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## Forestry dean regrets how study was handled

Recent attempt to withhold publication of study causes rift within OSU College of Forestry

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The dean of OSU's College of Forestry has expressed regret over the way he responded to the recent attempt by several members of his faculty to withhold publication of controversial research — written by an OSU graduate student — in the journal *Science*.

Hal Salwasser, who was not among those who asked *Science* to delay publication, wrote a Thursday letter to his department that previous comments he made were interpreted by some as not being supportive of the scientists who wrote the article.

"That was not my intent, and I truly regret that it caused this perception in our College, across the university and in the world beyond our university," he wrote. "I support the freedom of all our faculty, students and staff to pursue their scholarly or scientific work."

He said that after hearing feedback from many people, he thought of things he would have liked to have done differently.

He said that he would have immediately congratulated the authors of the study for being selected for the journal *Science* and that he would have told concerned faculty that the study is "part of a long-term process of accumulating knowledge."

The research, headed by OSU graduate student Dan Donato, suggested that logging in areas hit by forest fires slows growth. After the standard peer-review process, it was selected to appear in *Science*, a prestigious journal that rarely sees work by graduate students.

The findings were starkly different from previous research on the issue, some performed by faculty in the College of Forestry, which was used by the Bush administration to justify logging as a means to speed up regrowth after fires.

In his Thursday letter, Salwasser expressed further regret that disagreement over the research caused negative debate.

He added that the college needs to "closely examine the academic culture" See **FORESTRY** / page 3

## Bus routes to change

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Alarm clocks may have to be reset next spring because the City of Corvallis Advisory Commission on Transit (CACOT) may change bus routes.

Whether it means easier or more difficult means of transportation, CACOT is proposing transit system route changes in a public hearing meeting Jan. 30 at 5:30pm.

It will be held in the City Council Chamber meeting room of Fire Station One on 400 N.W. Harrison Ave. The public hearing will consider the proposed changes to Corvallis' bus routes and schedule.

For questions, contact Transit Coordinator Michelle Rhoads at (541)766-6916.

## I am Powdermeister



DANNY RAWSON / THE DAILY BAROMETER

David Rovianek blasts through a snow-covered tree at Mt. Hood Meadows Saturday. The OSU student utilized OSU's new Snow Shuttle service to take a break from the books and hit the slopes. Photographer Danny Rawson followed the shuttle Saturday, see page 6 for his "Shuttle Shots" photo essay.

## Fall term female only clinic fuels new senate bill

Senate votes to make all student fee events open to entire campus

THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU's Undergraduate Senate will vote Tuesday on a bill to allow students into all events paid for by student fees. This bill follows controversy on excluding male students from a female masturbation workshop, held by University Counseling and Psychological Services.

"There was a certain workshop held at the beginning of the year," said Undergraduate Senate Chair Ellyn Canfield.

This workshop, as reported by The Daily Barometer on Oct. 26, was a "free event ... open to the female public only, in light of sensitive issues that will be discussed."

"Originally, I received an e-mail from one of my constituents," said Christopher Beyer, Undergraduate Senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

This e-mail addressed the fact that male students were excluded from the female masturbation workshop. This workshop was paid for by money from student fees, according to Beyer.

"That's not why I decided to support this bill," said College of Liberal Arts Senator Mike Moss, when asked if the female masturbation workshop was why he chose to be a supporting senator.

Senators Moss and Beyer believe all students should be allowed to attend events paid for by their own student fees. "I haven't had any negative feedback," said Beyer, about the bill.

The bill states that all students must meet requirements outlined by the organization holding the event to participate. "It's basically set up so if you have other requirements, you have to meet those as well," said Beyer.

"It's hard to say [if the bill will pass]," said Moss. "I don't think it will be a complete blowout."

The Undergrad Senate will also re-hear Tuesday, an updated version of the Memorial Union food policy resolution. The resolution looks to change to policies and practices of MU food.

## Year of the Dog starts off with a bang

OSU's China Night part of worldwide New Year festivity

By Devin Ternus  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Much tradition surrounds the Chinese New Year and the 15 days to come after it. Dumplings that resemble Chinese gold ingots are a traditional food. In order to not "cut" the New Year's good luck, knives and scissors are not recommended to use. People tend not to use the Chinese word for "four" since it sounds so close to the Chinese word for "Death."

Jan. 29, 2006 brought in the first day of the Chinese New Year, and with it came lots of festivities and tradition. Many people of different cultures and races celebrated all over the globe in honor of the New Year.

Although most people know the Chinese New Year by its animal equivalent, such as this year's Year of the Dog, it actually has a few other aliases. According to the 'stem-branch' system the year is known as Bingxu, and the Chinese

lunar calendar marks this as year 4703.

In London, more than 200,000 people hit the streets to join in the fun. Big parades and parties were held in New York, Toronto, and Beijing, and many other big cities had their own celebrations planned out, according to several broadcasting stations' Web sites.

OSU was no exception. China Night 2006 kept up with the best of them. More than 400 people made their way through rain and muck to get to the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Many men and women dressed up in formal Cheongsam and Qipao, traditional Chinese clothes, and the \$8 event greeted them with authentic food, clothing, and custom.

Oriental lamps and streamers brightly decorated the room, and the smell of noodles and curry beef from the kitchen could make anyone hungry. Guests were treated to a buffet-style authentic Chinese dinner while being serenaded by the Crescent Valley High School

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PETER CHEE / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Members of The Chinese-American Benevolent Association help usher in the Year of the Dog by performing a traditional lion dance at China Night 2006, held Sunday in the Memorial Union ballroom. The lion dance is performed to bring good luck and fortune. A mythical creature, the Chinese lion represents strength, wisdom and good luck and helps drive away evil spirits.



**Meetings**  
**Rainbow Continuum**, 7pm, Women's Center. Weekly meeting of OSU's LGBTQI and ally social group.  
**Animal Welfare Club**, 6pm, Withycombe 217. Guest speaker Hammerstorfer will speak on equine slaughter.  
**Events**  
**Native American Longhouse**, 2-5pm, Native American Longhouse. Fafsa Workshop and Native American and Minority Scholarships.  
**Art Department**, 8am-5pm, Fairbanks Student Lounge. Through Feb. 3. Unleash Yourself. Abstract ink pen drawings and fashion illustration by Shagane Barseyan.  
**Salsa Club**, 8:30-10pm, Women's Building 116. Free salsa dance! Bring your friends, the more the merrier.

**Meetings**  
**OSU Women's Rugby**, 5-7pm, 14th & Jefferson. Come play with us! No experience necessary!  
**Speakers**  
**International Programs**, 11-1:50am, Kelley Engineering Bldg., Room 1003. Lecture: Environmental Values in Islam, by Dr. Karim Hardy, Foreign Languages and Literatures.  
**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.  
**Bahai Unity Club**, 7pm, Native American Longhouse. An introduction to the Bahai Faith. Includes presentation, music and discussion.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1**  
**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.  
**Pre-Veterinary Club**, 7pm, Magruder 102, College of Veterinary Medicine. Want to see an owl just a few feet away? Chintimini Wildlife is bringing an owl or two and info. on what they do!  
**Speakers**  
**University Honors College**, 12:30-1:30pm, MU Lounge. Presidential Forum with Dr. Ray about safety. Free lunch.  
**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 212. Test Taking Strategies Workshop: Overview of useful test-taking strategies, including test preparation, the testing environment and tips on various types of tests.  
**Women's Center**, 5-7pm, Women's Center. Sexual Health: Relationship with Self & Others. Please bring a friend or a partner. This workshop is for everyone!  
**Center for Writing & Learning & Writing Intensive Curriculum**, 12-1pm, MU 206. Special Film Event: Writing Across Borders by Wayne Robertson. OSU international students discuss writing in the university. All students welcome.

**Thursday, Feb. 2**  
**Meetings**  
**OSU Women's Rugby**, 6-7:30pm, Reser Stadium. Come play with us! No experience necessary!  
**Gerontology Student Association**, 5pm, Milam Hall 319A. Come learn about careers in aging, volunteering in the community and academic opportunities at OSU! Refreshments will be served.  
**Events**  
**Peter J. Copek Fund of the Center for the Humanities and Human Development and Family Sciences**, Family Policy Program, 6:30-7:30pm, Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Dr. SE. The Tcha Tee Man Wi Storytelling Festival. Anne Glover Performance.

## Israel says no talks until Hamas renounces violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's acting prime minister on Sunday ruled out contacts with a Palestinian government led by Hamas unless the Islamic group renounces violence, and the defense minister threatened to "liquidate" militants if they attack Israelis. Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel will stop the monthly transfer of tens of millions of dollars in tax rebates and other funds to the Palestinian Authority if a Hamas government is installed.

With the latest comments, Israel showed no signs of backing down from the hard line it has taken since Hamas won a surprising landslide victory in Palestinian legislative elections last week.

Hamas, which opposes the existence of Israel and has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bomb attacks, is expected to lead the next Palestinian government, hurting the chances for a peace deal.

Also Sunday, about 7,000 Israeli security forces, anticipating violent resistance, were training to dismantle two small West Bank settlement outposts later this week, police said. Resistance is expected to be fierce in Amona and among Israeli squatters who took over an abandoned market in the Palestinian city of Hebron.

Israel's Supreme Court rejected a request from Jewish settlers to delay the order, clearing the way for the operation to proceed. It will mark Israel's first evacuation of Jewish settlers since withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank in August.

Olmert, addressing the weekly meeting of his Cabinet, said he has been in touch with leaders around the world in recent days and received support for the tough Israeli stance against Hamas.

"We clarified that without a clear abandonment of the path of terror, a recognition of Israel's right to exist in security and peace ... Israel won't have any contact with the Palestinians," Olmert said. "These principles are accepted by the international community. On this issue, I don't intend to make any compromises."

## Finland's leftist president wins another term in election

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Finland's leftist president won another six-year term Sunday after her conservative challenger conceded defeat in Finland's presidential runoff election.

President Tarja Halonen and her opponent, Sauli Niinisto, had presented similar visions for neutral Finland's foreign policy — the president's primary domain.

Halonen, a former Social Democrat, had nearly 52 percent to Niinisto's 48 percent, with all the votes counted. Social Democratic candidates have held the president's post since 1982, although the head of state must give up party affiliation when taking office.

"It's back to work on Monday," said Halonen, 62, complimenting Niinisto on his unexpectedly strong challenge.

"The man has lost," Niinisto said, kissing her hand.

Both advocate close ties with NATO, but Niinisto was considered to be more open to membership in the Western alliance, a sensitive issue in a country that shares a 800-mile border with former enemy Russia.

The Finnish head of state is not involved in day-to-day politics, and there is wide agreement on the other main issues, including satisfaction with Finland's European Union membership since 1995, fostering good ties with neighboring Russia and close cooperation with NATO.

Halonen had been widely expected to clinch a second six-year term, but her re-election appeared less certain as Niinisto, a 57-year-old former finance minister, rallied in the days leading up to Sunday's runoff. Turnout in the vote was 77 percent.

## Peace activist Sheehan considers U.S. Senate bid

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Cindy Sheehan, the peace activist who just announced that she is weighing a run for Senate, plans to protest again outside President Bush's Texas ranch, Venezuela's president said Sunday with Sheehan by his side.

Hugo Chavez, his arm around Sheehan's shoulders, told a group of activists that Sheehan had told him that during Holy Week, in April, "she is going to put up her tent again in front of Mr. Danger's ranch."

"She invited me to put up a tent. Maybe I'll put up my tent also," Chavez said, to applause from an audience invited to his weekly broadcast on the final day of the World Social Forum, an annual gathering of anti-war and anti-globalization activists.

Sheehan, whose 24-year-old soldier son, Casey, was killed in Iraq in 2004, thanked Chavez for "supporting life and peace" and she was impressed by his sincerity.

"He said, 'Why don't I run for president?'" she said. "I just laughed."

Sheehan, who lives in Berkeley, Calif., said Saturday that she is strongly considering challenging Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein because the lawmaker will not support calls to immediately bring the troops home.

Sheehan, 48, said running in the Democratic primary in June would help "bring attention to all the peace candidates in the country."

## ABC News co-anchor seriously injured in Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC "World News Tonight" co-anchor Bob Woodruff and a cameraman were seriously injured Sunday when the Iraqi Army vehicle they were traveling in was attacked with an explosive device.

Both journalists suffered head injuries, and Woodruff also has broken bones. They were in stable condition following surgery at a U.S. military hospital in Iraq, and were being evacuated to medical facilities in Germany, ABC News President David Westin said Sunday night.

"We take this as good news, but the next few days will be critical," Westin said.

Woodruff and Doug Vogt, an award-winning cameraman, were embedded with the 4th Infantry Division and traveling in a convoy with U.S. and Iraqi

troops near Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad.

They were wearing body armor and helmets but were standing up in the hatch of the mechanized vehicle when the device exploded, exposing them to shrapnel. An Iraqi soldier was also hurt in the explosion.

ABC said the men were in the Iraqi vehicle — considered less secure than U.S. military equipment — to get the perspective of the Iraqi military. They were aware the Iraqi forces are the frequent targets of insurgent attacks, the network said.

ABC reported senior producer Kate Felsen had been working with Woodruff for the past two weeks.

"He wanted to get out and report the story and not be locked in and taking information from someone else who was experiencing it," Felsen said.

She said she spoke with Woodruff and Vogt after the attack.

Lara Logan, a CBS News correspondent who has covered Iraq, said the Taji area is considered particularly dangerous because it was the site of one of Saddam Hussein's munitions dumps. Many of the explosives are believed to have gotten into the hands of insurgents, she said.

"I admire Bob for going with the Iraqis," said Logan, who was blown 12 feet in the air by an explosion while with the U.S. military in Afghanistan in 2003. "It's important to hear their story and to experience it from their point of view. He did the right thing."

## Bush to promote fuel-saving technology in Union address

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to calm anxieties about soaring energy costs, President Bush is using his State of the Union address this week to focus on a package of energy of proposals aimed at bringing fuel-saving technologies out of the lab and into use.

In Bush's vision, drivers will stop at hydrogen stations and fill their fuel-cell cars with the pollution-free fuel. Or they would power their engines with ethanol made from trash or corn. More Americans would run their lights at home on solar power.

Bush has been talking about these ideas since his first year in office. Proposals aimed at spreading the use of ethanol, hydrogen and renewable fuels all were part of the energy bill that he signed into law in August, but that hasn't eased Americans' worries about high fuel prices.

Americans were hit with the biggest jump in energy prices in 15 years in 2005, and worries about the cost of gas and heating oil have damped spirits about the economy despite other recent encouraging signs.

Add in the unrest in the Middle East, and energy becomes a major problem for the president to address Tuesday night.

"I agree with Americans who understand being hooked on foreign oil as an economic problem and a national security problem," Bush said in a recent interview with CBS.

Eight in 10 Americans surveyed earlier this month by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press said gasoline prices were a big problem.

Home heating fuel and health care were the other major economic concerns. It's not a coincidence that Bush will spend much of his State of the Union

reassuring Americans that he has a plan to address energy and medical costs.

House Democrats sought to take the luster off Bush's speech with a television commercial that accuses the president and Republicans of tilting their policies toward the pharmaceutical, oil and investment industries. It shows lawmakers cheering Bush's words from three previous State of the Union addresses, and asks: "What Special Interest Will the Republican Congress Rubberstamp This Time?"

## Man killed by snow removal machine identified

EUGENE (AP) — A man who was struck and killed by a snow removal machine at Mount Bachelor has been identified as an 18-year-old from Myrtle Creek.

Cameron Joseph Sharp had camped out overnight in a sleeping bag placed in the parking lot of the resort outside of Bend when a worker clearing the lot of snow struck him at about 4 a.m. Friday, Deschutes County authorities said.

Sharp, a 2005 graduate of South Umpqua High School, had gone to Mount Bachelor the day before with a group of students from Lane Community College in Eugene, said his older brother, Jason Posey.

Sharp and his friends had spent Thursday snowboarding. The other students returned home that night, but Sharp remained to take advantage of the resort's annual free skiing day on Friday.

"He was up there doing something he loved. He was an avid snowboarder," said Posey, who lives in Eugene.

Posey said it took authorities some time to identify Sharp because his brother had recently lost his wallet and did not have any identification with him.

Sharp attended Lane Community College in the fall term, his brother said. Over the winter, he was working as a cook at a Eugene restaurant, he said.

## Tailgating cited as top driver error in highway crashes

PORTLAND (AP) — Tailgating has become the top factor in highway crashes around Oregon, according to state officials.

Nearly a third of the crashes reported in 2004 were the result of rear-end collisions caused by drivers who were following too closely — 13,000 crashes out of a total 41,000 across the state, said Steve Vitolo, the Oregon Department of Transportation safety program manager.

"Thousands of drivers who think they're saving time are actually losing money in the cost of collisions and in terms of injuries and sometimes fatalities," Vitolo said.

"Often, you can add to those costs possible fines and increases in automobile insurance rates," he said.

Tailgating also is a factor in fatal crashes, where speed, alcohol and failure to use passenger restraints often play a more deadly role.

Vitolo noted that fatal accidents and serious injuries typically occur in rural areas because drivers tend to make their most dangerous choices on rural highways.

The second-most dangerous roads are county roads, followed by city streets and then interstate highways.

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**Arrests**

11:43 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 — OSU student Melanie Poort, 29, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

1:39 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 — Nicholas Goman, 26, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

3 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 — OSU student Marney Ferguson, 21, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

1:25 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27 — Daniel Loverro, 19, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor in possession of alcohol.

12:38 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27 — Andrew Newton, 21, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

11:20 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26 — Josiah Bynum, 23, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.



12:52 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25 — OSU student Kathryn Peterman, 23, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants, two counts of reckless endangerment, and possession of a controlled substance less than one ounce.

10:05 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 — OSU student Michael Smith, 19, was cited for driving under the influence of a controlled substance, reckless endan-

gering, and possession of a controlled substance less than one ounce.

2:26 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23 — OSU student Cory Hitsman, 21, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

**Thefts**

Thursday, Jan. 26 — A purple and pink Huffy bike valued at \$200 was stolen from Benton Hall. The bike was secured by a Kryptonite lock.

Friday, Jan. 27 — A blue Diamond Back Razor 10-speed mountain bike was stolen from the 2700 block of S.W. Western Avenue.

**Other**

1:18 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25 — An unknown suspect threw rocks at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, causing \$200 in damage.

*Police Beat* is compiled from the crime logs of the Corvallis Police Department and the Oregon State Police by reporter Shannon Salyer. Contact the Barometer at 737-6376 or city@dailybarometer.com

# Snowshoeing an economical and easy sport

By Roy Gault

THE (SALEM) STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM(AP) — There's a reason why Ralph Nafziger has been out in the woods on snowshoes often since New Year's Day.

"The main reason is that you don't need a lot of talent," said the ardent hiker, backpacker and climber.

Nafziger is a regular hiker all summer with the Chemeketans, a Salem outdoors-activity club, and leads club snowshoe outings in the winter.

"I tried cross-country skiing one time, and I had a couple accidents," Nafziger said. "I decided that wasn't any fun, but I wanted a way to stay in shape during the winter, so I took up snowshoeing, and I really enjoy it."

He led a Chemeketans snowshoe trip to Potato Hill, near Santiam Pass, recently.

"It was a great day, with new snow all over the trees," Nafziger said. "It was just perfect."

It's experiences like that that are making snowshoeing one of North America's fast-growing winter sports.

"You can go out into a clear-cut in the winter that you wouldn't look twice at in the summertime, and it takes on a whole new perspective," said Dave Rehm, a sports services technician at GI Joe's sporting goods store. "It gives people who are afraid of skiing a chance to go out in the snow and play around, hike, just explore and have a different adventure than you'd have in the summer."

Jim Warner, past president of the Willamette Chapter of Oregon Nordic Club, who has taught skiing and snowshoeing for years, puts it like this:

"If you're in trees and on snowshoes, you don't have any momentum, so you can turn easily. You don't have to worry about hitting trees, about stopping, about dealing with each little up and down."

Then there's the matter of staying on top of the snow.

"If you have snowshoes that are the correct size, you're going to float better on freshly fallen snow, which sometimes you'll sink into up to your

knees on cross-country skis," Warner said.

Rehm estimates that, on average, a snowshoer might go a mile or so in an hour while a good cross skier might travel five miles.

Nafziger doesn't think the difference is quite that great.

"What we've sometimes done with the Chemeketans is combine the two," he said. "There may be a cross-country trip planned and no snowshoe trip that day, so we've asked permission from the ski trip leader to tag along, and we pretty much keep up. It depends on the skill of the skiers, but basically, we get back to the car maybe five minutes after they do."

On one 3 1/2-hour snowshoe outing this winter, Nafziger's group hiked 5 1/2 miles, even after stopping 45 minutes for lunch.

Snowshoeing is an economical sport, requiring a one-time investment of about \$175. There are no lift tickets, no special boots, no high-tech equipment to buy the following year,

and no new line of clothing necessary to stay in style.

Snowshoes and bindings for kids can run \$50 to \$100. Snowshoes and bindings for adults range from \$70 to \$230.

"The other thing you might want if you're a beginner is poles to help with balance and with getting up hills," Warner said. "Once you get into snowshoeing, you're probably going to ditch them, but it's nice to have them at first when you're feeling a little bit unsure."

Nafziger suggests that beginners rent snowshoes until they get a feel for the model that suits them.

"It gives them a chance to see which ones are best for them, to see if they like the sport, and if they want to do it, they can go ahead and buy a pair," he said.

The other thing a snowshoer needs is an Oregon Sno-Park Permit, which is \$3 for a day, \$7 for three days or \$15 for the season, available at Department of Motor Vehicle offices and at many sporting goods stores.

## CHINA NIGHT: Coordinators happy with event; bright costumes, Chinese traditions filled Ballroom

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trumpet choir.

After everyone had stuffed themselves, John Young, professor in anthropology, welcomed the crowd and gave his thoughts and hopes toward the upcoming year.

"The Chinese New Year Celebration is the time to pay debts, settle disputes and shed malevolent influences to bring families and members of society together for a new beginning," Young said.

From then on, a night of tradition and entertainment ensued. Dancers in amazingly detailed lion costumes jumped around

and ate people's money, a video displayed the innovations of modern-day China, and girls in bright sparkly outfits danced with twirling umbrellas.

With huge cheers and applause, you could tell the night was a success.

"We've been preparing this for three months," said Tian Qin, president of the Chinese Association of OSU, "and I'm very pleased with the way things have turned out."

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## FORESTRY: Dean encourages college to ensure value of diverse research

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and climate ... to ensure that our diversity is valued and our passion serves us constructively."

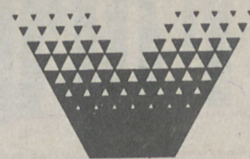
Salwasser said that it must be assured that "research findings are not influenced by source of funding." The College of Forestry receives some of its funding from the logging industry.

The letter from faculty members asking for delay of publication said Donato's research contained "no new science."

"We believe that this article damages the institution of peer-reviewed science, and is inconsistent with the quality of articles we expect from Science," the letter said.

The journal, calling the act an attempt at censorship, went ahead with publication.

Donato did not respond to The Daily Barometer's several e-mails requesting an interview.



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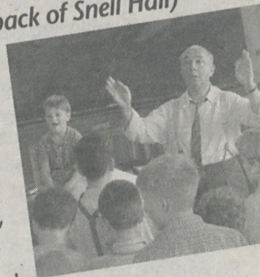


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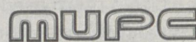
ESCAPE (International Forum, back of Snell Hall)

## Les Choristes (The Chorus)

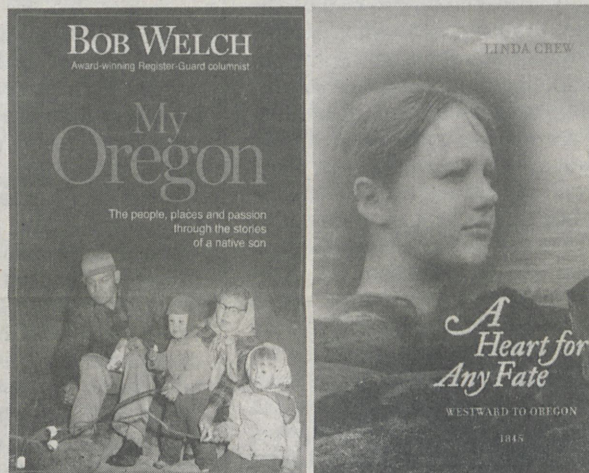
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## Bob Welch and Linda Crew



Author reading & book signing  
**Tuesday, January 31**  
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## Provost's Literary Prize

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## Editorial

### Dumb college kids

According to a recent study ... are you with me? ... most college students ... are you still there? ... lack the skills to perform complex reading tasks such as understanding credit card offers, summarizing results of surveys and ... now pay attention, folks ... comprehending newspaper editorials.

The study, performed by the American Institutes for Research, showed 50 percent of students at four-year schools and more than 75 percent at two-year schools lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks. In addition, only 20 percent of students pursuing four-year degrees had basic quantitative mathematic skills.

So why are we so dumb?

One reason is classic laziness. College students are a group of young adults just beginning life on their own. Why should we calculate the price per ounce of food to find the most affordable mac and cheese when we can simply grab the same, more expensive, name brand mom used to get?

Why should we balance our check-books when we can simply pay a \$30 overdraft fee and then go back to playing X-Box? Perhaps students don't understand arguments of editorials because they don't care about the topic introduced and prefer reading Maxim.

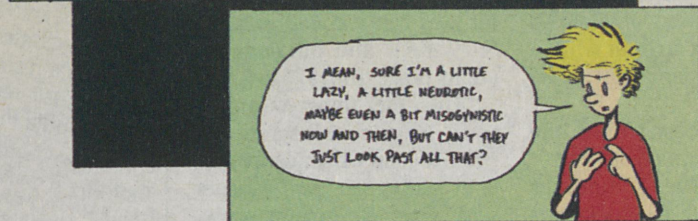
However, laziness is only one factor contributing to student illiteracy. As the world evolves, more forms of information are available to students. Often in classroom settings, students are asked not only to read and comprehend the text but to also look up supplementary materials on the Internet, in newspapers and on television. For every credit hour, students can expect three hours of outside reading. Students are expected to take in a landslide of new information on different topics each day. It is no wonder that they test low on their ability to comprehend prose, interpret tables and keep up with their math skills. They are overloaded.

Another factor could be technology. Most college-aged students have been using computers and watching television for as long as they can remember. Information on television and on the Internet is often presented in a broken-down format. If it is easier and more time effective for students to watch CNN than to read a newspaper, then they are going to lose their ability to understand complex arguments in text.

Though there are possible contributing factors to college illiteracy, we must still consider that 50 percent of college students have no problems with complex reading tasks. This 50 percent is exposed to the same course loads and technology as the illiterate camp, but come out with the reasoning skills they need to exist in the world. Perhaps if college students would lay off the beer and video games, those statistics would even out a bit.

Don't feel too bad, though. Overall the average literacy of college students is still significantly higher than that of adults across the nation. Of course with people like Jessica Simpson and Tom Cruise comprising the adult population, that isn't saying much.

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



## A last-ditch attempt by the Democrats

When the word 'filibuster' is brought up in a conversation many people grimace and scowl at what they deem as an unfair game of partisan politics. A filibuster is essentially a roadblock made by the opposing party in order to halt legislation from going through. This tactic, often saved for special circumstances, is used when the opposition believes they can somehow utilize it to their advantage. However, the current Supreme Court decision involving Samuel Alito isn't likely to be one of these circumstances.

Consequently, this hasn't stopped many prominent Democrats in the senate from trying to gather up support for this legislative tactic. One has to look no farther than Senator John Kerry who decided to try and rally fellow Democrats all the way from Switzerland on Thursday. Or maybe Senator Hillary Clinton who also recently has supported an Alito filibuster, saying that she doesn't support Alito because she is concerned that he will not do enough to protect our freedoms. Clinton has the most to gain from this media stunt as she is a possible presidential candidate in the 2008 elections.

All of this happening while Harry Reid, the senate Democratic leader, came out on Friday saying, "everybody knows there are not enough votes to support a filibuster." What we can see taking shape in this media circus is an attempt by some legislators to use the filibuster as merely a threat in order to bolster their own political clout. Even with these political heavy hitters vying for filibuster support, it will more than likely have no effect on the Senate confirmation proceedings Monday.



Eric Wilson

Points to Consider

As Senator John Kerry continues on this path to nowhere, so does his credibility within the party. White House spokesman Scott McClellan poked fun at Kerry saying "Maybe Senator Kerry needs to be spending more time in the United States Senate so he can refresh his memory on Senate rules. Senate rules say you have to have the votes in order to filibuster."

To a casual onlooker, Sens. Kerry and Clinton's attempts are in vain. But is the filibuster fair in any circumstance? With enough support the Democrats could have essentially blocked the nomination of Alito without even having to debate it. Just look at Senator Strom Thurmond who holds the 'filibuster record' of over 24 hours, eventually resorting to reading names out of a telephone book.

The filibuster remains a necessary tool to enact checks on the majority party's power; however, there have been wide abuses of this system by the Democrats throughout President Bush's administration. Many of Bush's judicial nominees have been blocked, some even being denied a majority vote. Likewise, several pieces of legislation have also been halted due to the abuse of this system.

What these individuals have been doing can be interpreted as a simple abuse of the system. Up until now, we have never seen an appellate court nominee filibustered. However, we have now seen

10 in the past couple of years. Simply stated, what the Democrats have been doing is playing games with our legislative processes, tax dollars, and energies that could be put to better use. With all this bickering and fighting going on, it's no wonder most people are fed up with what some term to be a slow and inefficient government.

What the Democrats have done is set a precedent for future years. When a Democratic President is elected, which will happen eventually, the Republicans will have two options: cooperation or retaliation. Unfortunately, the latter seems to be more probable of the two when taking into consideration data from the Brookings Institute which reports that filibusters have gone from one per Congress in 1935 to now more than 35.

It's time for both sides to start playing a new game. Instead of shooting holes in what is supposed to be a democratic process, the filibuster should be used as a means to keep the majority party in check. In essence, what we see now is a constant game of tug-of-war. The issue of filibustering continues to be a hot debate around the country, with some become overly frustrated and calling for its abolishment. Unfortunately, an abuse of a good system will eventually cause its demise. According to an article by Timothy Noah appearing in Slate, the greatest lesson we should take from all this is that "it shouldn't take somebody of unparalleled legislative genius to make the rusty machinery of the Senate do what the country demands."

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Darrin Crescenzi

Lining Your Bird Cage

## Those other campus "icons"

In last week's column, I implied that OSU's admissions and recruiting materials were dishonest in their presentation of our campus.

Well I made that up. Sometimes I embellish a little bit in a desperate attempt to make you laugh. I hope this revelation doesn't come as too much of a surprise.

However, I do feel that these materials often allow many important landmarks on our beloved campus to go unnoticed in the shadow of "more important" ones like Reser Stadium or the MU or Weatherford Hall.

So this week I've decided to write an alternative tour guide of Oregon State University. This useful tool will help you find the things that make our campus a unique place to work, live and learn. After all, this is my fourth year at OSU, and who could possibly be more qualified to educate the masses about our university's quirks than yours truly?

The first stop on Darrin's alternative tour of campus is the Gilbert Addition building. A crappy offshoot of the crappier chemistry hall, Gilbert Addition is famous for two things: its noxious chemistry laboratory and the bizarre locked room in the hallway immediately outside of it.

According to legend, inside this inconspicuous chamber is the mysterious campus "elephant."

If you have no idea what I'm talking about, it's either because you've never taken a chemistry lab class, or the fog of excitement you held for lab and those bitchin' safety goggles caused you to walk right by. But yes, you heard me right. Gilbert Addition is home to an elephant, and the mammoth creature resides behind that innocuously labeled door.

As a card carrying member of PETA (not really), many days I would find myself skipping lab to sit, ear-to-door, listening for sounds of life within the confines of the supposed pachyderm's lair. Unfortunately, my observations only left me with more questions: Does the famed elephant in fact exist? If not, what are the chemists hiding behind that mystic gate? And how late does the PETA Pit actually deliver? Because I could really go for a chicken teriyaki pita.

Until the chemistry department unlocks the door and lets us in, the power of the room labeled "elephant" will be exceeded only by its mystery.

At the risk of sounding like a liberal hippy pot-smoking animal rights-activist pansy, the second stop on our trek brings us to yet another creepy science building that nobody likes. Our destination? The Cordley Hall Celebratory Facility of Animal Genocide. Nestled in the maze-like hallways of the monolithic biology building is Oregon State University's massive collection of dead animals. Cute, furry, dead animals.

Though perhaps slightly distasteful,

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## CRESCENZI: Taxidermy, ice cream and paintings of Shatner haunt the dreams

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the expansive Hallway of Death includes such rare beasts as the great panda, white Bengal tiger, a large selection of ivory tusks, and even a calico kitten. Two of them, in fact.

Though their demise is sad and unfortunate, these creatures have all willingly given themselves to science and continue to benefit all of humanity by creepily staring out of dusty glass cases at every poor soul who wanders by.

Mass, state-sanctioned taxidermy might seem in poor taste to some, but compared to the next stop on our tour, a dead marmot with glass eyes is downright charming.

Welcome to Hovland Hall, a secluded building scarcely known to those outside the realm of philosophy, computer science or graphic design. Hovland is home to the 108 Lab, the sprawling 24-hour home of bleary-eyed CS nerds and coffee-sucking graphic design dorks, kept separate only by a 16-foot-high wall of re-enforced concrete and razor wire — OSU's very own Berlin.

But inside the 108 Lab is something even more sinister and vile than the two groups of campus outcasts. This lab is also the dwelling place of the colossal piece of art known only as "The Painting."

Imagine stumbling across Chewbacca, William Shatner, Gandalf the Grey, Princess Leia, Spock, Alice, C-3PO, and the Cheshire Cat all sitting around a psychedelic bar and eating ice cream.

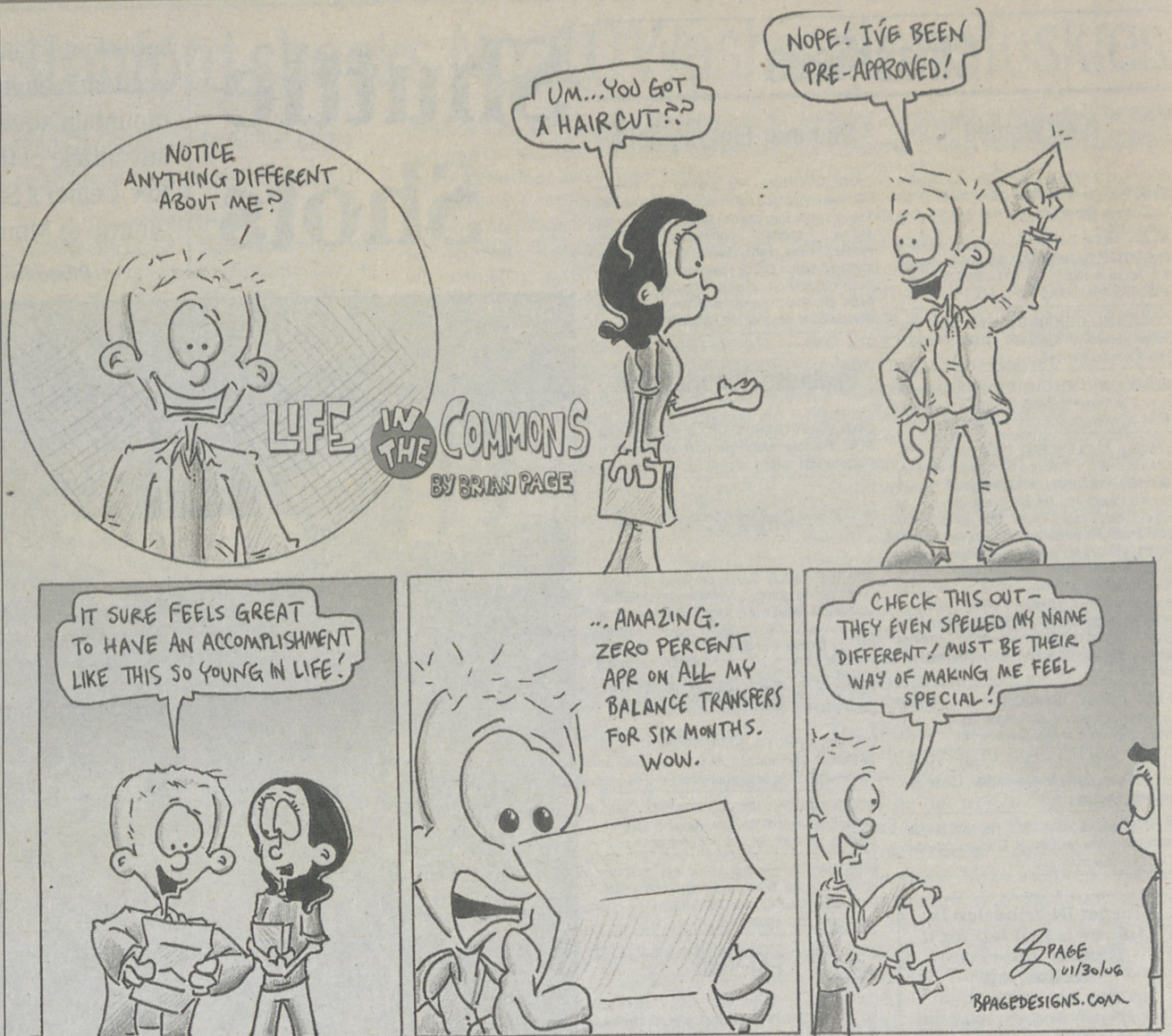
Bizarre? Strange? Demented?

Yes. All that and more. This painting, some sad individual's 20-foot-wide wet dream realized in vibrant acrylic, has been burned into my brain. I stumble across that same scene every day, and I'm convinced it is the work of pure evil. It haunts my dreams. It consumes my soul.

It's like the tape in "The Ring," only with Jawas.

If you've never been to Hovland, perhaps it's because you haven't pissed off Fate. The University keeps this loathsome creation locked away as far from the bulk of campus as it possibly can. But as for the rest of us, tonight we will dream of Shatner and ice cream. And it won't be pleasant.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Cullen vs. Blake

#### Cullen's argument falls short

After reading the past series of two articles by Nathanael Blake and Daniel Cullen, I think it's safe to say that both writers err on the side of arrogance, callousness, and condescension. They are both guilty of holding themselves on a high pedestal, well above their opponents which, I would imagine, is in conflict with their professed worldviews. However, I think it's clear that Daniel Cullen is a bit out of his league in trying to criticize and debunk Blake's argumentation and logic. Whether or not one agrees with his premises (or his inflammatory style, for that matter), Blake's articles are built on a foundation of consistent logic and an apparent wide base of knowledge, as revealed in the variety of philosophical, theological, historical, and literary sources that he references in his articles. In contrast, Cullen's emotional and defensive tirade makes a mockery of the liberal values of equality, tolerance, and open-mindedness that he espouses and actually proves Nathanael's point that Cullen so desperately tries to rebut — that is, that liberals are closed-minded. A prime example of such inconsistency and intolerance is one of Cullen's final thoughts from his Wednesday article: "We invite conservative views, if not the injustices that they perpetuate, since it is only through knowledge of them that we can subsequently repel them." This inviting-in-order-to-reject attitude sounds hardly inviting at all and is, in fact, exemplary of the kind of closed-mindedness and discrimination Cullen denounces.

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### Blake Column

#### Not an authority

There are more authoritative views on biology and gender-neutral marriage than Nathanael Blake ("The abolition of man (and woman)"). One that should be referenced is Eric Vilain, Chief of Medical Genetics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Blake is also not an authority in psychology; I would defer to the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBI-GDA) before accepting Blake's opinion on transgender people as a reasoned opinion.

On April 19, 2004, Vilain wrote an article for the Los Angeles Times entitled "Gender Blender, Intersexual? Transsexual? Male, female aren't so easy to define." Vilain concludes his article: "Sex should be easily definable, but it's not. Our gender identity our profound sense of being male or female is independent from our anatomy. A constitutional amendment authorizing marriages only between men and women would not only discriminate against millions of Americans who do not fit easily in the mold of each category, but would simply be flawed and contrary to basic biological realities."

In a separate article (Is sexual identity hard-wired by genes? Genetics may explain male-female differences, scientists say), Reuters reported that Eric Vilain's team identified 54 genes in mice that may explain why male and female brains look and function differently,

Vilain was quoted in the article as stating:

"Our findings may help answer an important question — why do we feel male or female? Sexual identity is rooted in every person's biology before birth and springs from a variation in our individual genome."

From a genetic perspective, student Nathanael Blake's piece referencing microbiology seems deficient — this is because it doesn't address Vilain's current research, and doesn't address the significant exceptions of "millions of Americans who do not fit easily in the mold of (male and female)."

And, from a psychological perspective, Blake's statement "If I proclaimed that I'm really a woman, from a physical standpoint, that'd be a mental disorder only slightly less severe than if I proclaimed that I'm an eggplant" doesn't reflect the mainstream thoughts of the medical community. The DSM-IV recognizes gender dysphoria, and HBI-GDA has a standard of care that doesn't equate transsexuals with eggplants and offers a defined treatment plan. Blake's description of transsexuals is simply specious.

To quote Benjamin Cardozo, "Opinion has a significance proportioned to the sources that sustain it." Eminently authoritative sources in the fields of genetics and psychology exist, and these sources counter the standpoints of Nathanael Blake. What "science" there is behind Blake's arguments doesn't appear to sustain his conclusions regarding discrimination.

When the "science" of Blake's arguments is peeled away, what we're left with the logical fallacy of "Tradition;" when one considers that Blake is a science major, one has to consider that his use of that particular logical fallacy doesn't speak well for his ability to reason by scientific method.

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### Bergh Column

#### Conflicting views can homogenize

In Monday's (Jan. 23, 2006) Barometer Angie Bergh wrote an article chastising a comment she thought Chelsea Ruediger made about people identifying as both pro-choice and pro-life. She seemed to think that this was "an amazing conflagration of completely opposing ideas" but I doubt that she has ever contacted any of the outspoken pro-choicers on campus about what a statement like this might actually mean. I know she never took advantage of the opportunity to talk to willing volunteers at the VOX table last Friday. Yes Angie, it is possible for people to be both pro-life and pro-choice. There are some that for whatever reasons believe abortion is not an option they would personally take advantage of, but they know that they cannot take away this choice from others. Being pro-choice does not mean that if you become pregnant you will terminate the pregnancy. It simply means that you think that the right to choose should be one of the many options available to women. The pro-life Angie seems to identify with has nothing to do with protecting a woman's life or providing a loving home for a child, it is simply anti-choice.

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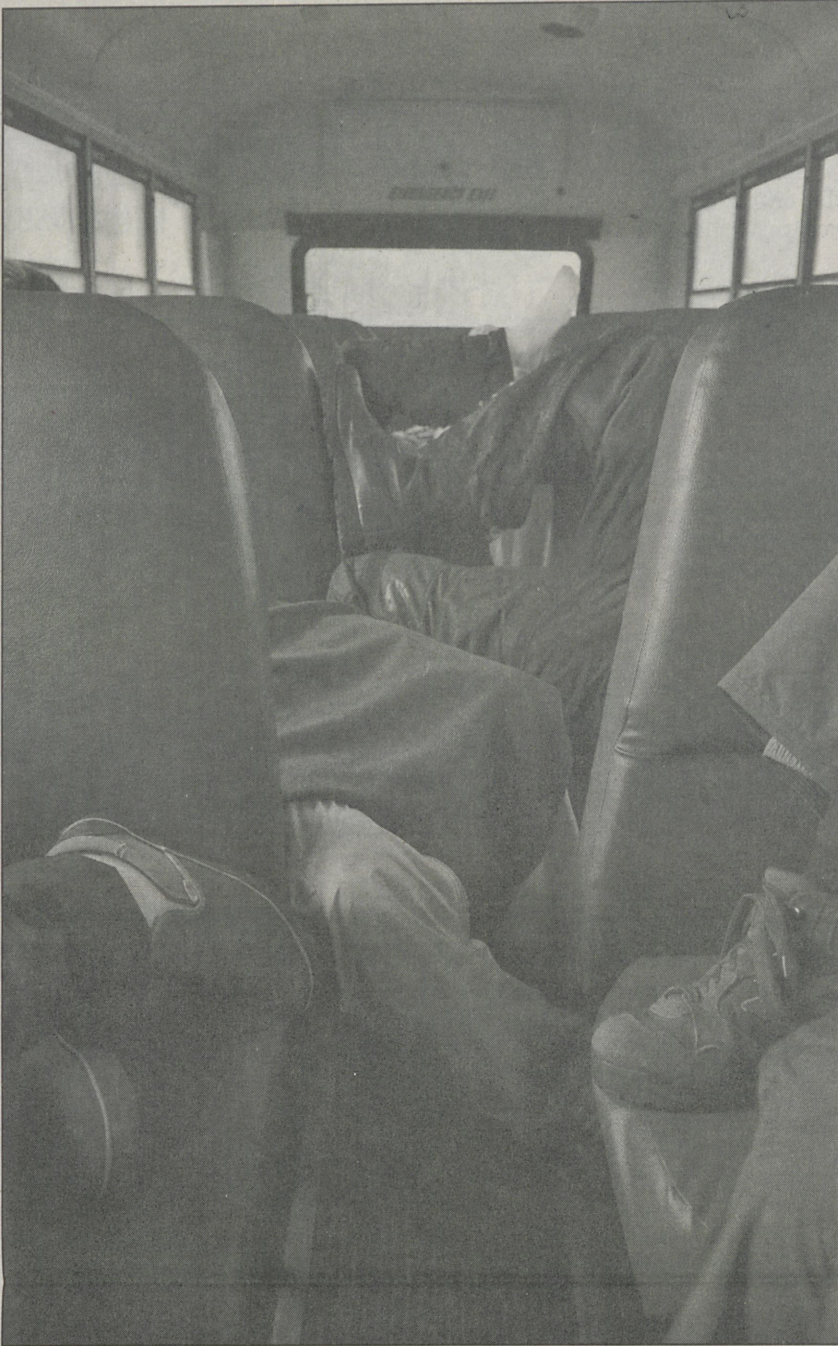
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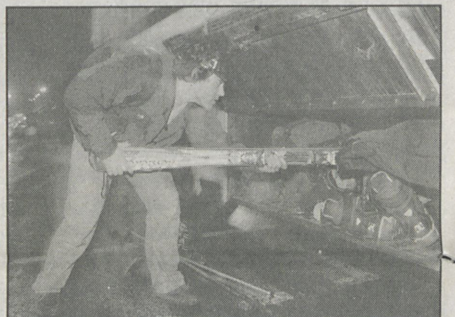
The limbs of exhausted snowboarders and skiers rest in the aisle as the OSU students make the return trip from Mount Hood Meadows to Corvallis Saturday afternoon, trading powder for pencils.



John McQueen knits on the Snow Shuttle during the ride home from Mount Hood Meadows.



After unloading the Snow Shuttle, the students crowd into the lodge on their way to the slopes.



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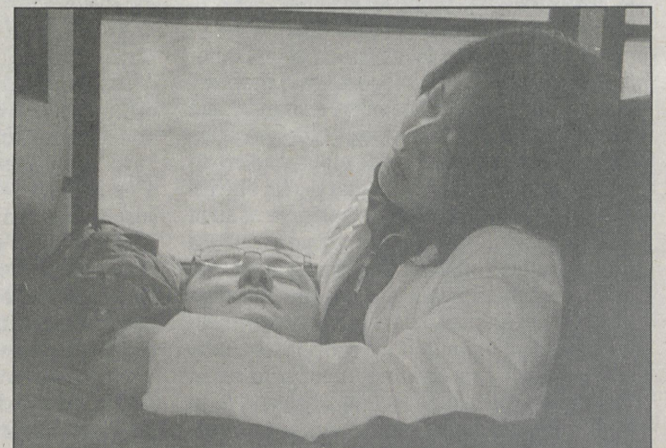
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL: Beavers unable to get points from leading scorers, fall hard

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Aboya and Ryan Hollins had.

"Clearly, for the first time in five weeks, we had a point where we cracked," said OSU head coach Jay John. "When people start throwing dunks down there's a point there where they have created a competitive edge."

Trailing 38-53, the Beavers (10-10, 3-6 Pac-10) looked to their most consistent offensive player of the game: Cuic. Cuic hit Marcel Jones for an open three, followed by a Cuic three to cut the lead to 46-55. A Jones lay-up of the inbound pass trimmed the UCLA lead to seven with only 5:20 left to play. The lead was once again reduced to seven with 1:55 to play after a DeWitz three. UCLA responded with Jordan Farmar hitting Cedric Bozeman for a field goal to put the game out of reach.

"We got out-rebounded, we got out-hustled, and we didn't execute our offense very well," said Jason Fontenet. "Their coach really got his guys going. It's like a military style over there the way they run their offense. It's really crisp and perfectionate."

Farmar, who finished the game with 13 points and 8 assists, provided stability running the offense and only committed one turnover. This was a big improvement from Farmar's showing last year at Gill Coliseum.

"We were here a year ago and he (Farmar) had nine turnovers," said UCLA Head Coach Ben Howland. "He improved a lot in one year; you look at the control of the game and the control down the stretch."

Arron Afflalo, who had his third poor shooting performance in a row, finished with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds for his first double-double.

"I thought Arron Afflalo found other ways; his first double-double of his career," Howland added. "He did a great job on Stephens, who is their leading scorer. Unbelievable job defensively."

The Bruins, who shot just 15.8 percent from three-point range on the game, continually ran screens and looked for openings as the shot clock ran down.

"Our offense dictates who get shots and we didn't run our offense," said Fontenet. "Chris Stephens didn't have a good game and I blame myself for that because we didn't run any offense. Usually we run some plays for him, but he didn't have a good night. That's the thing about basketball, there's always tomorrow."

Cuic's career high of 24 points was not enough for the Beavers on a night when Stephens and DeWitz were nowhere to be found. Stephens only made one field goal and finished with four points. DeWitz was constantly bombarded with the tough interior defense that UCLA exhibited throughout the course of the game.

"It was little things," said Cuic. "It was little, minor details. It was maybe one loose ball, one of their players diving for the ball and getting a time out and getting a three-pointer off that. It's a four point game and then a silly turnover. It was just little details and that's like the story of the season. When it's not turnovers, it's rebounding and when it's not rebounding, it's turnovers or free throws. There's always one little thing."

With three straight losses at home, the Beavers will look to regroup as they host the University of California on Thursday night.

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## Stanford shocks No. 10 Washington Huskies

■ The Cardinal used three free throws with under a second left to force OT

THE DAILY BAROMETER

STANFORD, Calif. - Chris Hernandez told himself to stay calm, refusing to think about the consequences if even one of his free throws were to miss its intended target.

One, two, three \_ just like in practice.

Hernandez sank three free throws with two-tenths of a second left in regulation to send the game into overtime and hit four more in the extra period, lifting Stanford to a thrilling 76-67 victory over No. 10 Washington on Sunday night.

"When you're trying to shoot, the best thing to do is not think about what you have to do," Hernandez said. "I've had that situation in high school a few times. I've been pretty successful."

The Cardinal (10-7, 6-3 Pac-10) won their third straight to extend their home winning streak to eight games. It was their 13th straight win over the Huskies at Maples Pavilion, where students charged the court after the final buzzer sounded.

"I don't think it crossed my mind we were going to lose that game," said Huskies leading scorer Brandon Roy, who finished with 25 points. "I'm still kicking myself. For the first time in basketball, I feel sorry for myself."

Hernandez finished with 15 points and four assists after sitting the final 12:16 of the first half in foul trouble, and Matt Haryasz posted his fifth straight 20-point game with 24 points and 10 rebounds. He also made a gutsy pass to Hernandez in one crazy final minute of regulation.

Roy spun through the lane for the go-ahead basket with 1:01 left in regulation, then came up with a big defensive play when he intercepted a bad pass by Mitch

Johnson with 3 seconds left. Roy converted two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining, but Stanford had a final chance.

"I'm always confident as long as there's time on the clock," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said. "It always helps having a guy who can step up to the free throw line in that situation and keep his composure."

Lawrence Hill inbounded from beneath Washington's basket to a lunging Haryasz, who flipped the ball to Hernandez, and he quickly released a 3 from the right wing and got fouled by Justin Dentmon as the buzzer went off. The officials quickly huddled to review the play, put 2 back on the clock and gave Hernandez three free throws. He made all three and sent the game into overtime.

Before Hernandez even stepped to the line, the clock said 5:00 for overtime.

Washington's defense did just the opposite of what coach Lorenzo Romar instructed on that crucial sequence.

"It was a dumb foul," said Dentmon, the freshman point guard. "I thought I got him after the buzzer, but the camera showed I didn't. It was a mental mistake."

Stanford routinely practices those late-game situations \_ calling the play "home run."

After Dan Grunfeld missed a baseline 3 with 41 seconds left, Roy kept the ball in his hands and ran some time off the clock before Johnson stole the ball from him in the corner to give the Cardinal another opportunity.

Stanford called timeout with 5.9 seconds left, then Washington (16-4, 5-4) used a timeout. Grunfeld inbounded the ball to Johnson, who drove to his left side before losing the ball.

The Huskies rebounded from Thursday's 71-69 loss at California on Thursday with a much more energized effort, but

couldn't do enough in overtime in front of a raucous sellout crowd of 7,400 for the nationally televised game.

"There's no way you think you're going to lose that with 2.1 seconds to go. You think the game's over," Romar said. "The unheard of situation happened. ... What's important at this point is we don't take a nosedive. I've seen teams in this situation not recover from it. It's fine to grieve tonight. I'm going to grieve."

Grunfeld had nine points and five rebounds and played strong defense on Roy down the stretch, while Hill added 12 points, seven boards and three assists.

Stanford came out in a zone defense and had no answer inside for Washington's Jon Brockman and Jamaal Williams, who made key back-to-back baskets late in regulation.

Brockman had 11 points and eight rebounds and Williams 15 points and five boards for Washington, which hasn't won on Stanford's home floor since a 68-67 victory Jan. 30, 1993.

The Huskies lost 77-67 at Stanford last March 5 to cost themselves a share of the Pac-10 title, but bounced back to beat the Cardinal in the conference tournament 66-63 on March 11 on the way to winning the tournament championship.

Washington's high trapping defense flustered Stanford into eight turnovers in the first 10 minutes, and when Washington came at Stanford in a full-court press it was 6-foot-8 forward Taj Finger forced to bring the ball up court for the Cardinal.

Stanford had three of its 19 turnovers in the opening 45 seconds and the Cardinal didn't take their first shot until more than three minutes into the game, but made five of their first six shots and quickly turned an 8-1 deficit into a 17-12 lead on back-to-back baskets by Tim Morris to cap an 11-2 spurt.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS: Ducks used tight defense to hold OSU to 12 first half points and never looked back in their home win

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mark of the opening half put the Ducks up 22-7 with 4:55 to play. Richards scored six points during that run while the Beavers were in the midst of an 0-8 shooting stretch.

Oregon State finally got going offensively midway through the second half, using an 11-4 run to get within 34-29 with 6:39 to play.

Despite making only one more field goal the rest of the way, the Ducks kept their separation by going 15-for-16 from the free-throw line in the final 6:19.

Oregon State could never overcome its first-half performance when it shot just 14 percent from the field (4-for-28) and was outrebounded 32-12.

Kim Butler, the Beavers' leading scorer

coming in at 17.5 points per game, was held to 14 points overall on 6-of-14 shooting. She was held scoreless in the first half when she went 0-for-3 in only five minutes of playing time after picking up three fouls.

Mandy Close, whose layup with 3.4 seconds left gave the Beavers a 63-61 win against the Ducks in Corvallis on Wednesday, scored 12 points but on 5-of-20 shooting.

Anita Rivera also scored 10 for the Beavers, who outscored the Ducks 33-28 in the second half.

## GYMNASTICS: No. 11 OSU gets upset despite minor mistakes

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It was floor exercise that finally sent the Beavers tumbling past the Cardinal.

The OSU floor team showed why it ranks No. 11 nationally, as two of the six gymnasts scored 9.825s, with Smith rounding out the effort at 9.850, which tied Stanford's Yim for the top score. The Beavers' 49.000 on the floor was a season high.

On the floor, Smith leaped out of the gym on her tumbling passes. Her hip-hop themed routine includes her taking a phone call from a teammate and playing tug-of-war with the rest of her teammates.

"Her leaps, her jumps, it's like she has springs in her legs and it's pretty amazing how

high she can get up on her tumbling passes, as well as her jumps," Chaplin said about Smith.

"The floor is one of my favorites and I like to do it," Smith said. "When everyone gets into it and when everyone gets pumped, you get pumped, and it makes it easier when everyone is hyped and pumped."

While Smith and Lanz may have put the final touches on the win, OSU sophomore Megan Devencenzi, who solidified her position on the floor lineup last week at UCLA, continued to perform well this week, scoring a 9.825 on the floor. OSU senior Chrissy Lamun made an uncharacteristic error on the floor when she sailed off the mat after a tumbling pass, which cost her a .10 deduction. She ended up with a mark of 9.550.

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## Rower receives National acclaim

■ Former OSU rower and his U.S. men's eight-team nominated for 2005 Olympic Committee award

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Former Oregon State University men's rower Josh Inman has been nominated for the United States Olympic Committee's 2005 Sports-Man of the Year. The Committee also announced that the U.S. Men's Eight, of which Inman is a member, is also under consideration for the Team of the Year. The nominees are the 2005 Athletes and Teams of the Year representing Olympic and Pan American sports organizations within the U.S. Olympic Movement.



Josh Inman

Some of the most recognizable athletes in U.S. history have received the award since it was introduced in 1974. Last year's winner was swimmer Michael Phelps. Before Phelps, cyclist Lance Armstrong took the award four of the last five years. Wrestler Rulon Gardner was the man who broke up Armstrong's string with the title in 2000.

Joining Armstrong as athletes that have won the award multiple years are Eric Heiden (speedskating), Greg Louganis (diving), Matt Biondi (swimming) and Michael Johnson (track and field).

Inman, a graduate of Hillsboro High School in Hillsboro, Ore., lettered at Oregon State from 2000-2002. He was an All-Pac-10 Conference selection as a senior after helping the varsity eight to a fourth-place finish at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's National Championships, the program's best-ever finish.

Inman was a member of the gold medal-winning eight team in last September's International Federation of Rowing Association's World Championships in Japan.

Inman is one of 34 males under consideration for the prestigious award.



Sophomore Claire Pierce competes on the balance beam in OSU's upset victory of No. 6 Stanford. Pierce finished sixth of 12 competitors with a score of 9.750. Team mate Tasha Smith took the title in the event with her score of 9.875.

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## Gymnastics leaps past No. 6 Stanford

■ Freshmen pull through for OSU leading team to home victory Friday night in front of 3,317

By Denny Burnett THE DAILY BAROMETER

An impressive floor performance vaulted the No. 19 Oregon State gymnastics team over No. 6 Stanford for OSU's most impressive victory of the season.

In front of a crowd of 3,317 at Gill Coliseum on Friday night, the Beavers outscored the Cardinal 195.150 to 194.125. Stanford led at the halfway mark 97.325 to 97.275, but disaster struck them on the balance beam and the only thing they could do was watch the Beavers dominate the floor exercise.

"It feels great to beat the No. 6 team in the nation," said OSU freshman Jami Lanz. "It proved that we can beat the top teams in the nation and we showed that. We had confidence

in each other and we showed everyone that we could do it."

The night belonged to OSU freshmen Tasha Smith and Lanz, who shared the all-around title with scores of 39.125.

"They've both been doing an awesome job all year," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin. "They have been pushing each other and pushing the team in practice and they've been fighting every time they go out and that's what we've been trying to focus on."

"It felt great, especially at home," said Lanz on her sharing the all-around victory. "It's special to win anywhere, but it means so much more to win at home, it's so much more fun, because everyone is here watching and it gets the crowd into it."

The Beavers started the night on the vault and right away put a solid score on the board with 48.650. Smith sprinted down the runway to a score of 9.875, which led all Beavers. But it was

Stanford sophomore Tabitha Yim who springboarded to the overall vault title with a 9.900.

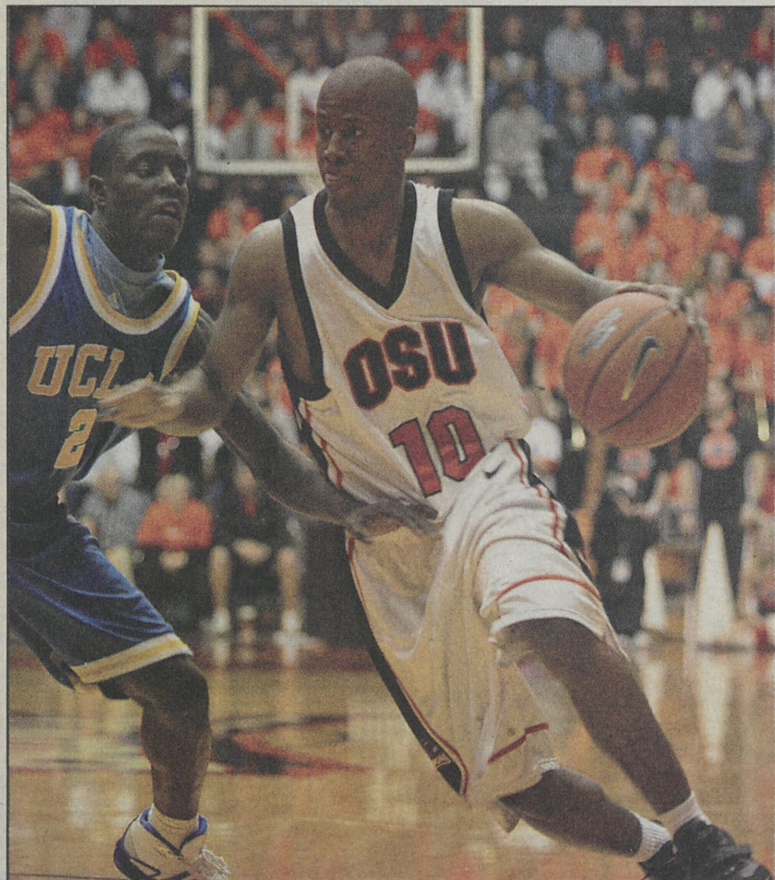
"It felt really good, because we were really pumped before we came out," Smith said of defeating Stanford. "When we were down in the locker room, we were very confident. At the beginning of the year we were worried someone might fall, but now no one has a doubt and no one is worried."

After the vault, the Beavers leapt and flew between the uneven bars. Lanz stuck her dismount to earn a solid mark of 9.800, which led the way for the Beavers. Stanford sophomore Liz Tricase took the top spot with a score of 9.850.

OSU surged ahead to third rotation. The balance beam gave the Beavers trouble the last time at Gill, but not on Friday. Smith once again sent the crowd to their feet and took the overall beam title at 9.875. Meanwhile, Lanz showed elegance and control on her way to a 9.800 mark.

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## No. 17 UCLA keeps men's basketball at bay



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OSU senior guard Jason Fontenet drives past UCLA's Darren Collins in the Beaver's 53-64 home loss Saturday. Fontenet played 32 minutes.

■ Sasa Cuic leads way for OSU with 24 points, not enough to get win

By Steven Masters THE DAILY BAROMETER

The OSU men's basketball team was physically exhausted by its 53-64 home loss to UCLA. Trailing by one at halftime to the No. 17 team in the nation is no easy task, but with 20 minutes left in the game, everything looked good. Chris Stephens and Nick DeWitz combined for only two first-half points, but Sasa Cuic was carrying the scoring load. UCLA had only attempted two foul shots and the Beavers were shooting a very modest 40.9% from the field. Then the second half began with a Bruin charge.

"Let me tell you one thing, coming in at halftime I was exhausted," said Cuic. "I was tired, I felt beat up because it was a physical and rough game to play."

Both teams came out and continued the back and forth battle. The Beavers were only trailing 34-38 when the Bruins went for the dagger on a 15-4 run to push their lead to 15. During that nine minute run, the Beavers only hit one field goal. Even more important were the back-to-back uncontested dunks that Alfred

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Senior point guard Mandy Close eyes the basket while Kaela Chapelaine rides her hip in OSU's home win Wednesday night. Close was unable to get going in Eugene on Saturday and finished with 12 points on 5-for-20 shooting.

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## Women's hoops struggles in Eugene

■ After Wednesday's win over Ducks, Saturday brings defeat to OSU

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EUGENE, Ore. — Gabrielle Richards recorded 13 points and 18 rebounds to lead Oregon past Oregon State 54-45 Saturday at McArthur Court in the second game in three days between the two teams.

Chelsea Wagner added 11 points for the Ducks (13-7, 4-6 Pac-10), who beat the Beavers at home for the fifth straight season and 14th time in 15 games.

Richards recorded 14 of her rebounds in the first half, as Oregon took advantage of Oregon State's (9-9, 3-7) slow start to lead 26-12 at the break. A 14-0 run that started with a three-point play by Wagner at the 8:26

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