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Slight chance of morning showers, with afternoon clearing. High near 78, low near 55.

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## Wage cuts prompt protest



Custodians march to the Administration Building during last weeks protest of recent wage cuts.

GEORGE PETROCIONE/The Summer Barometer

### Union members voice grievances

By ALAN LITCHFIELD  
of the Summer Barometer

The OSU custodial staff demonstrated their opposition to recent wage cuts by their new employer, Servicemaster, in a rally last Thursday, July 26.

About 100 members of the Service Employees International Union, local 49, gathered in front of the Servicemaster building at 621 S.W. 17th Street in Corvallis and presented Robert Ballantyne, managing director for Servicemaster at OSU, with a petition asking wages to be returned to their previous level.

Servicemaster began paying the lowered wages after they were awarded a contract enabling them to employ the custodial staff at OSU. The decision to allow Servicemaster the contract was made through a bid process with at least three other companies participating. The custodian's previous employer forfeited the contract at the beginning of the year.

A new contract between Servicemaster and SEIU must now be negotiated.

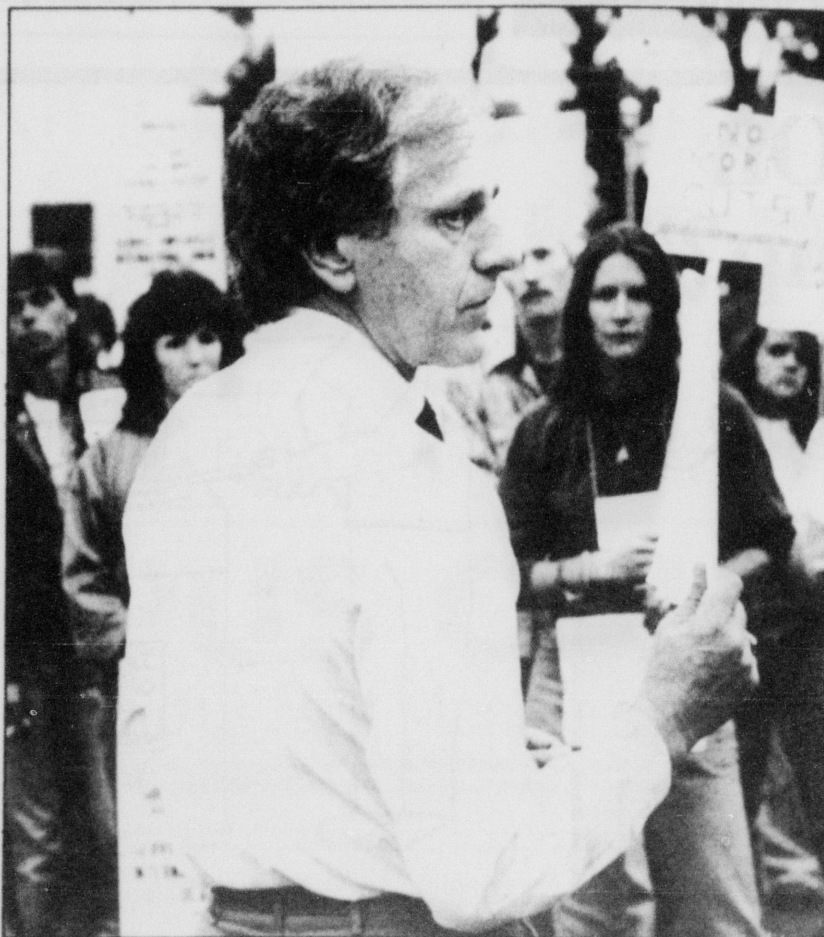
Janitor's wages were lowered 29 cents an hour, from \$6.29 to \$6, while members of the special project crew, or floor waxers crew, received a 62 cents an hour cut, from \$6.97 to \$6.35. Ballantyne pointed out that new workers employed prior to Servicemaster acquiring the contract received a 15 cent raise, from \$5.85 to \$6.00. The new wages started June 1.

The amount of money Servicemaster offered in the bid process determined the workers current wages, Ballantyne said. This amount happens to "represent less than the previous contract paid."

Ballantyne said he was not surprised by the way the workers reacted to the wage decrease.

"We can't accept pay cuts. We need to have the money returned to the previous level," said Ron Reichardt, service

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Bob Ballantyne, Servicemaster's managing director at OSU, talks to the disgruntled workers.

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Curtain goes up tonight

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The title role is played by Ron Wynn, recently retired professor of music at Western Oregon State College. Wynn has been involved in more than 60 musical theater productions. Nanki-Poo is played by James A. Irving of

Pendleton. Irving, a June OSU graduate in music education, appeared in last summer's Gilbert and Sullivan production of "H.M.S. Pinafore." Gary Tiedeman, professor of Sociology and Director of the OSU Honors Program, plays Ko-Ko. Tiedeman recently appeared as Sheriff C.J. Scruggs in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Laurie McNall of Salem, an OSU senior in music performance, plays the part of Yum-Yum. McNall was a selected soloist for this year's American Choral Director's Association

Northwest Convention in Boise.

Los Angeles native Barbara Ginsburg plays Pitti-Sing. Ginsburg, who sang in the chorus of "H.M.S. Pinafore" last summer and has appeared in numerous other productions, was a nominee for the 1990 American College Theatre Festival (ACTV) Irene Ryan Acting Award.

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*Property damage is a problem*

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Opponents of the ban argued that the university would punish all skateboarders for the crimes of a few.

"To ban all skateboarders from campus because of the perceived notion they do damage is just plain wrong," said Anita Sullivan, whose son rides a skateboard. Sullivan also accused the university of discriminating against skateboarders because most are teen-agers who dress slightly off-beat.

Another mother of a skateboarder, Ellen

Sedell, compared banning skateboards to banning fraternities or football, which she said also cause damage to the university.

Opponents also complained that summer term was a bad time to hold the hearing because students were not given enough voice in the decision. However, according to Jo Anne Trow, vice president for student affairs, a representative from ASOSU was invited to attend the hearing and declined.

Only one OSU student spoke at the hearing. Charles Johnson said that banning skateboards would deprive many students of their only means of transportation. One compromise, he said, would be to allow skateboarders to ride only in designated bike paths.

"You're stuffing your white middle class values down the throats of the rest of us," Johnson said.

A decision on the ban will be made in about two weeks, Coate said.

A similar ban was proposed in 1987, but after protests from students and the community, officials dropped the ban. Instead, rules were adopted for the cautious use of skateboards on campus.

"We have tried to work with skateboarders in the community, but over the last three years we have not been able to protect property," Coate said.



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### The Associated Press

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Abner Linwood "Woody" Holton III of Willamette Citizen acknowledged on Monday that the classified ad in question sought recruits to elect Kopetski. However, Holton said, the law provides for exceptions when disclaimers are impractical — in this case, the disclaimer would have been longer than the ad itself.

"I think the reason they're attacking us is because he's seeing we're having an impact," Holton said of Smith.

Willamette Citizen is registered as an "independent expenditure committee," and is not connected directly to the Kopetski campaign.

Federal law requires such groups to state on their advertisements or fliers that items were not paid for by a candidate or the candidate's campaign. Items that expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate must carry a disclaimer.

Holton said the flier was to recruit staff and made no reference to either candidate.

Willamette Citizen employs 15 university students who are paid about \$150 a week, Holton said. The group recently announced it had registered 707 new voters who said they would vote against Smith. The number symbolizes the 707 votes by which Kopetski lost to Smith in 1988.

Candee Mumm, the state Republican Party's office manager, said Tuesday that the federal agency had not responded to the letter.

Richard Noonan, executive director of the Oregon Republican Party, declined to comment on the complaint Monday.

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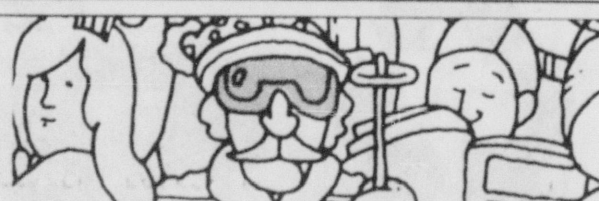


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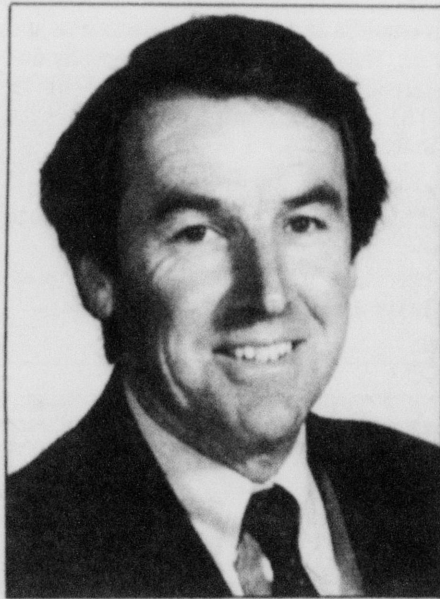




## Returns to OSU Frank ends term with OSSHE

By SANDRA LEVITT  
of the Summer Barometer

Chair of the OSU English department, Bob Frank, has been serving as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Oregon State System of Higher Education in Eugene for the past 6 months. Frank, who has worked with many different people while in this position, said that he's enjoyed himself.



Bob Frank

"It's very rewarding to work here and to help meet the expectations of Oregonians and of the higher education system. Fortunately, I've had a great deal of help from those around me — Public Affairs, Finance, and Administration people were all helpful in educating me."

The interim chancellor's position became available when Richard Hill, the previous vice chancellor, died suddenly of a heart attack. Though his appointment to the interim position was unexpected, Frank has been working in Oregon's higher education system for 20 years and is familiar with key issues.

His favorite aspect of the job was the opportunity to work with other Chancellors, members of the state board, and those with an interest in higher education. At monthly state board meetings, Frank has debated education issues with other vice chancellors, academic councils, and provosts from the various universities. He's dealt with academic affairs, ranging from tuition increases to enrollment caps, entrance requirements, and requirements for new degrees.

Other aspects of Frank's job as vice chancellor include meetings with the deans of education to discuss four- and five-year programs, and whether or not teachers should be required to pass the 'C-best' to teach. Recently, he's also been studying guidelines for the Western In-State Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) — a type of exchange program. Under the proposed guidelines, if the school you are attending doesn't have the classes you need, you can attend one of the other Western State schools and pay in-state tuition.

According to Frank, the vice chancellor's job is quite varied. Recently, he helped to draft next year's budget. It was reviewed at the last State board meeting, and is in the process of being revised again before being sent off to the legislature for final approval.

Frank's term as vice chancellor ends August 31. When asked if he would be willing to hold the position again, Frank answered affirmatively: "Yes, I would do it again. I've felt very lucky to have this opportunity."

Asked about the new vice chancellor, Frank said, "I feel good about the person replacing me, Shirley Clark. Her credentials are impressive."

Frank is looking forward to his return to OSU in September. "OSU is a fine institution and I'll have fun there, too. It will be good to see my friends and colleagues again."

## Reorganization suggested

# Physical Plant gets evaluation

By MICHAEL KELLEY  
of the Summer Barometer

The Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges met on campus in February and have submitted a draft report of the facilities management evaluation of the physical plant.

OSU will pay a consultant \$10,000 to study the facilities management of the physical plant.

Kathleen Mulligan, assistant vice president for finance and administration, said the report was requested by Edwin Coate, vice president for finance and administration, and Howard Wells, director of the physical plant.

"A facilities management evaluation looks at the entire issue of facilities management on campus," Mulligan said.

The association met on campus with numerous people who have interaction with the physical plant. This also included meeting with the Physical Plant Users Committee, Mulligan said.

The Physical Plant Users Committee was formed to assist in aiding the physical plant in understanding the needs of users of physical plant services. "Physical plant procedures could be modified to meet needs of the users," Mulligan said.

The draft report from the association suggests that the physical plant's organization could be modified to enhance management of projects. It also states that the organization could be restructured to improve project continuity and responsibility.

The report recommends the establishment of an in-house human resources position within the physical plant, to assist in development of training programs and employee recruitment and selection," Mulligan said.

According to Wells, this would not involve hiring a new person for this position. "It could be a reassignment of duties," Wells said.

"We are currently reviewing how the physi-

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## Revolutionary new programming being offered by OSU's KBVR radio

By TRACY LOEW

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"The role of the university should be to educate students as well as the larger community. The university has a responsibility to use all of its resources to do this," Boeder said.

Boeder said he is tired of news just being taken from *The Associated Press* wire and being read as is. The new programming will provide an alternative analysis and provide information that is not presented by commercial media.

"KBVR doesn't rely on sponsors, so we can take some risks," Boeder said.

The new programming centers on a public affairs show which covers local and national issues in-depth. The theme of the program will be individual liberties and rights in an organizational society, Boeder said, and the goal of the program will be to push people to think.

Boeder said he considers providing information that is unavailable to the public through traditional channels more important than ensuring balanced coverage of a topic. The program will provide a forum for groups and individuals, like Earth First!, who may not be getting coverage in other media, he said.

The show will present issues via recorded lectures and interviews with noted scholars and with interviews and call-ins with university and community groups and individuals. These will be used as a jumping-off point for discussion. Two phone lines will be installed at the station by fall to facilitate call-in discussion.

The program, which began in May, has already covered several controversial topics, including the Earth First! movement, the war on drugs, and AIDS. It is broadcast on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., on 88.7 FM. Subjects for the program will be announced in the *Daily Barometer*. Topics planned for fall include: organized religion and its relationship with the national environment; and technology and its increasing role as a process in human activities.

Boeder said he also hopes to have a California correspondent to provide ongoing coverage of "Redwood Summer".

KBVR also broadcasts *Pacifica Radio News*, *Undercurrents*, and *Focus on the Americas*. All three of these alternative news shows are provided for the station by Oregon Public Broadcasting. KBVR will also carry a community events calendar.

Boeder encourages anyone with ideas for the show, as well as students who would like to work for the station, to get in touch with him.

"We will have a large audience for this — there is no doubt about it," Boeder said.

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Events listed in the calendar are open  
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FRIDAY 8-3

Entertainment

Intramural Department, 3-7 p.m.,  
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ment for students and staff for either  
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Sign up in Langton 125 until Thursday.  
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a big success.

KBVR-FM 88.7

Tuesday 8-7

Undercurrents. A weekly news and  
analysis feature. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 8-9

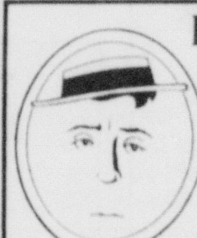
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### Environmentalists ignore truth in ads

Willamette Citizen, a Corvallis-based environmental group, wants to clean up the environment.

To go about this, they have launched a campaign against Republican Rep. Denny Smith in an effort to deny his bid for reelection to the 5th District House seat.

Claiming that Smith is anti-environmental, Willamette Citizen paid for a series of classified ads in the *Daily Barometer*, and handed out fliers calling for the defeat of Smith in the fall election. The group openly supports Smith's opponent, Democrat Mike Kopetski.

However, Willamette Citizen has run into a snag in their crusade to clean the environment: They forgot to clean up their act.

The Oregon Republican Party filed a complaint last week with the Federal Election Commission stating that Willamette Citizen failed to use necessary disclaimers in their advertisement and fliers.

Willamette Citizen is registered as an "independent expenditure committee," and therefore not directly connected with the Kopetski campaign. The law requires that independent political groups run a disclaimer on all ads or fliers stating that such items were not paid for by a candidate or a candidate's campaign.

The ad that appeared in the *Barometer* was worded as follows:

"Work with Willamette Citizen to defeat Rep. Denny Smith, who has one of the worst voting records in Congress on pollution laws. Help pass legislation to prevent toxic waste dumping and oil spoils."

There was no disclaimer at the end of the ad.

In their defense, Abner Holton of Willamette Citizen said the law provides for exceptions when disclaimers are impractical and that the ads and fliers made no reference to either candidate. He also said that the disclaimer would have been longer than the ad itself.

How impractical would it have been to run a disclaimer, one sentence long, which in essence said: "The following was not paid for by Mike Kopetski or his campaign."

And for the claim that no reference was made to either candidate, all one has to do is look at the ad itself.

Holton says the only reason the Republicans are attacking Willamette Citizen is because they are having an impact on Smith's campaign. There may be some truth to that.

But it is vitally important that truth in advertising be enforced as stringently as possible when it comes to election campaigns.

That keeps people from speaking out on our behalf; especially when we don't want them to. (BB)



## Of course, abortion wasn't mentioned

It came as a surprise to many Washington observers that President Bush would nominate someone for the U.S. Supreme Court without knowing his views on abortion.

Some skeptics don't believe that Bush was so high-minded as to spend almost an hour chatting with Judge David Souter and not ask him about such a sensitive issue.

They're sure that Bush would have not dared take a chance on someone who might later cross him up.

### MIKE ROYKO

But I have spoken to some impeachable Washington sources whose information in the past has been consistently unreliable, and I have it on the lowest authority that part of their conversation went this way:

"Now Judge Souter, the media will be asking me about this abortion thing, whether I asked you how you feel about it. And I'm going to tell them that I did not, because of that inappropriate thing. And I will be telling the truth, correct?"

"That's right, Mr. President, you have not asked me for my views."

"Good. I just want to get that straight. By the way, John Sununu, my chief of staff, recommended you to me. As you know, he thinks you are one brilliant cookie."

"I'm very flattered, Mr. President."

"Yes, John said that he knew you were top flight, in the intellect thing, when he was governor of New Hampshire and he named you to that state's Supreme Court."

"I was grateful for his confidence in me."

"Well, John is a good judge of the character thing. And boy, does he feel strongly about abortion. Can't stand it. Doesn't like people around him who do."

"Yes, a man of strong convictions."

"Right. Of course, most of the people in my administration are against abortion. And you probably know that I'm on record as saying I wouldn't be brokenhearted if the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade."

"I believe I read that somewhere Mr. President."

"Not that I expect you to agree with me or Sununu or the rest of my administration, mind you. I am nominating you because of the intellect thing, the qualifications thing, and all sorts of other things thing."

"I understand Mr. President."

"Frankly, I wish this abortion thing wasn't a political issue. Very touchy thing. Let's say Roe v. Wade is overturned. Then when the '92 election comes around, the conservatives and the anti-abortionists are happy, which will be swell. But the pro-abortionists will be mad at me and everywhere I go, they'll be waving their signs and yelling that I don't believe in the right to privacy, which isn't true and I resent it. I always close the bathroom door."

"Politics is a tough business, Mr. President."

"But if Roe v. Wade isn't overturned, then the other side will be mad at me, and the conservatives will accuse me of betraying them, and the anti-abortionists will be waving their signs on TV, and with the S&L thing and the taxes thing, it could be one of those very close call things."

"You bear a heavy burden, sir."

"Yes, and that's why I'm nominating you, because I want Americans to know that despite the political considerations thing, I am more concerned with the qualifications thing, the scholarly thing, and the fair and impartiality thing."

"I appreciate your confidence."

"As I told John Sununu, my chief of staff... by the way, did I mention that John, who recommended you, is strongly opposed to abortion?"

"Uh, yes, you did, Mr. President."

"Of course, how forgetful of me. As I told John, I will not ask him or you what your views were on abortion are because I am fully aware of the inappropriate thing. And I haven't, have I?"

"No, sir, you haven't."

"That's right, I haven't. And I won't. Even if it turns out that you turn out to be some sort of flaming liberal and shock and disappoint Sununu, and drive my supporters into a raging frenzy, and it costs me the '92 election, what the heck, it is only a job. I can always find something else to do. Barbara won't have to work. By the way, have I shown you the pictures of our grandchildren?"

"Very fine-looking family. You must be proud."

"Yes, wonderful kids. I hate to think what my life would be like without them, if some abortionists had... Oh, well, it didn't happen, thank the Lord, but no thanks to the fuzzy-wuzzy thinking of some Supreme Court justices. Well, I'm glad we had this chat, and I'm confident that I made the right choice."

"I shall do my best to fulfill my duties and obligations."

"Fine. Then let us go confront the media. By the way, did I show you pictures of my grandchildren? Oh, of course I did. Ah, there's John Sununu, who hates abortion and recommended you. I hope you mention to John that I didn't ask you about abortion."

"I surely will."

"And the media too. My credibility thing."

"Yes, Mr. President, it's one thing or another."

"Exactly. I've got to remember that."

Mike Royko is a columnist for *The Chicago Tribune*.

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## Designer T-shirts make a statement

Recently — I bet this has happened to you — I ran out of clean underwear in Los Angeles. So I wandered into the men's clothing department of an upscale department store, the kind of store where the sales clerks all have sharp haircuts and perfectly tailored suits that are far nicer than anything YOU own, and, although they act very deferential, you know they're secretly watching to see which clothes you touch so they can have them burned later as a precaution against vermin.

### DAVE BARRY

So I was skulking around, looking for the underwear section, and I came across the Ralph Lauren Exhibit, which, in addition to clothes, featured an old saddle, croquet mallets, and various other props associated with rich people. Ralph uses these to create a fashion look that has made him several zillion dollars, a look that I would describe as "Wealthy Constipated WASP." His magazine advertisements feature Lauren-clad people with their hair slicked back, standing around in large old antique-infested houses, looking grim, as if they have just received the tragic news that one of their key polo ponies had injured itself trampling a servant to death and would be unavailable for an important match.

I myself am of WASP heritage, and although my family was not even close to wealthy, we knew WASPs who were, and I frankly cannot understand why any fun-oriented person would want to imitate their lifestyle. Wealthy WASPs have less fun in their entire lifetimes than members of other ethnic groups have at a single wedding reception. Trust me. I have been to both WASP and non-WASP weddings, and your WASP couple can get married, go on their honeymoon, come home, pursue careers, have children and get divorced in less time than it takes for a non-WASP couple to get to the part of their reception where everybody drinks champagne from the maid of honor's brassiere.

Nevertheless, the WASP look has been very good to Ralph

Lauren. So has another clothing line of his that I would describe as "Pretend Cowboy," which is advertised via photographs of rugged male models, wearing designer cowboy outfits and authentic Wild West male fragrances, fixin' to ride their tastefully color-coordinated horses down to the Old Tradin' Post to purchase a heap o' stylin' gel.

So anyway, I was looking at the Lauren Exhibit, and I came across this T-shirt. It was a regular white T-shirt such as you might use to mow the lawn in or mop up spilled Yoo-Hoo with, except for two things:

1. On the front, in large letters, it had the words "RALPH LAUREN STATE FAIR SEPT. 26-OCT. 1" and a large picture of a cowboy on a horse that was bucking wildly (perhaps because the cowboy was wearing too much male fragrance).

2. The price was \$57.50.

Yup. Fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents. I once bought an entire SUIT for less than that. I admit it was not an elegant suit. It was made from what appeared to be the same material they use to cover mattresses. I think it actually had a tag on the lapel that could not be removed under Penalty of Law. I was afraid to wear this suit late at night for fear that tired people would try to lie down on me. (Rim shot.) But at least it was a whole suit, for less than Ralph charges for a T-SHIRT.

Not that I mean to be critical. Hey, people are BUYING these things, just as they are paying top dollar for jeans that appeared to have been ripped to shreds by crazed wolverines. You know why? Because garments like these make a STATEMENT. You wear a Lauren State Fair T-shirt, and you are telling the world: "I paid \$57.50 for this T-shirt. God alone knows what I would pay for an official Ralph Lauren jockstrap."

So I am all in favor of the designer T-shirt concept, and I am only sorry that the Lauren Exhibit didn't feature any men's briefs for \$38.95 per leg hole, or whatever Ralph would charge. I wound up having to go elsewhere and purchase another famous designer underwear brand. A French one. Le Mart du K.

Dave Barry is a columnist for *The Miami Herald*.

## Barr's antics hurt ratings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tuesday's rerun of a "Roseanne" episode — the first since Roseanne Barr's screeched version of the national anthem — had an 11 percent smaller audience than the show did the previous week.

An ABC executive blamed the drop of nearly 1.5 million homes more on strong CBS competition than to viewer reaction to the star's national anthem antics at a San Diego Padres game last week.

"I think it has more to do with the CBS movie doing a 22 (audience) share share ... than a backlash against Roseanne," Larry Hyams, ABC's director of prime-time audience research, said after the ratings were released Wednesday.

The national Nielsen ratings for NBC's competing "In the Heat of the Night" also were down from the previous Tuesday, he said.

Barr's antics, in which she also grabbed at her crotch and spit on the ground, drew the wrath of baseball fans and President Bush alike.

Her Tuesday show averaged a 13.0 rating, down from last Tuesday's 14.6. Still, that was enough for the show to win its half-hour time period against other reruns on second-place CBS and third-place NBC.

CBS' repeat of a the second part of its 1987 miniseries, "Murder Ordained," averaged an 11.4 rating against "Roseanne." NBC's "In the Heat of the Night" had a 9.6. Each ratings point represents 921,000 homes.

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## Operation PUSH dissatisfied with Nike Inc.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The leader of Operation PUSH said he was dissatisfied with Nike Inc. in their opening talks on minorities in the athletic shoe industry.

The rights group wants Nike and other manufacturers to hire more blacks and women and to increase their business with black-owned advertising agencies and other firms.

"None of the \$90 million Nike has budgeted for media advertising is spent with African-American-owned television stations, radio stations, magazines or newspapers," the Rev. Tyrone Crider, national executive director of PUSH, said Tuesday after he met with three Nike executives.

Liz Dolan, a spokeswoman for the athletic shoe and apparel manufacturer, described the meeting as cordial. "I think some doors have been opened," she said.

Crider said that while he was encouraged by Nike's quick response to Operation PUSH's challenge to the industry, issued last week, he "was less than satisfied" with responses to a 10-

point questionnaire PUSH faxed to the company Friday.

Dolan said PUSH asked for further information about Nike's dealings with black-owned businesses. A second meeting is planned in two weeks in Nike's Beaverton, Ore., offices.

Crider expressed concern to company president Richard K. Donahue that "all of Nike's products are manufactured outside of the United States in cheap labor markets," PUSH said in a statement.

"Rev. Crider was also disappointed that Nike has no African Americans on its board of directors, does not invest funds in banks owned by African Americans and does not utilize advertising agencies owned by African Americans," PUSH said.

### Position Announcement Student Coordinator, Native Americans in Marine Science Project

The College of Oceanography at Oregon State University is seeking applications for the position of Student Coordinator in its Native Americans in Marine Science Project. The student coordinator will assist the Project Director in managing a National Science Foundation funded program providing paid research participation opportunities to American Indian and Alaskan Native undergraduates at OSU. This position will be from one-third to one-half time, depending upon the successful applicant. Undergraduate and graduate students at OSU are encouraged to apply. Applicants not currently enrolled as full-time OSU students must have at least a Bachelor's degree. If the successful applicant is an OSU graduate student, the position will provide both a stipend and tuition. A description of the duties of the position, salary level, qualifications sought and application requirements may be obtained from the receptionist, College of Oceanography, Administration Building 104, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-5503. To request information by phone, call (503) 737-3504.

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The Nelson Report:

# Corvallisites 'dig' sand volleyball

By DENNIS NELSON

of the Summer Barometer

A new fad has hit Corvallis. The summer sport of choice for Corvallis residents is sand volleyball.

The past few summers, tennis has been the sport people were lining the courts to play. But that has changed now, as lines to get on a sand court after 5 p.m. can be as bad as the lines at a grocery store.

Finding the courts isn't a problem for players, nor is finding other players. The problem is trying to get on a court after dinner time. The four courts at Chintimini park are full until dusk on any nice day. The two new courts at Corvallis High School are occupied well into the night.

For players, sand volleyball is a sport in which all age groups and both sexes can compete at the same level, which makes it a perfect family sport.

Players who get on the court are of all ages, shapes, sizes, and sexes. The array of players allows people of all talents to join in either a friendly game or a serious game to 15 points.

"Playing volleyball is a fun way to exercise for both my fiance' and myself," said Paul Misna, who plays a couple times a week. "It's cheap fun and we can work on our tans. I really enjoy it because you can either play for fun or you can organize a

game and play competitively."

The rules are basic and the only equipment needed is a bottle of sun tan lotion and a ball, which broadens the appeal to everyone. Organized games of more than four players are common place and players waiting for a court will "pepper" while waiting.

Volleyball's popularity has spread across the nation the past few years, as the Pro Beach Volleyball tour has grown. With television coverage from ESPN and big name players off of the Olympic teams playing, sand volleyball has replaced the skateboard as the hot summer fad. There has even been a movie made about sand volleyball, "Sideout".

While brightly colored outfits abound, dark tans and sunglasses are necessities. For some, it's less of a fashion show and more of a social event.

"I come down here with my roommates, to get some exercise and check out the girls," said Kevin Couey. "It's a lot of fun, because you can play competitively or you can just hit the ball around."

Though Oregon isn't thought of as being a place where beaches and volleyball are popular, sand volleyball has found a home in Corvallis. On any sunny day nearly 50 players can be found digging, serving, and bumping on one of the six courts in town.

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cal plant organization could be restructured and will have a member of the original APPA team visit us to assist us in determining how to accomplish this reorganization," Wells said.

"The reorganization may realign where people work. It might be more effective if people are in different spots," Wells said.

Wells does not foresee any personnel cuts. "There are a variety of options open to us, the details haven't been worked out, we

are still in the discussion stage. One of the options might be, instead of having five to seven people reporting to me now, we may have only three reporting to me. This doesn't mean people will lose their stature, pay or their job," Wells said.

The report said, "Current staffing, while providing quality service, is not at adequate numbers to provide required levels of service." It also suggests that OSU's maintenance plant renewal budget may be significantly underfunded.

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representative for SEIU. Reichardt and Ballantyne have scheduled a phone interview to come up with proposals as a basis for negotiation.

Ballantyne said that the sooner the contract is agreed upon the better, but SEIU members plan to fight the wage cut.

"A \$50 a month cut means means gas to get to work, milk, bread, or a pair of shoes...And we work hard for our wages. We keep the university clean," said Cynthia Jack, recording secretary for SEIU.

"If they don't give us our money back, you're not going to have anyone cleaning those buildings come September," Reichardt said.

The company is currently running "what if" computer models to see "what impact custodial wages will have on the total program," Ballantyne said.

Ballantyne declined to comment on the possibility of wages returning to their previous level.

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