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TODAY

Rain/wind 39°/33° Precip: 60%

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Rain/snow 39°/23° Precip: 30%

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Partly cloudy 36°/27° Precip: 10%



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*Vegetarians see a different Thanksgiving table than the carnivores they sit with*

BY ERIC FLORIP  
NEWS REPORTER

To most Americans, the Thanksgiving holiday is synonymous with a large turkey dinner, but not everyone is bound to tradition.

Many local vegetarians and vegans spent Thanksgiving finding ways to enjoy a meatless holiday with their meat-eating families, and the task can be a challenge for some.

University sophomore Kate Melnychuk said she has been a vegetarian for most of her life. As a native of Grants Pass, Ore. she said life isn't always easy for a vegetarian in an environment that does not cater well to her eating habits.

"I have a very carnivorous family," Melnychuk said. "I'm the only vegetarian."

Melnchuk said her mother is very willing to

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VEGETARIAN  
OR VEGAN?

A vegetarian is someone who does not eat any meat, but may still eat some animal products like dairy items.

A vegan does not eat meat or any other animal products, instead consuming foods like vegetables, beans and soy products.

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The approximate number of pounds of turkey eaten by the average American each year, most of which is consumed on or near the Thanksgiving holiday.

1.1

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256

The approximate number of turkeys raised in the U.S. in 2005.

S. NEUMAN | NEWS EDITOR

Innocence  
project  
suspended  
for now

*Third-year law students sought to clear wrongfully convicted prisoners doing time in Oregon*

BY SANJAY SHENAI  
FREELANCE REPORTER

Law students' efforts to re-establish the Oregon Innocence Project at the University have stalled for the remainder of the fall semester.

Program director Westbrook Johnson and other classmates who are in their final year of law school have assumed the challenge of turning the post-conviction investigation program into a student-run organization separate from University funding and management.

"A lot of people have papers due," said Johnson, a third-year law student.

"Student work loads are a constant juggling act, but somehow we manage to make it

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Youth vote  
sets record  
for midterm

*Organized registration drives and campaigns aimed at young people see local election success*

BY CALVIN HALL  
NEWS REPORTER

Youth voter turnout for the 2006 elections nearly doubled from 2002, creating a record turnout after organizers registered more than 34,000 youth voters between the ages of 18 to 34 across the state, according to Student Vote Coalition numbers released last week.

In Lane County, voter turnout for all ages increased by 11.15 percent from 2002. In Eugene, voting precincts

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YOUTH VOTER  
TURNOUT

34,000

Voters aged 18 to 34 registered across Oregon, according to the Student Vote Coalition

11.2

Percent increase in overall Lane County voter turnout since 2002

43

Percent increase in youth voter turnout in West University neighborhood and Autzen Stadium precincts over 2002

Traffic spares some, snags others

*Thanksgiving travel on I-5 was unpredictable for students and transportation agency officials alike*

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN  
NEWS REPORTER

Despite predictions that construction on the Pit River Bridge over Lake Shasta, Calif. would lead to delays of up to two hours this weekend, there was "smooth sailing" for California-bound drivers, a California highway department spokesman said.

Michael Mayor said that although the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) predicted 35 minute backups on

Wednesday and two-hour delays Sunday, traffic moved along at the 45 m.p.h. speed limit for most of the weekend. The longest delay came Saturday evening, when southbound traffic was delayed for 45 minutes. Even that delay cleared up fairly soon, Mayor said. "I think people heeded the warnings," he said.

Caltrans did report heavy traffic on I-5 Sunday evening, however, when vehicles were being stopped

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INCLEMENT WEATHER AHEAD

The National Weather Service's Portland bureau is predicting near- or below-freezing temperatures for Eugene this week. Snow showers are likely for Monday night and Tuesday, and temperatures are predicted to drop to a low of 23 degrees Tuesday evening.

Oregon state law requires that anyone traveling in snow zones carry chains or have traction tires on their cars. There is a \$144 fine for not carrying traction devices.

Travelers can check ODOT's 200 roadside Web cams for live updates of the weather on Oregon highways at www.tripcheck.com. The site also provides live views of the roads and gives information on wind, temperature and other weather conditions statewide.



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■ In my opinion

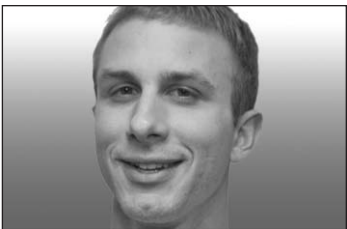
If we’re going to sell out, let’s try a little harder

A controversy that holds the values of academic pursuit at odds with the values of capitalism has long been brewing within institutions of higher education nationwide. While the lines between government and the private sector become increasingly muddled in our nation’s capital, so too do those that separate our institutions of higher education as islands of disinterested research across the country. It seems that the days may be long gone when academic idealism in research played a large role determining progress.

As state and federal funding for university research continue to decline, the market increasingly is playing the role of proprietor in the advancement and general direction of academic inquiry. The private sector is picking up the slack where the public is falling short. And with this support, there are always strings attached.

Here lies the point where two ideological roads diverge into a crucial debate for the future of higher education at the University of Oregon and perhaps more crucially, across the entire nation. It is also here that I wish I could begin to argue why the University should take the higher moral ground and detach itself from corporate interest in the name of educational values and freedom. This however is both a counterproductive and unrealistic argument for the future of this institution. We need to work toward more private-backed research on the cutting edge of industry. We need to increase the extent to which private research funding supplements a lacking state budget for higher education.

The nation’s top research institutions are becoming more and more like businesses. They create products for profit, heavily recruit research



LUCAS POLLOCK  
PROGRESSIVELY MINDED

investments and launch subsidiaries. They increasingly work toward the goals of their beneficiaries, which in turn help to bolster their resources.

Almost every university in the country maintains a department for technology licensing, the development of startup businesses using research findings and the recruitment of corporate partners with which to collaborate in their respective areas of interest. While there are examples of greed and unethical behavior within these departments, their fiscal success is perhaps one of the best indicators of how useful the research being conducted at the University is to the public.

At the University, there is the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT), which is responsible for managing the intellectual property assets of the university, bridging the gap between academia and the commercial market. In the 2005-06 fiscal year, according to its Web site, the OTT brought in \$4.3 million in licensing revenue for the University, a new record at Oregon.

This record, however, does not amount to much at all in comparison to other public research universities of our size. During the 2005-06 fiscal year the Tech Transfer department at the University of Washington brought in \$18.6 million in revenue.

According to the 2007 edition of the U.S. News and World Report

evaluation of colleges and universities, the veritable bible for prospective freshmen, the University of Oregon ranks a paltry 120th among the nation’s top schools. In regards to research, a 2005 evaluation by the University of Florida, titled The Top American Research Universities, ranked the University of Oregon 49th of the top 50 public research universities. These rankings are even more disappointing when juxtaposed with one of the highest tuition rates for a public university in the country.

While the debate regarding the merits of unattached, academic research, as opposed to research driven by market demand and corporate funding is as multifaceted as one can be, its implications become slightly more simple when applied to a specific institution with dwindling national credibility, such as the University of Oregon. In order for the University to reach a level of research accomplishment where it is even relevant to make the argument against increased corporate funding, it’s going to need a lot more of it.

The research reputation of the University is falling and that may be due in large part to its inability to attract the type of private research partnerships that can bolster departmental capabilities. It is time for us to revamp our concept of what an institution of higher education serves to accomplish in terms of the public. Apparently, the research efforts at the University need market direction to become more nationally relevant. Rather than continually raising tuition to account for a lack in state funding, the University should pool more resources into to the commercial viability of its research projects in order to attract funding.

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■ Off-campus commentary

Stealth government regulations force Internet poker sites to fold

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — On Oct. 13, 2006, the Port and Securities Bill was passed through the Senate with some unknown and unrecognized ramifications. The bill, lengthy and dull to the casual reader, quietly set a precedent to restrict Americans’ freedoms.

Attached to this bill was the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, an act basically prohibiting a specific few of the many forms of online gambling including: Poker, sports-betting and blackjack. The average citizen does not understand this legislation, let alone care. However, this bit of pork tacked onto this massive bill worries me tremendously.

The Internet was one of the last uncensored frontiers for American citizens. It was viewed as off-limits up until stealthy legislation was recently proposed and passed by the prior conservative Congress. One would believe that before the U.S. government took steps toward censorship, much debate would occur along with intense interest and press coverage.

Well, to an extent this is true, polls were taken in the House and Senate and the gambling regulations were predicted not to pass on their own bill. Instead of killing the idea, Sen. Bill Frist attached the act to the Port Bill, a bill so great in size and importance that it could not be voted down simply in support of Internet gaming.

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act is the first step taken to censor American Internet and no one has noticed. The reason no organization or party has shed light upon

the flaws in this legislation is because it is political suicide to come out and publicly support gambling.

Congress’ role is not to take stances on issues of morality, but even if this was its job, why not ban all forms of Internet gaming? It is still completely legal to place bets on horse races, play keno and buy lottery tickets with the click of a mouse. Why are these exempt from Congress’ partial cleansing of the Internet?

These are deemed acceptable to society simply because Uncle Sam has developed a reasonably effective way of taxing these media. Online poker is no worse than any other form of gambling, it is just more difficult to tax.

The poker industry was a multi-billion dollar industry in America in legal limbo until this unjust act was passed because Congress could not effectively regulate it. All online betting companies are based outside of America so technically every bet placed and hand played is determined in Gibraltar, Canada or some other country. These companies pay taxes in the countries they are based in and many are accepted and respectable publicly traded companies on worldwide stock exchanges. Frist ignored all of these facts and supported this act so the Republican Party could go back to the religious right with a conquered evil.

The justification behind the act was that America’s youth were getting caught up in gambling at a younger age than ever, and it could only be stopped by eliminating the problem

at its source. Gambling is and always will be a problem across America, but the online poker ban does nothing except send mixed messages.

Instead of attempting to regulate the game, Congress eliminated it. Following this logic, all inappropriate material should be eliminated from the Internet. Why stop at poker? Children are undoubtedly looking at illegal and explicit pornography every day, yet the online adult industry, which exploits plenty of American citizens, is thriving as much as ever. Many Web sites use language inappropriate for children, yet they still exist. Destroying a fixture simply because a solution cannot be easily developed is not the correct way to deal with a problem.

There is a devastating lack of consistency in legislation regarding “protection” of the Internet. Online poker simply fell victim to a struggling conservative Congress looking for pamphlet material to maintain the support of the skeptical religious right.

My solution to this unjust bill? Allow the Internet to exist unrestricted as it has for years or at least decipher a method of taxing online poker and exempt it from the crusade to filter content off the Internet. Loopholes will be discovered and Internet gaming will continue in one way or another. The government should recognize this and if not embrace it, learn to work with it and tax it.

Grant Kassel is a columnist for The Daily Free Press at Boston University

■ Editorial

Democrats should not overstate ‘mandate’

Needless to say, Democrats are pleased by the outcome of the midterm elections. With their new-found majorities in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, some feel the time is right to take a hard-line stance and spend the political capital the Democrats worked so hard to earn.

At every opportunity they get, leaders of the Democratic party and news media are eager to claim a new political climate. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who will most likely become the first female speaker of the House, said Americans “voted for Democrats to take our country in a new direction.” Time Magazine called the election results a “robust whupping on the Republicans” in its Nov. 20 issue. Even President Bush called it “a thumping.”

Rather than what nearly every news source has called a “mandate,” the midterm elections should serve as a wake up call to Democrats. They did win a significant portion of the House of Representatives, but will have only a very slim majority in the Senate, and both of these victories came only after a series of politically disastrous Republican missteps. Democrats need to look at their platform with a critical eye to determine why, if the Republicans are as inept and misguided as they contend, it took voters six years, an unpopular war and myriad ethics scandals to choose an alternative.

Additionally, Democrats should remember the 2004 election, after which President Bush, who had won a mere 51 percent majority of the vote, asserted that voters had given him a “mandate” to continue with more of the same. They should look at the two years that followed, which saw Bush discover he had considerably less political capital in the minds of the American public than he had thought, and inevitably they should come to the same conclusion about their own victory that they readily jumped to about his: A slim margin of victory is not a mandate.

All that can be gleaned from a 51 percent majority is that the country is divided. Rather than taking it as a green light to go for a platform that strictly follows the party line, they should take it as a warning to go slowly and to not expend what limited political capital they have on divisive issues.

Although the thought of revenge against Republicans for “No Child Left Behind” and “Operation: Iraqi Freedom” may indeed be tempting, the Democrats must resist the siren song of vengeance in order to have any chance of effecting change in the upcoming legislative session.

The war in Iraq is, perhaps after abortion, the most divisive issue facing the United States today. As the Iraqi death toll hits a record high the American public’s discontent grows with a war that has now lasted longer than U.S. involvement in World War II.

Those calling for change are justified in their plea. With the coalition death toll approaching 3,000 and everpresent news of turmoil and violence, the climate among Americans is tired.

The party does seem to be moving forward in a moderate direction. Rep. Steny H. Hoyer was chosen over the more liberal Rep. John Murtha, who has called for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq. “The American people voted for change,” as Pelosi said, but they are hoping for change that is quite a bit less drastic than that.

Although it may not be the sweeping change that some have hoped for, the best course for the nation as a whole is to avoid polarizing, hard-line stances and to instead make an earnest attempt to draft legislation that serves the interests of more than 51 percent of Americans. This, we hope, will be the Democrats’ goal.

In the wake of the election, Pelosi said “today we have made history, now let us make progress.” We wish her and the Democrats the best luck in that endeavor. We urge the new majority party to take the political high road and in the spirit of cooperation to treat the Republicans better than it has been treated for the past six years.



# Transgendered victims remembered in vigil

Several University groups gathered Monday to commemorate gender-related murders

TALIA SCHMIDT  
FREELANCE REPORTER

In the Erb Memorial Union Gumwood Room on Monday, 19 profiles hung on the wall in memory of those who were murdered. The details displayed on the cut-outs included the victim's name, hometown, location and date of death and a brief description of how the person died.

Continuing a tradition started in 1999 with a candle-light vigil in San Francisco, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance (LGBTQA), the Women's Center and the Q-Center sponsored a ceremony to commemorate those who were murdered for being open about their gender, or in the case of a couple of three year olds, exhibiting "sissy" behavior.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance served to raise awareness of violence against the oft-neglected group of people whose gender identity or gender expression differ from conventional expectations of their physical sex. According to a pamphlet compiled by the Transgender Network of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG's TNET), transgender people may be those who are pre-operative, post-operative and non-operative transsexuals who believe they were born into the wrong physical sex. Transgender people

may also be cross-dressers or intersexed persons.

"People need to see that trans people are out there and that they're normal. They need to have space to have events and be represented, as well," said Jazz McGinnis, a University junior who helped lead the vigil.

"People should generally have an awareness of gender spaces and genderness that goes on," McGinnis said. "There is a trans community around you and even if you don't sense it, it's there."

University student and LGBTQA staff member Opey Freedle said a person's gender is not what sexual organs they have, but rather a socially-constructed ideology to which individuals subscribe.

"I think what's important to acknowledge is that everybody who is a student, staff or part of the UO community is gendered, whether that's male or female or transgender or gender

queer. Everybody's gendered. And our society puts us in these boxes. When one group of people isn't allowed to celebrate their gender and when violence occurs against one community of people, that kind of violence is reinforced across the board for all genders," Freedle said.

Sporting a wig and black heels, Freedle shared some personal experiences about being transgender. She discussed the impact of having

## DEFINITION

**Transgendered:** having personal characteristics (as transsexuality or transvestism) that transcend traditional gender boundaries and corresponding sexual norms

— Merriam-Webster

five sisters and admitted that not only did they frequently dress her up in girls' clothes, but that she liked it. Unfortunately for her, there came a time when this was no longer acceptable because she was born male.

"I got beat up a lot by the same sisters that used to dress me up," she said. "I had this long, slender nightgown that I would wear, it was very sexy and I really enjoyed it. I got beat up so many times for wearing it."

Allison Cleveland, the executive director of The Gender Center, provided the audience of 30 with some background information about hate crimes and violence.

As a transsexual person, she encouraged the audience to "celebrate your individuality, embrace your diversity and to cheer on all people."

Cleveland spoke about meeting the mother of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student who was tied to a fence and beaten to death eight years ago by two young men in his Wyoming hometown.

"When I got my few minutes alone with Judy Shepard, I wondered what I would talk to her about. The only thing I could think of at the time, was the fact that I should never have known Matthew Shepard's name, Cleveland said.

In the freezing weather outside the EMU more than 30 people gathered in a circle to mourn the loss of those victimized by injustices. In the evening dark, their solemn faces illuminated by the bright candle light, they reflected on lives past.

*"I think what's important to acknowledge is that everybody who is a student, staff or part of the UO community is gendered, whether that's male or female or transgender or gender queer. Everybody's gendered."*

OPEY FREEDLE  
University student and LGBTQA staff member

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## How to: KEEP YOUR SANITY DURING DEAD WEEK

For many years the University has used bloated Dead Week work-loads as revenge against students who have the audacity to both pay tuition and take classes. To ease the crush of the University's unconscionable cruelty, the Emerald offers these humble suggestions for relieving Dead Week stress:

1. Responsibly drink heavily.
2. Have protected, consensual, kinky, dirty sex.
3. Go out for tacos.



4. Have someone massage your feet.
5. Take a shower until the hot water runs out.
6. Go to the gym and pump away the pressure.

7. Put on some sweats, watch cartoons and eat Cheetos.
8. Responsibly drink more.
9. Call friends from back home and talk about the good ol' days.
10. Take a constitutional walk in a quiet neighborhood after dark.



— Edward Oser

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# Hookahs and your health

*A study compared smoking the water pipe to cigarettes*

BY LINDSAY FUNSTON  
NEWS REPORTER

University junior Shayna Brown occasionally puffs tobacco from a hookah with friends.

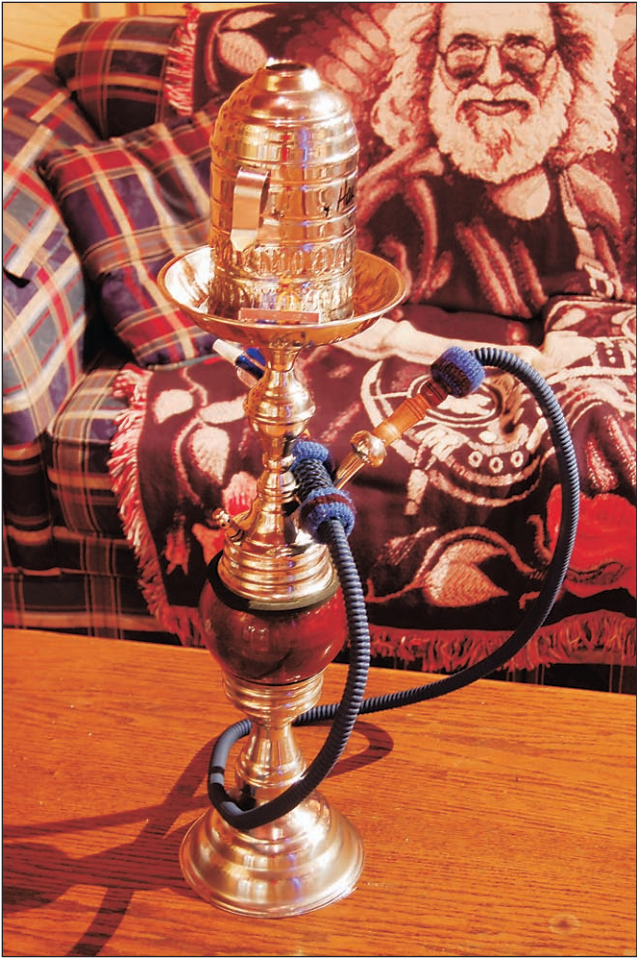
She first smoked shisha, hookah tobacco, while visiting Israel a few years ago, and she doesn't think her sporadic, strictly social use of the Indian water pipe has health risks, she said.

A recently released Georgetown University study, however, suggests that a 30- 60-minute hookah session can pose dramatic health hazards, mirroring warnings from public health officials about the similar effects of smoking shisha and cigarettes.

Christopher Loffredo, director of the Cancer Genetics and Epidemiology program at Georgetown University Medical Center, who led the study, compares a typical water pipe session to inhaling a pack of cigarettes.

Hookahs, pipes that draw smoke from flavored-tobacco coals through water, cooling it before it enters the lungs, have gained popularity in the U.S. in recent years after success in the Middle East and elsewhere.

His study, one of the first researching the health effects of hookah smoking, analyzes an emerging trend of hookah lounges nationwide, particularly in college towns. The myth that smoking hookah is less harmful than other forms of tobacco disproportionately



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affects college-aged women who fear the social stigma of lighting up a cigarette and opt to smoke a hookah instead, the study says.

"There hasn't been a lot of research done in the U.S. because it's a new phenomenon," said Paula Staight, University Health Center health education director.

Some people believe smoking hookah is less harmful than cigarettes, but health experts dispute that claim.

People think water absorbs

all toxins, but tar, the carcinogen found in tobacco, is not water-soluble, Staight said.

"I think there's been an attempt to make it seem less harmful," said Laura Hammond, Lane County Public Health tobacco prevention and education program coordinator. "It's another way to lure people in."

The tobacco industry cannot market to anyone under 18 years of age, so 18 to 24

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## AT A GLANCE

**What:** More young adults and college students are smoking tobacco from water pipes called hookahs.

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3. The pipe or stem which connects the bowl to the base by a tube that descends into the water.
4. The hose, which connects from the pipe and is the device used for smoking. Hookahs can have multiple hoses.

## VOCABULARY

**Hookah:** The common name for a type of water pipe originating in India used for smoking tobacco and other substances. Users inhale through a hose, drawing smoke from the top of the pipe through water at the base that cools the smoke before it enters the lungs.

**Shisha tobacco:** Another name for hookah, "shisha" is sometimes used to describe flavored tobacco often used for hookah smoking. It comes in flavors such as apple, strawberry and peach.

**Hookah bar:** An establishment where people can rent hookahs, buy tobacco and smoke on the premises.

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## IN BRIEF

### DeFazio helps Lane County with park

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio asked a Portland-based federal power agency to help Lane County buy 1,200 acres of land, with a total price tag of \$26 million, near Mount Pisgah in eastern Eugene.

Lane County is seeking to purchase the land from the Wildish Land Co. in order to expand Buford Park and create a nature preserve.

In a letter to the Bonneville Power Administration last week, DeFazio asked the agency to work with Lane County officials to identify sources of funding to help the county acquire the land.

The 2,363-acre Howard Buford Recreation Area, commonly known as Mt. Pisgah, is the largest of Lane County's parks, according to the county's Web site.

The administration has a responsibility to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife resources under the Northwest Power Act, according to a DeFazio press release.

—Calvin Hall

### Iraqi leaders call for end to violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish leaders called for an end to Iraq's sectarian conflict on Sunday and vowed to track down those responsible for the war's deadliest attack.

But as they went on national television to try to keep Iraq from sliding into an all-out civil war, fighting between Iraqi security forces and Sunni Arab insurgents raged for a second day in Baqouba, the capital of Diyala province north of Baghdad.

By the end of the day, the province's latest casualty figures were a microcosm of the brutality in Iraq: 17 insurgents killed, 15 detained, 20 civilians kidnapped, three bodies found, one U.S. Marine killed and two wounded.

The mayor of a municipality also narrowly escaped an assassination attempt that killed one of his guards and wounded three.

During Saturday's fighting in Baqouba, police killed at least 36 insurgents and wounded dozens after scores of militants armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades attacked government buildings in the city center, police said. The fighting raged for hours in the city, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

On Saturday, officials including Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obaidi and Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, met and decided to fire Diyala's police commander, saying he was unable to stop infiltration of the force by Sunni insurgents, two Iraqi officials said on condition of anonymity.

### British minister criticizes Putin

LONDON — A British Cabinet minister accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of "attacks on individual liberty and on democracy" and said Sunday that relations with Moscow were strained after a former KGB agent was poisoned to death in London.

Peter Hain, the government's Northern Ireland Secretary, said Putin's tenure had been clouded by incidents "including an extremely murky murder of the senior Russian journalist" Anna Politkovskaya.

They were the strongest comments leveled at Moscow

since Alexander Litvinenko died Thursday from poisoning by the radioactive element polonium-210. In a dramatic statement dictated from his hospital bed and read outside the hospital after his death, the Kremlin critic accused the "barbaric and ruthless" Putin of ordering his poisoning.

"His success in binding what is a disintegrating nation together with an economy that was collapsing into Mafioso style chaos, his success in that must be balanced against the fact there have been huge attacks on individual liberty and on democracy," Hain said of Putin. "And it's important that he retakes the democratic road in my view," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

British officials have so far avoided blaming Moscow for Litvinenko's death and Hain did not comment directly on the case.

### Bush plans week of global diplomacy

WASHINGTON — President Bush reaches out to allies this week for help in quelling violence in Iraq and Afghanistan, in a burst of diplomacy from a Baltic summit of NATO partners to Mideast talks with Iraq's prime minister.

Just back from an eight-day trip to Asia, Bush was leaving Monday on another overseas trip as pressure builds at home for a change in his administration's Iraq strategy amid deepening tensions and violence in that country.

The president stops in Estonia en route to a NATO summit in neighboring Latvia where a debate over peace-keeping operations in Afghanistan is expected to dominate.

Estonia and Latvia have sent troops to both Iraq and Afghanistan and the U.S. considers the two former Soviet republics important allies.

From Latvia, the president heads to Amman, Jordan, for two days of talks with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

### Israeli-Palestinian truce raises hope

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Rocket fire from Gaza died down Sunday after a day-break cease-fire, raising hopes for an end to five months of bloody destruction and a new opening toward peace talks.

The surprise truce was supposed to take effect at 6 a.m., but in the four hours that followed, 11 rockets were fired from Gaza at Israeli towns and villages and some Palestinian militants threatened to keep up the attacks.

Israel did not retaliate, saying it wanted to give the truce a chance.

"Even though there are still violations of the cease-fire by the Palestinian side, I have instructed our defense officials not to respond, to show restraint, and to give this cease-fire a chance to take full effect," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said during a ceremony in southern Israel.

Rivals Hamas and Fatah, the two main factions in the Palestinian government, also publicly backed the truce and by nightfall, it appeared to take hold. Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of the ruling Hamas movement said he had contacted the leaders of all Palestinian factions Sunday and they reassured him they were committed to the cease-fire.

### Thousands denounce upcoming papal visit

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Tens of thousands of protesters denounced Pope Benedict XVI as an enemy of Islam at a rally Sunday that underlined deep divisions straining Turkey

ahead of the pontiff's visit this week.

Officials hoping to promote closer ties with the West urged calm, but Islamic groups wary of Western ways are united in anger over a speech Benedict gave two months ago in which he quoted a medieval text that linked Islam to violence.

Chants of "No to the pope!" rose among nearly 25,000 demonstrators at every mention of his remarks on violence and the Prophet Muhammad. Many protesters wore headbands with anti-pope slogans and waved placards that included a depiction of Benedict as the grim reaper.

The protest, organized by an Islamist political party, was the largest mass gathering so far against Benedict's four-day visit scheduled to begin Tuesday — his first papal journey to a mostly Muslim nation. The outcry also was designed to rattle Turkey's establishment.

Turkish officials hope to use the visit to promote their ambitions of becoming the first Muslim nation in the European Union and showcase Turkey's secular political system. But Islamic groups, which have been gaining strength, see Benedict as a symbol of Western intolerance and injustices against Muslims.

### Democrat promises new investigations

WASHINGTON — The incoming chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee is promising an array of oversight investigations that could provoke sharp disagreement with Republicans and the White House.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., pledged that Democrats, swept to power in the Nov. 7 elections, would govern "in the middle" next year. But the veteran lawmaker has a reputation as one who has never avoided a fight and he did not back away from that reputation on Sunday.

Among the investigations he said he wants the committee to undertake:

—The new Medicare drug benefit. "There are lots and lots and lots of scandals," he said, without citing specifics.

—Spending on government contractors in Iraq, including Halliburton Co., the Texas-based oil services conglomerate once led by Vice President Dick Cheney.

### Crowd demands answers from NYPD

NEW YORK — An angry crowd demanded Sunday to know why police officers killed an unarmed man on the day of his wedding, firing dozens of shots that also wounded two of the man's friends. Some called for the ouster of the city's police commissioner. At a vigil and rally the day after 23-year-old Sean Bell was supposed to have married the mother of his two young children, a crowd led by the Rev. Al Sharpton shouted "No justice, no peace."

### Snow slows holiday travel in the West

ATLANTA — The journey home at the end of the long Thanksgiving weekend was smooth sailing for many travelers Sunday, although snow slowed the journey for some in the West. In Washington, 15 inches of snow fell near the Canadian border and traffic slowed to a crawl on the state's main east-west corridor. Farther south, chains were mandatory on vehicles traveling on two major highways linking Sacramento, Calif., to ski resorts in Nevada's Lake Tahoe area.

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■ Health and nutrition

# Students gain pounds from holiday feasting

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — If there are college kids at your Thanksgiving table, don't encourage them to gobble so much. New research suggests that the typical student leaves the holiday weekend as stuffed as the turkey, gaining more than a pound during the short break.

Students who started out overweight or obese tended to waddle back to campus with even more weight — more than 2 additional pounds on average, the study found.

A pound may not seem like much, but "when put in the context of such a short time frame ... is rather disturbing with potential long-term consequences," says a report on the research, which was presented at the recent annual meeting of the Obesity Society in Boston.

It's common lore that people gain weight over the holidays, when it is tempting to gorge on treats that aren't available year-round. But no one has specifically studied what happens to college students, who have the added baggage of pent-up demand for home cooking and

pressure to please the doting relatives who dish it out.

Nutrition scientist Holly Hull and her colleagues at the University of Oklahoma in Norman set out to do such a study, weighing 94 students the week before Thanksgiving and within a week of their return to classes — a span of roughly 12 days.

Students gained an average of 1.1 pounds. That translates to an extra 320 daily calories, "which would be about a slice of pumpkin pie per day," she said.

No one is suggesting you skip the pie. "It only comes around once a year, and the last thing a person wants to do is start a diet on the holidays," said Brian Wansink, director of Cornell University's Food and Brand Lab and author of the new book "Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think."

However, "you want to go with a normal appetite" to Thanksgiving dinner, without having filled up on snack mix or appetizers beforehand, he suggested. That way you will have room for reasonable portions of each relative's contribution to the meal without hurting someone's feelings.

"If it gets to dessert and

you don't have a piece of pie, you're going to be the family stinker," warned Wansink, who is as thin as a picked-clean wishbone.

He also suggests "banking" calories by being especially virtuous the week or so before a holiday. It's too late to do this for Thanksgiving, but not for the winter holidays, another vulnerable time, as Hull's research showed.

Of the 94 students in her study, 84 came back for a third weigh-in after the winter break in mid-January. Most of the extra "Thanksgiving pound" had disappeared for normal-weight students, but not for those who started out overweight.

The study also found a disturbing reason for some of the weight loss: Students had replaced some muscle mass with lighter-weight fat, a finding documented by body composition X-rays.

"If you're losing muscle mass, you're losing weight. It's just not a good way to lose weight," and means that students are not exercising over the holidays, Hull said. "They're not even getting any activity, such as walking, between classes. They're probably just sitting at home."

# Parkinson's patients try Pilates to ease symptoms

BY SARAH SKIDMORE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — Movements in Pilates exercises are controlled, sometimes moving the body only inches, but those small motions are making a big difference to some people with Parkinson's disease.

No research has been done to prove Pilates' effectiveness in reducing Parkinson's symptoms, but a growing number of patients say they are finding some relief.

"I love it, it's great," said Karen Smith, 62. "It exercises muscles that otherwise don't get exercised."

Parkinson's, a degenerative disorder, inhibits a person's ability to control movement. Its most common symptoms include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity and poor balance.

Smith is part of a group that meets twice a week at the Parkinson Center at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. The center held a Pilates pilot program earlier this year, and after it found improvement in the participants' rigidity and balance it launched a twice-weekly class open to the public.

The center already has a waiting list for its next round of classes.

A few Pilates instructors elsewhere around the country also are offering classes specifically for people with the disease.

"It could be any exercise" that might help people, said Kristi Sesso, owner of the Harmony Group Pilates and Gyrotonics studio in Englewood, N.J. "But Pilates is a great point of access."

Instructors say the basic principal of Pilates — increasing core strength and improving flexibility and balance — is extremely helpful in countering the effects of Parkinson's in some people.

"I never dreamed of trying to do Pilates or anything like that," said Greg Moore, 59, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's 17 years ago and just started practicing Pilates. "Now I realized how stiff and boxed up I am."

There are studies that show exercise can ease the severity of Parkinson's symptoms, said Michael S. Okun, national medical director for the National Medical Foundation. However, it needs much further research, he said.

"I tell my patients that exercise is like a drug — if they exercise religiously or stretch religiously, they do great," Okun said.

Pilates participants say

the exercises aren't a strain, which makes the program more approachable for patients who don't exercise at all. Additionally, they say, it's supportive to be in a positive environment with other people with Parkinson's.

Many Parkinson's patients struggle with depression and some say the exercise has helped them.

"A lot of times exercise is as much for the head as it is for the body," said John White of Corvallis, Ore. "To feel like you can help yourself in some way is really important."

White, a former track and wrestling coach, says Parkinson's is a "seven-day-a-week job." But he says he exercises religiously and it allows him to continue hiking, golfing and running.

Debi LaViertes Clark, owner of Body Balance Pilates where White practices, says she is seeing an increasing number of people brought in by participants who have described how the program helps with flexibility, agility and balance.

"But what I've noticed, first and foremost, is confidence," Clark said. "Just because you are diagnosed with a disease doesn't mean the end of the world."

## IN BRIEF

### Oregon rain-checker records a wet year

DEADWOOD, Ore. — Ray Robinson didn't know about the rain along the Deadwood Creek watershed when he moved there with his wife, Kathy, 11 years ago.

But he's been measuring the rain since — a lot of it:

32.1 inches this month so far in the gauge he checks daily and 95.8 inches for the year.

Generally, the Coast Range town of Deadwood gets more than twice the rainfall of Eugene, where the Robinsons lived before.

His rainfall records don't surprise meteorologist Tyree Wilde, who supervises Oregon's volunteer weather spotters for the National Weather Service in Portland.

"These strong moisture-laden Pacific storms, as soon as they hit a mountain barrier, the air gets lifted and it wrings out all that moisture," Wilde said.

It was in the Coast Range at Lee's Camp just east of Tillamook on Highway 6 where the state set a new record for 24-hour rainfall this month: 14.3 inches on Nov. 6.

— The Associated Press



## IN BRIEF

### Researchers seek routes to happier life

NEW YORK — As a motivational speaker and executive coach, Caroline Adams Miller knows a few things about using mental exercises to achieve goals. But last year, one exercise she

was asked to try took her by surprise.

Every night, she was to think of three good things that happened that day and analyze why they occurred. That was supposed to increase her overall happiness.

“I thought it was too simple to be effective,” said Miller, 44, of Bethesda, Md. “I went to Harvard. I’m used to things being complicated.”

Miller was assigned the task as homework in a master’s degree program. But as a chronic worrier, she knew she could use the kind of boost the exercise was supposed to deliver.

She got it. “The quality of my dreams has changed, I never have trouble falling asleep and I do feel happier,” she said.

Results may vary, as they

say in the weight-loss ads. But that exercise is one of several that have shown preliminary promise in recent research into how people can make themselves happier — not just for a day or two, but long-term. It’s part of a larger body of work that challenges a long-standing skepticism about whether that’s even possible.

— The Associated Press

## Vegans: Tofurkey sales on the rise, owner says

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prepare alternative meals without meat for her at home. She said the city of Grants Pass was much less vegetarian-friendly, but she has found salvation in Eugene since coming to the University in 2005.

“If you go somewhere (in Grants Pass) and ask for no meat, they look at you like, ‘Are you insane?’” Melnychuk said. “Eugene is much more accommodating. The overall attitude is the complete opposite.”

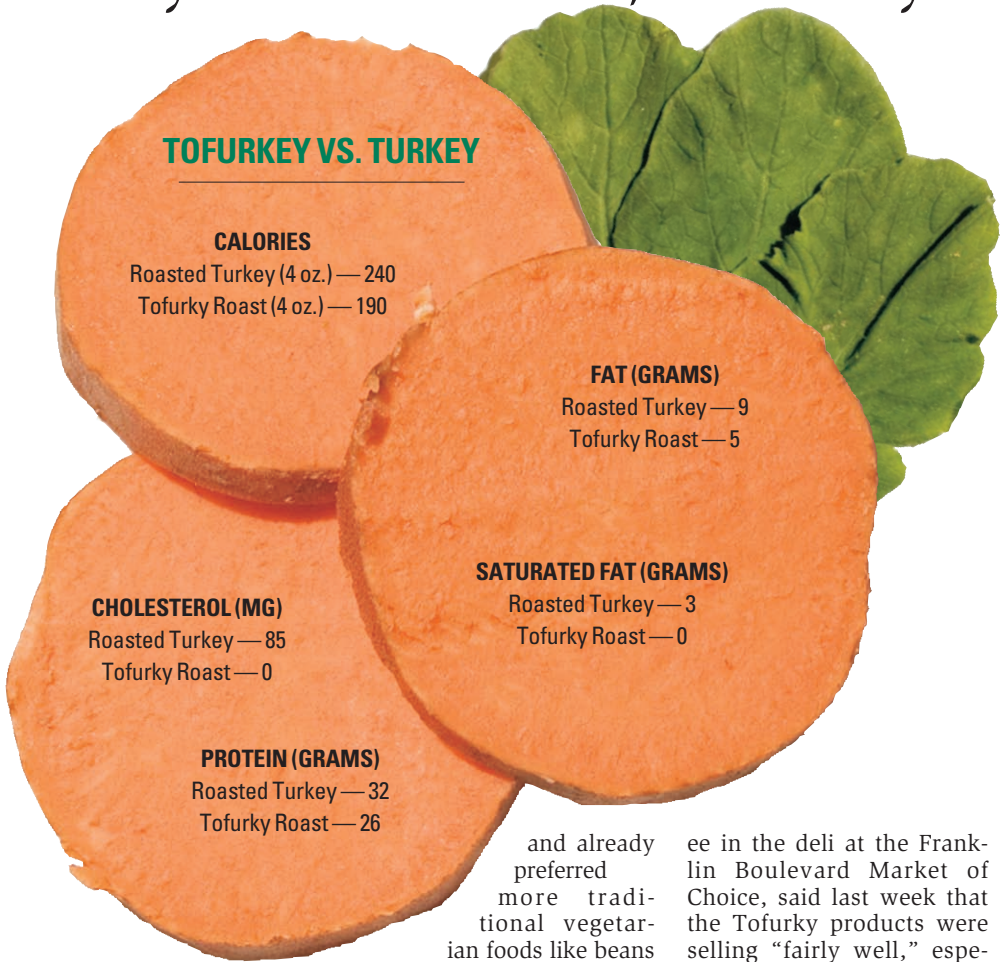
One popular option vegetarians have for Thanksgiving is Tofurky, a tofu-based turkey substitute manufactured by Hood River-based Turtle Island Foods, Inc. since 1995. The meat-free alternative is sold at all five Market of Choice locations and in other natural foods stores in Eugene.

Seth Tibbott, president and founder of Turtle Island Foods, said Tofurky is a healthy alternative for those who don’t eat meat on Thanksgiving. The soy-based product contains fewer calories and fat grams than a normal roasted turkey and no saturated fat or cholesterol, according to United States Department of Agriculture data.

Tibbott said this is one reason why many vegetarians and vegans, persons who do not eat any animal products, adopt the lifestyles in the first place.

“Most vegetarians become vegetarians because of health or ethical reasons, not because they’re disgusted by meat,” he said.

University student Lindsay Riddell, Director of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at the University,



said SETA sponsored a free vegetarian meal Thursday open to any local vegetarians or vegans. She said there are plenty of options for non-meat eaters, and they often come from dishes they are already familiar with.

“You can pretty much take any recipe that you’ve grown up on, and modify it to be veg or vegan,” Riddell said.

Melnichuk and Riddell said they had never tried Tofurky, both leery of trying a product that tried to imitate a meat with tofu. Tibbott said this was not uncommon for people who had not tried the product before

and already preferred more traditional vegetarian foods like beans and vegetables.

“I think that they’re in the demographic of people who really don’t want to have their tofu flavored and textured like meat,” he said. “I respect that, but there is a large part of the puzzle that are just like, ‘Hey, the more meat-like the better.’”

Tibbott said the sales of Tofurky have increased every year since its introduction in 1995, though the response to it has remained divided, even as it gets more attention.

“It’s like a lightning rod product,” Tibbott said. “They either think it’s great or it’s an abomination.”

Josh Huckins, an employ-

ee in the deli at the Franklin Boulevard Market of Choice, said last week that the Tofurky products were selling “fairly well,” especially as the Thanksgiving holiday approached.

Melnichuk said there are plenty of other options for Eugene vegetarians who aren’t into the various Tofurky products, and Market of Choice is her favorite place to shop for such foods. She also said several restaurants, such as Glenwood Cafe near campus, offer large vegetarian menus.

Riddell said there are places for vegetarians and vegans to find inspiration simply by searching online.

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## Traffic: Travel conditions may worsen, official says

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from snow chain control in Oregon, although the congestion was unrelated to the construction.

Prior to the start of the holiday weekend, Caltrans sent out news releases, ran newspaper advertisements and posted signs along Interstate 5 warning drivers of the possible delays. Motorists were encouraged to travel at alternate dates and times and were provided phone numbers to call for information.

Mayor said that callers can leave messages on the Caltrans information line if they have any concerns about the traffic, but he had not received any as of Sunday afternoon.

Between 800 and 900 vehicles per hour cross the bridge on a normal day. On Sunday afternoon, Mayor said there were about 1,200 per hour passing on Saturday and possibly 2,200 on Sunday, although exact counts were not available. That constituted a smaller number of motorists than Caltrans expected, Mayor said, and there was also less commercial truck traffic than expected. Truck

drivers either got their deliveries done early or took alternate routes because of the anticipated delays, Mayor said.

The only unanticipated problem came when the Web cam near the bridge stopped working on Wednesday night after a storm came through. Mayor said the camera may have been struck by lightning but was working again by Friday afternoon.

Although traffic along I-5 between Portland and Eugene was slow on Sunday afternoon, the Oregon Department of Transportation said the delays were mostly due to the number of people who travel this weekend and not the stormy weather.

“There has been pretty heavy traffic because people have been coming back,” ODOT spokesman Dave Thompson said. “People can fully expect to have delays just because there are so many people on the road.”

On Wednesday afternoon, the large volume of travelers tied up traffic along I-5 north of Salem as motorists slowed to look at two accidents.

University student Kathy

King was waiting for her parents to arrive from Beaverton. They were driving to Southern California and were stopping to pick up King on the way. After leaving Beaverton at 2 p.m., they did not arrive in Eugene until 5:45 — according to Mapquest the drive from Beaverton to Eugene should take one hour and 49 minutes.

King said she looked up traffic conditions online and saw that two accidents were causing a bottleneck between Salem and Albany, Ore. so she “knew what they were getting into.”

By the time King’s parents passed the accident sites, they had been cleared away, but traffic crawled along as people stopped to look.

The family did not arrive in Southern California until 4 a.m., several hours later than expected.

“It threw our schedule off, but it was OK because we got there safe,” King said.

Thompson said there were no unanticipated weather-related problems over the weekend, although the mountain roads did have a lot of snow. He said more storms are

expected tonight with the possibility of snow on the ground in the Portland area.

“Travel will be much more difficult, so people need to give themselves much more time to get around and have an alternate plan in case it gets really bad,” he said.

People driving in inclement weather conditions, particularly if there is snow, should make sure their cars are in good working order, have a full gas tank and should carry water with them, Thompson said.

He also said state law requires anyone traveling in snow zones to carry chains or have traction tires on their cars. There is a \$144 fine for not carrying traction devices.

ODOT has a Web site where travelers can check one of 200 Web cams for live updates of the weather on Oregon highways. The site, [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com), provides live views of the roads and also give information on the wind, temperature and other conditions.

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# Turnout: Volunteers helped voters until the last minute on election day

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in the West University neighborhood and around Autzen Stadium reported an increase in youth voter turnout of about 43 percent, according to the coalition.

The coalition partially attributes the overall 42 percent increase in youth voter turnout from the last midterm election to its efforts. The Student Vote Coalition is a student-led voter registration and mobilization organization composed primarily of the Oregon Student Association, which represents nine Oregon universities and community colleges, OSPIRG and Building Votes, a program affiliated with the Oregon Bus Project.

In terms of percentage increases from 2002, the Lane County precincts “definitely won” in comparison to the rest of the state, said Alex Aronson, a lead organizer for Building Votes.

Approximately 100 student volunteers helped to register 6,876 students at the University, including students who were previously

registered at other addresses, said Emily McLain, ASUO state affairs coordinator and OSA member.

The goal was to register at least 5,000 new voters and to encourage increased voter turnout, she said.

“That’s pretty exciting that we were able to have such a significant impact on the way that these elections turned out and helping students at our university have their voices heard,” McLain said.

The coalition started registering voters during summer, but the biggest registration campaign started on the first day of school and continued until the voter registration deadline on Oct. 17, McLain said.

After the deadline for registering passed, the coalition focused on reminding students to vote.

Coalition volunteers passed out voter guides about candidates and measures, hosted debates between candidates, and made presentations in classes, McLain said. Coalition members also made 18,650

phone calls and knocked on 7,138 doors, she said.

“Students have so many things going on in their life that they need to be reminded,” McLain said. “The Student Vote Coalition was the largest presence on campus this year when it came to get out the vote activities and reminding students about the issues.”

Aronson said Building Votes targeted voter precincts in Portland, Eugene and Corvallis that had a high number of potential youth voters. Young volunteers reminded people to vote by knocking on doors, calling registered voters and passing out information about state ballot measures.

“We believe that peer-to-peer contact from one young person to another young person is the most effective way to get them to vote,” Aronson said. “It’s not only a process of registering young people to vote, but it’s also about engaging them in the conversation.”

Voting precincts that were targeted by the coalition’s



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Ralph Smeed works to unload the ballot drop box while his wife, Marylou, watches over him. Both a Democrat and a Republican must be present when the ballots are collected, so Marylou filled in as the Democrat for Ralph’s brother, who was sick. Ralph, who has been doing this for five years, said that this was the largest number of ballots he has ever seen at this drop. “I’d say at least double of what we picked up before,” he said.

volunteers had a 54 percent voter turnout, while the state average for registered voters in Oregon was 42 percent, Aronson said. At one precinct in Portland, the youth voter turnout was 66 percent.

“I think a lot of these increases in turnout point to a

lack of organization of these young voting precincts in 2002,” Aronson said. “This shows that when organizers start to work to encourage these young people to vote, they will actually respond and go vote.”

The mobilization efforts

worked up until election day, Nov. 7, when students at the EMU continued to cast their ballots up until the 8 p.m. deadline.

“We literally had students running to get them in on time, all the way up to the deadline,” McLain said. “It was good that we could be there to help them get them turned in, make sure their there on time, and make sure the election people didn’t leave without any ballots.”

Aronson said the groups hope to continue their efforts to increase voter registration and turnout. They are already planning for 2008.

“We’re organizing volunteer events and ways for the volunteers who were apart of this program to feed back their ideas so we can build the program for the future, because it’s going to be a pretty crazy year in 2008,” Aronson said.

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## Suspended: Professor says UO’s Innocence Project benefits law students

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work,” she said.

A student-staffed operation to exonerate Oregon prison inmates serving lengthy sentences who may have been wrongly convicted, the Oregon Innocence Project began in 2004 as a combination law course and legal clinic operated by the School of Law and the School of Journalism and

Communication. Originally it was a clinic for third-year law students with a student group called the Oregon Innocence Network that got other students involved and got funding for the project through the ASUO, Johnson said.

Until the project’s inception, Oregon was one of only two states in the country that didn’t have a non-profit orga-

nization dedicated to helping wrongly convicted inmates prove their innocence, according to past news reports.

The program has undergone reorganization during its two-year existence despite vocal support from the University. It has experienced problems with funding and staffing, said Rita Radostitz, former adjunct professor for

the program.

“Both deans were enthusiastic supporters,” said Radostitz, a former Texas capital case defense attorney. “Both were only able to give very limited financial support.”

No faculty members emerged to head the program, she said.

Now Johnson and classmates Luke McConnell, Aaron Gutierrez and James Harpold are working to establish tax-exempt, non-profit status for the program and to secure funding from grants. They are also working to establish a network of legal resources and to secure the services of an attorney with experience in Oregon’s post-conviction appeals process.

“We’re in an info-gathering phase,” said McConnell,

a second-year law student who will inherit the leadership of the program next fall. “We’re going to have to do it by ourselves.”

Reorganization has been difficult, Gutierrez said.

“We keep running into all these brick walls,” he said. “It’s frustrating, but I think it’s worth the fight.”

Joe Metcalfe, assistant professor of law and faculty liaison to the program, said students would benefit greatly from having an Innocence Project on campus, gaining pro bono hours, networking with practicing lawyers and learning about Oregon law. They would also learn a sobering lesson about the U.S. justice system: Innocent people are sometimes convicted of crimes.

The program would help students “understand the nature of why people are falsely convicted at a rate that surprises many,” Metcalfe said.

Johnson and other third-year law students are unlikely to see these benefits. In order to rebuild, the program has stopped accepting new cases from inmates.

The program may take new cases in 12 to 18 months, Metcalfe said.

Yet the students continue their mission to rebuild the project, working out of a single filing cabinet in the law school’s student activities room.

“I want to know that there’s some recourse for these folks out there — that they have some option to turn to,” Gutierrez said.

## Hookah: Sharing pipe with others may pose separate health risks, study says

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year olds are a major target, Staight said.

Hunky Dory Pipe and Tobacco assistant manager Aleena Schlotzhauer said the local store, whose largest customer base is young, college-aged individuals, sells nearly 25 different flavors of shisha and sometimes sells out of its stock of hookahs.

The store has a hookah

lounge and rents hookah for \$15 an hour.

Schlotzhauer said she thinks smoking hookah is “definitely” better health-wise than smoking cigarettes because “there’s only five percent tar and no nicotine. That’s very, very little.”

“Most other tobaccos are dry in cigarettes,” she said. “Shisha has a molasses or honey base. It’s almost like vaporizing when you’re using coals to burn it.”

Local health experts counter the claim that shisha doesn’t have nicotine and say it is a “total myth” that water pipes are safer because they allow smokers to inhale more tobacco.

“The tobacco leaf contains five percent nicotine,” Hammond said. “Nicotine is inherent in the tobacco plant.”

Regardless of the nicotine level, students are playing with an addictive substance, and tar is the cancer-causing agent, Staight said.

“You are still exposed to all of the carcinogens,” she said. “It’s not safe.”

A 2005 review of studies about the effects of

smoking hookah published in the journal Pediatrics also found evidence of cancer risks from hookah smoke. It states that passing the hookah tube among users could pose a risk of spreading diseases such as tuberculosis and hepatitis.

Several University Facebook groups exist for students who enjoy smoking hookah, including “Hookah Lovers,” which has 69 members.

University freshman Margaret Dixon-McDonald began smoking hookah when she entered college three months ago.

She smokes twice a month and thinks the harms compare equally to smoking cigarettes, she said.

“I think that in both situations, it depends more on the frequency and duration in which the hookah or cigarette is smoked,” Dixon-McDonald said.

Several types of cancer have been linked to hookah smoking, and “tobacco cannot be considered safe in any amount or form,” according to the American Cancer Society.

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■ Duck volleyball

# Ducks slide into tournament

*Oregon finishes sixth in the Pac-10, but still earns an NCAA invite and faces Hawaii Friday*

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT  
SPORTS REPORTER

Sonja Newcombe flashed a smile through the bright lights of Sunday afternoon's press conference.

The freshman outside hitter joined the Oregon volleyball team expecting to make an improvement. She had no idea the Ducks would make the NCAA Tournament.

"I was expecting to come in and change things, but I didn't want to get my hopes up too high," said Newcombe, who came to Eugene from Lake Arrowhead, Calif. "I just wanted to go with

the season and see how far we could get."

Sunday, the Oregon volleyball team earned one of seven NCAA Tournament bids awarded to the Pacific-10 Conference. Oregon travels to Long Beach, Calif. Friday for a first-round match-up with No. 12 Hawaii.

Hawaii (26-5) earned an automatic bid by winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Reno, Nev. In an interesting twist, Hawaii's roster includes senior Sarah

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Kristen Bitter, center, and Sonja Newcombe, right, talk with Senior Associate Athletic Director Renee Baumgartner after Sunday's press conference to discuss Oregon's NCAA Tournament bid.

■ Duck administration

# Athletic Director announces resignation

*Bill Moos will step down after 12 years of leading Oregon athletics to its greatest success*

BY JACOB MAY  
SPORTS REPORTER

University President Dave Frohnmayer and Oregon Athletics Director Bill Moos will hold a press conference today at 11 a.m. to announce Moos' official resignation after nearly 12 years with the athletics department.

Frohnmayer and Moos made the decision after discussions regarding the "future direction of the University of Oregon athletics program and Moos' professional and personal goals," according to a University press release issued Sunday.

"As my family and I considered our future, it became apparent that the time was right to enter into a new chapter in our lives. Though we will miss our many friends, we will forever savor the memories we shared with them," the 55-year-old Moos said in the press release. "I am proud of what we have accomplished and feel that the program is in solid shape."

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BILL MOOS  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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THREE TO WIN

# No matter the invites, teams made progress

Jim Moore glanced down and saw the text message on his cell phone.

He saw the word sorry, and feared the worst. He read the full message: "Sorry, the season isn't over."

The Oregon volleyball coach could relax — the Ducks had made the NCAA Tournament.

Oregon flew from Los Angeles to Bend, Ore. Sunday following its final two Pacific-10 Conference matches of the season. The second flight to Eugene was getting underway as the NCAA selection show aired simultaneously at 12:10 p.m. on ESPNEWS.

Passengers had already been told to turn off their cell phones, but Moore kept his on — just in case.

"I really did it to make sure we didn't have the soccer situation," said Moore, referring to the soccer team being snubbed despite a second place finish in the Pac-10. "I didn't want to depress anybody. I was just going to bring them in and say, 'Sorry, we don't go.'"

Instead, Oregon earned its spot in the NCAA Tournament. Having learned of the

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Oregon quarterback Brady Leaf walks off the field after the Ducks' game-winning field goal attempt was blocked. Leaf posted career-high numbers in his first-ever start and nearly led Oregon back from a 27-14 second-half deficit.

# WITHOUT A LEG TO STAND ON

*Three missed field goals and one blocked PAT mar a classic Civil War and a career day by quarterback Brady Leaf in his first start*

BY JACOB MAY  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Oregon football team nearly reversed a trend in recent history by almost being the first visiting team to win the Civil War since 1996, but three failed field goal attempts, including one blocked in the final seconds, sealed the Ducks' fate in a 30-28 loss Friday.

Senior kicker Paul Martinez missed two field goal attempts in the second quarter and had an extra point attempt blocked in the fourth quarter.

That led Oregon coach Mike Bellotti to

bench Martinez in favor of sophomore back-up Matt Evensen with the game on the line.

Evensen's attempt from 44 yards with 20 seconds remaining was low and blocked by Oregon State defensive lineman Ben Siegert.

"It felt like a good kick off my foot and then (I heard) that dreadful sound," Evensen said.

"I wasn't ready until the coach told me that I was going to be kicking. I didn't think I'd be put in that position but it's part of the job — you've always got to be ready."

Said Bellotti: "That's a difficult one to swallow because we came back and

obviously gave ourselves opportunities to win and our kicking game let us down."

The Ducks were fortunate to be in a position to win the game, however, as they trailed 27-14 midway through the third quarter.

Oregon responded with touchdowns on consecutive possessions including a 57-yard drive that ended with a 26-yard touchdown reception by senior wide receiver Jordan Kent on a floating pass from first-time starting quarterback Brady Leaf with 3:07 remaining. Leaf's successful two-point conversion keeper gave the Ducks a 28-27 lead.

Leaf finished a career-best 25-of-42 for 274 yards and one touchdown. He shook off an interception in the second quarter that was returned for a touchdown, giving Oregon

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Field goals by Alexis Serna of Oregon State, including ones from 49, 50 and the game-winner from 40 yards.

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Straight years the home team has won in the Civil War series.

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Average number of yards on three kick returns by Oregon's Jonathan Stewart.

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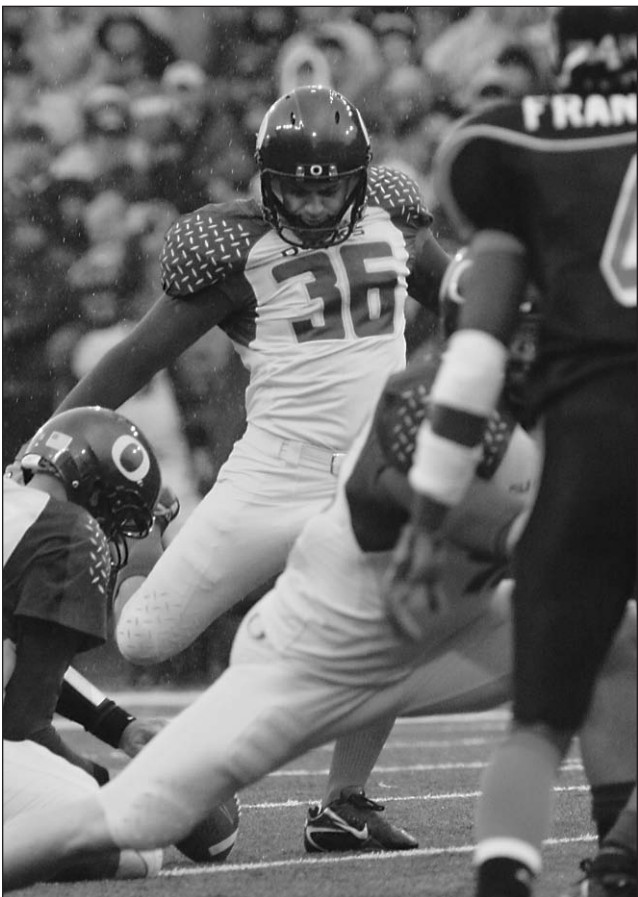
Points the Ducks have given up off of turnovers this season, including 14 Friday.

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Straight passes by Oregon State's Matt Moore without an interception.



■ Duck football



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Oregon's Paul Martinez (36) missed this kick wide right and also missed just before halftime in a Civil War decided by kickers.

# Ducks' loss clarifies bowl picture

*Las Vegas and San Francisco are the likely December destinations for the 7-5 team*

BY LUKE ANDREWS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Oregon State's dramatic 30-28 victory in the 110th Civil War all but assured the Beavers their first invitation to the Sun Bowl played on Dec. 29 in El Paso, Texas.

But what about Oregon, which now sits tied for fourth at 4-5 in the conference and 7-5 overall?

The Ducks' bowl plans became a little bit clearer after the weekend, but are not certain.

Arizona State's victory against Arizona created a four-way tie between Oregon, Arizona, Washington State, and Arizona State at 4-5. UCLA is currently 4-4 but has a meeting with No. 2 USC next Saturday.

If UCLA loses, that leaves Oregon and Arizona State as the only teams with seven

wins overall, which guarantees each a bowl berth while all the six-win teams, Arizona, Washington State and UCLA, must wait to be selected.

The available bowl games include the fourth-place Las Vegas Bowl, the fifth-place Emerald Bowl and the sixth-place Hawaii Bowl.

With a UCLA loss, the Las Vegas Bowl would pick between Oregon and Arizona State with the other going to the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco. Oregon defeated Arizona State this season 48-13 on Sept. 30 in Tempe, Ariz.

A UCLA victory against USC creates a three-way tie for the three remaining bowl games and Oregon could go to any of them.

If the Ducks end up in the Las Vegas Bowl, they would face Mountain West Conference champion Brigham

Young University on Dec. 21.

The Emerald Bowl, on Dec. 27, pits the Pacific-10 Conference against the Atlantic Coast Conference's fifth, sixth or seventh place team, which will likely be Florida State or Virginia.

The recipient of the Hawaii Bowl berth will play the hometown Hawaii Warriors on Dec. 24.

## Civil War Notes

Oregon State kicker Alexis Serna knows a thing or two about overcoming adversity. Oregon's kickers would be wise to take a page out of his book after Friday's performance.

Serna connected on kicks of 49 and 50 yards as well as the game-winner from 40 to lead the Beavers, while the Ducks' Paul Martinez missed twice from 35 and 34 yards and had an extra-point kick blocked. His replacement, Matt Evensen, had his game-winning attempt from 44 blocked with 20

seconds remaining.

For Serna it marked another chapter in his storied career that began with three missed extra points at defending-champion LSU, one that ended the game in overtime as the Beavers fell 22-21. Last season he won the Groza Award for the nation's top kicker.

"Stud," said Oregon State quarterback Matt Moore of Serna. "We knew if we got down there, he would put it through for us and he did. With everything he's been through, to win a game like this was awesome."

Martinez knows there will be brighter days.

"Me personally, it was the worst game I've ever played," he said, noting that he wasn't getting his natural pull to the left on his two field goal attempts that missed wide right. "But I'm not tripping about it, I'm going to bounce back."

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■ Women's basketball

# Ganes leads comeback over Utah

*14 second-half points from the senior post pulled the Ducks out of a halftime deficit*

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT  
SPORTS REPORTER

Carolyn Ganes faked the three-pointer, drove the lane and flipped in a lay-up.

"Their big player tried to really jam her on the wing and she swept and went by her. I was looking for the dunk, but we took the lay-up and that was nice," said coach Bev Smith, only half kidding. "That was a really nice versatility move."

On Saturday night, everything was falling for the 6-foot-3-inch forward in the second half of Oregon's 50-44 win over the University of Utah in the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament.

Ganes set a career high for three-pointers made (four) and attempts (nine) in scoring 18 points — 14 coming in the second half. The second-half surge helped Oregon (3-1) overcome a 25-17 halftime deficit with the Ducks shooting just 19.2 percent from the field.

Forward Eleanor Haring initiated the offensive flow. She made a jumper to beat the shot clock, a fast break lay-up and a jumper in the key.

"El really toughed it out there and got a couple of really tough shots to drop for her," Smith said. "Our whole team, you could just hear this collective sigh of relief like 'Yes, OK; We're going to be OK.'"

Trailing 27-25 with 13 minutes left, Oregon went to the outside, sparked by a jumper by Taylor Lilley and Ganes' offensive fireworks. During her time on the sideline, Ganes had noticed a trend in Utah's defense.

"It seemed pretty obvious when I was on the bench that they were going

to give us some space and make us prove that we could hit our shots," said Ganes, who earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Ganes made a three-pointer along the right wing and three more from the top of the key.

"Someone who can shoot the ball at Carolyn's size is someone who until you see it, you can't really believe it," Smith said. "She's just got such great touch from that area."

As if long-distance shooting wasn't enough, Ganes took the ball on the right wing, flashed to the key and made a lay-up with a defender draped all over her.

Haring escaped foul trouble, which had plagued her in four of Oregon's first five games, including the two exhibition games. She's also struggled to find her shot this season, and in the first half Saturday, shot 1 for 6.

"Personally, I think I just went in the locker room at halftime and was like, 'Law of Averages,' it's got to even out at some point," Haring said. "I just wanted to keep being aggressive and keep putting them up and it evened out in the end."

It did indeed. Haring had 5 of 6 shots fall in the second half to close with 14 points and six rebounds.

## Miserable reunion

Boise State's Jessica Thompson spoiled Jamie Hawkins' reunion with her former school Friday. Thompson poured in 17 of her game-high 25 points in the second half to give Boise State a 56-47 win on the opening night of the two-day tournament.

Hawkins, who spent three years in Boise, is in the Broncos' record books for rebounds and points. She nearly had a double-double,



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Oregon forward Carolyn Ganes makes a driving lay-up Saturday night. Ganes poured in 14 points in the second half of Oregon's 50-44 win against the Utah Utes.

scoring eight points and grabbing seven rebounds, as she continues to try and shake off her early-season struggles.

"Jamie sort of relaxed a little bit," Smith said. "I think we went to her. I think we got her going. We got her to the free-throw line and that's my point is that we went away from her."

"We have to have more and stronger leadership in that point guard position with Tamika (Nurse) and Micaela (Cocks) really to stay true to what we're doing — to milk that until they stop it."

Boise State led most of the second half and held a 39-33 lead with eight minutes left. Oregon answered with a wide open three-pointer by

guard Kaela Chapdelaine. On the next Ducks possession, Lilley passed to Chapdelaine, who dished it back for a game tying three-pointer.

Haring, Oregon's leading scorer with 11 points, picked up her fourth foul less than a minute later and Boise State took advantage. The Broncos closed the game with a decisive 17-8 run.

Lilley rarely found openings in Boise State's defense, making 2 of 6 shots for six points after scoring 27 and 14 points, respectively, in games the previous weekend.

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18 Drive away

19 Artist Bonheur

20 Historic Boston neighborhood

22 Wiggle room

24 Loads and loads

25 Gush

26 Totaling

29 Comedian who created the character Jose Jimenez

33 Manipulate

34 Burden of proof

35 Half a sch. year

36 Toll unit on a toll road

37 What "yo mama" is

39 Cover for a wound

40 Plop oneself down

41 "Are you \_\_\_\_ out?"

42 Gem of an oyster

43 Ailment that may cause sneezing

45 Go by, as time

46 Wolf's sound

47 Jump named for a skater

48 Empty, as a lot

51 Auxiliary wager

55 Composer Stravinsky

56 Some Apples

59 Say yea or nay

60 Line of stitches

61 Modern assembly line worker

62 Love god

63 "The Thin Man" dog

64 Les \_\_\_\_-Unis

65 Mardi Gras follower

DOWN

1 Melville captain

2 Start of a Spanish cheer

3 Util. bill

4 Sound-absorbing flooring

5 Helped bust out, as from prison

6 Cards above deuces

7 Séance sound

8 Juice drink

9 Where to get juice for a household appliance

10 Astute

11 "Man, that hurts!"

12 Astronaut's insignia

13 Potter's medium

21 007

23 Silthry fishes

25 Ireland's \_\_\_\_ Fein

26 Covered with water

27 The South

28 River mouth feature

29 Word that can follow the first words of 20-, 29-, 43- and 51-Across and 4-, 9-, 37- and 39-Down

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42 Appealed earnestly

44 Greg's sitcom partner

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47 English race place

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30 B.M.I. rival

31 Draws nigh

32 Mosey (along)

37 Winter traction provider

38 Lounge

39 Death Valley is below it

41 Computer image

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# Football: Bellotti declines to name bowl starter



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Oregon State's Jason Vandiver celebrates with fellow tight end Joe Newton after Vandiver's first career touchdown and the first score of the Beavers' 30-28 win Friday against Oregon.

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State a 17-7 lead.

"Give Brady Leaf credit for coming in and leading us, shaking off an interception in the first half," Bellotti said. "I'm proud of him."

Leaf started in place of struggling quarterback Dennis Dixon who started the first 11 games but had thrown one touchdown and eight interceptions in the previous five games.

Leaf's favorite target all afternoon was Kent, who caught four passes for 102 yards.

"You felt his confidence transpire to you," Kent said of Leaf. "Everybody just felt like when it was their turn to make a play, they could."

Despite starting for the first time, Leaf said the jitters didn't affect him once he took his first snap.

"It was fun," Leaf said. "I love playing in games like this. That's why I came to Oregon."

He added: "You could tell that I was first-time starter there at times, definitely. I feel like the (entire offense) had my back the whole time."

The decision to start Leaf for the game was made last Sunday by Bellotti but the team didn't alert any outsiders until the day of the game.

Although Bellotti was proud of Leaf's performance, he declined to name Leaf the starter for Oregon's bowl game, saying that the position will continue to be evaluated but that "there's a possibility he would start" based on his performance against Oregon State.

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# Volleyball: First winning season for senior class

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Mason, who transferred from Oregon in the spring of 2005 after two years with the program.

The last two weeks, Oregon went through a difficult stretch with four matches against four top-15 programs. Overall, Oregon has lost seven consecutive matches to go from a 17-4 record to a current record of 17-11.

Oregon coach Jim Moore said he saw positive signs in Oregon's most recent losses, Friday at USC and Saturday at UCLA.

"If we attack the ball the way we played (Saturday) and we play the defense we played all year long, I think we're a difficult team to deal with," Moore said. "We block pretty well. We serve tough and we pass well."

Kristen Bitter joins fellow seniors Heather Madison and Erin Little in continuing their first winning season of their Oregon careers, including two years under Carl Ferreira and two years under Jim Moore.

"This is huge," Bitter said. "We've been saying since day one this is a new era of Oregon volleyball and I think this is just another step

in that process."

The NCAA Tournament is single elimination — anything can happen. There are upsets of top seeds. Teams find momentum and make long runs through the tournament.

"It's a clean slate," Bitter said. "We talked about there being three seasons — pre-season, regular season and postseason and we're in the third season. We made it here. Everybody is 0-0. 'No expectations, no limitations' has always been our motto. This is no different."

Two years ago, Senior Associate Athletic Director Renee Baumgartner and Athletic Director Bill Moos played parts in the hiring of Moore. Including this season, Moore has enjoyed successful stints at Northern Michigan University (twice), Kansas State University, the University of Texas-Austin, Chico State and

now Oregon.

"He's the turnaround master," Baumgartner said. "He just gets it done. It's incredible the programs that he has turned around."

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KRISTEN BITTER  
Middle blocker

# Dransfeldt: First NCAA invite for volleyball team since 1989

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positive news, Moore kept it to himself, waiting to tell the team until they had arrived at his house.

The 2006 season has been a series of breakthroughs for the Oregon volleyball program. Let's be clear that while making the NCAA Tournament is a nice accomplishment, it shouldn't define Oregon's season. The same goes for the soccer team.

Both programs had successful seasons exceeding the expectations of Pac-10 coaches. Moore and soccer coach Tara Erickson's respective programs have both shown they are on the way to becoming perennial NCAA Tournament teams with wins against ranked opponents and strong recruiting classes.

Volleyball enjoyed its highest Pac-10 finish since Oregon tied for seventh place in 1990. Oregon placed fourth in the conference in 1989 — also the last time the Ducks made the NCAA Tournament.

The individual accomplishments followed with a career year by outside hitter Erin Little, who was third on the team with 303 kills. Libero Katie Swoboda made 1,003 digs and became the seventh Oregon player to record 1,000 digs in a career.

So no, the NCAA Tournament bid isn't everything. The program has accomplished too much this season. Moore

made it clear Oregon didn't need the NCAA bid to show the program's progress.

"No, absolutely not," said Moore at Sunday's press conference discussing the selection. "I don't believe that at all. Maybe, if we weren't in, but I had convinced myself at least before the selection had occurred — this doesn't change anything that we have done all year long. We were the same team whether we are in or we're not in."

Oregon went undefeated in their non-conference matches and won seven of its first 11 Pac-10 matches, before losing seven straight to end the season.

"Obviously, we didn't play well coming down the stretch, but to set themselves up to get them in that early — four weeks before the tournament starts, says a lot and you can't take that away," Moore said.

For the three seniors — Kristen Bitter, Heather Madison, and Erin Little — this is another accomplishment in a season of breakthroughs.

On Sunday, Bitter reflected on a memorable senior season. For her, she didn't need to make the tournament to validate the success Oregon's had this season.

"No, but it sure is a cherry on top," Bitter said.

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# Moos: Legacy includes Autzen remodel, women's soccer

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Frohnmyer and Moos reached an agreement for Moos to remain as the athletic director until March 31, 2007.

Frohnmyer said the search for Moos' replacement will start immediately.

"Bill and I agreed this was a good time to reflect on that progress and look closely at what it will take to be successful over the next

decade. Together we reached the decision that now was the appropriate time to make this change," Frohnmyer said.

He added: "I greatly appreciate the progress that has been made during Bill's tenure as athletic director."

Moos guided the department during its most successful years. His accomplishments include a \$160-million facilities renovation

that added 12,000 seats to Autzen Stadium and created the Ed Moshofsky Sports Center. Moos has also added women's lacrosse and women's soccer, hired every current Oregon coach except football head coach Mike Bellotti and has witnessed Oregon win or share 10 Pacific-10 Conference titles during his tenure.

There is speculation that Moos' decision stems from

his rocky relationship with Nike co-founder and major Oregon donor Phil Knight as the two have sparred in recent years, notably over the resignation of track coach Martin Smith.

Knight was also expected to be a major donor for Moos' new basketball arena project but has yet to pledge any monetary backing.

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