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Snow prospects freeze with change in weather pattern

■ Shifting air pattern brings in warmer air over the valley, making snow a slim possibility

By Karri Pasteris
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A weather pattern circling just to the west of the Oregon coast holds the potential of bringing snow to the Willamette Valley this weekend, but experts remain skeptical.

"As of Wednesday, it doesn't look like we're going to get snow here," said George Taylor, Oregon State climatologist.

The pattern is spinning counter-

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Vigil-goers brave cold, help hope burn bright

■ Wednesday evening's candlelight vigil held to mourn loss of life to tsunamis in Southeast Asia, raised funds to rebuild region

Standing at the steps of the MU on Wednesday night, Kale Clauson, a senior in zoology, observes a moment of silence for those who have suffered from the devastating Southeast Asia tsunami. The candlelight vigil was co-hosted by the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center and the Indian Student Association.

JUSTIN RUNQUIST
THE DAILY BAROMETER



By Peter Chee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

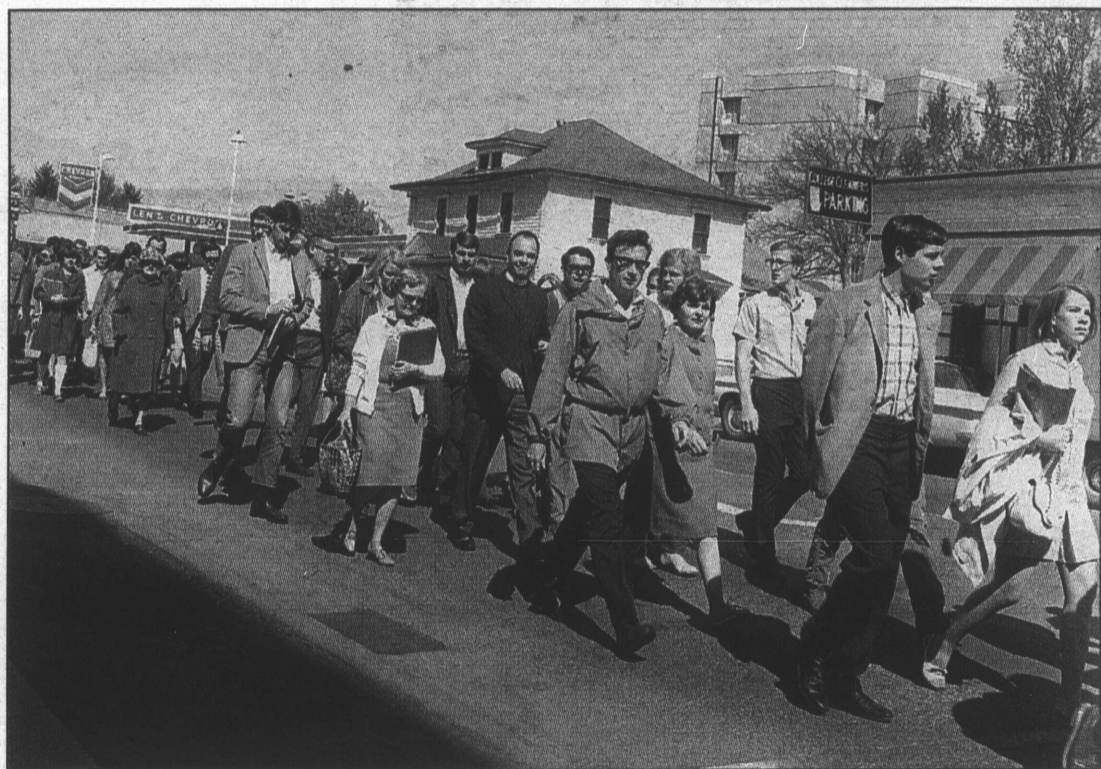
The base of the MU steps was lit Wednesday night by the glow of more than 200 candles. As each candle flickered to life, it was grasped by a student, faculty or community member who chose to endure the freezing night, standing in solemn tribute to the thousands who died in the Southeast Asia tsunami disaster.

The vigil, organized by the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center and Indian Student Association, lasted for about an hour and was held to pay respect to those who lost their lives, as well as raise funds for the rebuilding efforts that will continue for years.

"The events of the tsunami has taught us many things," said Shaun Palakiko, external coordinator for the APCC, to the gathered crowd. "The loss of life is the same in every culture."

At the base of the steps stood a large plexi-glass column that stood 8 feet tall. Donated cash layered the bottom. Vigil organizers said they hoped the large container
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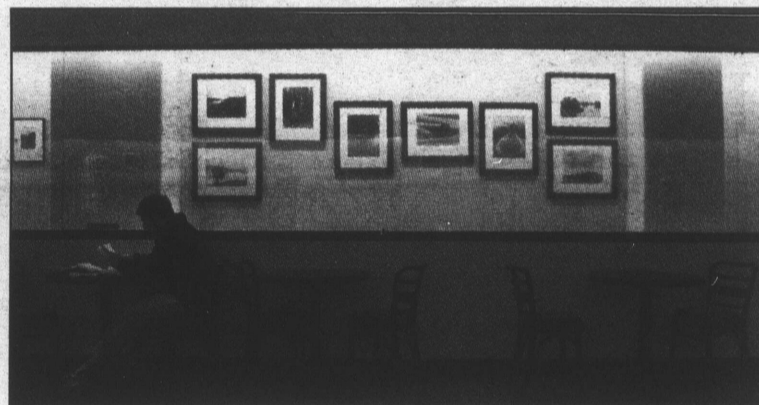
Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy marches on



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ABOVE: Oregon State students, faculty and community members march down Monroe Avenue during a protest that is believed to have taken place in April 1968. This photo is one of four currently on display in the Memorial Union Concourse next to the MU Lounge.

ABOVE RIGHT: Dylan Montgomery, a senior in mechanical engineering, sits next to a second display set up in the MU Concourse that showcases the work of nine OSU Craft Center instructors and members.



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History in the hall

■ Exhibit is one of many events scheduled to take place during OSU's two-week MLK celebration

By Ben Greenwalt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jennifer Sather, a freshman in science, set a goal to raise \$300 for a trip to the South to represent OSU in a Southern Christian Leadership Council voter registration drive.

That's according to The Daily Barometer, in its June 2, 1965, issue.

Sather is believed to be featured in a photograph taken around the same time, standing on the MU steps near a sign reading "We Shall Overcome."

That picture is among four photographs of local events that took place during the mid to late 1960s.

Three of the pictures show a march through downtown Corvallis and the Oregon State campus that is believed to have taken place in April of 1968.

The display, set up in the Memorial Union concourse near the MU
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Be safe, don't get burned

■ Students living in houses off campus are more at risk of having fire-related accidents

By Peter Chee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Heaters in dorms, homes and apartments have been turned up to keep the worst of winter weather at bay. But, the Corvallis Fire Department warns, these wall-based and stand-alone space heaters can pose a fire risk and users should be aware of their potential danger.

CFD Fire Prevention Officer Jim Patton explained in a Wednesday interview with The Daily Barometer that heaters could start fires if combustible objects such as clothing, bedding or furniture are placed too close. Patton said many heaters have warning labels on them listing a minimum safe distance to keep such objects clear. That distance is usually just a few inches.

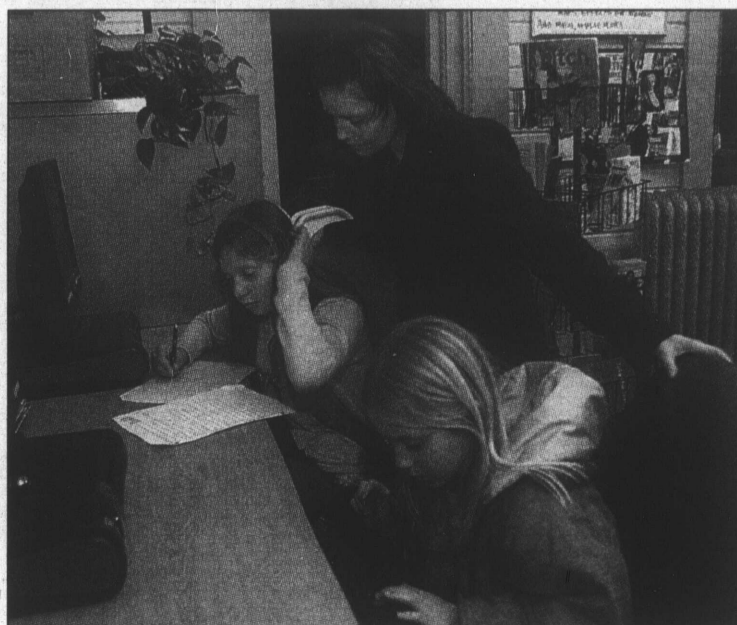
According to a press release from CFD, many wall-based heaters do not have an "off" position, only a "low" setting which is usually at 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Patton explained that many fires have been caused by combustible materials placed on or near heaters
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Committee could bring new hope to student-parents

Angie Baxter, a sophomore in women's studies, helps her children Isa, 11, back, and Oriana, 7, with their homework on Tuesday. Baxter volunteers at the Women's Center up to 20 hours a week as a way of giving back to the community.

WENDY VOLLMER
THE DAILY BAROMETER



■ ASOSU establishes committee to raise awareness, assist with challenges facing student-parents

By Alex Cook
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Angie Baxter, a sophomore in women studies and a Women's Center volunteer, understands the pressures of being a student. However, there's something more important than school: motherhood.

"I like to spend time with my children separately and also have family time all together," Baxter said. "It's difficult to do with large amounts of coursework and the continuing difficulty of finding baby sitters."

For student-parents like Baxter, there are many daily difficulties.

On Nov. 19, ASOSU passed a resolution to form the ASOSU Student Parents Committee.

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Nations, leaders race to pledge millions more to aid tsunami victims

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Australia promised \$810 million — the largest government pledge — to the tsunami relief effort, topping a \$67.4 million German aid package on the eve of a crucial donors' conference Thursday. World leaders were competing to head the donors list as summit participants got firsthand looks at the apocalyptic landscapes carved out by south Asia's tsunami.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, a battle-hardened veteran of the Vietnam War, was aghast at the devastation on Indonesia's Sumatra island. "I've never seen anything like this," he said.

India has politely turned down the unprecedented offers of money and military might, but many Indonesians appeared to be putting pride aside: During Powell's visit, survivors expressed gratitude for American aid.

"Thank God he's come. Thank God," said Mohamed Bachid Madjid, peering from a bridge into the Aceh River, where two bloated corpses floated among the flotsam.

The fresh outpouring of generosity appeared at times to be almost like a bidding war and raised questions about whether rich nations were using tragedy to jockey for influence on the world stage and with hardest-hit Indonesia, which has a wealth of natural resources.

As Sweden somberly receives its first dead from South Asia, Europe pauses to reflect

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The first bodies of 52 Swedes killed by the Indian Ocean tsunami came home in flag-draped coffins before dawn Wednesday as sobbing relatives, the royal family and government leaders stood in frigid rain, faced with the grim reality that 1,903 missing Swedes might never be found.

Later in the day, Europeans observed three minutes of silence — stopping on busy city streets, train stations, Italian ski slopes and oil platforms off Norway's stormy northern coast — to remember the nearly 150,000 people listed as dead in southern Asia's Dec. 26 disaster.

"We have lost so many — a father, a mother, a granddad, our little child, our small, small sister, my friend," said Prime Minister Goeran Persson of Sweden, many of whose 9 million people have been touched by the tragedy in some way.

Draped in the yellow and blue cross of Sweden's flag, an honor typically reserved for heads of state or military members, the coffins were carried by six-man honor guards off an air force Hercules cargo plane at Arlanda International Airport. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia looked on, their oldest daughter, Crown Princess Victoria, wiping away tears.

25 killed in car-bomb attacks aimed at derailing elections

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide attacker blew up an explosives-laden car Wednesday outside a police academy south of Baghdad during a graduation ceremony, killing 20 people. A second car bomber killed five Iraqi policemen

bringing the death toll to at least 90 so far this week in surging violence aimed at derailing this month's elections.

Despite the mounting attacks and death toll, Iraq's interim leader again insisted the ballot would go ahead as planned.

"We will not allow the terrorists to stop the political process in Iraq," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said.

"The elections process is the basis for the deepening of the national unity in Iraq."

While Allawi and U.S. military commanders insisted parliamentary elections must be held as scheduled on Jan. 30, interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, who holds only ceremonial powers, left open the possibility that the vote could be postponed.

"I think that we should continue working on how to hold the elections on schedule, but we should not lack the courage if we see that this is impossible," said al-Yawer, a Sunni Muslim tribal leader.

U.N. inspectors to visit suspect Iranian site 'within days,' says head of nuclear watchdog group

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran has agreed to grant access to a military site the United States links to a secret nuclear weapons program and the first U.N. inspectors could arrive "within days," the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Mohamed ElBaradei also criticized reported U.S. bugging of his phone conversations, saying such actions cripple his agency's ability to act independently of national agendas.

And in comments sure to annoy the United States, which insists Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons, ElBaradei suggested the time was approaching to wind down 2 1/2 years of intense focus on Iran's activities and treat Tehran as just another IAEA member.

The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency has been pressing Tehran for months to be allowed to inspect the Parchin military complex, used by the Iranians to research, develop and produce ammunition, missiles and high explosives.

On Wednesday, he said IAEA experts could be in Parchin "within days or weeks."



Delta plan boon to business flyers, might be bane for industry

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines' plan to cut its most expensive fares and ax a Saturday-night stay-over rule for cheaper tickets could be a boon to business travelers. But some rivals balked at the idea and analysts warned the move could reduce the already struggling industry's revenues as much as \$3 billion a year if every carrier followed suit.

Shares of airline stocks slumped after the announcement.

Several other airlines were reviewing Delta's plan. None immediately matched it nationwide. And two discount carriers, Southwest and AirTran, said they already offer lower fares than Delta's new model.

One thing is for sure from Delta's deci-

sion, analysts said: The days of paying top dollar for domestic flights are numbered as major airlines try to win back business travelers from discount carriers and fight off mounting losses.

On Wednesday, Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-biggest carrier, announced that it is cutting its most expensive fares by as much as 50 percent nationwide and is eliminating other restrictions in an effort to woo business travelers and other last-minute ticket buyers.

Gonzales promises to abide by treaties on torture if confirmed by attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales plans to promise senators on Thursday that he would abide by treaties prohibiting torture of prisoners, despite deriding the restraints as outdated relics two years ago.

In prepared testimony obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday, Gonzales tells the Senate Judiciary Committee he will abide by all U.S. treaty obligations if he was confirmed.

Gonzales, who would be the first Hispanic attorney general, had a hand in much of the White House's post-Sept. 11 terrorism policies as President Bush's top lawyer.

He faces criticism from Democrats at Thursday's confirmation hearing, especially concerning a January 2002 memo he wrote arguing that the war on terrorism "renders obsolete" the Geneva Conventions' strict prohibitions against torture.

A month later, Bush signed an order declaring he had the authority to bypass the accords "in this or future conflicts." Bush's order also said the Geneva treaty's references to prisoners of war did not apply to al-Qaida or "unlawful combatants" from the Taliban.

Some Gonzales critics say that decision and his memo justifying it helped lead to the torture scandal at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and prisoner abuses in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay.

Bush pushes for lawsuit limits in county dubbed 'judicial hellhole'

COLLINSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday opened a new drive for caps on medical malpractice awards, contending the limits would lower health care costs. Opponents said such ceilings would merely shield doctors and others who provide poor health care.

"I believe the voters made their position clear on Election Day on medical liability reform," Bush said, citing his reelection as evidence of support for a proposal that has passed the House but failed in the Senate.

The renewed battle revived a partisan debate about whether Bush's victory in November gave him a second-term mandate to push his big-ticket items through Congress.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., criticized Bush's medical malpractice proposal as well as the president's claim of having new political capital.

"Barely two months after promising to unify and heal the country after a bitter election, the president's again pushing for legislation that will further divide it," Kennedy said.



Political opponents combine to push for gang money

SALEM (AP) — They may not agree on much, but House Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, and Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, have teamed up to fight gang violence.

Minnis and Courtney proposed an 11th-hour addition to the Legislative Emergency Board agenda that would reserve \$2 million for gang prevention in Oregon through June.

As House Speaker and Senate President, the two set the agenda for the Emergency Board, which hands out state money when the legislature is out of session. Much of the \$2 million is headed straight to their districts.

Minnis' proposal would set aside \$750,000 for gang enforcement in Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village, all suburbs east of Portland.

The remaining \$1.25 million would go to Marion other counties.

Treatment of Southern Oregon protesters draws ACLU attention

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union may take legal action against police in Southern Oregon for their treatment of protesters during one of President Bush's campaign swings through the state.

ACLU attorneys reviewed videotapes, took witness statements and collected media accounts following the Oct. 14 demonstration in which police fired paintballs filled with cayenne pepper at protesters, said Paul Copeland, Southern Oregon ACLU board member.

Police abruptly ended several hours of peaceful demonstration when the president made an unscheduled stop at the Jacksonville Inn restaurant after giving a campaign speech at the Jackson County fairgrounds.

Laser pointed at aircraft manufactured by local company

CORVALLIS (AP) — A Corvallis company is finding itself in the national spotlight because of the recent rash of laser beams pointed at airplanes.

The outdoor company Bigha — famous here for its fully loaded recliner-style bicycles — manufactured a laser allegedly aimed at a helicopter last Friday by Parsippany, N.J. resident David Banach.

Bigha founder John Acres was unaware that one of his company's products was used in the incident until he received a call from Oregon Public Broadcasting Monday.

Bigha handheld lasers, which retail for \$119 each, produce a bright green beam that can be seen up to 25,000 feet, or 4.7 miles away. They are used by bird watchers, astronomers and lecturers to point out faraway objects.

The company warns users not to aim the lasers at aircraft, cars or homes, Acres said in a press release.

Since a New York Times article ran a story about the incident naming the company, Acres said he has been inundated with orders from across the world.

"We're just about sold out now," he said.

Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

Meetings

Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Experience God with us!

Speakers

Career Services, 3pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange Information Session

SUNDAY, JAN. 9

Events

OSU Ballroom Dance Club, Lesson 6-7pm, dance 7-10:30pm, Memorial Union Ballroom. Come dance the night away at our "Black and White Ball" Tons for fun for free!!

MONDAY, JAN. 10

Meetings

Wrench, 5-6:30pm, Hovland 203, Philosophy Dept. Library. Tired of racism, class exploitation, sexism and environmental degradation? Join us to find just alternatives to systems of oppression.

Speakers

Career Services, 2pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange Information Session

Socratic Club, 7pm, Gilfillan Aud. Dr. Paul Metzger of Multnomah Bible College and Dr. Susan Shaw will be debating on the significance of the existence of God in our lives.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

Meetings

Real Life College Ministries, 7pm, Westland Middle School. Join us at 35th and Western as we study the book of John.

Speakers

International Degree Program, Noon, Richardson 107. Seminar: Consumer Electronics Trash to China, by Dr. Steve Lawton

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

Speakers

Career Services, 11am, Career Services. National Student Exchange Information Session

Events

International Education, 6-8pm, West International House Lounge. Meet other students who have studied or worked abroad and discuss re-entry experience.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

Meetings

Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Experience God with us!

Events

Delta Sigma Theta, 6-8pm, MU Lounge. Martin Luther King Oratory Contest. Participate for a chance to win a \$250 scholarship or just come and watch participants deliver outstanding performances.

Women's Center, 1-4pm, MU Student Lounge. Magnet making! Come by and sort through hundreds of decals. Make a free magnet for yourself or for a friend.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

Speakers

Career Services, 2pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange Information Session

Events

Women's Center, 5-7pm, Women's Center. Voices from Africa: A panel of international students will discuss their experiences here in the U.S. and in their home countries.

MONDAY, JAN. 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No Classes

Meetings

Wrench, 5-6:30pm, Hovland 203, Philosophy Dept. Library. Tired of racism, class exploitation, sexism and environmental degradation? Join us to find just alternatives to systems of oppression.

Events

Women's Center, 8am-5pm, Women's Center. Cookie Baking Celebration: Free hot chocolate. The cookies are for sharing in the Center.

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January 6-20

The Dream: The Power, The Price and The Promise

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2005

Art Exhibit: "Vintage Freedom Marches"

MU Concourse (West End)
A photo exhibit from Corvallis' freedom marches in the 60s with news articles written at that time. Also, a display by Craft Center photography instructors and members.
Co-sponsor: Memorial Union Program Council

THURSDAY, JAN. 6 - FRIDAY, JAN. 21

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Teacher"

ES199 - CRN# 25735
A collaborative Celebration 2005 course presented by the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Ethnic Studies
Thursday, January 6, 4 p.m., 222 StAg
A one-hour credit course offered through Ethnic Studies. Among the requirements are attendance at four of six selected Celebration 2005 events, short papers, and taking a voter's registration exam. For more information, call Ethnic Studies, 737-0709.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

All-University Dance

"The Dream: The Power, The Price and The Promise"
10 p.m.-2 a.m., Club Escape
Free to all OSU Students
Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Linn-Benton Food Share.
Co-sponsors: Gamma Alpha Omega, Omega Delta Phi, OSU Athletics Dept., Affirmative Action & Equal Opportunity, MEO/CASA

MONDAY, JAN. 10 - FRIDAY, JAN. 14

Ticket Sales for the 23rd Annual Peace Breakfast

January 17, 7:30 a.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
MU Business Office
Non-Students \$10; Students \$6.; Age 5 and under free
Tickets will also be available at the door on January 17th. OSU Students may charge to their account.

MONDAY, JAN. 10 - FRIDAY, JAN. 21

Sign the Pledge

Daily 10 a.m.-3 p.m., MU Student Lounge
Reaffirm your support for nonviolent social change, equality and justice, freedom and peace.
Co-sponsors: Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Celebration 2005 Opening Ceremony

Let Freedom Ring!
11 a.m.-noon, MU Lounge
Co-sponsors: Difference, Power & Discrimination Program, Team Liberation, Campus Coalition Builders, ASOSU, Student Involvement

2nd Annual Building the Dream Community Service Fair

11 a.m.-4 p.m., MU Ballroom
Don't just dream, act! Find a place to volunteer to help your community.
Co-sponsor: Community Service Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

"Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" Parts I & II

5-7 p.m., MU 208 LaRaza Room
The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow documents a brutal and oppressive era rooted in the growing refusal of many Southern states to grant slaves freed in the Civil War equal rights with whites. A life of crushing limitation for Southern Blacks, defined by legal segregation known as "Jim Crow" — after a minstrel routine in which whites painted their faces black — shaped the social, political and legal history of the period. In 1954, with the Supreme Court decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*, the Jim Crow laws and way of life began to fall. The story of the struggle during this period is told through the eyes of those who experienced it, historical figures such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells and Walter White, as well as everyday heroes.

Discussion: There will be an open forum following the viewing.
Co-sponsors: Difference Power & Discrimination Program, Ujima Education Office

"The Making of Mahatma"

9-11 p.m., McNary Hall, Cafe Latte Lounge
Facilitators: Tim Stover and Tom Scheuermann
Mohandas Gandhi was the source of the vision behind Martin Luther King, Jr.'s practices on non-violent resistance to the forces of racism and oppression in our nation. This dramatic film, jointly produced by South African and Indian Film companies, tells the story of Gandhi's experiences in South Africa and his personal transformation from shy, reclusive attorney to great political and spiritual leader.
Discussion: There will be an open forum following the viewing.
Co-sponsors: UHDS, Campus Coalition Builders



TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

City of Corvallis Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

"Building a Beloved Community"

Tuesday, January 11
7-9 p.m., Majestic Theatre

Keynote Speaker
DR. JOY LEARY
Portland State University
Associate Professor

Music Artist - Chata Addy
Citizen's Martin Luther King, Jr.
Award Presentation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

"Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" Parts III & IV

5-7 p.m., MU 208 LaRaza Room
See above for description of series.
Discussion: There will be an open forum following the viewing.
Co-sponsors: Ujima Education Office, Difference Power and Discrimination Program

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

"The Way Home"

Video & Discussion
2-3:30 p.m., MU 208 LaRaza Room
Facilitators: Team Liberation
"The Way Home" is a film about race, gender and class in the U.S. Over the course of eight months, 64 women, representing a cross section of cultures in the U.S., met in councils according to ethnicity. The women share their minds and hearts and tell their stories about resistance, love, assimilation, standards of beauty, power and more. Their candid conversations offer rare access into multi-dimensional cultural worlds invisible to outsiders. The stories are strands that weave together perspectives of how we are the same and how we are unique.
Co-sponsor: Team Liberation

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day

23rd Annual Peace Breakfast

7:30-9 a.m., MU Ballroom
Tickets: Non-students \$10; Students \$6;
Children age 5 and under free..
On sale at the MU Business Office or at the Breakfast.
OSU Students can charge to their account.

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Ray Elliott, Artistic Director

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— Presentations —

The Frances Dancy Hooks Coalition Builders Awards
2005 Martin Luther King, Jr. Exemplary Service Awards
The Phyllis S. Lee Award

Sponsor: OSU Community and Diversity

Day of Service

9:30 am.-5:00 p.m.
Meet at the Agency's specified time.
MU Quad

Sponsor: OSU Community Service Center

Candlelight Vigil

6:30 p.m., MU Steps
You are invited to meet at 6:00 p.m. at the
Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, 2325 NW Monroe,
for the candlelight walk to the MU Steps
Sponsor: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Round Table Discussion

7-9 p.m. (Immediately following Vigil)

MU Learning Lounge
Sponsor: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Open Forum: "International Perspectives on the Dream"

6-7:30 p.m., International Forum
Facilitators: Mike Roman, Robert Thompson, Jun Xing
Discussion with international students about what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream means to them. Everyone welcome.
Co-sponsors: International Students of Oregon State University, Student Involvement

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Children's Celebration**
3:30-5 p.m., Majestic Theatre, Downtown
FREE
Sponsor: Corvallis Montessori School

Birthday Party for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1/15/29)

**5-6:30 p.m., Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural
Center, 2325 NW Monroe**
Co-sponsors: Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, Ujima Education Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Open Forum: Where's My Forty Acres? and Other Broken Promises...

Noon-2 p.m.,
MU 206 Asian/Pacific American Room
Facilitator: Earlean Wilson Huey
Panel: Javier Cervantes, Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Allison Davis-White Eyes and other faculty.
Discussion of historical and current perspectives of relationships between major racial/ethnic groups and the U.S. Government.
Co-sponsors: Memorial Union Program Council, Minority Education Office

Oratory Contest

6-8 p.m., MU 212 MLK, Jr. Conference Room
Sign up for the contest by January 10 with Lauren Smith at
deltasigmamatheta@oregonstate.edu. Come see students display
an oratory performance addressing a social issue. Winners will
receive scholarships and prizes.
Co-sponsors: Delta Sigma Theta, Black Cultural Center

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19 AND THURSDAY, JAN. 20

Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive

1/19, 12-6 p.m. & 1/20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
MU Ballroom
More information available 1/12 from 11am to 3pm,
MU Counter A and 1/18 from 6 to 8pm, MU 208.
Co-sponsors: Student Health Services, Community & Diversity

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

An Evening of Song and Poetry

7-9 p.m., MU Powell Leadership Center
Emcee: Dick Thies
Participants are invited to present poetry or songs that follow
the theme of Celebration 2005 and that pertain to social issues,
injustice, discrimination, racism, peace, freedom, equality, and
justice.
Co-sponsors: Team Liberation, College of Science, Black Poets Society, Gamma
Alpha Omega

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

The Dream: The Power, The Price and The Promise

Interfaith Prayer Service
2-3 p.m., MU 213
Facilitators: Tim Stover and Christian Matheis
This is a time for prayer and reflection at the closing of our
celebration. Community members from different spiritual,
religious, and philosophical backgrounds will share prayers
and thoughts for peace and social justice. We hope you will
join us and be inspired to continue celebrating the life and
work of Dr. King.
Co-sponsors: United Campus Ministry, Team Liberation

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Editorial

Gift of giving

It's a peculiar aspect of human nature that the worst of times often bring out the best in people. With the most devastating natural disaster in recent history dominating our planet's attention, the good of humanity is being expressed on a daily basis.

Countries all over the world are engaged in what's been dubbed a "bidding war," seemingly competing to one-up each other in sending aid and money to the region of Southeast Asia stricken by the unprecedented tsunami disaster.

Cynics who have labled the outpouring of world support some kind of "aid auction" are missing the point — the generosity of the rest of the world looks to soften the economic and emotional blow felt by those in the tsunami's path.

So far, more than \$3 billion worldwide has been donated. Australia currently leads the pack with a donation of \$810 million, pledged just hours after Germany's \$674 million contribution.

The U.S. government's \$350 million pales in comparison to some countries, but the number is expected to, and should, rise significantly.

While governments are obviously the greatest donors to the rebuilding effort, individuals, corporations and charities are a huge part of the relief effort, as well.

Microsoft CEO Bill Gates's charity foundation donated \$3 million to the relief effort, and Amazon.com has already raised \$3.5 million.

Even Hollywood is getting into the act. Leonardo DiCaprio donated an undisclosed amount of money specifically to Phi Phi island, where his movie "The Beach" was filmed. Actress Sandra Bullock donated \$1 million to the Red Cross, and even President Bush has personally contributed \$10,000 to the effort.

With so many zeros changing hands in the name of compassion, it is easy for the common citizen, or, more specifically, the cash-strapped college student, to get discouraged from making a difference of his or her own.

There are, however, abundant ways for students to help.

Whether it is donating time or money to any of a number of charities that directly contribute to the aid of tsunami victims, dropping your change in a relief fund can at the coffee shop or leaving a big tip at a local Thai restaurant fund-raiser, the opportunities are there for all of us to help the victims of perhaps the worst natural disaster any of us have ever known.

Web sites such as www.charitynavigator.org also provide access to a myriad of reputable charities.

Don't be caught up in the cynicism that seeks to cheapen a rare example of the whole world's rallying for a single cause.

Dark times bring out the best in many. Everyone, from Leo to the guy that sits next to you in HHS, can contribute, and every little bit helps.

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Taking away our precious defenses

With the ringing in of a new year and a new Congress installed on Capitol Hill, the knives are already out as a newly bolstered GOP moves to strengthen its position for a year of legislating.

In the Senate, the collapse of old-time Democratic control of the South has given five new seats to the GOP and expanded its hold on the Senate to 55 votes. Here the first volley is an attack by Senate Majority Leader and resident M.D. Bill Frist on the filibuster, a time honored institution of the Senate.

Codified in 1841, the filibuster has allowed the minority party in the Senate to defend against being railroaded by the majority and allow the Senate to fully (and admittedly, sometimes laboriously) explore the issues surrounding the legislation they enact. Whereas in the House the majority party has almost unquestionable control of the agenda and debate due to the size of its body, senators have always had the privilege of saying what they want to say and taking the kinds of stands that require a minority-strong set of rules.

In first Bush administration (please note that I will henceforth be using the term "Bush Sr." in all future columns to refer to the elder Bush), the president had the highest rate of approved judicial nominees in recent memory. However, this has apparently not been good enough for the GOP, who have used the high profile battles of Charles Pickering and Miguel Estrada as a

base upon which to attack Democrats. The Frist plan, referred to as the "Nuclear Option" on Capitol Hill, would use parliamentary procedure to allow 51 votes (a simple majority) to stop debate on a judicial nomination, instead of the 60 currently in place. With only 51 votes needed, GOP lawmakers will have an easy time halting debate on nominees and allowing votes to move forward.

It is hard to tell whether Frist's threat of a change will pan out or not, but what is sure is that the posturing on this issue is creating a more openly hostile environment on the Hill, and actual action on the issue will be considered a declaration of open war on Democrats by the GOP. The Senate, a consistently more collegial body than the House, may soon become more vitriolic as we move deeper into conservative domination of the federal government.

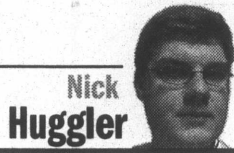
The issue may come to head soon, with the ailing Chief Justice William Rehnquist maintaining his tenuous hold on his position and White House wonderkid Alberto Gonzales being very obviously

groomed for his seat (Sen. John Cornyn, a fellow Texan, has openly stated as much on numerous occasions). Gonzales is a fairly controversial nominee for attorney general, but will most likely be confirmed despite some tough questioning regarding memos he has written dealing with detainee torture. However, the same may not be said for a lifetime position on the Supreme Court, and if Rehnquist leaves soon after Bush is inaugurated, Gonzales may find his tenure as attorney general very short indeed. His nomination to the high court will almost certainly be the torch that ignites the pyre.

Despite what members of the GOP may think, their rule is neither absolute nor guaranteed into perpetuity.

The actions of Senate Republicans to attempt to change such longstanding rules to their temporary advantage will have a massive effect on the judicial selection process in the United States. Despite what members of the GOP may think, their rule is neither absolute nor guaranteed into perpetuity, and it can be assured that a slight to the minority of this magnitude will be repaid in kind after a change in the balance of power.

The memory of the Senate is long (Ted Kennedy took his seat in 1960 after the promotion of his brother) and there is no doubt that this change will result in a further deterioration of the collegiality of



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Sanjai Tripathi

We haven't even come close

Last month, a writer named Christopher Hitchens on "The Daily Show" hawked his book "Love, Poetry and War: Journeys and Essays."

Hitchens is the kind of guy with a hyper-educated verbosity that can turn some people off. Despite the haughty tone, I was impressed by his perspective on the war in Iraq. I wasn't impressed enough to buy the book, but almost.

He introduced me to the theory that there is presently a civil war in the Arabian peninsula.

Right now we tend to think of the war in Iraq as us versus the terrorists. Another, better way to look at it is there is a conflict within the Arab world, and our battles are simply a part of that greater war.

It may be surprising to many people here, but some Iraqis and other Muslims actually don't hate us. There are those that welcomed American intervention as a reforming force against the aristocracy and despotism that predominates in that part of the world.

It is Arab liberals versus conservatives, and they are fighting a culture war for their future.

Of course, there are those who are so adamantly opposed to the mere presence of Americans that they are willing to fight and die. They have varied motivations themselves, — "Baathists," "Islamists" or whatever, — but they are united in their militant hatred of the occupation.

It is Arab liberals versus conservatives, in the literal sense, and they are fighting a culture war for their future.

However, like in the United States, there are many regular people that are ambivalent to high-sounding ideologies like democracy or nationalism. In my estimation, which is admittedly just intuitive speculation, these people comprise the silent but numerically overwhelming majority.

They want to live their lives without getting oppressed or killed, and they will align with whoever seems to offer them the best life. Our ideals of democracy are probably mildly appealing to them, but surely seem fancifully abstract in the middle of a war zone.

I read an article in the Jan. 1 edition of the "Economist" magazine, from an embedded reporter with American forces in Ramadi. For those not familiar, the "Economist" is a London-based, free-market conservative weekly, and in my opinion the finest source for international news. The articles are unsigned, and the consistently pro-war editors gen-

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TRIPATHI: The U.S. is slowly realizing that it takes more than bullets to win this war

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erally exert tight control to maintain high journalistic standards and a tone of refreshing British understatement. In the recent issue however, one reporter has broken through with a piece that is filled with surprisingly vivid descriptions and a disillusioned view of the war.

It is titled, "When deadly force bumps into hearts and minds," and available as premium content by searching economist.com. I was offered it for free on first click for watching an ad, but even if you have to pay for it I guarantee you will not feel like you wasted \$2.95. You really, really should read it.

It follows some American Marines, who are in a very difficult situation and have endured too much to anymore attempt to be polite to the local civilians. When passing through town, sometimes they are forced to treat the area as a de facto free-fire zone. "If anyone gets too close to us we f---ing waste them," says a bullish lieutenant. "It's kind of a shame, because it means we've killed a lot of innocent people."

The insurgents in Iraq are prescient of the power their destructiveness has, and are increasingly targeting other Iraqis who cooperate in any way with the Americans and

transitional government. They would like to make it impossible for anyone to work for progress there. The "Economist" article cites a Brookings Institution report that says in the first nine months of 2004 721 members of the Iraqi Security Forces were killed. In just the month of October alone there were 779. Who will fight with Americans for democracy in Iraq under those conditions?

In the midst of insurgent gangs and the United States military fighting for control, the aforementioned ambivalent majority sits hiding, waiting to join whoever presents the most promise of a better future. They could go either way.

In 2003, Donald Rumsfeld called the insurgency "a few dead ends." This year an internal memo was leaked where the defense secretary openly questioned his previous belief, "Today, we lack metrics to know if we are winning or losing the global war on terror. Are we capturing, killing or deterring and dissuading more terrorists every day than the madrassas and the radical clerics are recruiting, training and deploying against us? Does the United States need to fashion a broad, integrated plan to stop the next generation of terrorists?"

Despite the fact that this administration freely and consciously mixes the terms "insurgents" and "terrorists," they seem to be slowly catching on.

Military "deterrence" and political dissuasion are both essential components of both the war on terror and the Arabi-an culture war.

After the tsunami, the administration embarrassed us with its paltry \$35 million offer of aid. That may sound like a lot of money, but remember two things.

One, this event was easily the most devastating thing to happen in this young century, with a death toll on par with an atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

And two, this is an administration that allotted \$15 billion — about 400 times more money — to help near bankrupt airlines delay bankruptcy for a few years after Sept. 11. We have also spent over \$100 billion so far in the Iraq war, and will likely spend \$100 billion more. The PR capital gained from sending a few billion dollars in aid to a devastated Indonesia — which is, by the way, the world's largest Muslim country and a regional epicenter of terrorist activity itself — would be worth the relatively small cost.

But as I said, the administration may finally be realizing this. After the original low-ball amount, they have increased the request and sent a naval

battle group to assist in aid efforts.

One can only imagine the feeling the shocked, starving and dehydrated people of Banda Aceh felt when they saw the USS Abraham Lincoln on the horizon and heard giant C130 Hercules cargo planes flying overhead. There must have been great relief to know that the world was there to help.

This is how you win the war on terror, by helping those who would reform the Arab world.

Instead, we mostly have politicians who give Americans speeches about how tough our country is, and how great our nation is, and how our god is powerful.

American Marines alone can't do it.

If there are still people who dismiss the necessity of winning "hearts and minds" as touchy-feely crap, just look at what is happening now. Despite overwhelming military force, we haven't won. It isn't even close.

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Letter to the Editor

Aaron Evans plea bargain Verdict unsatisfactory

I was disgusted to read of the plea bargain that our Corvallis District Attorney reached with Aaron Evans, who attacked a female student in October. How can he be walking free after his sentencing hearing with three years probation be fair retribution? While a stiffer punishment may not prevent attacks in the future, this so-called sentence sends the message that we will not punish offenders until after they have succeeded in kidnapping and sexually assaulting the citizens of this town. Undoubtedly, Brooke Wilberger's kidnapper will deservedly rot in jail if ever found, while offenders like Evans are free to try again. This weightless sentence insinuates Evans and others like him will be punished only if they are successful to kidnap and rape. I am offended by the frivolousness with which his crimes have been treated. This sentence does not reflect the suffering the victim has undoubtedly faced. What kind of security and piece of mind does a sentence like this leave Corvallis residents and women in particular?

The recent surge of attacks by strangers against women in the Corvallis area has been an anomaly. Women are most often attacked by acquaintances and friends, making it impossible for women to fully enjoy a sense of security anywhere. Our campus should be a safe place for everybody to learn, work, live and realize our potential.

Nella Parks, sophomore in environmental science

HUGGLER: The Senate shouldn't be modified for partisan agendas

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the Senate, a crucial element in the operation of the body.

Judicial nominees deserve a thorough examination by senators before their approval to their respective courts. The minority in the Senate has approved all but a bare handful of the most ideological and secretive of President Bush's nominees, and it is a sure bet that were the tables turned, a GOP minority would want to examine the memos of nominees to ensure that they were not advocating ideas unacceptable to the values of the United States government.

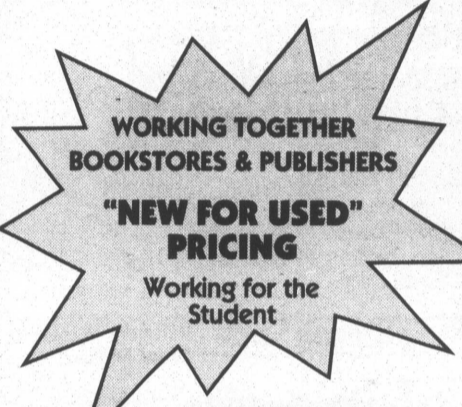
Senators should know whether Alberto

Gonzales advised the president that torture was acceptable, purely to understand the character of a man who, if confirmed, would spend a lifetime shaping constitutional interpretation in our country.

The ways in which the Senate operates should not be modified for temporary partisan agendas, as the static nature of these institutions is one of the few defenses that ordinary citizens have against a hostile political party working in opposition to their best interest without legitimate opposition.

Let's hope the members of the Senate Republican caucus remember that as they meet this week and in the future.

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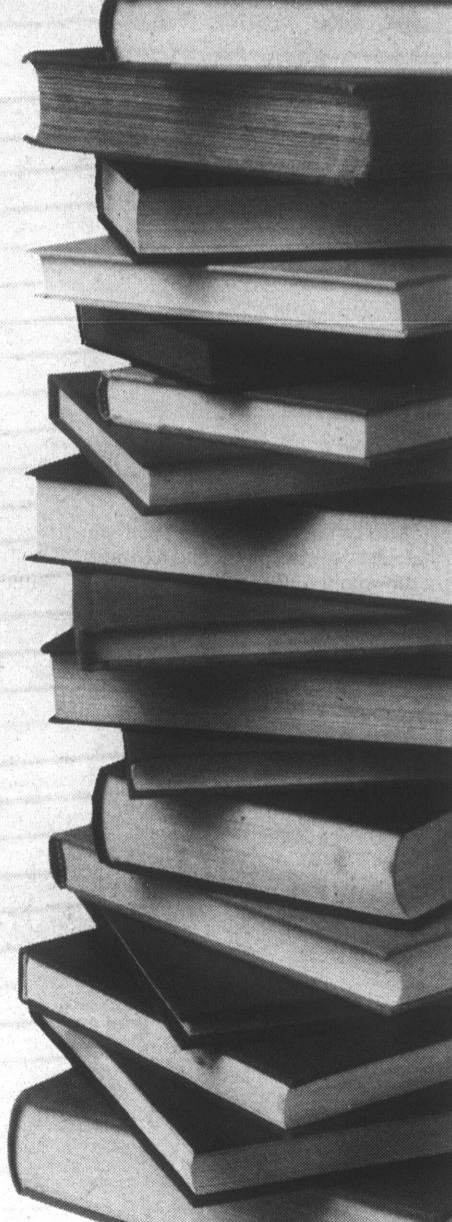
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Take a field trip to the 'Magic Kingdom of Fear'

The Happiest Place on Earth, the place where "dreams come true," fun for the whole family, terrorist target — wait, what?

Based on my Christmas visit to the home of Mickey, Minnie and Goofy, security measures in place at the park and surrounding resort hotels have transformed California's own magic kingdom into the presumptive next Ground Zero.

From the moment you enter the 85-acre resort in Anaheim, Calif., security surrounds the experience, with "Cast Members" (Disneyland's name for its 21,000 employees) greeting guests at a gate

Jerome Pandell
Daily Northwestern

where vehicles are checked. Guests also receive paper ID cards, which must be displayed with a driver's license to use park facilities.

The best touch: White-gloved security guards rummage through purses, backpacks, fanny packs, camera bags and even bulging pockets as you enter Disneyland and its neighbor, the new California Adventure.

The Magic Kingdom now is the Kingdom of Fear. In the park, Disney's private security force is everywhere. Their baby blue outfits blend in with the clean, cartoon landscape

as they listen to spy-like earpieces. Mickey's Keystone Kops don't just police park visitors — "cast members" also are under constant surveillance.

"They watch you like hawks," one cast member told me during my visit. "And they're everywhere."

According to the cast member, who asked to remain nameless, one squad of Anaheim Police is assigned exclusively to Disneyland. There are several hundred plain-clothed security officers in the park at all times.

Before I began my talk with this cast member, she

received a visit from one of the Disney Gestapo, who loudly demanded why she was enjoying a glass of wine on park property. Costumed Cast Members can't, while working, use the same facilities that park visitors use — even bathrooms. But she calmly told the guard she was out of costume and could use resort facilities while not

on the clock. After hours in the bar at the Grand Californian hotel, this cast member revealed to me that guests can no longer explore Sleeping Beauty's Castle out of fear that someone could plant a bomb inside.

Disney even created a corporate post to handle counterterrorism. In July 2004, Ronald L. Iden, formerly of California's Office of Homeland Security and the FBI, was tapped for the new post of senior vice president for security at The Walt Disney Company.

After Sept. 11, Congress passed a law banning aircraft from flying below 3,000 feet within three miles of Disneyland. Only Walt Disney World in Florida receives similar protection.

Maybe these security measures uphold the spirit of Walt Disney, whose dream was to offer an escape to imaginary lands with thrilling adventures. Sadly, age makes the sharp curves and sudden drops of the Matterhorn Bob-sleds seem stale.

Isn't it more thrilling to know your next ride might be your last?

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Dealing with harassment

Janet Nester
The Post

As most other students did, I worked over the winter break. The break from classes was much needed, and the extra cash is always a plus. Because I didn't have anything set up prior to the break, I went through a temporary agency to find work.

I ended up at a warehouse, packing and preparing orders. In my experience, temporary agencies attract an interesting crowd. I was the youngest person there by at least 10 years, and I worked alongside a lot of older men.

Being young and relatively attractive, I received a lot of attention, needless to say. Between all the catcalls, "Hey darling," and "Hey there, little lady," I became, for the most part, immune to it after about two weeks.

Then something interesting happened. The only other woman working in the warehouse had also been getting comments from one of the workers. She went to the plant manager and complained that she was being sexually harassed. He called me into his office shortly after that to see what was going on.

While I was taken aback by being called into the manager's office, I had an enormous sense of relief to talk about what had happened and how the comments did make me feel uncomfortable. I felt like an object and in some situations, was treated like a complete idiot because I was a woman.

One major problem in situations like mine is the lack of information. I honestly think that some men think that women like being called "darling" and "gorgeous." I have had a variety of jobs since I was 16, and I have never really been told what exactly sex-

ual harassment is. While I understood that if something serious were to happen, such as physical contact of a sexual nature, I would report it to a manager, but where do you draw the line? Are comments such as the ones I endured considered sexual harassment? I have read the posters about sexual harassment hanging in break rooms, but many others probably don't take the time to read them and might misunderstand what exactly sexual harassment is.

While in some ways I feel at fault for not knowing what sexual harassment is beforehand, education and information are important. No one should have to put up with suggestive comments and looks, much less anything more physical.

It saddens me to think that anywhere between 40 percent to 70 percent of women and 10 percent to 20 percent of men have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace.

Men and women need to address this problem within their workplace.

From my experience I now feel as though I have more strength to stand up for myself and say something if someone is bothering me or has said something that makes me feel uncomfortable.

Many women and men have probably toughened themselves to endure comments, but to put an end to the harassment, people need to act.

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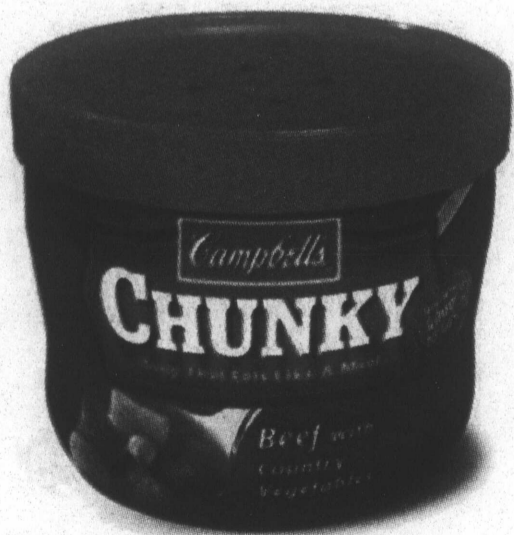
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SNOW: Low water levels in Willamette Basin worry experts

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clockwise, dipping into northern California and bringing warmer southerly winds back up to Oregon.

"A really subtle change can make all the difference," Taylor said.

According to Chris Daly, director of the Spatial Climate Analysis Service, Oregon is experiencing a split flow right now.

"There's a storm just to the north in Canada and Alaska passing west to east, and another branch moving south just to the west of the Oregon Coast, then cutting in to the west at the California border.

"Everything is coming at us, diving to the west of us and heading into California," Daly said. "We're getting very light winds coming right at us. These are not very typical weather patterns."

Taylor's concern is focused on the water year, which began in October, and the low measurements taken so far.

"Every month that goes by makes us more worried, especially with January starting dry," he said.

At the end of December, Corvallis rainfall was at 11.17 inches.

"That's 6.48 inches below where we should be," Taylor explained.

Portland is 5.05 inches short on rainfall, sitting at 9.83 inches currently, while the Willamette Basin snowpack is only 35 percent of average.

"December is usually a big precipitation month, and when you lose December, it's hard to make it up," Daly said. "Not impossible, but hard."

"We can make up snow really quickly, so we're not going to throw in the towel just yet," Taylor said.

In some cases, one storm can turn a dry winter into a wet winter, as with Reno, Nev., where 20 inches of snow fell in only a few days.

The snowfall will translate to roughly two inches of water, and in an area that sees about seven inches of rain annually, that's a large percentage.

"Up here, it takes more than a

one day dump to make it up," Daly said.

There has been debate among experts about this dry weather being part of an El Niño effect or not.

"The precipitation pattern looks like a classic El Niño," Taylor said.

While the North stays dry, the southern United States is experiencing wetter than usual patterns, especially California, which is being hit by storms coming from the Gulf of Alaska, rather than the usual pineapple express.

But according to Daly, temperature patterns do not match up to what a typical El Niño would display.

"It's just too cold," he said.

Despite temperatures dipping beyond the average low of 33 degrees, snow seems unlikely at this time.

"Storms can't be everywhere at once," Daly said. "They keep passing us by. If it wasn't in California or Reno, it would be here.

"We're expecting the storm to produce southerly winds, not easterly winds from the Gorge," he said. "It all has to do with how far off the coast the pattern is. The southerly winds pretty much kill your snow."

Despite hesitancy to predict a snow-filled weekend, Daly does not discount the potential for snow entirely.

"This kind of pattern is dangerous in that we may have a snow event later on," he said.

A repeat of January 2004, when Corvallis was blanketed with layers of freezing rain, is unlikely.

Freezing rain occurs during a transition period, when cold surface air mixes with warmer air moving in.

"Last year, a lack of mixing by storms couldn't erode the very dense cold air, which pretty much needed to be scraped out," Daly said.

"We would have to have a really cold arctic blast to make it colder than it already is."

For more information, visit the Oregon Climate Service Web site at www.ocs.orst.edu.

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FIRE: Arson, cooking, smoking, accidents leading causes of fires

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thought to have been turned off. However, the heating element automatically kicks on if the ambient temperature slips below 40 degrees.

Although heater fires pose a risk during the colder months of November through March, Patton said the main cause of fire in homes is arson.

"This is not arson like someone trying to kill anyone, [rather] it's people playing around [with fire]," Patton said.

Cooking and smoking accidents were the next leading causes of home or apartment fires.

When asked about fire safety in campus residence halls, Patton said a number of dorms have outdated alarm systems but danger is very low because of good management by staff.

"We spend a lot of time in housing on campus," he said. "[The dorms] are in pretty good shape. The fire risk is extremely low. It comes down to someone doing something really stupid."

Patton said the CFD's primary concern lies with students living in off-campus housing, where fire inspections are not as frequent. He said fraternities, sororities and apartment complexes must pass fire inspections, but private homes and duplexes are rarely checked for fire safety compliance.

"Some students are sometimes afraid to complain [about safety problems] for fear of getting evicted," Patton said. "Students should never feel like victims."

Should students feel their housing is at risk of fire due to landlord neglect, Patton suggested students call the Corvallis Housing Division for advice.

But the fire safety situation, Patton described, has two sides. "There are landlord issues, but there are also student issues," he said. "Tenants [can be] responsible for unsafe actions."

Patton said that because student renters view their time in residences as temporary, they assume they are taken care of, at times neglecting to take simple actions to protect themselves. One in four off-campus college residents does not have a working smoke detector, Patton said.

In order to encourage smoke alarm upkeep, Patton said CFD provides free nine-volt batteries to replace old ones in smoke alarms. All a student needs to do is stop by a fire station and ask.

Patton said ensuring fire safety often simple commonsense and takes little effort or time.

Several safety tips include turning off space heaters before leaving home, making sure there is enough space between heaters and objects that could catch fire, not leaving the stove unattended and having working smoke detectors in bedrooms.

For space heaters, Patton recommended heaters that use an oil-circulating radiator style that is generally safer than hot-coil electric heaters.

Safety, Patton said, is a personal choice. "Take a few moments to check and maintain your own safety," he said.

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San Francisco mayor, legal analyst wife filing for divorce

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and his wife, Court TV legal analyst Kimberly Guilfoyle Newsom, are filing for divorce after three years of marriage.

In a joint statement issued from the Newsoms' office, the Newsoms cited the strain posed by their high-profile, bicoastal careers as the reason for the split.

The couple, who were featured in September's Harper's Bazaar magazine

as "The New Kennedys," went public with their news after sharing it with their families and friends on Wednesday, according to Peter Ragone, the mayor's spokesman.

Newsom, a Democrat, made headlines last year by granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Just after he took office, his wife, a former model and San Francisco assistant district attorney, moved to New York City to pursue her television career.

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MLK: Exhibit will continue through Feb. 10, and a full schedule of events is available on Oregon State's Web site

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Lounge, is part of OSU's two-week celebration of Martin Luther King Jr., which kicks off today.

"They are pictures of what was happening locally at the time when Martin Luther King was active," said Susan Bourque, the OSU Craft Center manager.

One of the pictures shows a steady stream of marchers on Monroe Avenue, dressed appropriately for the '60s. The now-gutted College Inn can be seen in the background.

The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 10.

A second exhibit on display in the concourse features photos by instructors and members of OSU's Craft Center, which set

up both displays. Nine different artists have work on display, and most of the pictures are black and white.

"I took classes [at the Craft Center] in the early '90s and fell in love with black and white," said Tina Buescher, who teaches at the Craft Center and has work in the MU display. Buescher also works in the office for KBVR-FM.

An artists' reception is slated for the MU concourse from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10. All artists will be present to meet visitors and answer questions.

The display will continue through Feb. 12.

OSU's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins today and runs through Jan.

21. It will feature a variety of events, most of which are free.

Oregon State University will observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on Monday, Jan. 17. Students, faculty and staff are invited to join the 23rd annual Peace Breakfast, which starts at 7:30 a.m. in the MU Ballroom.

Advance tickets are currently on sale at the MU business office. Student tickets are \$6.

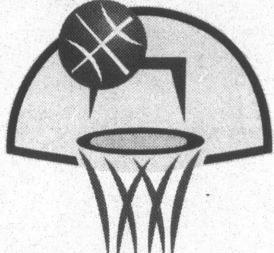
At 4 p.m. today, the departments of Philosophy and Ethnic Studies are beginning a one-credit course called "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Teacher."

The course requires attendance at four of six selected MLK events.

A full schedule of MLK events is online at <http://oregonstate.edu/admin/comdiv/MLK/calendar.html>.

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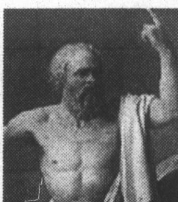
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House Democrat lays out case for challenge to Bush's win in Ohio

By Mallia Rulon
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee protested President Bush's re-election Wednesday with a new report claiming serious election irregularities and "significant disenfranchisement" of voters in Ohio.

The report by Rep. John Conyers of Michigan says Congress should challenge the Electoral College vote when it is tallied Thursday in the House of Representatives and investigate all claims of voter problems in Ohio.

"We have found numerous, serious election irregularities in the Ohio presidential election," the report said. "There are ample grounds for challenging the electors from the state of Ohio."

Ohio's 20 electoral votes were critical for Bush's defeat of Democratic Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. A recount showed Bush winning Ohio by 118,599 votes, the Ohio Secretary of State's Office announced Wednesday.

The 102-page report titled "Preserving Democracy: What Went Wrong in Ohio?" lists such problems as unusually long lines, a shortage of voting machines in Democratic-leaning areas, confusion over provisional ballot rules and computer problems.

The report also contends there were widespread instances of intimidation and misinformation,

improper purging of voter registration lists, a lack of inspection for about 93,000 ballots where no vote was cast for president, and vote totals not matching registration numbers or exit poll data.

"In many cases these irregularities were caused by intentional misconduct and illegal behavior, much of it involving Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, the co-chair of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Ohio," the report said.

Carlo LoParo, a spokesman for Ohio's Blackwell, called the report "ludicrous" and a waste of time and taxpayer dollars.

He said every ballot was inspected during the recount and many of the complaints have been investigated and found to be inaccurate.

"There are absolutely no grounds for challenging Ohio's electors," LoParo said.

Meanwhile, several House Democrats were looking for a senator to co-sponsor their challenge of Ohio's 20 electoral votes.

The report was sent with a letter signed by 24 House Democrats to Senate leaders, claiming that the "massive and unprecedented extent of irregularities in Ohio raise grave doubts" about the state's Electoral College votes.

A single senator support-

ing the effort would by law require the two chambers to meet separately for up to two hours and consider the objection. Democratic aides said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., might support such a move.

We have found numerous, serious election irregularities in the Ohio presidential election.

—REP. JOHN CONYERS, D-Mich.

That scenario would still ensure Bush's re-election because both Republican-controlled bodies would have to uphold the challenge for it to succeed. Supporters of the challenge are hoping to call attention to the Ohio voting problems.

Conyers and a few other Democrats have likened the Ohio results to the contested but much closer vote in Florida four years ago when Bush defeated Vice President Al Gore for the White House.

A small number of House Democrats challenged Florida's electoral votes in January 2001 but could not persuade a senator to join them.

In a letter sent to supporters Wednesday, Kerry said he would not take part in a formal protest of the Ohio Electors because, despite widespread reports of voting irregularities, his legal team had "found no evidence that would change the outcome of the election."

Kerry said he planned to introduce election reform legislation and push for congressional hearings on the voting irregularities.

U.S. tsunami toll now 36, State Department says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The death toll of Americans from the tsunami more than doubled Wednesday, to 36, as the State Department announced 20 other U.S. citizens were presumed dead. Thousands more are missing.

Nineteen of the newly listed victims were in Thailand and the 20th in Sri Lanka, two of the hardest-hit countries, deputy spokesman Adam Erel said.

Eyewitnesses and others on the scene provided the information that led the department to presume the 20 Americans had died, Erel said.

"In each of these cases there is a specific reason to believe that the individual was in harm's way at the time of the tsunami," he said.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, expanded its contribution to recovery efforts.

The Army sent several helicopters to distribute supplies and dispatched about 100 people from bases in South Korea and the United States to deal with a variety of medical and logistics needs.

The Army also is sending four mortuary affairs teams from Fort Lee, Va., to help recover human remains and identify victims. Engineering support teams from the Army will help plan reconstruction.

President Bush, who has pledged \$350 million in U.S. aid to help disaster victims, has personally contributed \$10,000 to the relief effort, his spokesman said Wednesday.

Eleven days after the earthquake and tsunami, some 2,900 Americans still have not been located, a U.S. official said Wednesday. The figure earlier in the day was placed at 3,500.

VIGIL: Organizers hope vigil will be the first of many fund-raisers

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would be filled with donations several times over for tsunami aid.

The container will be located in the MU Lounge every school day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to bring in aid donations.

Isabel Sanchez-Saltos, who also helped organize the vigil, said the planning had only started Monday, and snowballed into a large effort involving APCC, ISU, International Students of OSU and the MU Program Council.

"It's taught us a lot about how vulnerable we can be," Sanchez-Saltos said to the crowd.

Gideon Alegado, MU business manager, stood before the crowd and spoke prayers in both English and Filipino.

"We are diverse," he prayed. "But we are one here. Some are here out of curiosity, [others] for concern or a noble purpose to serve."

A prayer was also spoken in Indian by a member of the ISA.

Although a moment of silence was observed after the candles were first lit, silence remained an intimate part of the evening.

At one point, the program was opened for anyone to speak. Again, silence.

Quietly, an OSU student began to speak, praying in Spanish, her voice breaking at times.

Other Corvallis residents followed suit. OSU President Ed Ray held a candle in the cold as well.

"Never doubt that a few people cannot change the world," he said, paraphrasing Eleanor Roosevelt. "I'm very proud of the groups who organized this event — to reach out and help."

Vigil organizers said they hoped the evening's event would be the first of many to be held to raise funds for tsunami victims and rebuilding efforts.

"Whatever seeds we sow [tonight] will bare great fruit from our love and concern," Alegado said.

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PARENTS: Advocacy for student-parents has been ongoing at OSU

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According to the text of the bill, the committee is needed because OSU is home to a large number of student-parents, and over 20 percent of current OSU students are in the child-bearing age range of 25 to 36.

"Overall, I haven't had too many issues administration-wise," Baxter said. "At this school, it's pretty decent. People I choose to work with are very supportive and work with people who have children."

"However, Oregon State lacks family-oriented programs and/or facilities for children to be at during programs in the evening."

As a way to give back to the OSU community, Baxter volunteers up to 20 hours each week at the Women's Center. Her duties include programming, support services, referrals, research and general office assistance.

"The Women's Center is really great," she said. "They let my kids come in with me. So do the teachers sometimes. They are very understanding in certain situations, such as when my children have a day off from school."

The Student Parents Committee has established two main goals.

First, there is a hope that the committee will raise awareness and eventually bring fulfillment to the needs of student-parents.

The other purpose of the committee is to create more on-campus services to assist with the difficulties of being a student-parent.

Advocacy for student-parent issues has been an ongoing battle at OSU.

According to Patricia Lacy, OSU legal advo-

cate for students, OSU was close to having on-site child care for students a few years ago, but when time came to carry out the plan, there wasn't sufficient funding.

ASOSU wants to rectify the issues of the past and make the Student Parent Committee a leader for other colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest.

Isaiah Flair, ASOSU Graduate Senate chairman, has two goals for the committee.

The first is to give student-parents a voice within student government. Second, Flair hopes to make OSU a place where people don't have to choose between being a student or a parent.

"The simple reality," Flair said, "is that people have children, especially when they are young adults ... they should still have the opportunity to go to school and try to have a better life."

Flair advocated for the committee to the Undergraduate and Graduate Senates of ASOSU, and both groups were tremendously supportive, he said.

"There was an old model," Flair said, "where people were in college and they had kids and they had to drop out and get a minimum wage job to get money real quick."

As she left the Women's Center to pick up her children after school, Baxter offered her opinion on ASOSU's new effort.

"I think it's great that they're putting it together to deal with student-parent issues," she said. "I think that every university or college could use that — work toward policies and resources for those who may be lower income or need scholarships."

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Montana governor seeks cancellation of bison hunt

Gov. Brian Schweitzer may cancel Yellowstone bison hunt for fear of environmentalists' outcry over bison deaths

By Bob Anez
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA, Mont. — Gov. Brian Schweitzer, fearing a national "public relations nightmare" for Montana, said Wednesday he wants to cancel the revived hunting of bison that wander from Yellowstone National Park, but is unsure he can do it before the season starts Jan. 15.

After meetings with state wildlife and livestock officials and a representative of the ranching industry, the newly inaugurated Democrat said he is convinced the planned sale of 10 bison hunting licenses will give the state a black eye while doing nothing to curb the ballooning Yellowstone herd.

"My instinct is to cancel it," Schweitzer said. "How does this make sense to shoot 10 head? We're still going to suffer" the negative national publicity.

Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks director, agreed that critics of the hunt are likely to persuade national news organizations to come to the Yellowstone area and report on the monthlong hunting season.

But the result should be a lesser national outcry than occurred more than a decade ago when the state last allowed the migrating bison to be shot outside the park, he said.

Those were more canned hunts in which game wardens arranged to escort a hunter to where a bison stood, while the planned season this time will be a more conventional one where hunters strike out on their own at a time of their own choosing, Hagener explained.

The hunt, authorized by the 2003 Legislature, was approved by the Fish and Game Commission last month.

Schweitzer said he hopes to find a way to postpone the season for a year by either ordering the department to not issue any licenses or filling vacancies on the Fish and Game Commission with new members who would reverse the Dec. 16 commission decision.

He said he is not sure he can legally do the former or has time

to do the latter.

"They've dealt me my cards and put all my chips in the pot, and I don't like my hand," said Schweitzer, who took office only two days earlier.

Montana ranchers fear bison that leave snow-covered Yellowstone each year in search of forage could spread brucellosis to cattle. The disease can cause cattle to abort, although there have been no documented cases of bison spreading the disease to cattle in the wild.

The state hunt was halted in 1991 after a barrage of bad publicity. Some environmentalists have threatened more protests if a hunt went forward this year.

Under a joint management plan in place now, state and federal officials attempt to herd bison that leave Yellowstone back into the park. Those that cannot be returned to the park are captured, and those testing positive for brucellosis are sent to slaughter.

Lawmakers voted two years ago to allow a revival of hunting, and wildlife officials opted for a more traditional hunting experience and a small number of licenses in hopes of not sparking a repeat of the incidents more than a decade ago.

Schweitzer said he does not object to hunting bison outside Yellowstone as a means of paring the park herd that has more than doubled to 4,000 in the past six years. But he prefers it be more of a fair-chase hunt in an expanded area beyond the park borders.

Dr. Tom Linfield, state veterinarian, cautioned that someday allowing bison to remain in a larger area outside Yellowstone could jeopardize Montana's status as a brucellosis-free state.

Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said his organization favors the bison hunt as a tool for managing the animals. But he said ranchers would support canceling the season for now if Schweitzer makes it clear he will work with state and federal agencies on finding a better solution to controlling the wandering bison.

However, he said ranchers would oppose any moves perceived as threatening to undo the industry's success in eradicating brucellosis.

Album sales increase for first time in four years; Usher owns best-selling album

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The music industry reversed a four-year decline as album sales rose slightly in 2004 while overall music sales spiked thanks to a huge increase in digital track sales, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The music industry was buoyed by chart-toppers from acts such as Usher, whose "Confessions" sold 7.9 million copies to rank as the year's best-selling album. The best seller of 2003, 50 Cent's "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," sold 6.5 million copies.

Last year's album sales increased 1.6 percent, versus 2003's decline of 3.6 percent. Some 666.7 million albums were sold in 2004, compared to 656.2 million in 2003.

Overall music sales — which includes albums, singles and digital tracks — increased to 817 million last year, up from 687 million in 2003. It marks the first time since 2000 that overall music purchases went over 800 million, Nielsen SoundScan reported.

"There were 817 million decisions made to purchase music in 2004," Rob Sisco, president of Nielsen Music, told

The Associated Press on Wednesday. "That's a number that we haven't seen the likes of in years."

Much of it was attributable to an explosion in digital track sales; in 2003, 19.2 million tracks were sold, while 141 million were sold last year, Nielsen SoundScan said.

"The iPod and other carriers of digital tracks are really important in ramping up digital distribution," said Geoff Mayfield, director of charts and senior analyst at the music trade magazine Billboard. "It's very promising that the category has grown as much as it has, and the recent growth has been almost startling."

Sisco noted that digital music sales did not adversely effect the sales of CDs.

"I think that what you're seeing in the results is that the marketplace has embraced digital downloads as a new format of purchasing music and at the same time hasn't lost any zest, and actually has increased its buying of physical CDs," he said.

The year's No. 2 seller was Norah Jones' "Feels Like Home," which sold 3.8 million; in 2003, her debut album, "Come Away With Me," held the same spot with 5.1

million. Eminem came in third with "Encore" in 2004, despite releasing his album in mid-November. Evanescence's "Fallen" made the list for the second year in a row. (It sold 3.4 million in 2003.)

"I think anytime sales are good it's a reflection of the fact that artists are connecting with the public," said Mayfield.

Nielsen SoundScan, which tracks music sales, monitored data from Jan. 5, 2004 to Jan. 2, 2005.

The top-selling albums of 2004:

1. "Confessions," Usher: 7,978,594
2. "Feels Like Home," Norah Jones: 3,842,920
3. "Encore," Eminem: 3,517,097
4. "When The Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney: 3,072,224
5. "Here for the Party," Gretchen Wilson: 2,931,097
6. "Live Like You Were Dying," Tim McGraw: 2,786,840
7. "Songs About Jane," Maroon 5: 2,708,415
8. "Fallen," Evanescence: 2,614,226
9. "Autobiography," Ashlee Simpson: 2,576,945
10. "Now 16: Now That's What I Call Music!": 2,560,316

Oregon company makes water filters for tsunami victims

Albany's Hydratron Technologies Inc.'s expects to receive a \$4 million order of its patented X-pack water filters

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY — A water filter invented by an Albany company will soon help provide clean water to tsunami victims in southeast Asia.

Known as the X-pack, the water filtration device by Hydratron Technologies Inc. consists of a plastic bag with a patented membrane. The membrane filters out the foul water and creates a drink loaded with electrolytes, a little sugar and a little salt.

On Thursday, Bob Salter, the Albany company's founder, received a phone call from the Pentagon asking him to produce as many of the bags as he could to help hydrate victims of the massive tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

"We knew the day was coming, but we didn't anticipate that it would happen the way it did. We knew that the military was going to place a multimillion-dollar order at some point, we just didn't know when," Salter said.

Over the holiday weekend, the factory floor full of workers, marking the first time the operations has gone into full-scale production.

Workers on the floor were engaged in welding together the bags, pressure-testing them, and making up bottles of syrup that fuels the process of converting foul water into a potable beverage.

"We brought in as many people as we can handle, and right now we're hitting our production target of a thousand X-Packs a day," Salter said. "We've gone through all the exercises of production, but we've never really run it full-bore until the end of last week."

For the past nine years, the company, formerly known as Osmotek, made membranes for a variety of applications, ranging from food dehydration to containing contaminants from landfills.

Over time, the membranes improved to the point where they could purify foul water, even urine. The product has been tested by various branches of the military in battlefield conditions.

Later this year, the company plans to release a product that can filter seawater.

The company expects to receive a contract in excess of \$4 million from the Army in the near future.

Now, the immediate problem is cash flow to cover the costs of ordering new supplies. The government funds have not yet arrived, and the company is burning through the materials it has in its facility.

Salter said he's received assurances from the Army that the money is on its way.

"We're going through all the raw materials we have to produce as much as we can as fast as we can. But I'm going to need to buy \$500,000 worth of new materials if I wanted to do what I ought to do," Salter said.

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Sportsreel

Does winning the Heisman make you too cool for school?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sleepy-eyed Matt Leinart said Wednesday he remains uncertain whether he will return to USC for his senior season or go into the NFL.

The Trojans' Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback and his teammates — after celebrating into the wee hours in Miami — arrived back on campus late in the afternoon. They were greeted by a crowd of about a hundred cheering, photo-snapping fans.

"I have until Jan. 15 to decide what I'm going to do," Leinart said of the deadline for declaring for the NFL draft.

"It's going to take a lot for me to leave, despite the game last night and the Heisman Trophy. I'm going to talk with Coach (Pete) Carroll about it, get his ideas."

Two of the nation's other top quarterbacks this season, California's Aaron Rodgers and Utah's Alex Smith, already have announced they will leave school early to enter the draft.

Eleven years at Ohio State? Give that man a buckeye!

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Andy Geiger is stepping down as athletic director at Ohio State, citing burnout after almost two years of NCAA investigations into the school's football and basketball programs.

Geiger, whose 11-year tenure included some of the Buckeyes' greatest victories and biggest embarrassments, said he'll leave the post June 30. He denied being forced out due to a series of investigations and public stumbles.

From the time Maurice Claret led the Buckeyes to a football national championship in 2002, the school's athletic department has been beset by NCAA investigations.

"I'm just tired," Geiger said. "Just bone-weary. Not the tired that a good night of sleep fixes. 'Burnout,' I guess, is what they call it in the industry."

Turning left never felt so good

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR wants to build a hall of fame, and it's focusing on four cities as the possible home.

Stock car racing hub Charlotte, NASCAR home Daytona Beach, Fla., Atlanta and Kansas City, Kan., will receive letters this week asking them consider building a facility, said Mark Dyer, NASCAR's vice president of licensing.

He said those cities would have five months to respond, and NASCAR might

announce a decision by the end of the year. NASCAR wants a facility that will rival major sports' halls.

"We're looking at the long haul with this project," Dyer said. "We want a hall that is successful and sustainable on a long-term basis."

There already are halls of fame devoted to stock car racing near tracks in Talladega, Ala., and Darlington, S.C.

You may need a 'juiced-up' computer to win this auction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants are auctioning off a personal meeting in the dugout with Barry Bonds — as well as four other "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences — to raise money for the tsunami relief effort.

The online auction will be held Thursday and Friday on the team's Web site. All of the funds raised will be donated to organizations doing tsunami disaster relief work in South Asia. The winners of each item will be able to direct the money to the charity of their choice.

The meeting with Bonds will give the winner and three guests the opportunity to sit with Bonds in the Giants' dugout before a game this season and have a group picture taken.

The four will also get tickets to the game and the opportunity to watch batting practice from the dugout.

The other four experiences are: throwing out the first pitch on opening day, an all-expenses paid trip to spring training for four, the chance to swing at 10 pitches off a Giants starting pitcher, and a pregame breakfast with manager Felipe Alou.

For Gary Thorne's sake, unlock the doors and bring hockey back!

A look at the NHL lockout through Wednesday, Jan. 5:

Total days of the lockout: 112.
Total days of the season missed: 85.
Games lost Wednesday: 6.
Total games missed: 561 regular-season games plus the 2005 All-Star game.

Negotiations: The NHL rejected a players' association proposal and had its own counteroffer turned down during a 3 1/2-hour session on Dec. 14. No new talks are scheduled but the NHL board of governors plan to meet on Jan. 14.

Wednesday's best cancelled game: Ottawa at Buffalo. New Senators goalie Dominik Hasek was to return to Buffalo, where he spent nine seasons.

Meeuwesen to play in All-Star game

■ The senior safety from Forest Grove was an All-American selection this season

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Oregon State University football student-athlete Mitch Meeuwesen has been officially selected to play in the inaugural Las Vegas All-American Football Classic.

The game, which was formerly known as the Paradise Bowl and played in St. George, Utah, will be held Jan. 22 at Sam Boyd Stadium.

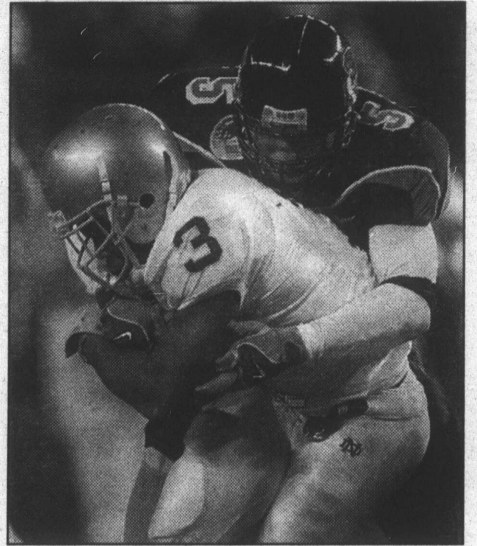
The safety from Forest Grove is OSU's career record holder for interceptions with 20.

He was named first team All-Pacific-10 Conference and third team Associated Press All-American at the conclusion of the season.

Meeuwesen made 40 career starts and ended his tenure with 217 total tackles.

Meeuwesen is the sixth Beaver senior to be selected to play in a postseason all-star game.

He joins defensive end Bill Swancut, quarterback Derek Anderson, cornerback Aric Williams, linebacker Jonathan Pollard and offensive tackle Doug Nienhuis.



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Mitch Meeuwesen tackles Notre Dame's Ryan Grant during the 2004 Insight Bowl.

Colts QB named top offensive player

■ Peyton Manning broke the NFL record with 49 touchdown passes in 2004

By Barry Wilner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peyton Manning was a runaway winner of The Associated Press' 2004 NFL Offensive Player of the Year — as if there could be any doubt.

The Indianapolis Colts' star quarterback had perhaps the greatest passing season in league history.

He broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record with 49 touchdown passes and had a passer rating of an almost unfathomable 121.1, shattering Steve Young's mark of 112.8 set in 1994. Manning threw only 10 interceptions and led the Colts to the AFC South title with a 12-4 record.

Manning earned 35 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 writers and broadcasters who cover pro football.

He easily outdistanced Eagles receiver Terrell Owens and Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who each got four votes.

"I feel more comfortable than I did last year," said Manning, who was co-MVP in 2003 along with Steve McNair of Tennessee. "My goal every year has been to be a better player every year than the year before, and I really feel I've done that. I feel I am a better player this year than last year."

And how. Rarely, if ever, has a quarterback been so dominant. Manning, 28, had a six-touchdown performance on Thanksgiving Day at Detroit. He

had three five-TD games (against Green Bay, Kansas City and Houston) and two with four touchdowns (Chicago and Minnesota). Against the NFC North alone, he threw for 19 touchdowns.

"Amazing," said Packers quarterback Brett Favre, who won the award in 1995. Favre held an NFL mark with 12 straight games throwing at least two TDs, which Manning also broke, finishing at 13. "I think they've built that offense to where they're at a point right now where they dare you to try to stop someone, and that's a hell of a place to be."

In all, Manning was 336-for-497 for 4,557 yards and hit on 67.6 percent of his throws. Three times, he had a passer rating above 140.

Perhaps the only one relatively unimpressed was, well, Manning. "The regular season is over with and it's been a good run for us," he said. "Statistically, those things don't carry a lot of weight in the playoffs."

What could carry weight in the postseason, which Indianapolis opens Sunday by hosting Denver, is the versatility of the Colts' attack. The Colts have the three terrific wideouts, good tight ends in Marcus Pollard and Dallas Clark, a solid offensive line and a Pro Bowl running back in Edgerrin James.

And, of course, Manning, whose steady rise as an NFL star has been capped by this special season, his seventh.

"I look at him as the best player in this league because of what he's responsible for and what he does for our team," Stokley said. "And then to do it at such a high level says a lot about him."

I feel I am a better player this year than the last year.

PEYTON MANNING,
Colts quarterback

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ERICKSON: Had three years and 7.5 million dollars left on contract he signed in 2003

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and Seattle. Erickson had three years and \$7.5 million remaining on the contract he signed in 2003.

The hefty financial package was thought to be the biggest obstacle to York's desire to make changes, but the owner decided to shoulder the expense.

York said he plans to hire a head coach with winning NFL experience before replacing his general manager, though he doesn't expect one man to hold both jobs.

He also didn't deny an interest in speaking to former Patriots and Jets coach Pete Carroll, whose Southern California team wrapped up its second straight national championship Tuesday night.

"I think we all watched the game last night. That was a tremendous game, and they were very dominant," York said. "He's a great coach."

Donahue, a longtime UCLA coach, was the hand-picked successor to Bill Walsh, who returned to the team five years ago to rebuild from a similar funk.

Just four months after signing a four-year contract extension reportedly worth about \$5 million, he reached a financial

settlement with York.

"I am very disappointed that I do not have the opportunity to remain with the 49ers," Donahue said in a statement. "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind with the improvement in the salary cap situation, the return of a lot of injured players along with a good draft, that we would have experienced a great deal of success in the future."

After last Sunday's 21-7 loss to New England, York spent the past two days interviewing Erickson and Donahue while he mulled his decision.

The 49ers won five championships from 1981-94, but since York and his wife took over the team in 1999, they've had just two winning seasons and won just one playoff game.

Last month, York said he was extremely disappointed with the 49ers' season, and he expected to make big changes to the organization.

Erickson will be the second coach fired by York in slightly less than two years, following

his abrupt dismissal of Mariucci just days after a second-round playoff loss at Tampa Bay.

While Erickson took much of the heat for the 49ers' record, many of their shortcomings were due to a stripped-down roster assembled by Donahue, who waived several veterans and pared the payroll last summer in an effort to rid the 49ers of the "dead money" being paid to players no longer with the team on their salary cap.

The 49ers knew they would struggle this season with that young, inexpensive roster, but few expected them to match the 2-14 marks set by the club in 1978 and 1979.

"Nobody thought we'd be sitting here at 2-14," York said. "Absolutely nobody."

Erickson, the 14th coach in San Francisco history, is 144-57-1 as a head coach at five universities, most recently presiding over the dramatic revival of Oregon State from 1999-02.

Erickson said this season was the toughest year of his life, and though he expressed his desire to return to San Francisco, he probably isn't heartbroken to be leaving an organization that seemed to get more dysfunctional with each loss.

"Nobody thought we'd be sitting here at 2-14. Absolutely Nobody."

—JOHN YORK
owner, San Francisco 49ers

GYMNASTICS: Team features a balance of seniors and freshmen

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do that we have to take one meet at a time and one practice at a time."

Seniors Ingalls and Nelson missed last season with knee injuries, but have shown in practice that they're healed and ready to compete again — and their teammates are excited about that.

"It was great to see them come back strong at the intrasquad, and they're doing a really good job right now," Chaplin said.

Lamun added, "It's amazing, just the fact that we didn't know how it was going to be coming back for them. Just to see them out on the floor again just brings back a lot of memories with them my freshman year."

This season the Beavers are welcoming six true freshmen to the squad, Courtney Dennison, Megan Devencenzi, Yuki Lamb, Claire Pierce, D'Anna Piro and Jeanine Ruby.

In addition, redshirt freshmen Jacey Draper and Kim Sedlak are new to Oregon State. Draper is a transfer from Utah, while Sedlak was a member of the OSU cheerleading squad last year.

"I've never really been a part of the team

before, so I want to see how [competition] feels and get used to that and definitely go for the championships," Pierce said. "I'm really excited. I've watched a lot of college meets and can't wait to be a part of that."

Rounding out the roster are redshirt freshman Keegan Fitzgerald, sophomore Chelsea Plourde, last year's Pacific-10 Freshman of the Year and OSU record setter, and juniors Lamun and Angela Morales.

Despite having a lot of new athletes in the program, the transition has been nearly effortless for the Beavers.

"It was really amazing," Lamun said. "At our retreat, it was maybe a week into training and we all just bonded really well. The team chemistry is amazing. In the three years that I've been here, it's the best that it's ever been."

Pierce added, "Yeah, I never thought 18 girls would get along so well."

The coaches and athletes are confident this season will be one of the best in recent seasons.

The Beavers open their season this Friday at Cal State Fullerton against the Titans, Sacramento State and No. 21 Washington.

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WRESTLING: Coach will use Oregon Wrestling Classic to scout potential recruits

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ished the opportunity to jump up and get in there and have an opportunity to learn and get better and make it a tougher room."

Despite not wrestling a match during the 2004-05 season, Ellis had remained in the Amateur Wrestling News and InterMat national rankings until this week. Wells doesn't see it taking long for the senior co-captain to get back up to speed.

"There's a certain element to getting on top of your game and there's going to be a

few matches, but I would assume that for him (Ellis) and a guy like Jeremy Larson, they're champing at the bit to get in there.

"They've been thinking about it, and they can't wait to get a hold of somebody. I think they'll make those adjustments pretty darn easily and pretty darn quickly."

Not only will Ellis and Larson get a chance to wrestle this weekend, but the menu of four duals against competitors from a variety of levels will give quite a few Beavers the chance

to get on the mat.

"That's what I really like about the Oregon Wrestling Classic, that we have a number of meets in one day so that allows us to take several people and spread out the opportunities to compete," Wells said. "It's close, and we get to see all the high school kids competing. Most of our recruiting base is right there, and we get to see a lot of these good kids in Oregon competing against each other."

"It's good to be there as a team and to compete and go out there and do a great job. It's an opportunity for us to see the talent and then to demonstrate what we're able to do against other teams."

BASKETBALL: Cuic ready to experience Eugene and its 'Pit'

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Cuic likened the Civil War to match-ups between top teams in Europe.

He said that in every league, there always seems to be two teams that go all out against each other.

"No matter how high or low the teams are,

no matter how their seasons are going," Cuic said. "Between the two teams, it's always a close game and it's always a good game."

That, and what people have told Cuic about Eugene has the forward excited to be playing in his first Civil War.

"I've heard a lot of frightening stories about the Civil War, about 'The Pit,' about Eugene, so I can't wait."

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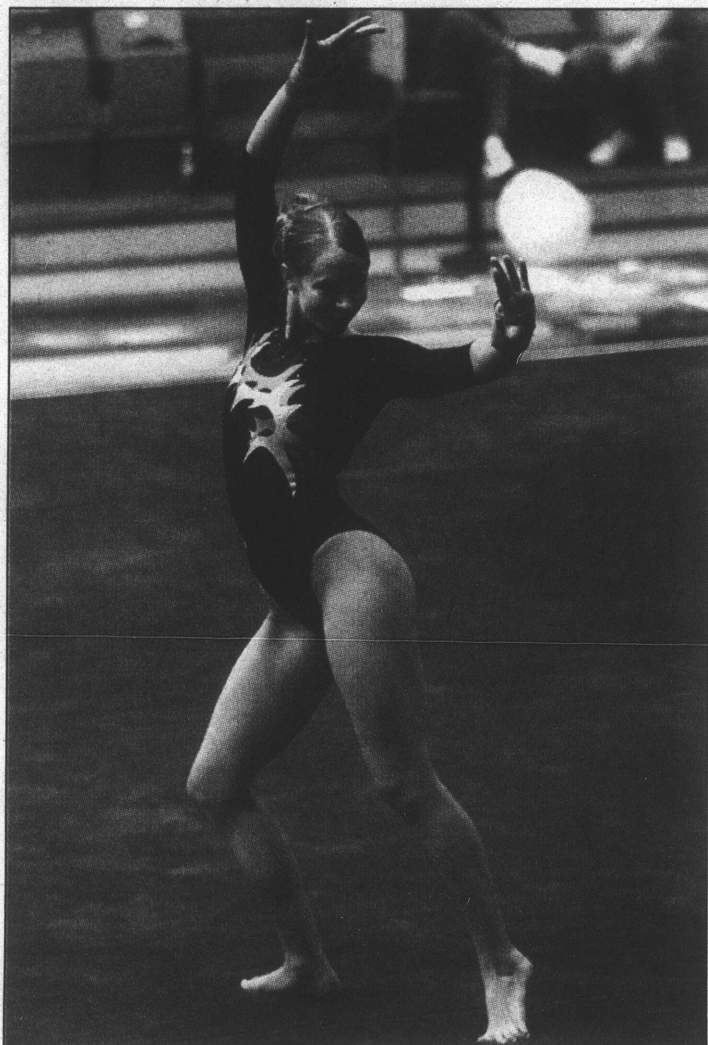
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Chrissy Lamun is one of the Beavers' top returners this season. The junior competed in all 12 meets last year on the bars, beams, and floors. She was part of a bars group that ranked seventh in the nation last year. Lamun also made the Pac-10's second All-Academic team. The Beavers are expected to be one of the top squads in the nation this year.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sometimes, even when everyone works very hard, the formula for winning just isn't there.

—49ers owner John York after the team fired coach Dennis Erickson

Men's hoops newbies ready for 'The Pit'

■ Jason Fontenet and Sasa Cuic hope to lead Beavers past UO on Saturday

By Raju Woodward
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team travels to Eugene this weekend, looking to continue its six game winning streak against Oregon.

At 2-0 in conference play, the Beavers are tied with Washington atop of the Pacific-10.

A big part of OSU's surge has been the play of guard Jason Fontenet and forward Sasa Cuic.

"Before we were without certain players," Cuic said. "Me and Jason had to stick together and put up the best we had and we did it. And we got off to the best start this program has had in how long?"

Fontenet, a junior, is averaging 8.8 points a game this season and has dished out team-high 43 assists.

Cuic has emerged as the perfect compliment to David Lucas down low for the Beavers so far. The freshman is second on the team in scoring (14.3) and rebounds (5.8).

In order for the Beavers to win in Eugene, — something they haven't done in 11 years, — Fontenet and Cuic will need to continue their solid play.

The game, however, will mark the first time the two have played at "The Pit."

Fontenet was in street clothes the last time OSU played in Eugene because he was required to sit out all of last season after transferring from New Mexico.

As a result, he is aware that Oregon is one of the more talented teams in the Pac-10 and stressed the need to take things one game at a time.

"I hope we get some respect after the Oregon and Washington games," Fontenet said. "But we got Oregon first. They are pretty dangerous. So we going to take our time and watch more film and stay more focused."

Meanwhile, Cuic was playing ball in Europe, and for awhile he wasn't clear about the difference between the Beavers and Ducks.

"When I first came out to visit Oregon State, I was like, 'That's where Luke Jackson and Luke

When I first came to visit Oregon State, I was like, 'That's where Luke Jackson and Luke Ridnour went.'

—SASA CUIC
forward, men's hoops

Ridnour went.'

"And everybody went, 'What did you say?'"

The Croatian native quickly learned about the severity of confusing the two programs.

"I figured out that it's a big thing to mix up Oregon and Oregon State," Cuic said. "There's a very big rivalry, like a tradition."

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Gymnastics set to soar

■ The Beavers are currently ranked No. 12 nationally in several preseason polls

By Melody Stockwell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After missing nationals last season by .050 and .025 the season before, the 2005 Oregon State gymnastics team is ready to go to Alabama in April.

Its theme for this season is, "Whatever it takes."

And it doesn't hurt that they are ranked No. 12 in the national preseason polls.

The Beavers lost gymnasts Annie Campbell, Tanya Ricioli-Hebron and Elaine Yoder to graduation.

But the team's outlook for this season is

bright with its six seniors leading the way.

The seniors are Heidi Goehring, Daylee Ingalls, Heather Justus, Lindsay Nelson, Christa Piazza and Therese Videan.

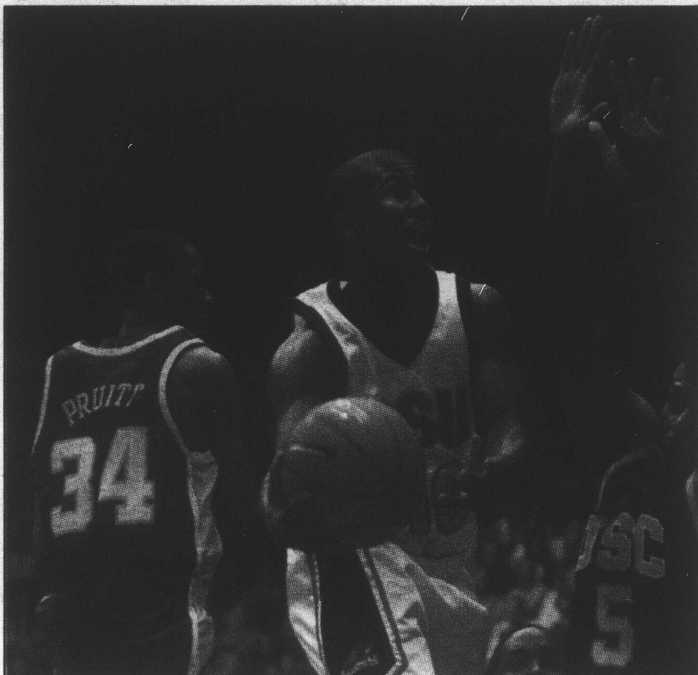
"I think it's going to be a really exciting season," said coach Tanya Chaplin. "We have our six seniors to give us experience and six true freshmen and two redshirt freshmen, so that gives us extra enthusiasm."

"I think the mixture of the upperclassmen with the younger athletes is almost split 50-50."

Junior Chrissy Lamun added, "Well, at the beginning of the year at our retreat, before school started, our goal was to be national champions."

"So that's ultimately our goal, but in order to

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Junior guard Jason Fontenet splits between two USC defenders during the Beavers' 74-64 win over the Trojans last Sunday. The speedy Fontenet will be asked to defend Oregon star Aaron Brooks in this weekend's Civil War. The game will be Fontenet's first meeting against the Ducks.

WENDY VOLLMER
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Ex-OSU coach Erickson fired by 49ers

■ General manager Terry Donahue is also let go by San Francisco

By Greg Beacham
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Francisco 49ers fired coach Dennis Erickson and dismissed general manager Terry Donahue on Wednesday, cleaning house just three days after the once-proud franchise finished with the NFL's worst record.

Owner John York announced the changes to his team, which went 2-14 to match the worst record in San Francisco history.

"Sometimes, even when everyone works very hard, the formula for winning just isn't there," York said. "We're

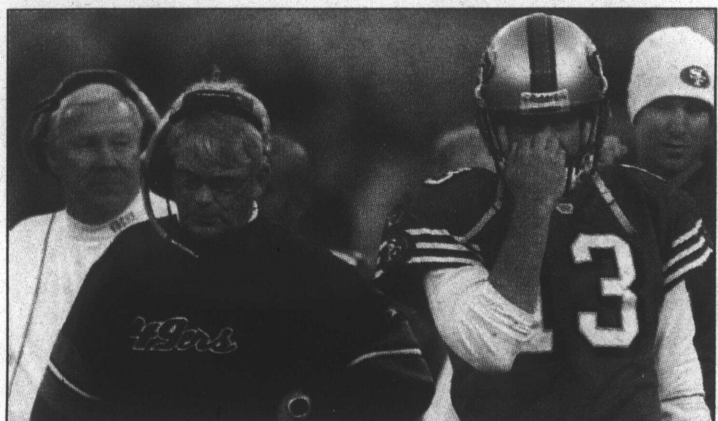
going to use the extreme disappointment that we all have felt as our turning point.

"We know how much passion 49ers fans have, and we understand that this is unacceptable to our fans. We need our fans to know that it is equally unacceptable to us. We take our responsibility as owners seriously."

Erickson went 9-23 in two seasons as Steve Mariucci's successor, never reaching the postseason.

He won two national championships at the University of Miami during a successful college coaching career, but is 40-56 in six seasons as an NFL head coach in San Francisco

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Dennis Erickson's disappointing tenure as the 49ers' coach ended on Wednesday when he was fired by the team after it finished 2-14.

Wrestling back to strength for weekend meets

■ Senior Matt Ellis to compete for the first time this season

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State wrestling team is looking forward to finally having a healthy roster for the first time this season as it competes in four dual meets over three days this weekend.

Matt Ellis — the defending Pacific-10 champion at 165 pounds — will be wrestling for the first time this season and Jeremy Larson will be wrestling for the first time since the Southern Oregon Best in the West tournament on Nov. 20.

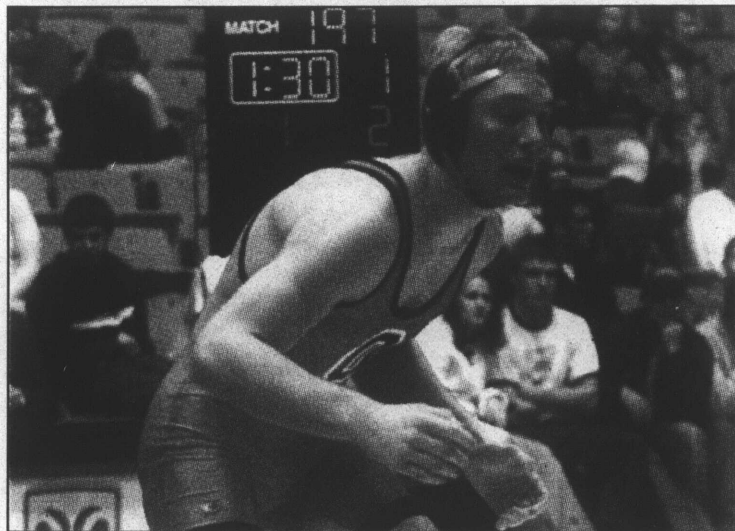
On Friday, the Beavers (2-2, 1-0 Pac-10) head across the Cascades to the Oregon Wrestling Classic Duals, held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond.

Oregon State will go against Southern Oregon (2-1), ranked No. 9 nationally in the NAIA; Portland State (0-5, 0-3) in a Pac-10 dual; and Augsburg (2-0), ranked No. 1 nationally in NCAA Division III.

The OWC continues through Saturday. The tournament also includes the high school state dual meet championships, a youth tournament and a women's tournament.

On Sunday, OSU will return home for the first time in nearly a month as the Beavers greet Cal Poly (0-3, 0-1) at Gill Coliseum. The start time for that Pac-10 dual is 1 p.m.

In addition to Ellis and Larson, the Beavers have also had 149-pounder Orlando Perez, 157-pounder Tony



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Travis Gardner has won five matches this season and scored one pin for the Beavers. The freshman from Portland wrestles in the 197 pound division for OSU.

Hook and heavyweight Ty Watterson miss meets due to injury this season.

"It's exciting," said OSU coach Joe Wells of the prospect of the Beavers finally putting their top lineup on the mat. "We had quite a group this summer that stuck around and went to summer school and put in a lot of time and effort and really appreciated what they'd done, then not to see them out there takes a little bit of the edge off."

"But I think in many ways, any team goes through adversity, some

ups and downs or setbacks or whatever you want to call it. Everybody understands that and everybody realizes it's part of being involved in college athletics."

"It's what you do about it when something happens to whoever is there," Wells said. "I think our guys have responded well. The attitude has been good, they've focused in on getting better."

"Some of the guys who haven't necessarily had that experience have rel-

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