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## Video gaming, 3-D modeling courses available in spring

The Meaning of Video Games and Advanced 3-D Modeling will be available to students with NMC majors or minors

By Lauren Sigel  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This spring term, the new media communications department is offering two new electives to students with a NMC major or minor.

The Meaning of Video Games and Advanced 3-D Modeling are being offered for the first time in OSU history, and anyone with a strong interest in video games or who has prior experience with 3-D modeling are encouraged to sign up. Both classes fall under the category of NMC 499 Special Topics.

Bill Loges, an associate professor in new media communications and sociology, is the instructor for The Meaning of Video Games. It is his first time teaching a course exclusively devoted to deciphering video and online games, and he encourages anyone who is interested in video games to apply.

"Students can expect to get two basic experiences out of taking this course," Loges said. "One is that they will gain a true appreciation for games from a player's point of view, and be able to truly appreciate and analyze the work and detail that goes into making a game's storyline."

"The other thing students can expect is to learn how to analyze games and learn the nature of storytelling in an interactive environment, the reward structure of games and the social systems that games create," he said.

Loges added that students will learn about the fine line that video game designers walk each day when producing games that need to be challenging but not too difficult to be able to succeed.

"In taking this class, students will gain an understanding in the story a game is telling and learn to recognize elements of what makes the storyline successful. There is a fine balance between game goals being too boring or too challenging. Learning how much frustration a player can take before giving up and moving on helps a developer make a challenging, yet fun, game," Loges said.

Advanced 3-D modeling will be taught by NMC instructor Marty Havran, who has worked in the film industry for the last 16 years as a 3-D modeler at Sony Imageworks, Disney Studios, and most recently DreamWorks.

Film projects he has worked on include Space Jam, Species, Contact, Hollow Man, Kung Foo Panda and the upcoming Monsters Versus Aliens. His experience also includes working on commercials, games and in medical visualization.

"When we learned that Marty was moving to Corvallis, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to offer this course," said Jeff Hale, interim director for NMC. "The wealth of experience he brings to the field of 3-D

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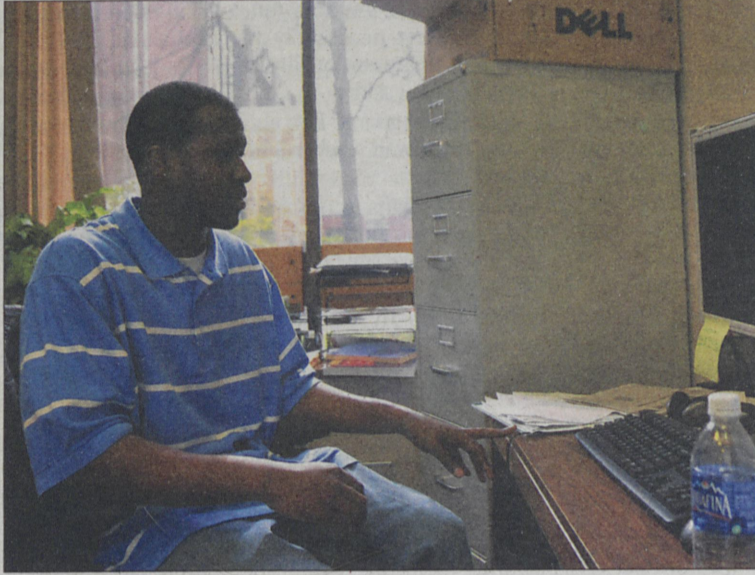
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## Redeau's road to becoming campus leader

DaMarcus Redeau came to OSU intimidated, shy; reached leadership levels that he never anticipated



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DaMarcus Redeau works as a graduate teaching assistant for Intercultural Student Services in the Kerr Administrative Building.

By Taryn Luna  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

DaMarcus Redeau, 23, made his first visit to the OSU campus the day he registered for classes at a START orientation during the summer of 2003.

"I didn't know what to expect," the Portland native said. "I was just really happy to be going to college."

On the day Redeau moved into Finley Hall, the shy freshman reached out to help a fellow student and quickly learned what life in a city lacking cultural diversity would be like.

"I was holding a door open for him because he was carrying something heavy and he made a comment about me already being there for a few weeks because athletes have to move in early," he said.

Despite common misconceptions he said he encounters frequently on a predominantly white campus, Redeau isn't here for athletics. In fact, the stu-

dent who can't walk through campus without being recognized has gained his fame by becoming one of the most prominent leaders at OSU.

"In many ways he exemplifies why this office is here," said Terry Ross, the director of the Office of Community and Diversity. "He's a very bright and talented young man."

During the summer of 2007, Redeau worked with teen leaders at Kidspirit through the PROMISE program run by the Office of Community and Diversity.

"PROMISE is an internship program designed to provide professional, managerial or technical paid work experience in state and local government agencies for Oregon State University juniors and seniors," according to the program's website.

The following summer, he became the student coordinator of PROMISE.

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## Hundreds of lambs expected at OSU Sheep Center



JEFF WICK | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Megan O'Leary, a freshman in animal studies, encourages day-old twin lambs to nurse at the OSU Sheep Research Center on Wednesday. Newborn lambs are placed with their mothers in small pens for 48 hours to encourage bonding. Students like O'Leary help to run the OSU Sheep Research Center to care for both the sheep and their offspring.

Public invited to come watch birthing of the lambs for free from Feb. 9 to March 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

By Rebecca Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State University's Sheep Center has opened their doors to the public to view the new lambs set to arrive this month.

The center has around 200 to 250 ewes with several hundred lambs expected to be added to the population in the coming weeks.

This is an annual event when the center receives several thousand visitors each year. The doors will be opened from Feb. 9 to March 13. People can visit anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. seven days a week.

One of the visitors, Megan Larsen, has been going to the center for years, but was excited about this year because she was able to bring her 17-month-old daughter to enjoy the lambs for the first time.

"This is our third day visit-

ing," Larsen said. "It's good for my daughter to be able to see the little guys."

School children are some of the largest crowds drawn to the center. Many schools have already called to arrange their visits to the center to enjoy an educational experience.

Guests are free to roam the area that is open to the public, seeing all the sheep and the small lambs, but they ask that no one touch the animals and that visitors wash their hands before leaving.

The center uses OSU students to help run the center and take care of the sheep and their offspring. One of those students is Megan O'Leary, a freshman in animal sciences. She spoke about the center while attempting to get a set of twin lambs that had arrived the night before to nurse from their mother.

"One of them got cold last night," O'Leary said. "We got him warmed up, now we're just trying to get him to nurse."

She explained that when the lambs are first born they are put in separate pens to make sure they



bond with the mother and to have blood and milk samples taken as part of ongoing research.

After 48 hours the mother and her baby are moved back into one of the larger pens to be able to be seen by the public.

The center is used for research by the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station, but is also used by the OSU animal sciences department and the College of Veterinary Medicine for teaching purposes.

To visit is free and open to everyone during visiting hours, but the center prefers groups of 12 or more to arrange appointments by contacting the center through email.

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## Hale to remain as interim director of NMC department

Among his missions are to get a permanent director in charge of NMC; plans to do so once finances, economy improve

By Aleks Cherednichenko  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The search for a permanent director of the new media communications department has been suspended.

Jeffery Hale, the current interim director of the program, will remain at the helm of the NMC department until the search resumes again.

"There currently isn't adequate funding for a full-time NMC director," Hale said.

"The college couldn't come to an agreement with Human Resources concerning the criteria for the position."

Hale, however, is happy to stay on and lead the NMC department until more funding is available.

The NMC program was established at OSU in 2001 and has since grown into an established department. Hale has played a big role in developing the NMC major into what it is today.

"Jeff was closely involved in new media communications from its inception, because our major is an option in the liberal studies program," said Bill Loges, associate professor in NMC.

Despite leading the NMC department, Hale's background is in philanthropy and charity.

"My degree is in applied sociology from San Diego State, and my work has been as a nonprofit director and corporate and foundation grantmaker," he said.

Hale began his career at OSU as a fundraiser for the College of Liberal Arts. In 1991 he was given the opportunity to direct the liberal studies major.

Hale's colleagues describe him as a dedicated man who goes above and beyond his responsibilities.

"In a very tight financial situations, Jeff has attracted outstanding faculty members to fill gaps in our staff," Loges said.

"He wears many hats," said Frank Ragulsky, director of student media. "He's done a whole lot to get NMC on the right track."

In his role as a director of a newly

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Meetings

**ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force**, 4-5pm, Barometer conference room. Discuss ways to tackle issues in the Corvallis community that affect students, such as the current campaign to increase street lighting in the community.

**ASOSU**, 5-6pm, Barometer conference room. Government Affairs Task Force meeting.

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**, 7pm, Arnold Dining Gold Room. Come worship and fellowship with us! Snacks and hang time to follow. Experience it.

**OSU Juggling Club**, 6-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Learn to juggle or practice juggling. Learn new tricks from our instructors.

**Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance**, 4pm, Women's Center. Join us for meetings.

**ASOSU Elections Committee**, 1pm, MU 207. Information session for potential candidates.

**Educational Activities**, 6-8:30pm, MU 212. MLK. Budget hearing.

Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Simple supper followed by discussion. Interesting presenters. Relevant themes.

**OSU Music Department**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music a La Carte: "EOE" Jazz, funk, world, Latin rhythms straight from New Orleans.

**ASOSU Government Affairs**, 6-8pm, MU Learning Lounge. Training for whomever is interested in direct lobbying, campaigning, and movement building/organizing.

**OSU Newman Center Catholic Campus Ministry**, 9pm, 2127 NW Monroe St. (across from Weniger). Catholic Student Mass, everyone welcome.

**Peer Health Advocates**, 10am-2pm, MU Quad. These Hands Don't Hurt: Renew your commitment to stand up against violence by signing our wall.

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Friday, Feb. 13

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TOP STORY

## Ore. Guard tells 433 of possible chemical exposure

By Joseph B. Frazier  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — The Oregon National Guard has written to 433 of its soldiers to say they may have been exposed to a toxic, carcinogenic chemical at an Iraqi water pumping plant shortly after the war began.

Guard spokesman Maj. Mike Braibish said three companies of the 162nd Infantry Battalion were deployed in Kuwait, and the troops were sent, about 50 at a time, into Iraq to escort employees of Houston-based KBR, which was inspecting oil facilities.

He said no symptoms indicating exposure have been reported to the Oregon Guard.

"That doesn't mean they won't be," Braibish said Wednesday. "Some may have been treated by the Veterans Administration, and we don't know about it. It's a possibility."

U.S. Sens. Evan Bayh of Indiana and Byron Dorgan of North Dakota say there are unanswered questions about the exposure of U.S. troops to

the chemical hexavalent chromium at the Basra water plant in 2003.

Bayh first raised concerns about the Indiana Guard. Tuesday in a letter to the Pentagon, the senators mentioned Oregon troops.

They say KBR allowed soldiers to be exposed to the chemical for more than two months even though KBR knew the site was contaminated. KBR has denied it knowingly harmed troops or was responsible for an unsafe condition.

The senators also say that Indiana National Guard troops didn't learn of possible exposure until they saw KBR workers wearing special clothing and that Guard troops from Oregon, South Carolina and West Virginia haven't been told they may have been exposed.

But Braibish said 433 letters were sent earlier this year. He said 18 were returned as undeliverable.

"We have the responsibility to let the soldiers know what we know," he said.

He said Oregon troops did

the guard duty for six to eight weeks in 2003, and then the Indiana National Guard took it over.

Each Oregon soldier may have gone into the area four times but not necessarily to the water treatment facility at Basra, Braibish said.

They would go into Iraq and return to Kuwait each night, he said.

He said Indiana troops went to the same locations each day and may have stayed at the facility at times.

The company closed the site in the summer of 2003 for "remediation," or to fix problems, he said.

In October of that year the Army started studying hexavalent chromium levels at the site.

Braibish said a key to determining exposure would be concentrations of the chemical before "remediation," which KBR may know but which the Army does not.

"There are three factors," Braibish said. "Time, or duration, frequency and

concentration."

"We know the duration and frequency," but not the concentration levels before KBR tried to fix the problem by covering the area with gravel and asphalt, he said.

He said KBR did not report concentration levels and was not required to do so in its contract.

Based on the data they could get, Braibish said, Department of the Army investigators concluded that exposure levels did not exceed OSHA levels and were not substantial.

"I believe we made a good faith effort," Braibish said. "The challenge is that we don't know the concentration. Does KBR know?"

He said symptoms can include respiratory problems, torn nasal membranes and, in severe cases, various forms of cancer.

Hexavalent chromium is used, among other things, as an additive to dyes, paints, inks, and plastics and as an anticorrosive surface coating.

## Bills seek to prevent abuse in Oregon schools

By Brad Cain  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Two bills aimed at preventing students from being sexually abused by educators and others who work in schools won approval Wednesday in the Oregon Senate.

One measure expands the state's authority to require fingerprinting of all newly hired school employees — even if they don't have direct, unsupervised contact with children. The requirement wouldn't apply to school volunteers.

The other bill would give the state panel that licenses and disciplines educators authority to revoke or suspend the right of student teachers to apply for a license if they engage in misconduct.

Backers said that while the number of sexual abuse cases in schools is small, the state needs to do whatever it can to keep children safe.

Both bills go to the House — where they're expected to win easy passage — and four additional pieces of legislation are pending this ses-

sion to reduce sexual abuse of children in the state's schools.

"I believe that the legislation we passed today and the reforms that will follow this session will give Oregon the strongest child protection laws in the nation," said Sen. Mark Hass, the Beaverton Democrat who chairs the Senate's education panel.

Hass said that Oregon disciplines 15 or fewer educators a year for molesting or having sexual relations with children — a fraction of the tens of thousands of educa-

tors who teach, coach and mentor in Oregon's schools.

"Ninety-nine percent of these people are never involved in something like this," Hass said.

At the same time, Hass and other supporters of the legislation said the state must take a tough stand against sexual abuse that causes lasting damage to children and violates the trust between schools and communities.

"We are trying to protect our children," said Sen. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene.

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modeling is priceless, and the advanced skills students will learn in this class will help them be top competitors in applying for internships in this field."

While the class may sound exciting to those who enjoy video games but have no experience with 3-D modeling, Hale warned that some previous experience may be helpful when taking this course.

"Although there are no prerequisites in taking Advanced 3-D modeling, it is highly recommended that students

have prior experience in 3-D modeling and have taken other 3-D modeling classes."

These classes do not require any class fees, and the department is curious to see how many students sign up for them come spring term.

"It's less of a trial run and more of grasping the opportunity for students to learn practical and analytical skills in these fields," Hale said. "If students enjoy taking the classes and if they fulfill their academic needs, then we will consider offering them again the following spring term."

"If I was a NMC major, I would think about taking the

video games class," said Kyle Gilham, a junior in mechanical engineering. "What could be more fun than taking a class on video games and getting credit for it? It sounds pretty interesting, and if that's the kind of thing students want to get into then that's great."

Although the class will only be offered to NMC majors or minors, if students of other majors are interested in taking either one of the classes they should directly contact the professors through email or telephone for an override.

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**REDEAU**

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Among his many duties is to ensure that the program ran smoothly and that students were prepared to be valuable interns. Redeau set up weekly luncheons, put together packets for each of the interns and led discussions and orientations, he said.

"Last year PROMISE was the largest it's ever been in years," he said. "We had 39 interns."

At the end of the summer, he was responsible for creating a booklet that featured profiles of the interns. To complete the project, Redeau taught himself to use InDesign and visited each of the 39 students at their internship locations scattered throughout the surrounding Corvallis area.

"He will be a leader wherever he goes, and I will not be surprised to see him make an impact on society in the future," Ross said. "I personally have been touched by his story."

OSU student Yazmin Brambila, 26, has been a PROMISE intern working with 4-H for the past two years and had her first experience with Redeau last year.

"You can't really tell how shy he is until you talk to him," she said. "When you talk to him, he makes you feel at peace."

Redeau graduated last summer with a bachelor's degree in human development and family science and minors in ethnic studies and sociology. Now he is a graduate student in the College of Student Services' administration program and works as a

graduate teaching assistant for intercultural student services.

During his undergraduate years he worked at the Black Cultural Center as an office assistant, a publications coordinator and an external coordinator. The experience helped him discover his niche for working with students of color, which provided a unique opportunity to help those transitioning to an entirely new environment, he said.

"Some come to college with a disadvantage," Redeau said. "Some families have never stepped on a college campus before."

In the summer of 2006, Redeau returned to the START orientation program.

"The biggest chance I took was being a START leader," he said. "I'll never forget that first day."

On an unusually hot day in Oregon with temperatures above 100 degrees, he became so nervous in anticipation of having to speak to a crowd of 700 people that he actually threw up.

"It was my first time giving a tour by myself," he said. "Not only was it introducing yourself, but being tested on your knowledge of OSU that you've been studying for months."

Redeau can now look back on the experience with a smile.

"That summer was fun," he said. "I learned a lot about myself. I couldn't be shy. They knew nothing about Oregon State and expected me to be an expert. That kind of broke my shell."

His mother Brenda said she was shocked by the roles her son

has taken on at OSU.

"He was a really shy boy," she said. "I knew he was going to get out, I just didn't know when."

When he was in third grade, she can remember his teacher calling her at home one day. Redeau was finishing his class assignments faster than the other students and had trouble waiting quietly for them to finish.

"So I told the teacher, 'Well, why don't you give him something else to do?'" his mother said.

To occupy his time, the teacher assigned him to go to the kindergarten class and help teach the younger students, she said.

Now in his spare time Redeau plays on two intramural basketball teams and hosts his own radio show on KBVR.

"I was amazed when he said he was doing the radio show," his mom said. "I said 'You?'"

The show, called Genuine Beats, airs every Sunday night from 8 to 10 p.m. and features jazz, hip-hop, soul, R&B, reggae and funk from the 1970's, '80s and '90s.

Redeau credits OSU with helping him step outside his own box and inspiring him to seek a future working with students.

"I think being involved on campus sends a message to black students as well as other students," he said. "I don't do it for myself. I do it for other people, to show them you don't have to be in the mold that society tells you."

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## Guest Editorial

### Forming a new culture of tolerance, Obama strives for bipartisanship

Philosophically, the debate between two opposing sides of an issue will find truth within the common ground they come to find in the midst of their debate. In some, if not many cases, this truth is seemingly impossible to attain when two forces are adamantly opposed — and completely so — without open minds on both sides of the battle.

Within debate, there must be discussion — no matter how set in a stance, there must be some room for understanding the opposing force, some altruistic element.

It would seem as though politicians, who, by definition, lead careers debating in order to implement policy, would be familiar with the benefits of bipartisanship. Yet how many bills during this state congressional session alone have been tied up in partisan bicker? Citizens in all states will never benefit from policies, never see bills that are trapped in a limbo between politicians who are caught up on one or two hidebound spats. Rather than developing common ground to form bills for the good of the public, more and more often we see politicians working against one another.

While this is no new beef of ours, we're pleased that it seems as though at least one politician is taking public steps to alleviate partisan tension. In the midst of harsh criticisms from leading congressional Republicans on his economic recession plan, Barack Obama has stepped forward to revive some common ground — or in the least, humanity — between Democrats and Republicans.

With social events including both Democrat and Republican guests, The New York Times reported that Obama is striving to do a bit more than win votes for his party's stance on different issues. The hospitality he and the first lady have shown to members of both parties may introduce a new culture of tolerance and discussion to the political world.

Regardless of whether you voted for Obama and whether you support his current legislation, we think something can be adapted from the acts of bipartisan kindness he's shown in his time in office so far. Partisanship is good — it creates the challenge for one party to think from another's point of view, and stimulates thought and progression. That said, Obama's actions are saying that partisanship must maintain some level of "reaching across the aisle" and benevolence to avoid the deeply divided party lines that often hinder progress. We may not always like his politics, but we appreciate the values he's introducing to the government, and we hope to see political life on all levels learn a bit from it.

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# Obama must remember importance of life

Dear President Obama, I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of the United States. I will be honest in saying that I did not vote for you in November — not out of disrespect for you as a person, but over our disagreement on the issue of life.

Some may say I'm a single-issue voter, but from my point of view life is a prerequisite to all other issues; with all the important decisions to make in life, what could be more important than those involving human life?

Mr. President, I am well aware that I would not last two hours in the White House having to make the decisions that you have already had to make. You hold a powerful office and have the chance to make some important changes.

I will be the first to admit that I know very little about politics. Knowing people comes a little more naturally to me, although most people are probably more complicated than politics.

Nevertheless, we hopefully can agree that people rank a little higher on all of our lists than politics. It



Kerry Hart

Hart reflections: Food for thought

seems that politics were created for people and for order in our country. Through politics, we become concerned about our economy, our businesses and our school systems. What are these serving if not the human race?

As my president, I believe I have legitimate expectations of you. I trust that you will protect my country's people, make wise decisions regarding laws and policies and stand up to guide us when times are rough.

I trust that God will guide you in your choices, give you faith and hope to wake up to each day and help you work to the best of your ability for all our good. This includes, sir, the duty and responsibility to protect human life. God asks no less of his sons and daughters.

I realize that the issue of abortion

is a controversial one, and one that can be argued from many angles. I may be erring on the side of caution, but when such an issue involves even the possibility of defending human life, it is only just and prudent to tread softly.

I believe that life begins at conception. At that moment, all the genetic material is there; all 46 chromosomes, the same number that you and I have in each of our cells today. It's an amazing miracle, and it's life.

If you disagree with this, we can split hairs trying to determine when life begins. Anyone may guess when this "mass of cells" should be considered a human being. Who should decide? The guy down the street? The woman at the bakery? Should I? Should you?

We're forgetting an important person in this discussion: God. Ultimately, God decides when it is our time to live or die. It is His responsibility. Thank goodness for that, I certainly wouldn't want to make those calls.

I want to do all I can to help protect and support those people who are in

my life: my sister, my friends, my baby cousin. They all deserve a chance in this world.

You too deserve a chance, regardless of the circumstances that brought you into this world. After all, how much control did you have over those circumstances? The fact is, you exist.

I know you support your people, Mr. President. I know you want your little girls to have the best. You want America's children to grow up with health, happiness and opportunities. Defending life in the womb is only consistent with these desires.

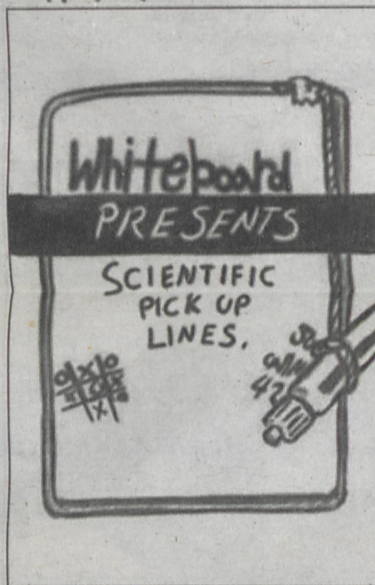
Finally, I want to thank you.

Thank you for your time, willingness and dedication as my president. I also want you to know that I am praying for you. I pray for your heart to be molded by our Father in Heaven. I pray for your family, that you may grow closer to one another.

I thank God for my life, and for your life. Have you thanked God for your life today, President Obama?

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# Students and Nutrition: The wonderful powers of garlic

Erin Doohar  
The Daily Barometer

You're taking 18 credits, working 20 hours a week, studying for midterms and trying to have a social life. We all do this and try to get by on four hours of sleep a night. You don't have time to be sick.

So what happens? You get sick. Tonsils flare, nose runs. You run to the medicine cabinet, grabbing for a daytime mask-your-symptoms cold medicine.

Well, sniffle no more. There's a naturally occurring fix that comes from your vegetable garden. The cure is easy, tasty, and will ward off any intruding vampires should the need arise. The cure I speak of is garlic.

The power of garlic isn't a new concept. The ancient Egyptians, Hippocrates, the Romans, the Greeks and many other savants have harnessed the power of garlic for thousands of years.

So why haven't we embraced the habit as well? We're skeptical, but maybe there are reasons for us to change our minds.

Peter Josling, one of the biggest garlic enthusiasts in the world, did a study on the relation between garlic and immunity and found that taking garlic supplements significantly decreased chances of contracting a cold.

Finally, a study has proven what our skeptical brains don't want to believe: a food can be our medicine.

Josling's study also proved that people who did have the help of garlic had fewer and lighter cold symptoms compared to those who took a placebo.

This beneficial effect may be because garlic works to decrease your body's inflammatory response. When you get a cold, many of the unpleasant symptoms you experience are your body's response to an intruder. Garlic helps

decrease those inflammatory responses while still allowing your body's antiviral response to fight off the pathogens.

Basically, this means that if you start getting a cold, eat garlic and you will probably be feeling better within the next day or two. This is much better compared to being sick for one to two weeks had you not eaten garlic.

We all know when we're getting sick. Next time you feel those tonsils start to swell up, your sinuses hurt and your ears pop, put down the chamomile tea.

Pick up some garlic. And I'm not talking garlic-flavored pork rinds. I'm talking fresh garlic, the kind that makes you smell because you eat so much, the kind that could kill a vampire. Chop it, smooch it, mix it, eat it. You'll feel great and have to find a new excuse to skip class.

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# There's life outside of the economy

While most people hate to admit it, the desire for money is a perfectly healthy attribute. Money allows us to perform exchanges to meet our day-to-day needs and wants through a standardized medium of exchange. Thus, the aspiration for monetary wealth becomes closely associated with personal achievement and the struggle to live a better life.

However, in this bleak economic climate, it has become increasingly apparent that finances are being viewed as the sole indicator of personal worth and fulfillment. This demonstrates an extreme desire that must be curbed before it leads to psychological instability. To cope with the rough economy, members of the workforce must build a foundation of personal identity and achievement outside the unpredictable and superficial realm of money.

In the current recession, one in which the unemployment rate is the highest it's been in 26 years, more people are getting laid off each day, and the failing economy has become the main psychological challenge many Americans face today.

According to the American Psychological Association's 2008

Reno Ong  
Daily Bruin

Stress in America survey, 80 percent of Americans reported in September that the economy is a significant cause of stress. This number is up from 66 percent in April. Rick Weinberg, a psychologist from Florida, told CNN that in one week, 80 percent of his patients were talking about the pain inflicted by the economy.

"This is really unprecedented," Nancy Molitor, a clinical psychologist from Chicago, told CNN. "I've been practicing for 20 years, and I'm seeing just an unprecedented amount of anxiety, as are most of my colleagues."

In extreme cases, financial troubles have led to drastic acts such as suicide. In early January, one of Chicago's most well-known real-estate brokers, Steven L. Good, died of apparent suicide. Just before his death, he had talked about the tough economic situation surrounding the real-estate sector at a business conference. More recently, a California man, Ervin Antonio Lupoe, shot and killed all six of his family members before turning the gun on himself. He and

his wife had just been fired from their jobs.

While these incidences are for the most part rare, they are indicative of a general mindset that reduces personal identity simply to economic capacity. If this capacity is taken away, as was the case with the real-estate broker and the married couple, life itself crumbles to nothingness.

According to Molitor, this psychological pathology is prevalent in type A personalities, which are known to be more aggressive and highly competitive. People of this type tend to build their identities around being successful in the workplace. However, once the foundation of economic identity is lost, they lose sight of who they are as well. Given the changing nature of today's economy, such a tendency becomes dangerous. The fear of losing one's job also becomes an issue of losing one's notion of self.

One's professional life, although important, must be treated as a part of the greater concept of life, and not life itself. There is nothing wrong with taking pride in one's work, and careers are significant to the personal identity. This is why we associate people who are

successful in their fields with their jobs. Bill Gates is known for his work at Microsoft, just as President Barack Obama is known for being the 44th president of the United States.

The problem with taking pride in one's work is the possibility of it overshadowing the person. We often leave out the fact that Bill Gates is also a fierce philanthropist and Obama is a father and a husband. People are people, and the existence of high-paying jobs, or the lack of them, must not mask the fact that they exist outside of the economic setting.

It is saddening to reduce oneself to a mere agent of work. Monetary compensation must not be seen as the ultimate end, but the means by which people go about living. Numerous responsibilities, opportunities and successes exist outside of the economic setting. This simple fact must be realized to gain a better understanding of self, and to better insulate oneself from the troubling fiscal times.

Work and the pursuit of wealth can only go so far to define a person. It's entirely up to the individual to define the meaning of life.

Reno Ong  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Illegal drugs

#### Honesty must be a part of conversation

I'd like to commend Mr. Tripathi on his candid, informative and balanced column concerning marijuana in our society in his Feb. 11 column. Like many of you, I have many friends who hate the stuff and others who smoke it multiple times a day — each person who partakes seems to be affected in dramatically different ways, whether those effects are positive (chronic pain relief, relaxation, etc.) or negative (memory problems, asthma, dependence, etc.). One thing is clear, however, and yet so very few upstanding public citizens like Mr. Tripathi have the courage to mention it: only through fact-based education and the legal regulation of marijuana can we both stop the influence of the drug cartels and help those who might become addicted.

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### Diversity

#### "Pride" does not equal entitlement

The issue of ethnic/gay pride has been one that makes no sense to me. Pride is satisfaction with your (or another's) accomplishments. I don't see being born a certain skin color as an accomplishment. Neither do I see a preference as an accomplishment.

The university has "pride centers" that attempt to empower minorities, but suggesting that who you are should be a source of pride seems to be selling those they mean to empower short. I agree that you should not have to apologize for who you are, but pride should be earned if it is supposed to hold any meaning.

You can be proud of grades, or passing a difficult class or landing that high-paying job, but to base your pride on something that you made no effort to accomplish comes across as "I have done nothing note-worthy, so I will base my self-esteem on a given." It just seems so empty. It would be like me being proud of the fact that I was born with two legs or brown hair. I didn't do anything to earn these things. They're simply a part of who I am and, while I make no apologies for these things, my source of pride stems from things I have done with my life.

I believe that pride, like respect, should be earned, and not given. If you want to base your pride on something as empty as the color of your skin or which gender you find yourself attracted to, fine, but don't be surprised when you aren't given the respect you feel entitled to.

DREW WICKS,  
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# Israelis must remember importance of compromise

On Tuesday, Israeli voters go to the polls. In the face of difficult times, they are forced to make difficult choices. One choice the cynical ruling coalition led by Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni for centrist Kadima and Defense Minister Ehud Barak for Labor. The coalition government invaded Gaza in order to boost its own polling numbers at a high cost to Palestinian life. In addition, the war had the counterproductive result of giving Hamas, who had been slumping in popularity among Palestinians, a second life. Though Kadima and Labor were able to boost their numbers for awhile, it seems that the Gaza intervention has made winners out of the right.

The big surprise is not so much that Likud, led by former Primer Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is leading in the polls, it is the rise of the Israeli far-right under Avigdor Lieberman and the Israel Beiteinu party. Lieberman favors relocation and the stripping of citizenship from Israeli-Arab citizens who refuse to sign

Rob Coniglio  
Cornell Daily Sun

a loyalty oath. He would also exchange land inhabited mostly by Israeli Arabs to the Palestinian Authority in exchange for settlement areas. He is obviously hawkish on other security issues. His appeal speaks to the failures of the peace process and the general weariness of the Israeli population.

Lieberman's popularity is a reflection of another reality for Israel — that of demographics. Israeli Arabs make up 15-20 percent of Israel's population, with birthrates far exceeding those of the Jewish population. In a fascinating 2005 article, The Atlantic showcases the issue of demographics in the article, "Will Israel Live to Be 100?" The article predicts that by 2050 they will make up 30 percent of the country's population. This is excluding Palestinian Arabs, who like their Israeli-Arab neighbors have some of the highest population growth rates in the world. Gaza's population, the

article states, doubles every generation. And this is excluding entirely the Palestinian refugees in the neighboring countries.

In this context, Lieberman's policies of strict separation could be seen as a desperate attempt at saving two of the founding principles of Israel: democratic governance and the Jewish nature of the state. As things stand now, in the future Jews will cease to be a majority of the population, or Arab citizens will become such a sizeable minority that a choice will have to be made. Even with the separation proposed by Lieberman, the security of these founding principles is not assured.

Competition over the scarce resources of the region can only get more intense, which makes a settlement of the conflict more important than ever. The basis of the conflict can only be a peace with dignity, not peace at the barrel of a gun. I dare go so far as to say that given the demographic trends, preserving the state of Israel depends very much on the ability of the creation of a just settlement. As

Faisal Husseini, a PLO official, once said, "I worry about today. But the Israelis should worry about the future."

I hope that Israeli voters remember that there is a clock ticking, and that there is no way around making difficult choices.

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# Ex-girlfriend files lawsuit against Alomar

By Tom Hays  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — An ex-girlfriend of Roberto Alomar filed an explosive lawsuit alleging the former baseball star insisted on unprotected sex for four years despite having AIDS.

The lawsuit, filed Jan. 30 and transferred to U.S. District Court on Wednesday, contains accusations that could not be corroborated but portray Alomar as someone who demanded sex without a condom despite showing obvious signs of HIV.

Ilya Dall is seeking at least \$15 million in punitive damages from the 41-year-old former infielder. Alomar, who was once engaged to tennis star Mary Pierce, spent 17 years in the majors and was one of the

game's great second basemen.

"This is a very private, personal matter and I greatly appreciate all the support I have received in the past few days from my family, friends and colleagues in baseball," Alomar said in a statement. "I am in very good health and I ask that you respect my privacy during this time."

"As for the lawsuit, it is filled with lies and I am deeply saddened that someone I cared for would make such terrible accusations and try to hurt me in this way."

Calls seeking comment to lawyers for Alomar and Dall were not immediately returned. Alomar's lawyer, Charles Bachm told the New York Daily News the allegations are "frivolous

and baseless."

News of the lawsuit was "something out of the blue," Alomar's father, Sandy Alomar Sr., told El Nuevo Dia newspaper in Puerto Rico. "We've never talked about something like this."

Dall said the two began dating in spring 2002 and had unprotected sex for the next four years. She said that on several occasions during that time, Alomar refused to get tested for HIV, despite severe fatigue, sores on his mouth and throat, a constant cough and an infection of the esophagus that is associated with AIDS.

She said Alomar finally relented and tested positive for HIV in February 2006.

Dall said she was angered by

the disclosure and was tested herself; the result was negative. She said follow-up exams determined that Alomar had full-blown AIDS.

By then, she said Alomar had purple skin, was foaming at the mouth and was too sick to walk, forcing him to need a wheelchair to get around at an airport.

Alomar was honored before the Toronto Blue Jays home opener in April and showed no obvious signs of health problems.

Dall said the ordeal caused her severe emotional and mental distress and fear she may one day test positive for HIV herself.

She called the conduct of Alomar "outrageous with wan-

ton reckless disregard of the health, safety and well-being" of Dall.

The lawsuit does not say why Dall continued to have unprotected sex with Alomar. Dall said the couple lived together until last year.

Alomar was one of baseball's best players in the 1990s, making 12 straight All-Star appearances and winning two World Series with the Toronto Blue Jays.

A career .300 hitter with 10 Gold Gloves, Alomar broke in with the San Diego Padres in 1988 and also played for the Baltimore Orioles; Cleveland Indians, New York Mets, Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago White Sox. He was out of baseball by 2005.

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# Jets QB Brett Favre retires after 18 seasons

By Dennis Waszak JR.  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

NEW YORK — Brett Favre swears this is the real deal — no more last-minute comebacks.

The 39-year-old quarterback retired again Wednesday and insisted he won't look back. Well, at least for now.

"I have no reason to wonder why you would be so skeptical," Favre said Wednesday with a slight chuckle after announcing he was leaving the game after 18 record-setting seasons.

Favre, who retired last March only to return a few months later, kept this goodbye simple — no tearful farewell or jam-packed news conference. He spoke to the New York Jets on Wednesday morning, telling owner Woody Johnson, general manager Mike Tannenbaum and coach Rex Ryan that he was calling it a career.

"I have family and friends who are like, 'All right, Brett. Is this the real deal?'" Favre said during a conference call. "To me, it is. It is. Believe me. It's been a wonderful career. I couldn't ask for anything more. It was worth a shot for me to go to New York. I wish I could've played better down the stretch. I didn't."

"It's time to leave."

The Jets placed Favre on the reserve-retired list, meaning the quarterback's retirement paperwork had been filed with the NFL — something he didn't do last winter with the Packers.

"Emotionally, I'm OK with it," said Favre, who spent the day on his bulldozer and doing yard work on the grounds at his home in Kiln, Miss. "I really felt like it was time. Obviously, the circumstances

last year were a lot different. Physically, if I felt better, we may not be having this conversation, but I think that's more than anything the writing on the wall."

His decision came six weeks after his only season with the Jets ended in disappointment as New York went 1-4 down the stretch and failed to make the playoffs.

A major reason for the collapse was Favre, who threw nine interceptions in those five games. He said he played with a torn biceps tendon in his right shoulder that got worse later in the season and needed a cortisone injection after the team's game at San Francisco in Week 14.

"It's something that obviously I was able to play with," he said. "I don't think I was nearly as productive as the season progressed, but it very well could be fine next year. I'm well aware of that. But then again, it could linger and bother me throughout the year and I just felt like it was time. I think that, to me more than anything, was a wakeup call."

Favre insisted that even if his shoulder felt better next season, he's still done with playing.

"It's nothing I would second-guess, no," he said.

If this is indeed it for Favre, he leaves the game with a slew of records, including career touchdown passes (464), completions (5,720), yards passing (65,127), regular-season victories (169) and interceptions (310).

"With Brett, there was always the possibility that he wouldn't play the second year," Johnson said. "We were hoping to get one good year out of Brett Favre. We picked him based on, in our opinion,

his giving us the best chance to win last season. We were disappointed not to have made the Super Bowl, but we did some very good things with Brett."

The team improved from 4-12 in 2007 to 9-7, but the late-season woes cost Eric Mangini his job — and perhaps tarnished Favre's legacy a bit.

"I honestly believe I did everything I could do," he said. "I'm proud of everything I've done."

New York hired Ryan to replace Mangini, and he, along with Johnson and Tannenbaum, repeatedly said they wanted Favre to return. Instead, Favre spent several weeks after the season at home — at the suggestion of Tannenbaum — away from football before deciding to retire.

"It would've been fantastic to be coaching Brett," Ryan said. "It's a sad day to see him leave, to see him retiring."

New York now will move forward with a new quarterback, whether that will be Kellen Clemens, Brett Ratliff or Erik Ainge.

"I think it's going to be a great competition between those three," Ryan said. "And if something else comes along, so be it."

The Jets could look to sign a veteran free agent such as Jeff Garcia, Kerry Collins, Byron Leftwich or Rex Grossman, or target a quarterback with their first pick — No. 17 overall — in the draft in April.

Clemens was competing with Chad Pennington for the starting job last summer before Favre came to town.

"Jets fans, the Jets coaches and my teammates, even, have not seen the best of what I have to offer yet," said Clemens, who started eight games in 2007.

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Robinson said. "We have to be mindful of execution, of turnovers, and of not giving them extra opportunities to score because I think this game is going to be as tough as the one here was."

The game in Corvallis was a dogfight where the Beavers came away just short. However, the game itself had many

positives, including the shutdown of Washington State stud Taylor Rochestie. Keeping Rochestie in check will again be critical if the Beavers expect to come out of Pullman with a win.

"Rochestie is a very good player, very good, very skilled," Haynes said. "But we feel we should've won that game, so it's going to be a hard-fought game."

With another sweep on the road the Beavers overall record would be back to

.500 and would break the three-way tie the Beavers are currently in for 7th place. With expectations only getting higher, this is another critical weekend for Beaver basketball.

"We're going out every night trying to get better, trying to improve," Haynes said. "And let it be known that we're here to compete."

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## WOMEN'S HOOPS

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first win in the second part of Pac-10 play. Led by junior guard Sami Whitcomb, who is averaging 12.3 points per game, and leading rebounder Laura McLellan, averaging 4.1 boards per game, the Huskies will push the Beavers at both ends of the court.

"I see two teams coming in here, very hungry, as are we, to be able to be successful," head coach LaVonda Wagner said. "I think it'll be two really good basketball games."

On Saturday night, Oregon State will host the Washington State Cougars (9-13, 2-9) in their annual "Pink Zone" game. The "Pink Zone" benefits the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. The fund is named after the late Kay Yow, former coach at North Carolina State. Yow passed away Jan. 24, 2009 after battling breast cancer since

1987.

The Cougars defeated Oregon State in their first match up, 65-52, shooting 39 percent from the field and 46 percent from behind the arc. In the first match up, sophomore Talisa Rhea led the Beavers with 19 points but couldn't boost OSU past the Cougars and freshman guard Jazmine Perkins, who had 21 points.

Perkins, the highest scoring freshman in the conference, leads Washington State. The Cougars look to senior guard Katie Appleton as well as freshman guard April Cook, who is averaging 13.2 points per game. Last weekend Cook led the Cougars with 22 points in their 77-55 loss to No. 3 Cal. The talented freshmen pair could draw the eyes of Oregon State's defenders.

"Washington State, obviously, because they beat us at their place, is coming in with some confidence," Wagner

said. "We're a better basketball team then when we played them at their place."

Oregon State is coming off a weekend split, beating Arizona last week before falling to Arizona State, 65-54. In the loss to the Sun Devils, Davis scored 17 points, her sixth-consecutive game in double figures, and boosted her average to 18.7 points per game. Senior guard Mercedes Fox-Griffin also looked to push the Beavers past ASU with 12 points, and Talisa Rhea contributed 10 points.

The Beavers shot 36 percent from the field and were 75 percent at the free throw line against the Sun Devils. Oregon State defense made a showing with 24 forced turnovers on Saturday night against Arizona State and looks to keep up their defensive showdown this weekend.

"We pride ourselves on defense," Fox-Griffin said. "As

long as we're executing and following our game plan then we should be successful."

Tonight Oregon State looks to continue their recent success against the Huskies. In their first meeting the Beavers shot 45 percent from the field. While shooting only 31 percent from the field in a loss to WSU, the Beavers are looking to improve their shooting percentage during this weekend's games.

"When you get to this part of the season, you're coming down to crunch time and there's a high sense of urgency for all teams," Wagner said.

The Beavers tip off tonight against the Huskies at Gill Coliseum at 7 p.m. Oregon State returns to action Saturday at 7 p.m. when they host the "Pink Zone" game against Washington State.

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Senior guard Brittney Davis is second on the OSU roster with 13.3 points per game. Davis has scored in the double digits in the last six games Oregon State has played.

## Beavers host pair of lowly squads

■ OSU looks to avenge road loss to Washington State at home Saturday in "Pink Zone" game benefitting Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund

By **Tori Hill**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State women's basketball is set to host the Huskies and Cougars in this weekend's "Pink Zone" matchups.

This weekend marks the first set of home games in the second round of Pac-10 play for the Beavers. On Thursday night, the Beavers (13-8, 4-7 Pac-10) will play host to the Washington Huskies (5-16, 1-10) in the second matchup of the season.

After falling to the Beavers the first time around, the Huskies will be expected to come out ready to win in an effort to end their 10-game Pac-10 losing streak. The Huskies haven't had a conference win since their opening home game on Jan. 3 against the Washington State Cougars. The Huskies lead the overall series against the Beavers 44-24, and are 17-13 in Corvallis. However, the Beavers have won the last two out of three games between the teams.

In the last face-off, senior guard Brittney Davis posted a career-high 25 points to lead the Beavers past the Huskies, 69-55, in Seattle. The Huskies are coming off a pair of losses last weekend to No. 6 Stanford and No. 3 Cal, and hope to redeem themselves and grab their

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**PINK ZONE GAME SATURDAY FEB. 14**

**OSU**  
RECORD: 13-8, 4-7 PAC-10  
  
POINTS PER GAME  
TALISA RHEA: 14.1  
  
ASSISTS  
MERCEDES FOX-GRIFFIN: 92  
  
REBOUNDS PER GAME  
TIFFANY DUCKER: 6.6

VS.

**UW**  
FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM  
RECORD: 5-16, 1-10 PAC-10  
  
POINTS PER GAME  
SAMI WHITCOMB: 12.3  
  
ASSISTS  
SARAH MORTON: 44  
  
REBOUNDS PER GAME  
LAURA MCLELLAN: 4.1

**WSU**  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM  
RECORD: 9-13, 2-9 PAC-10  
  
POINTS PER GAME  
JAZMINE PERKINS: 13.7  
  
ASSISTS  
JAZMINE PERKINS: 58  
  
REBOUNDS PER GAME  
HEATHER MOLZEN: 5.8

## DAM NEWS

### GYMNASTICS

#### Mak honored again

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — A sweep of event first places that culminated in a top all-around finish by Nicole Ourada merits the Cardinal Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for February 3-9, Commissioner Tom Hansen announced today. Meanwhile, a second straight score over 9.9 on bars rewards Beaver Leslie Mak with her second consecutive Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week distinction.

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### WOMEN'S HOOPS

#### Rhea recognized for GPA

Oregon State sophomore guard Talisa Rhea has been named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VIII Second Team, the organization CoSIDA announced.

CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) selects all-academic teams in 12 different sports throughout the year. Student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 and be a starter or significant reserve. They must also be at least sophomores. Each district is then voted upon by Sports Information directors in their region, and those student-athletes who earned first-team status are eligible for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Rhea, who double majors in education and exercise and sport science, was named to the second team after capturing a 3.54 cumulative grade point average through the end of fall term.

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### MEN'S SOCCER

#### 2009 Recruiting Class

Travis Anderson, D/M, Adelaide, Australia; Tanner French, D/M, Sandpoint, Idaho; Emmett Demirelli, D/M, Boise, Idaho; Mike Hodgen, M, Centerville, Utah; Tommy Martin, M, Park City, Utah; Jake Parker, M, Milwaukie, Ore.; Alex Penny, D, Hillsboro, Ore.; Travis Sanchez, F, Tucson, Ariz.

## Softball set for Louisville Slugger Invitational in Vegas

■ Oregon State prepares for second week of season in Las Vegas with tournament opener against Cal State Fullerton

By **Kevin Nordlund**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Expectations are high for the Beavers heading into the Louisville Slugger Invitational this weekend in Las Vegas.

"We're hoping to go in and win four or five games," head coach Kirk Walker said. "We've won the tournament before and we want to do it again."

The Beavers split four games against four very good teams last weekend at the Cathedral City Kickoff Tournament in Cathedral City, Calif. This weekend they are hoping to build as a team and learn from their mistakes.

"Playing together last weekend really helped," senior infielder Paige Lowe said. "Now we know what we can improve on as a team."

The Oregon State softball team will kick off play on Friday at 9 a.m. against Cal State Fullerton. The

Titans have won their only contest of the season and look to be a strong squad. The Beavers will then battle with the No. 16 DePaul Blue Demons on Friday afternoon at 11:15 a.m. DePaul has yet to play a game this season, and the Beavers have defeated the Blue Demons on two straight occasions.

Oregon State will resume play at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon against the Utah Utes, with whom the Beavers own an 8-7 all-time record, including wins the last four meetings. The Utes won their first three games, but have dropped two straight. Utah is led by junior outfielder Kara Foster, who is hitting .500 on the young season.

They will then play a 6 p.m. game on Saturday against a UC Davis team that has won three straight games. The Aggies dropped their only game against the Beavers in 2006.

The Beavers will conclude play on Sunday morning with an 11:15 game against the Thunderbirds of Southern Utah. The teams have played each other on eleven different occasions with the Beavers winning seven, the last coming in 2003.

The Thunderbirds are off to a rough start this season (1-4) but are being led by the Summit League

Player of the Week, sophomore Darlene Fernandez, as well as junior left-handed pitcher Kristina Brooks.

The Beavers have some history with their opponents in Vegas, but Coach Walker is hoping to keep that out of the picture.

"Hopefully we can keep the intensity high and go in to each game ready to win," Walker said.

Oregon state looks to get their offense going this weekend in Vegas against some very good pitching. Senior Stefanie Ewing hit her first home run of the season and the ninth of her career last Sunday, while Lowe hit a home run of her own against Wisconsin.

The Beavers are also hoping to clean their game up a little bit on defense. They had five errors in their loss to Houston on Feb. 8.

"We have to limit our errors if we want to win in Vegas," junior pitcher Kelly Dyer said.

Confidence does not seem to be an issue for the Beavers as spirits are high after a strong week of practice. Lowe is no exception exclaiming, "We're gonna win!"

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## Oregon State heads north to UW

■ Beavers travel to meet Washington, Washington State after losing to both earlier in season at Gill Coliseum

By **Terry Horstman**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team has vengeance on their mind this weekend, as the Beavers head north to take on Northwest foes Washington and Washington State.

Earlier this season the Beavers dropped a heartbreaker in overtime to Washington State, and were blown out by the Huskies in a sweep at Gill Coliseum.

Not only are the Beavers facing two of the tougher opponents in the Pac-10 this weekend, but also teams with polar opposites style to prepare for. The "run-n-gun" Huskies managed to put up 85 points in their trip to Gill Coliseum earlier this season, but the Cougars are a much slower-paced team that resembles the Oregon State offense quite a bit. This is a weekend where the Beavers will need to get wins on both ends of the spectrum.

The Beavers will first look to avenge the loss against second-place Washington in Seattle on Thursday.

"We know that they like to get out and pressure us and deny, but we're going to stay with our stuff," sophomore guard Calvin Haynes said. "The stuff that works, the stuff that gets

us wins, the stuff that makes do what Oregon State basketball does so if we can keep our pace and keep them off the boards we'll be fine."

Keeping the Huskies off the boards will be key this week in Seattle, as Washington out rebounded Oregon State 46-19 in the previous matchup and put up 26 second chance points in their 26 point victory.

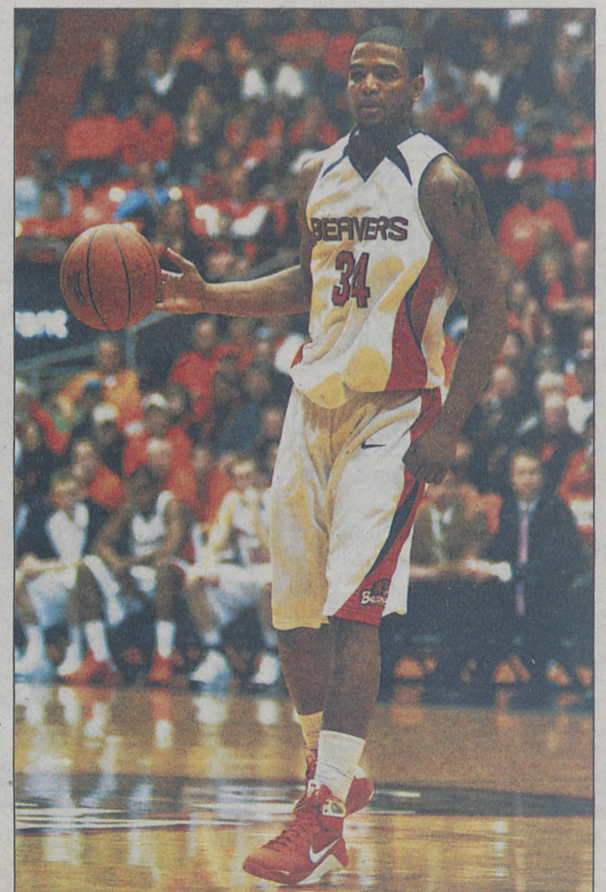
However, the last road trip the Beavers went on resulted in a 2-game sweep in the hostility of the Bay Area. This weekend will be anything but a welcoming environment, not only because both teams have a lot to play for, but also because February is not too fine a month to go on the road in Washington.

"It's cold up there, but we've had some cold winters down here too," junior guard Seth Tarver said. "They have a lot of fans so it's pretty hectic up there but I like it, I like going into someone else's house and having everybody against you."

After the trip to Seattle the Beavers get rewarded with a trip to Pullman, Wash., where Oregon State will attempt to get rid of the sour taste left in their mouths after the four-point loss in overtime to the Cougars earlier this year.

"It's going to be another tough game, I can just imagine," Oregon State head coach Craig

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Sophomore guard Lathen Wallace averages 6.5 points per game. Wallace led Oregon State in scoring earlier in the year at UA and ASU.