to wish away or minimize the differences is no better.

My purpose, however, is not to discourage upon relations between the sexes, but merely to present an example of how an (apparently) intelligent person was trapped by an inability to see beyond his own liberal presuppositions.

The reason why liberals, for all their talk of open-mindedness, are actually very provincial is rooted in their view of history. Liberals believe in progress (hence their predilection for calling themselves “progressives”). While there are temporary setbacks (the election and re-election of George W. Bush, for example), overall things are getting better. Mankind is becoming more prosperous, kind and enlightened.

In short, our time is the most advanced in history, and liberals are furthering that advancement and fighting the reactionary forces that threaten it.

Now, consider the corollaries of this view. One is that the ideas of the modern liberal are the best the world has ever seen. The modern liberal worldview is right, or at least as close to right as we’ve gotten yet; it is the crest of the wave of human progress. Thus, questioning any part of their views is also an attack on their fundamental vision of human nature and destiny.

Hence, liberals are impaired from fully considering views they consider retrograde, archaic or reactionary, because within their progressive philosophy it is inconceivable that such may be better than modern notions.

Additionally, this motivates the liberal animus toward history. It is inconceivable that the study of history has suffered under the modern liberal education establishment. After all, if you believe that modernity represents the apex of human existence, why study the past?

And so, for all its pretensions, liberalism closes itself off from views outside of its own dogma.

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BLIND: Eric and Leslie tackle hard questions like what to do with first boyfriends and ugly pictures

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assumed “Santa” had unwittingly mistaken her with her 12-year-old cousin. Oh, how wrong she was. The calendar laced with kittens in oh-so-cute poses was, in fact, for her. Now, all the cool kids at the local middle school want to be her friend.

But the thoughtful gifts didn’t stop there. Her stocking was overflowing with Top Ramen (the poor man’s macaroni and cheese) and hot pink stationery with “total babe!” scrawled in big, bold letters on top.

The bank-breaker for this Christmas, however, was not an iPod, or even a pair of shoes. No, it was that black, plastic strip you get in the mail to check your eyesight. So, instead of spending the rest of her Christmas break downloading music, she kept herself occupied by checking her eyesight.

Just in case you were wondering, it’s 30-40. Whatever the hell that means.

Gifts are difficult. While your family means well, that doesn’t make the presents any less lame.

Think of useful ways to use the presents. Leslie’s refrigerator, at first glance, may look like the local pre-teen accessory store threw up on it, but if you look closer, you see a practical calendar with all the important dates marked on it along with a useful note pad for jotting down notes.

Everyone who walks in to her kitchen knows who the “total babe!” is without Leslie having to say a word.

Aunt Judy may have been on to something.

Dear Eric and Leslie,
I have a friend who just started going out with someone and now

she won’t shut up about him. I understand her enthusiasm as it is her first actual boyfriend, but it’s driving me insane. What do I do?

— Annoyed with Friend

Dear Bitter,
Seeing as how this is your friend’s first actual boyfriend, we doubt you will have to put up with this torture for very long.

First boyfriends are like tampons, useful and necessary, but disposable. Nobody keeps a tampon around after its outworn its welcome, same goes for first boyfriends.

If worse comes to worse, find a new friend. Friends are over-rated, and by the sound of it, you don’t have many.

Dear Eric and Leslie,
My friend has these painfully bad pictures of me hanging up in her room. I’m either sneezing or look like I’m going into convulsions. She thinks it’s funny, but I’m mortified. How can I get her back?

— Unphotogenic in Hawley

Dear Ugly,

Photoshop is a girl’s best friend. If in this day and age you can find “naked pictures” of Bea Arthur, you can construct a fake picture of any embarrassing pose imaginable.

But maybe, and we’re just throwing this out here, the problem lies with you. From now on try to refrain from being so unfortunate looking. Remember, you’re going for Halle Berry not Star Jones.

So maybe you’re not the most attractive person. Accept it and move on. Everyone has their own unique qualities. While yours aren’t looks, we’re sure you have something.

If Roseanne can have some worth in the eyes of society, we know you can. Just remember: always shoot from the top.

Until next time faithful readers ... peace out.

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Suspect arrested in 1997 fire at Oregon horse meat slaughterhouse

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GRANTS PASS — Federal agents investigating a string of Northwest arsons claimed by the shadowy radical groups Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front have arrested one new suspect and are seeking a second, authorities said Wednesday.

Criminal complaints filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Eugene name the first suspect in the 1997 arson of a horse slaughterhouse in Redmond, Ore., for which ALF claimed responsibility, and another person accused of torching the offices of the Superior Lumber Co. in Glendale, now known as Swanson Group, in 2001, for which the ELF said it was responsible.

Jonathan Mark Christopher Paul, 39, was arrested in Ashland on charges he helped firebomb the Cavel West horse-

meat packing plant in Redmond on July 21, 1997 with an unnamed woman, said Diane Peterson, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Portland.

An arraignment set for Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Medford was postponed until later this week. If convicted on the arson charges, he could be sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$250,000.

Suzanne Nicole "India" Savoie, 28, of Applegate, remained at large, Peterson said. She was charged with serving as a lookout for the Jan. 2, 2001 firebombing of the Superior Lumber Co. lumber mill offices in Glendale. She also faces 20 years and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

The two new suspects bring to nine the number of people charged in a series of arsons from 1996 to 2001 in Oregon

and Washington. They include two lumber mill offices, a tree farm, an SUV dealer, and two federal research labs.

Authorities have also linked two of the earlier suspects to a fire at a Vail, Colo., ski resort, but no one has been charged in that arson. Of the seven, four are being held without bail, one is free on bail, one committed suicide in jail, and one remains a fugitive.

According to an affidavit from FBI Special Agent Paul E. Caldwell, Jr., an unidentified informant involved in the horsemeat packing plant fire told investigators that Paul and an unidentified woman set the blaze using five-gallon plastic buckets filled with a mix of gasoline, diesel oil and soap that were ignited by an electronic timer.

The buckets have been a signature of ELF and ALF fires. Paul prepared the fuel mix,

adding soap shavings so it would form a gel and burn more slowly, the affidavit said. They did a dry-run a week before. The night of the fire, one of the buckets went off unexpectedly, igniting a fireball, and two didn't ignite, according to the affidavit.

The ALF claimed responsibility for the fire. It caused an estimated \$1 million in damage, but 100 horses in nearby corrals survived. The communique from ALF said the arsonists also poured hydrochloric acid in air conditioning vents to taint any meat that survived the fire.

Cavel has been criticized by animal-rights groups for slaughtering wild horses rounded up from U.S. Bureau of Land Management lands in the West. The Belgian-owned company never rebuilt the Redmond plant, but continues to operate one in DeKalb, Ill.

James Tucker, general manager of the Cavel International Inc. plant in DeKalb, Ill., said the company no longer handles BLM horses, but may have to close its last U.S. plant in March if Congress passes a bill that would stop funding for federal inspectors for horse meat.

"It's long overdue," Tucker said of the arrest. "From my readings of other ALF activities, they don't seem to have any qualms about taking illegal action to make their point."

An FBI affidavit against Savoie said she was the girlfriend of Daniel McGowan at the time, and they both served as lookouts in the Superior Lumber fire. McGowan of New York City is being held without bail in Eugene on charges he helped torch Superior Lumber as well as a tree farm in Clatskanie. Earth Liberation Front took responsibility for both fires.

STICKERS: Bathroom campaign effective — it's a place everyone goes in, proponents say; 8,000 cover campus

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"It may be someone you're in a relationship with, in class with, or that you care about," Rietveld said.

Rietveld's stance is that education is imperative if the statistics are going to change.

Enter part two of the plan to decrease sexual assaults on campus — the Educational Sticker Campaign.

Four different stickers, bearing messages such as "drunk sex does not equal consensual sex" and "sexual assault is not just a women's issue, it is an everyone issue," are currently being posted in public bathrooms around campus. The stickers will also be placed in campus facilities approved to display them.

"With the sticker campaign, we just hope that it will raise awareness and that more people will utilize the services that OSU is offering (to assault victims.) With raising awareness we hope that the number of reports will increase," Kulas said.

Kulas is hopeful that an influx of reported incidents will lead to a subsequent decrease in sexual violence on campus.

"The sticker campaign is very important because it allows people to be educated about the resources OSU offers on campus in places everyone attends. People who don't normally get approached or educated about the resources can find them anywhere.

Having that information out in public areas is really useful," Kulas said.

According to Kulas, 2,000 stickers per style have been printed for distribution among campus bathrooms and facilities. The stickers will be placed in strategic locations in both men's and women's bathrooms in an effort to educate both sexes. Stickers will either be placed on the back of each bathroom stall or by the toilet paper dispenser in the women's bathrooms. In the men's bathrooms, stickers will be displayed by the paper towel dispenser.

It is imperative, according to Rietveld, that men receive the same amount of information as women.

"Men can be the victims of sexual violence, but more often women are the victims. If we are going to change the statistics, if we are going to raise awareness, the education has to be on

both sides," said Rietveld. "Men are going to have to be actively engaged. That means disrupting your friend when he's going to do something and he's had too much to drink and not displaying sexist materials in your room. It's really learning to respect women."

The campaign has been slated for a run of indefinite length. The stickers will be replaced as they start to fade or peel.

Ultimately, the Women's Center representatives will feel they have succeeded in this project once victims feel at ease to report harassment or attacks.

"We hope that the number of sexual violence cases will decrease so there won't be a need to report," Kulas said.

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Duke's Dockery keeps drive for perfection alive Wednesday night

■ Role player steps up and helps No. 1 Duke get win 17, tie school record

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Sean Dockery saved Duke again. This time, he didn't wait until the final buzzer.

With the top-ranked Blue Devils' unbeaten record on the line, Dockery made a go-ahead 3-pointer and set up another an instant later by Lee Melchionni to help them beat No. 14 North Carolina State 81-68 Wednesday night.

J.J. Redick had 28 points and Shelden Williams added

21, but it was Dockery's plays down the stretch that helped Duke reach 17-0 (5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) for only the second time. The other was during a run to the NCAA title in 1992.

The Wolfpack (14-3, 3-2) was never too far away in a game that featured 16 lead changes and nine ties, the last at 65 following a free throw from N.C. State's Gavin Grant. On the other end, Dockery swished a 3 as Tony Bethel slammed into him.

When his free throw clanged off the rim, Dockery chased down the rebound and found Melchionni alone

at the top of the key. His jumper also found the mark, and suddenly, the Blue Devils had a six-point lead. They never were challenged again.

They trailed at halftime for only the second time this season — the other came against Virginia Tech on Dec. 4. That's when Dockery made a 40-foot heave at the buzzer to give Duke the improbable victory. He made sure this one had little drama in the final seconds.

Duke closed this game with a 16-3 run. Earlier this month, the Wolfpack saw North Carolina score the final 13 points to win.

Cedric Simmons had an incredible game for N.C. State, finishing with a career-high 28 points, nine rebounds, seven blocks and three steals.

Grant had 13 points for N.C. State, his first game in double figures in more than a month. But he and Simmons couldn't overcome uncharacteristically poor games from Engin Atsur and Ilian

Evtimov. They each scored only two points, about nine below their averages.

And the Wolfpack were 2-for-11 from beyond the arc after hitting 42 3-pointers over the previous four games.

Williams, while overshadowed a bit by Simmons, added nine rebounds, three blocks and five steals for Duke, barely missing his

third consecutive double-double. Redick was his usual self, making four 3-pointers and converting all 10 free throws to move into 11th on the ACC career scoring list.

But it was Dockery, a sometimes-forgotten senior, who came through in the clutch. He finished with 10 points and had five assists against no turnovers in a gritty 32 minutes.

HURD: Work on boards and at line make him more valuable

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ticed while it's his tenacity on the boards that really catches the eye of his coach.

"Lamar is an outstanding rebounder," said John. "His absence impacted us on Saturday. From the glass, you have balls flopping around and you have guys crashing. He's one of those guys who can go up the middle and crash. He is a big guard who can defend a lot of people."

"You look at his statistics: his free throw percentage is over 70 percent and points per field goal attempt was around 1.4. It's never been that high because he didn't make free throws consistently. Not only is he making free throws, but he's getting fouled a lot. His field goal percentage is up. Everything about what he's doing is up."

While his game seems to have transformed for the better, Hurd has only tweaked his approach for games.

"Physically I didn't do much more than I do any other year," Hurd said of his off season work ethic. "The last three years I've been here I've done things in practice I haven't put into the game. This year I am going all out and will live with the results."

With the numbers he's put up, it's hard

not to agree with him. Besides, which point guard would want to guard someone whose 6-foot-4 and can play even bigger? In last season's opening round game of the Pac-10 Tournament, Hurd caused a nightmarish headache for UCLA head coach Ben Howland as he grabbed eight rebounds and dished out five assists. Games like this have shaped his career and will remain memories as he moves onto the next level in his life.

"I am graduating this term and I want to play basketball," Hurd said. "Spring is the time when you go out and tryout for people. So, I am going to take full advantage of that and travel and workout for people."

After that? "Once basketball is all done with I want to be a basketball analyst. I am going to be around the game."

In any case, the next few weeks will be very interesting for Hurd and the rest of the team as Hurd's strained groin determines how many games he plays.

"You feel your clock ticking down and you don't want to face it, but it's coming," Hurd said.

"The way I look at it, there's a few games left and now you have to attack it even harder."

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WOMEN'S HOOPS: Washington will deal with new loss senior guard, Kayla Burt

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ing up to Washington and Washington State."

OSU won't be the only team playing with energy this week, as Washington will have emotion on their side following the announcement that senior guard Kayla Burt won't be returning to the team due to a heart condition.

"They're going to be in a situation where they lost their leader to a career ending injury and they also lost a tight game at home to USC that they felt they should have won," said OSU head coach LaVonda Wagner. "So they're going to come in here and they're going to be stung a little bit and they're going to want to take it out on us."

The Washington players weren't the only players in the upcoming game familiar

to Burt. Close knew her as well and wishes her teammates and her the best.

"It's really too bad that they lost Kayla and our thoughts and condolences go out to them," Close said.

Wagner realizes Washington is going to be ready to play, but said Oregon State is going to continue doing the same things it has done all year in hopes of getting the win.

"We're just going to have to play our game, rebound the ball, not turn it over and make our free throws on the offensive end," said Wagner. "Things that we try to do every game."

The key to this game will be guard play, a position both schools are strong at.

"They have Cameo Hicks, who's leading their team in scoring and she's a driver

and slasher who can shoot the ball," Close said.

The OSU guards will be looking to do the little things in order to give their team the edge.

"I have to be able to be the vocal leader and kind of control the offense and also defense, making sure that everyone is where they need to be and setting the tone out front," Close said.

Joining Close in the starting backcourt is fellow sharp-shooter and senior guard, Anita Rivera. Rivera hopes her shooting and height will allow her to have an impact on the game in a multitude of ways.

"I need to start knocking down outside shots to relieve pressure in the post," said Rivera. "And rebound."

"Rebound. Expect her to get some boards," Close said giving Rivera a playful nudge. "About seven a game."

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BOASE: Women's basketball entertaining if highlights aren't only thing that is desired

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Coach K's squad comes to town.

The Beavers have started playing more like a team than was the case in recent years. The women are using passing and screens to create easier shots for the individuals on the team. Through the first 16 games, OSU has 219 assists to the 179 of their opponents and have committed 243 turnovers while forcing 262.

Duke's success is centered around passing, screens and a pressuring defense. OSU has implemented all of those things.

Keeping this in mind, I can't figure out why there aren't more fans going to the women's games.

There have been two home Pac-10 games for both the OSU men's and women's teams this year. The men averaged 8,383 fans while the women have

seen only 2,435 people encouraging them.

I have to assume it's because people think that women's sports aren't as fun to watch. I can understand where that idea comes from. When I turn on sports highlights at night I don't see a great backdoor cut by the UConn women's team. Instead I see a highlight of the men's team hooking up for an alley-oop. That's great to watch, but it doesn't mean the men's game was any more exciting as a whole.

I admit I didn't watch women's basketball until last year when I began reporting on it, but after going to a few games I realized it didn't matter what sex the players were, basketball is basketball.

There are two reasons to go to a basketball contest: the game and the team.

Everybody who goes to the men's games can get the same thing out of a women's game. If someone who loves basketball goes to a women's game they'll be pleased to find the only difference between the two sexes is highlights. The basketball is fundamental and worth the price of admission.

People who go to the men's games because they like to route for OSU need to realize the women are wearing that same orange color and they have 'OSU' written across their jerseys.

If you're a student at OSU, but don't necessarily consider yourself a basketball connoisseur, go to support your school. If you love basketball and want to see a quality game, you won't be disappointed. For your own sake don't just go to the men's games. Women can hoop, too.

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WRESTLING: Pfennigs returns to lineup after missing a month

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place, it was tied one-to-one with less than a minute and he ended up putting me on my back at 5, I got back up and he put me to my back again at 5 and it ended up 11-2 or something, and that didn't look good. We wrestled again at the Pac-10's and I lost by a point, so it's going to be close."

The Beavers senior heavyweight Ty Watterson ranked No. 17, also faces stiff competition over the weekend. In Tempe, he faces the third ranked heavyweight in the land: Calin Valasquez. On Sunday, he'll hit the mat against BSU's Andy Patrick who is ranked fourth in the Pac-10.

"It's going to be dog-eat-dog probably," Watterson said. "Everybody's going to have to wrestle to their best capability. I think everything will be all right if we do that and go in there confident and not have any draw backs or anybody hold anything back."

Sunday at 1 p.m., OSU will leave the sun and head to Boise, a location that was not kind on the last trip, as the Beavers lost 13-21. OSU is 9-6 at Taco Bell Arena and the

Beavers lead all-time series 23-8.

The Broncos (6-2 overall, 2-1 Pac-10) won five matches last week on the road in California.

Pfennigs is returning to the starting line up after a month and half due to injury. He has to get right to business, because he faces Pac-10 No. 1 Scott Jorgensen of Boise State at 133 pounds.

"I wrestled him (Jorgensen) at Vegas," Pfennigs said. "He beat me beat me 3-1, so I'm looking forward to getting a little revenge and try to pound on him a little."

"I think we match up better with them (BSU) than Arizona State," Watterson said. "And again it will be a couple of guys that have the key matches to winning the dual and I think where we have those matches we will be all right, because everybody's been doing the right things, we should be prepared well enough to win those matches and come out winners."

If OSU runs the table this weekend, it will surely be the Pac-10 team to beat for rest of season.

"Everybody knows they can go in compete and win matches, so we're all excited about it," Pfennigs said.

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— Knicks C Antonio Davis after climbing into the stands during game at Chicago

China broadens Hurd's view

■ Lamar Hurd knows that even when things seem bad for him, there are people around the world who have it worse

By Steven Masters
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This past summer OSU Basketball team member Lamar Hurd had the opportunity of a lifetime. The Athletes in Action, an athletic group that specializes in exposing millions of fans to the Gospel worldwide each year, invited Hurd to be on the team traveling to China for a seven-game tour.

Once the preliminary tryouts and training camps were over, Hurd and the rest of the team traveled to China where they squared off against three of the national teams and other teams at the university level. While the trip was highly successful as far as basketball and spreading the Gospel was concerned, Hurd came back to the United States a changed man.

"It gives you a more broad view of life, it shows you that there's a lot more outside of basketball going on; although, I already knew that," Hurd said of his trip. "Until you experience that, you really don't know like you do. The one thing I took more than anything is there's a lot of times over here I think I have it pretty bad or something is not going right, but there's a lot of people suffering a lot more than us, so it really puts a lot of things in perspective."

Once back in the states, Hurd quickly began to prepare for his fourth and final season at Oregon State. For the past three seasons, Hurd has worked his way up the all-time assists list and has been known as more of a pass first point guard. However, this season Hurd has attacked the rim with relentless pursuit and struck fear in his opponent's eyes on the offensive end. Being a year older and wiser has greatly impacted Hurd's game.

"It gives you a more broad view of life, it shows you that there's a lot more outside of basketball going on."

"It's attributed to senior leadership and more than anything I had a mind renewal going into the season," said Hurd. "The last couple of seasons I have wanted to score more. Some games I had some pretty decent numbers and others were bad. This season, being my last, I wasn't worried about missing shots, missing free throws, or turnovers. I just came out to play and let the results speak for themselves."

The results have certainly spoken, as Hurd is averaging 6.1 points per game and shooting a career high 46.3 percent from the field. He's second on the team with 44 assists and he's arguably OSU's best point guard since two-time gold medal winner and NBA great, Gary Payton.

"Lamar is a very good point guard," said fellow guard Jason Fontenet who has replaced Hurd as the starter following a groin injury. "I learned a lot from Lamar because watching how he carries himself is very professional."

Hurd's laid-back, friendly demeanor often goes un-

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Senior guard Lamar Hurd drives to the middle in a home loss to Arizona State Saturday. Hurd injured his groin in the game and will not play against the Washington schools this weekend and is week to week after that.



Matt Boase

Solid basketball

The OSU women's basketball team has seen some rough times. Last season the team managed one win in conference play. One.

I tried to think of a word to describe how bad that was but gave up when 'putrid' failed to convey what I really thought. Let's just say it's really, really bad.

Because of last year's struggles I can't say I blame fans for deserting the team, but it's time that women's basketball gets a little credit.

Not long ago I was engaged in an argument with a friend who said that whether it was elementary school or professional, women's basketball was no fun to watch because women aren't athletic enough to make the exciting plays. Before anyone reading this accuses my friend of being a sexist pig, I should state that this friend is a female.

The argument went on for a while with me saying that basketball doesn't have to be about one player putting on a show with amazing dribbling or rim-rocking dunks and her saying that they don't do anything but pass. I have breaking news: basketball is all about passing.

If fans at OSU want to see a game that's all about the individual players making impressive plays, I'd suggest buying the And 1 Mix Tapes. But, if fans want to watch a good game of basketball they should get a ticket to a women's game.

The way the OSU women's team is playing right now can be compared to No. 1 Duke Blue Devils men's team. I'm not saying that OSU is a dominant team capable of going undefeated, but the team is definitely making a turnaround using the same principles that have other teams quivering when

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Senior guard Mandy Close is trapped in last season's 57-43 home win over Utah Valley State on Feb. 1. Close has changed positions and is now OSU's starting point guard. She leads the team in assists and is the vocal leader on the court.

WENDY VOLLMER
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Women's hoops goes for two

■ Washington has emotional edge following retirement of senior guard

By Matt Boase
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This weekend's home games against Washington and Washington State afford the OSU women's basketball team two opportunities to double their conference win total from last year when the team amassed only one.

Last week OSU got a Pac-10 win over Arizona, their first since Jan. 13 of last year when Washington State was last in Corvallis.

"We needed a win in the Pac-10," said senior guard Mandy Close of the Arizona game. "That was huge just as far as confidence in our ability and knowing that we can beat a good team like Arizona and this whole week we've just been kind of playing off that and build-

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Wrestling looks to stay perfect in Pac-10

■ Two tough teams wait to test OSU on difficult road trip

By Denny Burnett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State wrestling team hits the road this weekend to face No. 13 Arizona State and Boise State.

The Beavers (6-1-1 overall, 3-0 Pacific-10) received votes in this week's NWCA/Intermat national poll. OSU is fourth in Pac-10 and six wrestlers are ranked in the conference.

The Beavers haven't lost a dual meet since Dec. 7, when No. 11 Nebraska defeated OSU in Lincoln.

On Friday, the Beavers will be in Tempe, Fla. escaping the rain while facing a Sun Devil team that has defeated the Beavers the past two seasons. OSU is 5-11 at Wells Fargo Arena and ASU leads the all-time series 16-11.

"I think we're pretty confident," said senior Tony Hook at 157 pounds. "We match up well against them (ASU) and we're going to have to wrestle tough. A couple of guys are going to have to win that maybe shouldn't, and everyone that should needs to win and hopefully get some bonus points and do well."

The Sun Devils (7-6 overall, 2-



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133 pound junior Bobby Pfennigs maneuvers in a home match against Cal-Poly last year. Pfennigs is returning from injury this weekend.

0 Pac-10) are coming off a big win over No. 9 Missouri at the 2006 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals in Iowa. ASU's six losses have come at the hands of teams ranked in the top ten.

"The thing about Arizona State is that they try and come out and get you down right away," said 133-pound junior Bobby Pfennigs. "That's what they did to us last year. We got pounded on the first couple matches, which makes it hard to come back and win."

OSU's big guns will have their hands full this weekend.

Hook, ranked No. 16 nationally at 174-pounds, will face tough competition this weekend. On Friday, he will go against No. 8 Sun Devil Brian Stith for the first time this season. Two days later, he faces the Broncos Ben Cherrington, who is ranked No. 12 in the nation.

"I wrestled him (Stith) last year," Hook said. "I wrestled him at our

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