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Ag Sciences receives gifts

By MICHAEL KELLEY
of the Daily Barometer

More than 2,000 different items, ranging from beakers, bottles and other laboratory equipment have been given to the College of Agricultural Sciences.

The gift of equipment and supplies valued at more than \$400,000 has been given to the college by Whatman Lab Sales, Inc. through the E.R. Jackman Foundation, a development arm of the college.

Whatman, headquartered in Great Britain, is a well-known supplier of laboratory supplies and equipment. Its Oregon division is in Hillsboro.

Dean Hanson, director of the Central Analytical Laboratory, said his past ties with Andrew Becker, senior marketing director of Whatman Lab Sales, Inc., helped the college to get the equipment.

"I have worked with him in the past, when he worked for another company. When he started working for Whatman, he heard about this equipment and contacted me," Hanson said.

He said all of the equipment is brand new and was very pleased with the gift.

"People at Whatman have a concern for higher education," Hanson said.

Hanson said Whatman has indicated they would donate more equipment in the future.

"We have had continuing relationships with other companies in the past who have donated equipment, but this is the biggest donation we have received," Hanson said.

Some of the equipment donated were a flame photometer, which is used to analyze samples for metals such as potassium and sodium. Also donated were several lab balances.

Hanson said the gift is particularly important because it will allow the Central Analytical Laboratory to expand its efforts in the environmental field, particularly water quality efforts. He plans to assemble field kits that will allow researchers to take field samples to compliment laboratory analysis.

"We will probably be able to put together six to eight field kits," Hanson said.

He said some of the equipment will be used in student labs and a considerable amount of the equipment went to branch field stations.

"Most of the equipment will be used in research labs and field applications," Hanson said.

Pam Powell, office manager for the E.R. Jackman Foundation, which is part of the College of Agricultural Sciences, said the gift is very useful.

The foundation solicits, receives and administers funds in support of programs that benefit the college.

Kitzhaber speaks at Memorial Union

By LARISSA KINMAN
of the Daily Barometer

Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Kitzhaber spoke to about fifty people in the MU Lounge yesterday afternoon. He is the first gubernatorial candidate seeking election this November to speak to students at OSU.

Although he answered questions ranging from crime to timber industry issues, Kitzhaber's message focused mainly on education.



CLAYTON MOORE/The Daily Barometer

John Kitzhaber, Democratic candidate for governor, speaks to an audience Tuesday afternoon in the MU.

"The single most important issue, and the single most important investment that we can make in this state is in our education system," Kitzhaber said.

"Everything we do in Oregon ultimately depends on a healthy economy. Increasingly our economy depends on an educational system that can turn out workers who can deal with technology," he explained.

Kitzhaber repeatedly stated that he had "no easy answers," but said that "if we can show Oregonians that there is a strategy to deal with the major sources of their fears, and they can see that there's leadership to execute that strategy, then we will have given people something to be for as opposed to something to be against," Kitzhaber said.

A number of students brought up concerns about the possibility of employing "differential tuition" at Oregon universities.

Differential tuition would force some schools to increase their tuition in order to provide more financial aid to the poorest of their students, as well as to market and enhance the university.

Some students said they feared differential tuition would force universities to sacrifice either diversity or quality.

"If I had to choose, in terms of a short term strategy, I would not erode the quality of an institution," Kitzhaber said. "You can destroy the quality of a system of higher education in a very, very short period of time and it would take a decade to rebuild that."

Kitzhaber said his biggest concern about differential tuition is the relationship between that and student aid.

"I would be very open to looking at a tuition system that had some relationship to ability to pay," he said, "as long as you have a student aid program that ensures that every Oregon student who is qualified has the opportunity and financial ability to attend an Oregon institution for their higher education, that's something we can agree on."

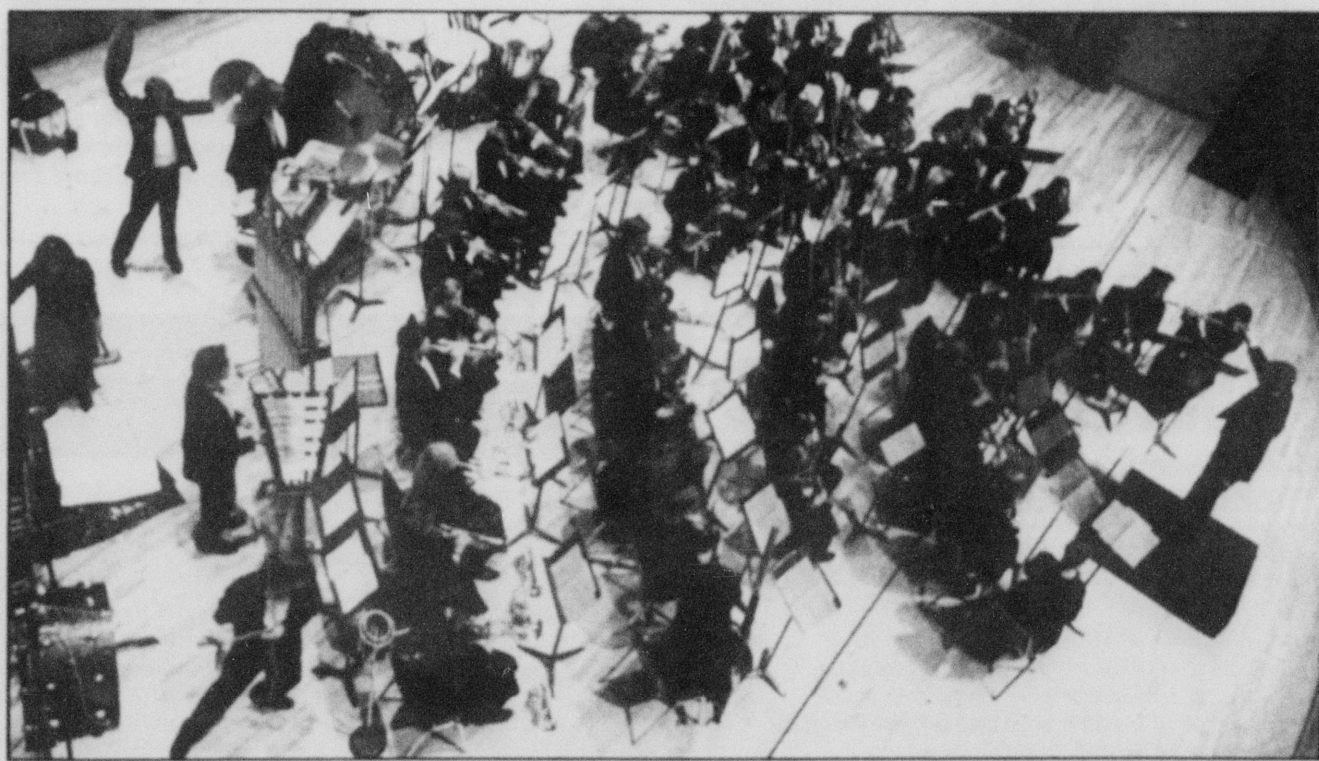
Kitzhaber also spoke in support of "outcome-based" education. "It restructures the curriculum in a way that recognizes what the job market is going to be like in the next century," he said.

Kitzhaber grew up in Eugene, Oregon. He received his B.S. in biology at Dartmouth and went on to the University of Oregon Medical School. After graduating, he worked as an emergency room physician until 1978 when he became a member of the House of Representatives. Kitzhaber joined the Senate in 1981, of which he became president in 1985.

Kitzhaber retired from the Senate in early 1993.

ASOSU State Affairs Task Force sponsored the event.

Band Festival



ERICH THOMPSON/The Daily Barometer

The Northwest High School Concert Band Contest is going on Feb. 22 and 23 at LaSells Stewart Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a contest between the top twenty bands from the northwest. The OSU band will play at 4:30 and the awards ceremony will be at 5:00. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Benton Republicans celebrate Lincoln's Day

By NATHAN STEELE
of the Daily Barometer

Last night a Lincoln's Day celebration with the Benton County Republican Party was held at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house. The evening started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eleven year old Lena Graham then sang This is My Country to the room full of Republican candidates for the '94 elections.

Each of the candidates spoke briefly about their positions. One familiar Republican among the crowd was Norma Nielson, a full professor in the OSU College of Business. Nielson is running for Oregon's 35th district in the house of representatives which represents Corvallis and parts of rural Benton County. "I want to bring my expertise as a business professor to Salem and use it to help balance the state budget," Nielson said in an interview earlier this month. Nielson plans to make the education system as seamless as possible if elected.

Also present were Craig Berkman and Jack Feder who are running for the Republican nominee for Oregon's governor position, which current governor Barbara Roberts will vacate at the end of term. Clark Colvin, Stan Ash, David Miller, Jim Bunn, and Fred Girod, who gave their short speeches, are running for the Republican nominee of the 5th congressional District which covers Northern Corvallis and Marion, Polk,

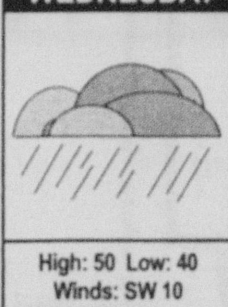
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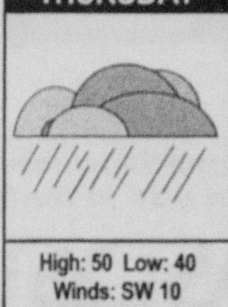
"My most immediate need, as I pointed out in March, is money."

-A note to the KGB, allegedly written by CIA officer Aldrich Ames. Ames is accused of spying for the Kremlin.

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



On the inside

Malcom X remembered

Malcom X's deeds and words are remembered during Black History Month. The history of Malcom X, great preacher of the Nation of Islam's beliefs and founder of Afro-American Unity Organization, is recounted. Malcom X was assassinated on Feb. 21, 1965 in Manhattan's Audubon Ballroom. See feature, page 3.

Big Eight, big offer

One of the nation's oldest athletic conferences could be coming to an end in the near future as Southwest Conference members Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech have all received offers to join the Big Eight Conference. Money once again seems to be a key factor, as all schools involved could benefit from a new TV contract. See story, page 7.

Regional News

Appeal filed to protect spring Chinook salmon

Associated Press

PORTLAND — An aluminum company executive asked an appeals court Tuesday to halt the commercial gillnet season for spring Chinook salmon on the Columbia River.

Kenneth D. Peterson Jr. asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco for a temporary restraining order. Peterson filed a lawsuit last week that claims the harvest kills fish that are protected under the Endangered Species Act.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Malcolm Marsh rejected Peterson's claim that the states of Oregon and Washington acted illegally when they allowed the commercial season to begin Feb. 15.

Peterson, chief executive of Columbia Aluminum Co., filed the lawsuit as an individual, saying the harvest jeopardizes his children's chances of enjoying salmon in the future.

A similar lawsuit was filed in Seattle by Direct Service Industries Inc., an aluminum industry group.

Commercial gillnet fishing is allowed for spring Chinook returning to the lower Columbia.

Poker retail commission rate questioned

Associated Press

SALEM — Nearly all the retailers who offer video poker would continue to profit from it even if their commissions were slashed by two-thirds, according to a study for a legislative panel.

The Lottery now pays retailers 35 percent of video poker revenue as commissions, well above rates paid to businesses for handling its other games.

The report to the Joint Legislative Task Force on Lottery Oversight said the 35 percent commission "probably does not maximize net state revenue," which the Lottery Commission is directed to do by state law.

Net revenue from the Lottery goes to economic development.

Cutting the commission to 10 percent would generate an additional \$60 million a year for the state, the report said, while still providing profits for most of the 1,300 bars and taverns that have the computerized games.

The Oregon Lottery began offering video poker two years ago and now has 6,100 machines around the state. The games net the state about \$120 million a year and make up about 60 percent of the revenue from all lottery games.

A lawsuit by poker foes is pending a decision in the Oregon Supreme Court. Opponents argue the poker machines have

created casinos, which are illegal under the state constitution.

The average retailer with video poker is paid \$65,000 a year in commissions. Outlets can have no more than five machines; more than 90 percent have the maximum number.

Commissions paid to retailers for handling other games, such as scratch-off tickets or the Megabucks computerized lottery drawings, range from 10 percent to 15 percent of revenue from the game.

Lottery officials have used consultants' studies to justify the much higher commission for video poker. But the task force's staff report faulted those studies.

One "appears to significantly overstate labor costs associated with video gaming" and ignores benefits from any additional food, drinks or other products sold because of having the machines in an establishment, the task force report says.

"Retailers will find it more attractive to keep video lottery games than to drop them even if commissions are lowered because the games are extremely profitable," the report says.

Most task force members gave no indication whether they favored scaling back commission rates, which are set by the Lottery Commission.

Sen. Mae Yih, D-Albany, said the Lottery should look first at other ways of saving money. She said some retailers have told her they have substantial expenses to keep the games.

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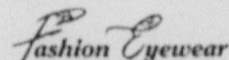
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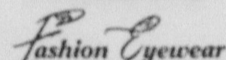


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POLICE BEAT

MIPC Feb. 18. Student security officers observed a male in the bushes outside Callahan hall and when he began to walk away, he appeared to be staggering. Officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Subject was cited and released.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS II Feb. 18. Student security officers reported seeing a small group of males exit the fire escape of Wilson hall and go up to the rooftop. All six males were escorted back into the building. One suspect was instructed by the university to not be in Wilson hall at any time and he had violated that instruction by remaining unlawfully in Wilson hall. Suspect was cited and transported to his residence.

THEFT II Feb. 18. Suspect was observed taking a bicycle, worth \$125, from the bicycle racks by Kidder hall and heading towards West hall. Suspect dropped bicycle in the handicapped parking lot/sidewalk area by Kidder hall. Suspect was detained at SW 26th Street and SW Jefferson Street, cited and released.

THEFT III Feb. 18. Victim reported that while his pickup was parked in the Nash hall lot on Feb. 17, an unknown person(s) removed his Oregon license plate from the rear of the vehicle.

THEFT II Feb. 19. Subject was transporting property, worth \$440, from Avery Lodge to Finley hall. When he left Avery Lodge at 6:50 p.m., the property was left on top of his vehicle. Upon arrival at Finley hall at 6:55 p.m. and discovering the property was missing, he retraced his route, but didn't find the property. Unknown person(s) apparently picked up the property shortly after its loss. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic were heavy in the area at the time.

THEFT I Feb. 19. Victim reported that, between 8:30 p.m. and 11:50 p.m., unknown person(s) removed his locked bicycle, worth \$1,000, from the bicycle racks on the east side of Peavy hall.

THEFT III Feb. 20. Victim parked her vehicle in the pay lot at about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18. She returned at 9:30 p.m. and discovered the license plate missing.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF Feb. 20. An employee in the bowling alley at the MU stated that at closing he heard a noise coming from outside. When he investigated, he found the railing torn from the wall and bent. Three subjects were seen leaving the area. Based on the description given, three subjects were contacted in front of the bookstore.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF Feb. 21. An OSU Bookstore security officer had a suspect in custody. The security officer had seen the suspect take four books off the shelf in the bookstore. He followed the suspect into the bathroom where he watched the suspect place the books into his book bag. Suspect was cited and released.

POSSIBLE MARIJUANA Feb. 21. A report was made of possible marijuana use on the fifth floor of McNary hall. Police investigated and did not smell marijuana.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE Feb. 22. Subject was dizzy at the top stairs of Milam hall on the south east corner and fell down the steps. She was treated for minor injuries by the Corvallis Fire Department and did not wish additional treatment.

MIPC Feb. 19. Police responded to Finley hall for a medical emergency. Upon arrival, the suspect was rambling and incoherent. Suspect admitted to drinking and fell down the stairs. Suspect was cited and released.

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The Shining Black Prince remembered during Black History Month

By NAVEEN MISHRA
of the Daily Barometer

"Well, if you and I don't use the ballot, we're going to be forced to use the bullet. So let us try the ballot. And if the ballot doesn't work, we'll try something else. But let us try the ballot."

Malcolm X's sharp and eloquent voice would ring throughout the entire auditorium. All eyes gazing intensely upon him, all ears hanging on his every word.

"We didn't land on Plymouth Rock, Plymouth Rock landed on us," is what he'd preach, according to *African Americans' Voices of Triumph*.

Black power and self-respect is what Malcolm X stood for.

The most misunderstood and misrepresented black man in American history was born May 19, 1925 under the name Malcolm Little.

Subjected to racism and bigotry all his life, Malcolm learned early that a black man could not survive easily in America.

Always shot down in school by his classmates and teachers, this brilliant youth soon turned to a life of crime.

He became a drug hustler, pimp, thief and any other stereotype that exists in Harlem's ghetto.

Malcolm's "fast-life" soon caught up with him however, and in 1946 he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for a burglary charge.

This led to a great transformation in Malcolm's life.

In prison, Malcolm refused to change and give the institution a chance. He became known as "Satan," a reputation well deserved.

Then, his life began to take a turn, a turn that changed American history forever.

Through the influences of his brother Reginald and letters from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Nation of Islam, Malcolm joined the black-led religious group, while still in prison.

After converting, he no longer fought the prison system and began to show appropriate behavior. This action led to Malcolm's early release.

While in prison, he had changed his name from Malcolm Little to Malcolm X. The "X" representing the unknown for his true last name. Little was a slave-given name that had no African ancestry.

His last name would remain "X" until he could be given his true identity by Allah himself.

In 1954, Malcolm came to New York preaching the Nation of Islam's faith on street corners of Harlem. He became a powerful voice for African Americans, and was soon appointed head minister of the Muslim Temple in New York. He had begun a never-ending crusade in recruiting young black followers. Black Power was the driving force that kept him and the Nation of Islam moving forward. This dynamic leader, with the guidance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, began preaching that the white man is the "blond-haired, blue-eyed devil."

This is one of his most controversial statements, and what many Americans don't realize is that he changed this philosophy after the Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca in April 1964.

From Mecca, Malcolm sent postcards to the U.S. with a positive view. According to *African Americans' Voices of Triumph*, he marveled at eating, living and praying "with fellow Muslims whose eyes were the bluest of blue, whose hair was the blondest of blond, and whose skin was the whitest of white."

With the direct assistance of Malcolm X, the Nation of Islam's followers soon doubled, creating a "threat" to American Society in the eyes of the U.S. Government and many who opposed the institution.

Many viewed Malcolm as being violent. However, he simply taught — if you are attacked, defend yourself.

This idea was somewhat contradictory to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s passive resistance movement, but did not advocate violence as many believed.

In fact, toward the end of Malcolm X's life, had he and Dr. King sat down to talk, they would have found more similarities than differences in their beliefs.

ties than differences in their beliefs. By early 1964, the Nation of Islam began to unravel, beginning with the founder, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Muhammad had been charged with paternal suits, initiated by two of his personal secretaries.

Malcolm, not believing that this honorable man could commit such an act, confronted the two women. He found truth spoken from their mouths.



His next step was to ask Muhammad himself. In not so many words, he admitted to the crime.

Now, this great black leader's world began to collapse. Turmoil filled Malcolm's mind: how could a man that he would have given his life for commit such an act?

If that weren't all, Malcolm had many followers in the Nation of Islam that were quite jealous and envious of him, due to his popularity. They felt he was taking over the Nation of Islam.

On March 8, 1964, due to irreconcilable differences, Malcolm X announced his break with the Nation of Islam.

In that same year, he changed his name to Malik El-Shabazz and went on the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Malcolm X, not ready to give up the struggle for black rights, began his own Islamic community, the Muslim Mosque, Inc.

In April, 1964, he founded the Afro-American Unity (OAAU) Organization that stressed self-defense as well as

education and community outreach.

This dynamic leader had undergone many transformations in his life. From preaching separatism to unity, from preaching under the Nation of Islam's umbrella to the organization of his own independent groups. His life seemed to be in constant chaos.

Towards the end of his life, Malcolm started receiving death threats. His house had been firebombed, an attempt to set a bomb in his car had failed, and in Malcolm's eyes, it seemed everybody was following him. This great black leader was living a life in constant fear, knowing that he could be killed at any time. He had made many enemies, including the Nation of Islam and the U.S. Government.

Malcolm kept up with most of his appointments, which eventually led to his death.

The Audubon Ballroom in upper Manhattan was his final appearance.

According to his autobiography, he was nervous upon arrival. "I feel that I should not be here," Malcolm said to an aide. However, he refused to cancel the meeting. As he greeted the mass, *As salaamu alaikum* ("Peace be unto you"), there was a rustling in the crowd. "Get your hands out of my pocket..." said one man in the audience to another, as stated in *African Americans' Voices of Triumph*.

Just as soon as Malcolm tried to calm the situation, a group of four to five men stood up and opened fire on this dynamic leader.

On Feb. 21, 1965, the nation mourned for Malcolm X.

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Black History Month
Phillis Wheatley 1753 - 1784

Born in 1753 in Senegal, West Africa but sold into slavery at eight years old, Phillis Wheatley became the most famous female poet of the eighteenth century. At age thirteen and while still in slavery, Wheatley's poems were being circulated throughout England. In 1770 her first poem was published in London entitled *Poems on Various Subjects Religious and Moral*. In 1772, she was freed by her master, Mrs. S. Wheatley, and went to England. On both sides of the Atlantic her poems won widespread admiration.

In 1776, she wrote a poem entitled "To His Excellency General Washington." After he read it, George Washington invited her to visit him at Cambridge. The abolitionists pointed to her skill as a poet as proof that Blacks were not inferior and should be freed. She died on Dec. 5, 1784, in Boston, Mass.

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Opinion

Editorial

Draft for future practices of OSSHE isn't a good idea

The Oregon State System of Higher Education has a draft that outlines how it would like to operate in the future. The only problem is that the proposals would give OSSHE too much leeway.

The first part of it is on differential tuition. This is where tuition at some schools would be higher than at other schools. The schools with the higher tuition are assumed to provide a better education.

Why should some schools in Oregon be picked to be better than other schools. Doesn't it make more sense to try to make all the schools in Oregon have the same quality of education.

In the past, the philosophy used was that each school would provide quality education in specific subjects. This was why OSU lost the department

of journalism and UO didn't. But if an entire university was picked to not be as good as another, than the departments that are unique to that school would also suffer. Even when that department is supposed to be the only one in the state.

And the only people who would want to go the the lower-quality schools are the ones who couldn't afford the better ones. Students would be doing their best to go to the better ones, because their degrees would mean a lot more than the ones from the cheaper schools. So they would get the better jobs when they graduated.

Another area of the draft deals with the governing of OSSHE. The proposal would give the board the power to appoint some of its own members, as

well as determine the tuition for the schools. Presently those decisions are voted on by the state legislature.

The reason that OSSHE has to have those actions approved by the legislature is to ensure that their decisions are fair to the citizens of Oregon, in theory that is.

But, without having to pass their decisions through the legislature, OSSHE wouldn't have to answer to anyone about their practices. They would have more freedom to make changes in higher education, with no one to answer to.

When was the last time it was a good idea to let a government agency operate without having to answer to someone.

Collegiate experience passed on to newcomer

Recently, well actually during the four and one half terms I have been here at OSU, a startling fact has become clear to me.

OK, probably at this point, your thoughts sound like, "Blah, blah, blah blah blah." Probably they go like, "Oh, here is another columnist guy, and he wants to share his special fact he learned just since arriving at OSU with me, but I really don't want to hear it."

Makambo Tshionyi

I want you to know that I understand your cynicism, because believe it or not, I was cynical once also! I want also for you to know that I am aware that an urge is currently getting big inside of you, and it is compelling you to say, "Hey, this guy is just rambling and filling up space with nothing." Probably, the urge says to you "Turn to the sports pages," or to the place in the back where the fraternity and sorority people thank each other because the act, uh, event they just did was so good for both of them. *Don't Listen To It!*

For one thing, on the sports page, the writers ramble about guys with big legs jumping up, then down, and throwing leather through a metal cylinder. However, on this page, I ramble about subjects which maintain an intimate relationship with the really important, really, really essential parts of life, I think.

Like sexual etiquette, for a rather obvious and easily available example. One time a friend of mine (I'll call him F.O.M. for short), he had sex before college, and he thought, "Hey it's a pretty fun, and cool thing. Fun and cool people do it."

But then, after F.O.M. related his opinion to me, about it being fun and stuff, I said to him, "F.O.M., don't you go to college? I mean haven't you learned?"

He looked at me with eyes which he had made big like saucers and said, "Learned what?"

With some confidence in my voice, and with my shoulders very straight like a mom or a dad would have them, I continued.

"Haven't you lived in the dorms or anything?"

No, he replied and shook his head.

"Well, Haven't you talked to those people then. I mean, you know the politically incorrect ones, and sometimes they have tattoos also — haven't you spoken with them?"

Again, he shook his head no.

"Well," I said, puffing my chest so that it would stick out a little bit, "if you had, then you would know. But, I will tell you anyway."

"Guys who do things with a few number of girls are kind of wimpy," I began.

"But if a guy has sex with a medium to big number of girls, he's kind of like a hero."

F.O.M., strangely intrigued, asked me, "But what do you mean though?"

"Well, he's kind of like Clyde Drexler is, but only if Clyde Drexler had hair. Or, he's also Like John Bobbitt is, if he were um ... fully functional."

His eyes went smaller now.

"OK, I think I understand, but what about girls?"

I continued my newly discovered collegiate knowledge.

"If a girl, you know, has sex a little bit, it's OK, but only if she makes the guy wait for an hour or so before they start."

I paused like my professors do, then I waved my arms dramatically like some of them do when they want to impress a very important point upon their students.

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The many health hazards blacks face

During this month in which we acknowledge and celebrate the rich cultural history of black people, it is also appropriate to consider the health issues they face.

For the most part, black people experience the same risks to longevity and wellbeing as white people. They suffer and die prematurely from the same kinds of health conditions common to all Americans. Therefore, one might think that the overall health of blacks is no different than that of whites. Unfortunately, black people tend to die at younger ages than white people.

Cheryl Graham

This fact is probably not explained by biological differences between races, but rather by unmet health prevention and health care needs among African Americans. It's not hard to grasp the notion that access to health care is often denied people who are poor. Indeed, 30 percent of black Americans are poor compared to 10 percent of whites. Hopefully, this inequity will be addressed by whatever health care reform plan is finally adopted and implemented in the United States.

Meanwhile, every person regardless of race, can take some control over their health by the lifestyle choices they make. Following is an overview of the significant health risks facing black Americans and personal actions that can reduce these risks.

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are major causes of premature death and disability among all Americans. But prevalence of these diseases and the risks associated with them are amplified in the black community. For example, blacks are twice as likely as whites to suffer sudden cardiac arrest. Blacks are also much less likely to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by a bystander.

While we consider heart diseases primarily as afflictions of older people, African Americans are more likely to die from them at earlier ages than whites. In light of this, black people need to know the risk factors for CVDs and how they can bring these factors under control:

— Smoking is the major preventable risk of CVDs. A smoker's risk of heart attack is more than twice that of a nonsmoker. A large number of African Americans (greater than 30 percent)

still smoke. The effect of smoking on heart health can be gradually reduced to nothing over time — if you quit now! Student Health Services provides assistance to students who want to give up any form of tobacco. Call 737-2775 for appointments.

— High blood pressure is a critical factor influencing the heart health of black Americans. Blacks experience two times the level of moderate hypertension and three times the level of severe hypertension as whites. Hypertension can often be controlled through diet and exercise, although medication may also be necessary. You can't know if you have hypertension unless you have your blood pressure periodically checked. Students can come to Student Health Services for regular blood pressure checks.

— High blood cholesterol can lead to heart attack and "hardening of the arteries" because the cholesterol can plug arteries, thereby impairing blood flow. Cholesterol increases with a diet that is high in fat — especially animal fats — though some people naturally produce more cholesterol irrespective of diet. If you don't know your cholesterol values, it is a good idea to have them periodically measured with a blood test. A registered dietitian is on staff at Student Health Services (737-2775) for the benefit of students who have any diet-related health risk, such as high cholesterol.

— Obesity is a risk factor for CVDs because it directly influences blood pressure, cholesterol levels, heart strength and incidence of adult-onset diabetes, another risk factor for CVDs. Obesity is a significant problem among blacks, especially black women. Research shows that 44 percent of black women over age 20 are obese, compared with 27 percent of all American women.

— Physical inactivity is the primary explanation for obesity and related problems among all people. Polly Turner, a highly-credentialed health professional, appeals to fellow black Americans in a Winter 1993 issue of "Ivy Leaf" to start moving!

Turner states that "Most Americans, especially African Americans, get little vigorous exercise at work or during leisure hours. People, for the most part, usually ride in cars or buses rather than walk, use the elevators or escalators instead of the stairs, or sit at home (watching television) during their free time rather than being physically active."

Cancer is another serious health concern of blacks. The age-

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Letters

Effort should count

To the Editor:

School should be graded on effort. The way the grading system is now, it is based on tests. Tests can not show how much a student really knows. Even if a student knows everything about a subject, the student may do bad on a test.

I have personally seen fellow students become insane and stressed because of a bad test that dropped their grade. I heard of one story of a graduate student going to a psychologist because he got a B+ on a test. Now that student feels his life is over and blames it on the teacher that gave him a B+.

With these factors in mind, a graded effort system would be beneficial to students.

Wilson Mak,

Freshman in pre-engineering.

Feeling threatened?

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mike Accudari's question, "Why do women wear boxer shorts?" Well Mike, since you claim to be "at a loss" perhaps I, as a female, who often wears mens' BVD's and/or boxer shorts can shed some light on your confusion. First I would

like to say that I do not wear men's underwear because I want to "emulate" men nor do I wear them because I secretly wished I possessed male genitalia. As you ask female population about their underwear habits perhaps you should ask yourself a few questions about your "hypothesis." Do you feel threatened by a women wearing men's underwear? Do you think women should dress to please you? Quite frankly, why do you care if women wear boxer shorts? Personally, I get a little tired, from time to time, of spending fifty dollars on underwear, that is so small that if you drop it you'll never find it again. So Mike, I guess the closest I could come to "male envy" is that their underwear is cheaper, a hell of a lot more comfortable, and comes in a six pack.

Alexa Wiley Pengelly,

Freshman in women's studies

Have you seen...?

To the Editor:

Have you seen Chris Batan?

Maybe you saw his picture on a poster. Chris Batan is one of the "lives" featured by Amnesty International's campaign against "disappearances" and political killings. Chris Batan was a human rights worker and a tribal activist in the Philippines. He was 26 years old

when he was killed.

Together with two other members of the Cordillera People's Alliance (CPA) he was on the way to Betwagan. They were going to investigate past human rights violations in Betwagan. As they approached Betwagan Bridge, six members of the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU), a government-backed militia used by the military in counter-insurgency operations, attacked them and shot Chris Batan.

Chris Batan was probably killed because of his efforts to protect human rights.

The Cordillera mountains are rich in miner-

al resources. Resistance to exploit this natural wealth has placed many communities in conflict with powerful commercial interest and, often, the government's security forces.

The CAFGU member involved in the killing are still at liberty.

Chris Batan is just one example from one country. Human rights abuses happen all over the world. Add your voice to ours. Join our campaign and contact the Amnesty International OSU Chapter (737-2101). We meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in MU 212.

Monika Fahnenschmidt,

Graduate student in chemistry

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"Now, if a girl has sex with a medium number to a big number of guys, then she's a ..."

F.O.M.'s a pretty smart guy, so he was able to continue my sentence for me. "She's a ...," he said.

"Well," I said, "I only just learned this since I came to OSU."

"Your stalling," he said.

"And I only repeat it to you because I have it on a good authority."

Ever the intelligent one, F.O.M. continued, "And she's a ..."

"She's a...sl...slu... she's a bad person," I finished.

But F.O.M. wasn't satisfied, and he started laughing at me, and presumptuously, he laughed at this knowledge which I had just acquired. "Where did you get a dumb idea like that," he said between chuckles, "who told you that?"

I pointed to the person who had been over-hearing our conversation, and who throughout it had carried first a look of bewilderment, then of amusement, then finally of indignation and anger upon their face.

"She did," I said.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Makambo Tshiony, columnist for *The Daily Barometer*.

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adjusted death rates from cancer are higher for blacks than for whites, and the average survival time is shorter. For example, African American women are 1-1/2 times more likely to have advanced stages of breast cancer than white women and the incidence of prostate cancer among black men is 50 to 70 percent higher than it is among white men.

But there is an even more unsettling mortality trend among blacks than disease: violence. Death from violence is becoming an increasing trend in all American sub-groups, but it is especially alarming among blacks.

And contrary to natural assumptions, the majority of violence is not inter-racial. In fact, many studies show that except for hate crimes, violence tends to occur within races rather than between them.

Oprah Winfrey has stated it better than any

source I've read: "We're killing off our own people." And further, she states that "black men in America are becoming extinct because of the killing."

I fear she is correct. I wish the lifestyle answers to violence were as "simple" as they are for heart disease and cancer. It's a lot easier to tell a scared cardiac arrest patient that she needs to cut the fat out of her diet than it is to tell a frustrated and angry person who may have been short-changed all his life to be nice to others.

But however difficult it is, the violence has to stop if Winfrey's prediction is to be proven false.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Cheryl Graham, a certified health education specialist at OSU Student Health Services.



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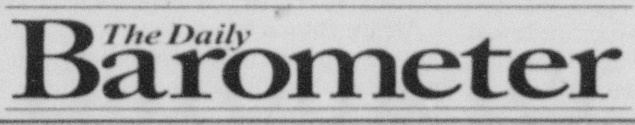
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Sports

Strickland pushes Blazers past Clippers to a 120-117 win

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Rod Strickland had 24 points and a season-high 15 assists leading eight Portland Trail Blazers in double figures in a 120-117 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night.

Danny Manning scored 35 points and Loy Vaught and Ron Harper each had 17 for the Clippers, who have lost four consecutive games. Tracy Murray had 13 of his 18 points in the second quarter for the Blazers, helping them take a 69-55 halftime advantage.

Manning's 11-point fourth quarter helped the Clippers overcome a 102-85 deficit early in the period, but Strickland had six in the final 3:38 to keep Portland in front.

The Blazers led 94-81 at the end of the third period and built

the lead to 17 on consecutive rebound baskets by Murray.

The Clippers then scored 22 of the next 27 points, and Vaught's baseline layup tied the game 107-107 with 4:39 remaining. Manning had seven points in the run.

Strickland then broke a 109-109 tie with a layup with 3:38 left, and his 5-footer gave the Blazers a 117-113 lead with two minutes left.

Murray made his first five shots, including three 3-point field goals, in the second quarter. He made a pair of 3-pointers in a 9-0 run that made it 64-50 with 2:36 left in the half.

Along with Murray, Mark Bryant had 10 second-quarter points to help the Blazers to the 69-55 halftime margin.

The Clippers used an 11-0 run at the end of the first period and the start of the second to take a 33-31 lead. But Murray's corner jumper tied the score and Bryant put Portland ahead to stay, 36-

33, with a layup and free throw with 9:37 left.

Murray, averaging 9.6 minutes a game, played 20 minutes against the Clippers.

"I was going to give Tracy some time. It wasn't a case of show-casing," Portland coach Rick Adelman said, referring to the trading deadline Thursday. "There were matchups out there where I thought Tracy could score and that's why he was in there."

But Adelman said his team's defense was poor.

"It was a poor effort," he said of the second-half letdown that resulted in the Clippers' comeback. "We let them get some energy. We let them back in, and I saw it coming."

"We lost concentration defensively and almost gave it away," Strickland said. "We can't make excuses. We flat-out quit defending."

Making the play



Junior infielder Allen Snelling, gets ready to tag out a Western Oregon State player during Tuesday afternoon's game at Coleman Field. OSU won 2-1.

Olympic Tuesday quiet calm before Wednesday storm

Associated Press

LILLEHAMMER - Take a deep breath. Get a firm grip. After a quiet Tuesday, where the surprising Italians continued their Winter Games surge, the Olympic spotlight turns to a soap opera and a slope opera - Tonya and Tomba.

That's figure skater Tonya Harding and skier Alberto Tomba, who make their '94 debuts Wednesday at the Winter Games. Joining Tonya, of course, will be Nancy Kerrigan in a showdown on the ice that could get Super Bowl-like TV ratings.

Tomba hit the flats Tuesday to congratulate his gold-medal winning teammates in the men's 40-kilometer cross-country relay. The skier, who owns three Olympic golds himself, waited at the finish line for anchor man Silvio Fauner to edge Norway's Bjorn Dahlie by 0.4 seconds.

A Norwegian victory would have given Dahlie his sixth career gold medal, equalling the most won by any Winter Games athlete.

Italy's 15th medal was its highest total in the Winter Games - and Tomba has yet to ski in the slalom events, where he dominated in Calgary and Albertville with three golds and a silver. Its previous best was 14 medals in 1992.

The race was notable for more than its narrow margin of victory. A crowd of 105,000 turned out for the Nordic race - roughly the size of a Rose Bowl crowd. But 70,000 of 'em had no tickets; they just lined the snow-covered course for a glimpse of the race.

The huge crowd became awfully quiet when Fauner nipped their hero at the finish line. The bronze medal went to Finland.

"The biggest satisfaction was to come into the stadium and hear that the crowd was silent," said Marco Albarello, who skied Italy's second leg. "We were able to shut them up."

Dahlie's medal was the eighth of his career and his fourth in Lillehammer, but he missed tying Russian cross-country skier Lyubov Egorova and Soviet speedskater Lydia Skoblikova as the all-time gold-medal leaders in the Winter Games. Both Egorova and Dahlie have one race left.

And then there was Maurillio de Zolt of Italy, who won his first gold medal at the age of 43.

"I have finally managed to win an Olympic gold medal," said de Zolt. "This is what I have strived for throughout my entire cross-country career."

De Zolt wasn't even close to being the oldest Winter gold medalist. American Jay O'Brien, eight days short of 49, won the gold on the four-man bobsled in 1932.

The most golds in Lillehammer belong to the Russians, with nine. Their seven silvers and three bronze give the Russians a Games-high 19, ahead of Norway's 17 (8-7-2) and Italy's 15 (4-3-8). The Americans remained fifth, with four golds, three silvers and a bronze.

The team ski-jumping gold went to Germany - but only after the last Japanese jumper flopped, blowing an enormous lead and his country's first gold medal in Lillehammer.

Masahiko Harada wept after his 319-foot, 9-inch jump - about 125 feet less than the last jump by Jens Weissflog of Germany. Japan still won the silver, with Austria taking the bronze.

"It's a pity, but there is not much more I can say about it," said Harada. "For all that, I am pleased with the silver."

For the second time ever, Olympic medals were handed out in short-track speedskating - and for the second time, South Korea's Kim Ki-Hoon won gold in the 1,000-meter race. The silver medal went to Chae Ji-Hoon of South Korea in 1:34.92 after two competitors were disqualified, while Canada's Marc Gagnon won the bronze.

The South Koreans made it a clean sweep when they won the 3,000-meter women's relay in world record time of four minutes, 26.64. China finished second but was disqualified for interference, leaving Canada with the silver and the United States with the bronze.

Tonya and Nancy may get the Nielsen ratings, but the better bet for a gold medal is Bonnie Blair. The four-time gold medalist skates her last Olympic race - the 1,000 meters - as the favorite to pick up her fifth.

A victory would give her more golds than any American

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Big Eight asks four SWC members to join

Associated Press

HOUSTON - The Southwest Conference, which has dominated college sports in Texas since 1915, appeared headed for extinction Tuesday.

Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor - original members of the SWC - and Texas Tech have received informal offers to join the Big Eight Conference. That would leave Rice, Houston, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist to fend for themselves.

"All I can say is, we have an informal invitation," University of Texas president Robert Berdahl said. "No decision has been reached. That would have to be made by the board (of regents)."

The four Southwest Conference schools would join the Big Eight in a 12-team league that would be in a better position to bargain for TV contracts when the current broadcast deal ends in 1996.

"The Southwest Conference is moribund, that's pretty clear," said Texas regent Lowell Lebermann Jr.

Big Eight commissioner Carl James called the reported offers rumors.

"The Big Eight will not publicly address the most recent speculation on the issue of expansion," James said. "We are conducting ongoing, daily discussions with our athletic directors in regards to football television matters."

"We will continue to move forward in negotiating an arrangement that is best for our institutions."

The four uninvited schools would be left with weakened bargaining power on television contracts that could endanger its long association with the Cotton Bowl.

"For all of these years, the Cotton Bowl has existed solely to make money for the Southwest Conference," said John Scovell, past president of the Cotton Bowl. "And we have always represented this entire conference - not just the 'haves' as opposed to the 'have-nots.'"

"Obviously, some schools have had attendance problems, but I think it would have been far better to come to some arrangement giving them a chance to bring it up to the required level, rather than summarily cutting off four schools and saying, 'You don't belong anymore.'"

The plan would eliminate Dallas and Houston, the SWC's two largest markets, from the new league.

University of Houston president James Pickering said the Cougars didn't want to be left out of any new arrangement.

"The University of Houston has made it clear that it wants

to be a major player in any alliance," Pickering said. "To the extent we were not considered, I'm very disappointed."

Houston has started construction of a \$25 million athletic complex and Rice has had back-to-back winning football seasons for the first time since 1960-1961. Both schools, however, have suffered in competition with the city's pro franchises.

"We need to get our numbers up," said Houston athletic director Bill Carr. "I came here knowing a conference realignment was coming and that there would be a reduction of the number of Division I-A schools. How it will happen, I don't know."

The plan would have the four invited SWC schools joining a division with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The other division would be composed of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State and Missouri.

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said he regretted the likely end of the traditional SWC.

"If someone's left out (of the SWC), I don't know that it's earth-shattering. I'm sure it's bad," Dykes said.

Colorado chancellor James Corbridge said the Big Eight is ready to expand.

"We've got feelers out and we're waiting to see what the position is in the Southwest Conference," Corbridge said. "We're still negotiating and looking at all possible arrangements we can come up with to arrange for our future."

Corbridge said he hopes to have something worked out soon so they can begin finalizing a television package.

Ross Margraves, chairman of the Texas A&M board of regents, said the board would consider the issue at its Thursday meeting.

"My concern is that Texas A&M makes the best decision for it and will most favorably affect the other members of the Southwest Conference," Margraves said. "We have some responsibility and obligation to them, but our first obligation is to our own program."

Arkansas left the SWC in 1990 to join the Southeastern Conference and there have been frequent discussions about further defections.

A possible new home for the uninvited SWC members could be the Western Athletic Conference, also hoping to expand.

"We've talked about several schools around the country, several Southwest Conference schools," said Rudy Davalos, athletic director at New Mexico and former AD at Houston. "We've looked at some of the fallout."

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NBA proves rough for 'Wolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - New Orleans wants them. San Diego wants them. Nashville wants them. Minnesota isn't sure.

Turmoil has surrounded the Minnesota Timberwolves since even before the expansion NBA team took to the court in 1989.

The cauldron is really boiling this year, with star forward Christian Laettner cursing an assistant coach and teammates, second-year forward Chuck Person asking to be traded and players not knowing where the team will be playing next season.

The first hint of trouble came well before owners Harvey Ratner and Marv Wolfenson had even landed the NBA franchise.

Public sentiment was against using taxpayer money to build a fancy arena to lure an expansion team, so Ratner and Wolfenson obtained loans to build the \$104 million Target Center themselves.

After playing their first season at the Metrodome, the Timberwolves moved into their new arena in 1990.

Four years after opening one of the most spacious and comfortable sports arenas in the country, Ratner and Wolfenson say they're losing about \$10 million a year operating Target Center and want public help.

They have said they'll shut down the arena and move the team if they have to, rather than continue to lose money. Gov. Arne Carlson this week joined the fray, organizing a three-member team to find a workable solution to the Target Center problem.

The arena question is only one of the problems dogging the Timberwolves, who are playing under their third coach in five seasons.

The team needs help. The Wolves are 15-35 in the Midwest Division. Only Dallas has a worse record, 7-45, and four of the Dallas victories came over the Timberwolves.

Person, meanwhile, said he wants to be traded if he doesn't get more playing time. He is averaging 12.3 points and 27 minutes, but played just 13 minutes in Friday night's loss to Cleveland and 17 minutes in Monday night's game.

"They might as well tie my hands behind my back, leave me on the side of the road and feed me to the crows," Person told the Star Tribune. "There's got to be a change. Someone's got to go."

The big question is, will it be the entire team? Top Rank of Louisiana, based in Houston, has been talking since fall with Wolfenson and Ratner about moving the team to New Orleans.

Superdome general manager Bob Johnson said Tuesday that moving the Wolves to New Orleans would involve huge logistics problems, but would be possible.

"It would be very exciting to have an NBA team back in New Orleans," Johnson said. "I wish them luck."

The New Orleans Jazz played in the Superdome during the 1970s before moving to Salt Lake City.

Former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz, who heads up Top Rank of Louisiana, was not in his office and could not be reached for comment.

The Timberwolves' owners also have visited officials in San Diego and Nashville and have discussed moving the team to those cities. However, Wolfenson has said the team, which is profitable, is not for sale. Target Center is another matter.

Race brings Norway to stop

Associated Press

LILLEHAMMER - For 1 hour, 41 minutes and 15 seconds Tuesday, it seemed that only four Norwegians were moving in the entire country.

Their names were Bjorn Dahlie, Vegard Ulvang, Thomas Alsgaard and Sture Sivertsen. And they were less than a second too slow.

When the men's cross-country skiing relay started in the hills above Lillehammer, the rest of the country of 4.3 million screeched to a halt.

And Lillehammer remained in gridlock when the biggest crowd so far - about 150,000 people - clogged the city for hours.

"Lillehammer is designed for 23,000 people, not 150,000 people," said Oystein Krogsrud of the official Olympic transportation service.

"When 70,000-80,000 people try to leave at the same time, moving the bus stops, putting up more fences, and putting in an extra 35 soldiers to control the pedestrians, does not make much difference. Lillehammer is simply too small," he said.

During the race itself, which Norwegians consider the blue-ribbon event of the Olympics, people clogged any shop with a television, refusing to budge until the close race was decided. The city's water consumption fell by 50 percent during the race, said the Olympic news service.

Telephones stilled at police departments, which was a good thing because, the Norwegian news agency NTB said, many

cops were glued to their sets.

"Not a single call during the relay," said the duty officer in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city.

In Oslo, the capital, somebody made the mistake of scheduling a Parliamentary debate on Nordic cooperation for the same moment Norway battled Nordic Finland - as well as the Italians - in the relay.

Norwegians, especially politicians, love debate, but not enough to miss the race. Government ministers found themselves mainly addressing seat cushions.

When the bell rang to summon lawmakers to a vote, it was in the middle of the last lap, in which Dahlie, a national hero, and Italy's Silvio Fauner raced for first as if they were glued together, NTB said.

Lawmakers rushed in, cast their ballots, and rushed out to see Fauner win by four-tenths of a second.

"It was as if no one could concentrate on the debate," said Conservative Party chairwoman Kaci Kullmann Five.

At the Oslo stock exchange, brokers actually seemed to lose interest in money. NTB said trading plunged to less than one-third of its normal volume while the race was in progress.

"I have never seen it as quiet as it is today," said the switchboard operator at Norway's largest industrial workplace, Hydro Industripark, with 3,400 employees.

Other than Sivertsen, Ulvang, Alsgaard and Dahlie, about the only things moving in Norway were flags, cowbells and mouths.

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woman in Olympic history.

The U.S. hockey team, after just qualifying with a victory in its final opening-round game against Italy, has another must-win game against Finland on Wednesday. The winner advances to the Olympic semifinals; the loser plays in the meaningless consolation games that began Tuesday, when France beat Austria 5-4 in a shootout and Italy dumped Norway, 6-3.

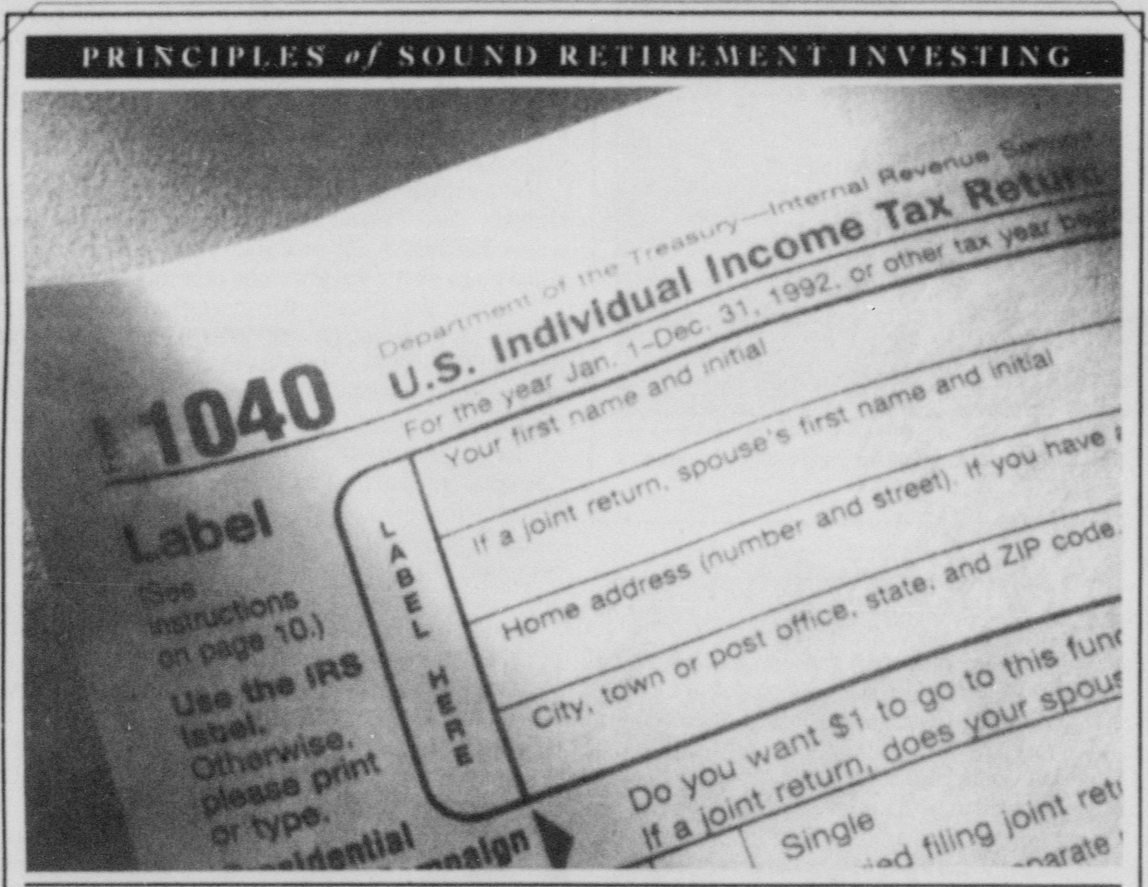
France and Italy now play for ninth place, while Austria and Norway meet in the 11th place game.

The Harding-Kerrigan showdown comes 54 days after Nancy was attacked before the U.S. championships in Detroit. Their every move in Norway has attracted more press than a presidential news conference. And it finally returns to the ice, where Tonya tries to overcome a bad ankle and Nancy comes back from her wounded knee.

Wednesday's technical program is only Part I of their miniseries, which concludes Friday with the free skate and the medals.

Tomba arrived in Lillehammer with a chance at history: The first man to win Alpine golds in three consecutive Games. Like Blair, this will likely be the 27-year-old Tomba's last shot at the gold.

"I still want to win," Tomba said.



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