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No more tickets for obscured permits

■ Parking Services changes policy in response to repeated complaints from customers

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Parking Services will no longer issue citations when a permit number is obscured while placed on a vehicle's dashboard.

Anyone who received a citation under those circumstances since Jan. 3, 2005, is encouraged to appeal to the Parking Committee, Parking Services said in a letter to The Daily Barometer on Tuesday.

The citations in question were marked "no permit displayed."

Parking permits are currently designed to hang from a rearview mirror or sit on the dash-

board.

However, Parking Services said in the letter that they understand that users might find the permit too large to hang, and that the placement on the dashboard could obscure the permit numbers.

"Further, our customers are becoming more upset about the occurrence of these tickets, given the propensity for the numbers to be obscured ...," the letter said.

Permits will still need to be placed face-up, so enforcement officers can verify their authenticity.

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—PARKING SERVICES,
in a letter to The Daily Barometer

In addition, Parking Services is in the process of changing the permit design. They are conducting field tests using several smaller designs for the dangle permit.

They hope this will address user concerns about visibility while hanging the permit.

Parking Services says it will display the new design options on its Web site within the next month, asking for feedback from the campus community.

For more information, visit <http://towow.oregonstate.edu/parking>.

Classical quartet to grace LaSells

■ Organizers hope students make effort to enjoy classical music

By Ashley Blake
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For most college students, string quartets by Mozart, Shostakovich or Brahms are not in any regular musical repertoire.

But attending Wednesday night's feature appearance of the Philharmonia Quartett Berlin might open ears and minds to the genre, not to See CONCERT / page 6

Native American Longhouse recovers stolen bird carving

■ 200-pound carving discovered nearby Longhouse, leaning against Moreland Hall

By Peter Chee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Native American Longhouse got a scare this weekend when the large carved eagle at the cultural center's main entrance went missing. Fortunately, the 200-pound bird hadn't flown very far from the nest.

The 8-foot-tall wooden eagle carving was first reported stolen on Sunday when a staff worker drove by the Longhouse and noticed it was missing from its concrete perch outside the front door.

Longhouse staff found the carving Monday, leaning against the outside of nearby Moreland Hall beside some bushes.

"We're looking to see if there's any damage," said Clarissa Bertha, co-internal coordinator

It raised the awareness that nothing is off limits.

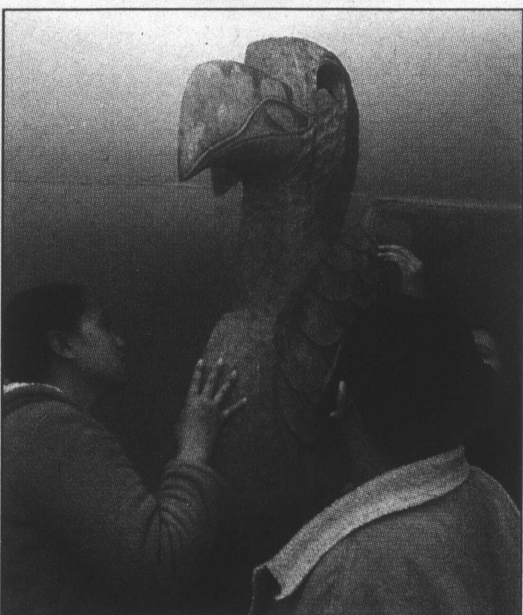
—CLARISSA BERTHA,
Native American Longhouse

for the Longhouse.

Walking outside the Longhouse, Bertha pointed out what appeared to be footprints in the dirt leading from where the carving was taken. Since the carving had been found, Bertha said the area wouldn't be roped off as a crime scene, but added that the case file will remain open.

It appeared that the carving was dragged several feet through the dirt, lifted for a short distance, then dragged again.

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Hope Kalei, left, Ed Gutierrez and Christi Lemieux secure the bird carving inside the Longhouse on Tuesday before the sculpture is re-dedicated.

"It smells so good in here." —Chelsea Ruediger



Reaching out with a plate of cookies

■ Women's Center opens its kitchen to the public for campus cookie creation

By Karri Pasteris
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Want a cookie? Just follow the trail of flour to the Women's Center kitchen.

"Everyone has been saying 'It smells so good in here,'" said Chelsea Ruediger, marketing coordinator for the center.

Through Friday, the center is inviting the campus community to stop by to bake and to eat cookies. Allowing the public to get acquainted with the center and its resources is a goal of the event.

"Usually, it's cold outside and this is a fun way to get people in," said Ruediger, a sophomore in interior design. "Freshmen might miss having a kitchen available. I know I did a lot of baking at home."

Employees and volunteers began Tuesday by delivering fresh batches of cookies to other organizations and cultural centers.

"Our only hope is that people who have never been to the Women's Center actually come in," Ruediger said. "It benefits everybody ... and they get to eat cookies."

"Interchanging of cultural centers — coalition building — is really key," said Sophia Sansone, a Pride Center office assistant who stopped in to fuel her sugar high.

"I'm glad that maternal instincts don't have to be oppressed — that we can bake cookies and still be feminists," said Sansone, a sophomore in social justice.

Ruediger organized the cookie event after



TOP: Chelsea Ruediger, the marketing coordinator for the Women's Center, organized the week-long cookie bake, which runs through Friday. BOTTOM: The center provides all ingredients, cookware and oven.

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hearing about a university that had an on-campus house and kitchen available to students all hours of the day.

"We've never done anything really food-oriented before, but we always have something going on," Ruediger said.

Students can drop in as their schedule allows between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. throughout the week.

"If someone comes in and only has time to bake one batch, we'll just put the rest of the dough in the fridge," Ruediger said.

And for those who lack cookie-creating talent? "We have premade cookie dough in a tube."

Help is always available from the Women's Center staff, including winter term intern Lindsey Duerksen, who helped start the baking process on Tuesday morning.

"I'd always been kind of curious (about the center)," said Duerksen, a senior in public health. "I'd been to some of the events and liked the people."

Campus-based organizations can make a reservation and gather at the Women's Center for discussions and meetings.

The oven, microwave and refrigerator often come in handy for groups and individual students.

"People know that we have a kitchen, so they use it," Ruediger said.

"We always have tea going here, and I bring in food because I don't have time to go home [between classes]. It's available to anyone, we just ask that it be kept clean."

Karri Pasteris, staff writer
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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

Meetings

History Club, 4pm, Milam 311. Anyone interested in history if welcome!
Coalition of Graduate Employees, 6:30-8:00pm, 2035 Cordley Hall. A meeting for members or potential members to discuss union business, recruit department representatives and eat pizza. FREE.

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House. Student gathering. Join us for a home cooked meal, a time of music, fellowship Bible study.

United Campus Ministry, 12-1pm, Westminster House. University Learning Community—our text will be Abraham, the NY Times bestseller by Bruce Teitel. All are welcome.

OSU Rifle Club, 6pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Practice & training. All students & staff are welcome.

Women's Center, 2-3pm, MU 208. Sonja Harju discusses life in a war torn Nigeria as a woman, a leader, and a global advocate.

Study Abroad, 3:30pm, Snell 448. Hear from students who returned from Tunisia.

Speakers

Career Services, 5pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange Information.

Events

Women's Center, 8am-5pm, Women's Center. Cookie Baking Celebration: Get out of the cold and eat a fresh baked cookie...or make a whole batch! Free hot chocolate will be served.

OSU Students for Bone Marrow Programming, 12-6pm, MU Ballroom. Join the Bone Marrow Registry. Minorities & first 100 Caucasians free!

Foreign Languages & Lit. Dept., 6pm, Owen Hall 103. French-speaking film festival. We are screening the movie "L'autre Monde" a French-Algerian movie in French with English subtitles. No fee!

Voices for Planned Parenthood, 6pm, MU 209. Kick-off event & meeting. Free food, prizes, speakers & information.

Suicide bomber targets Shiite party

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber struck the Baghdad headquarters of Iraq's biggest Shiite political party Tuesday, killing three people, as the government announced plans to close borders and restrict movements to bolster security in the national election. Three candidates were slain as insurgents intensified their campaign to subvert the ballot.

The Cabinet member responsible for internal security urged fellow Sunni Arabs to disregard threats by Sunni extremists and vote in the Jan. 30 election, in which Iraqis will choose a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Otherwise, the minister warned, the country will slide into civil war.

Abbas travels to Gaza for cease-fire talks with militants

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — In the biggest test of his brief tenure, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas came to the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, hoping to persuade militants to halt attacks on Israel. But in a show of defiance, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up on a settler road in Gaza, killing an Israeli security agent and wounding seven other Israelis.

Rice defends Iraq war planning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State nominee Condoleezza Rice gave no ground in Senate confirmation questioning Tuesday, insisting the United States was fully prepared for the Iraq war and its aftermath and refusing to give a timetable for U.S. troops to come home.

An American exit strategy depends on Iraq's ability to defend itself against terrorists after this month's elections, she said.

Rice seemed headed for easy confirmation by the Senate as President Bush's choice to be the country's top diplomat. She did have a tense exchange with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. — Rice repeatedly asked the senator not to question her truthfulness — but former presidential nominee John Kerry, D-Mass., was the only member of the Foreign Relations Committee who told her she might not win his vote.

Supreme Court sidesteps Guantanamo suspect case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court prolonged the legal limbo of hundreds of terror suspects in a U.S. military prison in Cuba, refusing on Tuesday to consider whether the government's plan for

military trials unfairly denies them basic legal rights.

So far only a handful of the 550 detainees from about 40 countries have been charged with war crimes. More are expected once courts sort out how they may be tried.

Oregon dips below national average

PORTLAND — Gasoline prices in Oregon have dipped below the national average for the first time in recent memory, AAA Oregon officials said Tuesday.

The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gas in Oregon was \$1.80 last week, compared to \$1.81 a gallon nationally, the automobile organization said.

Hillsboro handbell choir to play in inaugural parade, again

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in four years, a youth handbell choir from Oregon will participate in the presidential inauguration.

Ring of Fire, a group of 13 ringers from Portland-area schools, will play three events this week: a candlelight dinner Wednesday night; the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue Thursday afternoon; and the Constitution Ball later that night.

Fraternity to hold unusual fund-raiser for Cancer Society

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is holding a fund-raiser to benefit the American Cancer Society. Eight members will be auctioned off to sororities, and the highest bidders will win the opportunity to shave the members' heads in any fashion they choose. Top bidders will also win prize packages of beauty supplies donated by the community.

The fraternity is selling raffle tickets for gift certificates and two opportunities to shave members' heads. They will have a booth on the MU quad through Friday to sell raffle tickets to the entire student body. For information, contact Max Lippman at lippmanm@onid.orst.edu.

Voices for Planned Parenthood to hold kick-off meeting

The newly-established OSU chapter of Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX) will hold a kick-off meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in MU 209. The event will feature guest speakers, prizes and free food, and is free and open to the public.

The goal of the meeting is to build a group of students interested in Planned Parenthood and pro-choice advocacy, said Melodi Anderson, student coordinator for the event. A primary purpose of VOX is "teaching students how to be proactive," Anderson said.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to Oregon taxpayers, who, because of a "malfunctioning meter," paid for steam to heat the Dixon pool for the last decade. The urine smell, however, was on the house.

Nay to Facilities Services meter-readers. Maybe they should call parking services — those guys don't miss a beat when it comes to meters. And tickets.

Yea to Michael Moore, who has turned his always truthful camera lens to the United States' pharmaceutical industry for his next documentary. Careful, Michael. Those are the people who manufacture your precious Lipitor. (That's a fat joke.)

Nay to Michael Moore for always choosing such somber topics for his riveting films. Our idea for his next blockbuster? "Nougat: What the candy lobby won't tell you."

Yea to Jon Stewart, who apparently hasn't been ruled out as an heir to Dan Rather's spot on CBS's "Evening News." Now that he's perfected the art of "fake news," he should have no problem fitting in at CBS.

Nay to those who attempted to steal a 200-pound carved eagle from the Native American Longhouse. Sloppy work, thieves — just know that we have dibs on the giant wooden Benny in the MU Commons.

Yea to Britney Spears, who recently filmed a new video featuring the pop star flying around in a pink Hummer. Britney ... Hummer ... That joke writes itself.

Nay to Virgin Air, which is planning to offer casino-style gambling to first-class passengers on its Super-jumbo airliners. Possible slogans include, "It's always a gamble when you fly Virgin Air!"

Yea to England's own Prince Harry, who is taking flak for dressing as a Nazi officer at a costume party. Come on, Harry. That's the worst idea since ... well, actually, that's a brand new low. Moron.

Nay to Harry. Don't sweat it, "Prince-for-life," it could have been worse. That costume party could have been a bar mitzvah.

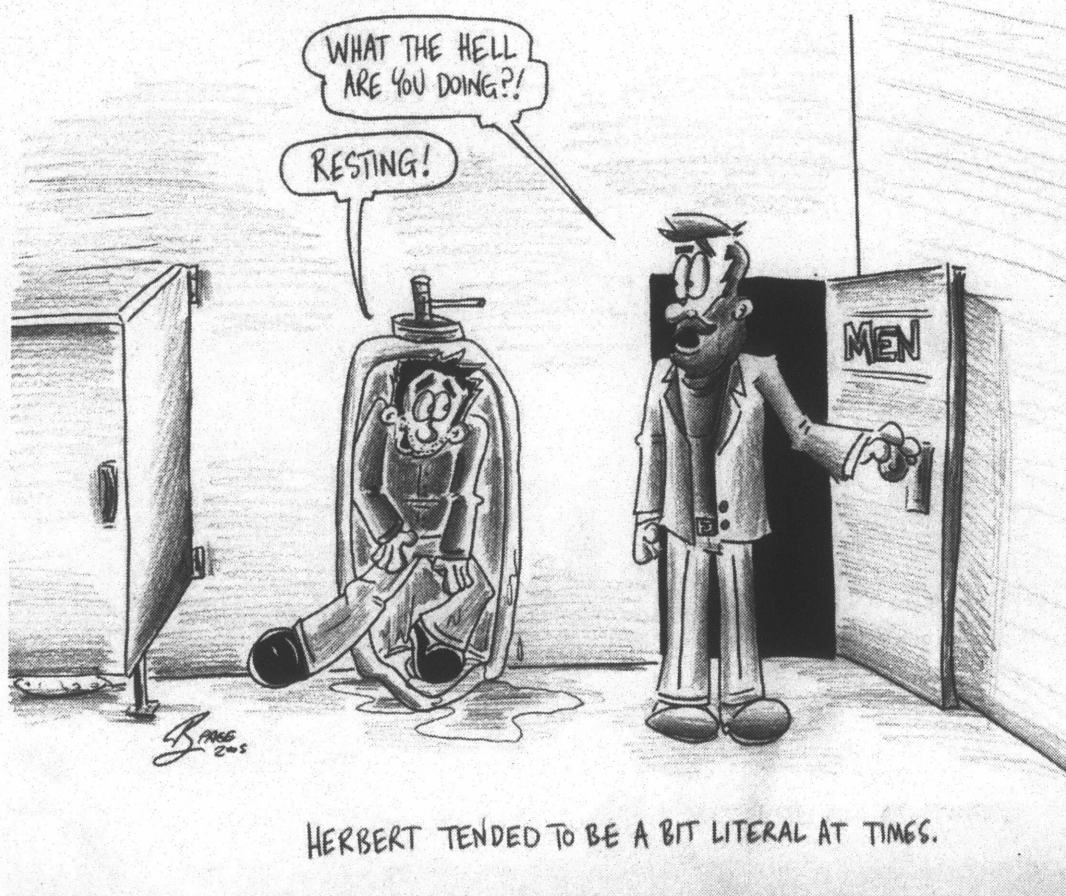
Yea to the huge winter ice storm that frosted Portland this weekend. For those of you who were caught driving in it, "God" doesn't count as the guilty party when filling out an accident report.

Nay to Richard Hatch, winner of the first "Survivor," who didn't report his \$1 million prize to the IRS. Richard, let this be a lesson to you: No one survives the IRS.

Yea to Walter Cavanagh, the Guinness Book of Who Gives a Crap record holder for most active credit cards. His collection of 1,497 cards gives him a credit limit of up to \$1.7 million, proving forever that credit card companies won't stop mailing you until you have 1,498 credit cards.

Nay to shameless plugs. On that note, the MUPC Concert Director/Barometer forum editor would like to remind you of the Ballroom Rock Spectacular! concert this Friday in the MU Ballroom! We'll see you in journalistic hell.

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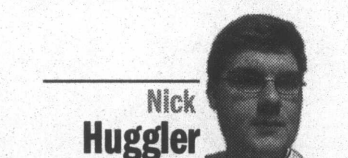
The chief executive's downward spiral

This week brings us one of the most monumental events in American political life. The inauguration of a president is always a time of national unity, pomp and circumstance, with lavish balls and grand parades bringing Washington to a fervor rarely seen even in politics.

But as we look at this president and this presidency, and how the presidency has looked over the past 20 years, does the festive atmosphere cover up the fact that our chief executive has been in a downward slide? Look at the last four men who have occupied the White House, and ask, could we be doing better?

First comes George W. Bush. A righteous conservative, he is a man whose re-election proves the advantage of legislative selection of government. From a war based on false claims to an abysmal occupation in Iraq, from a massive budget deficit to a vindictive education plan, George W. has neither the aura of an intellectual President nor the credentials for a down-home one. To see him answer questions in his faux-folksy, evasive style on television is to set the bar ever lower for the chief executive. Although it is possible that the winds of history may sway, I cannot see how this president will go down in history with the grandeur of Truman, Eisenhower or FDR.

Moving back, we meet William J. Clinton, a man with a more genuine Southern sensibility but a chameleon-like ability to evade the questions asked of him. A centrist, he straddled the political spectrum like Adonis, successfully making every group feel as if it were receiving his full attention while often not moving at all. His most notable feat was clearly the



balance of the federal budget, but the inevitable economic decline coupled with his successor's unbelievable proclivity to ring up debt while axing taxes in favor of the already-wealthy has trashed that accomplishment.

Though it needs no mentioning, his inability to both refrain from extra-marital encounters while in office and own up when caught caused the office of the president to be put under unprecedented scrutiny by a hostile Congress, removing the veneer of the presidency in a way that President Nixon's resignation avoided.

Before Clinton's '90s reign, we had George H.W. Bush. Of the men who have recently held office, he is, probably the most presidential on the basis of resume, a World War II veteran (the only veteran of the group) and fairly effective speaker (though Clinton clearly gains credit for being the most accomplished in that arena). Bush, however, was marked by the remnants of the Iran-Contra scandal, where his claims of "not being in the room" were quickly discredited. Furthermore, despite building an admirable coalition to repel Saddam Hussein's hostility toward Kuwait, he left the rebelling Iraqi populace to be clobbered by Hussein's army, taking the frustration

of defeat out on his own populace. Finally, the Reagan presidency. The reaction to his recent death left the impression that he was a saint among men and visionary leader.

There was no mention of Iran-Contra (where the White House defied not one, but two direct acts of Congress to fund a guerilla war against a democratically elected government). He racked up massive budget deficits whose impact left us with a national debt that is only now ballooning again under the guidance of George W. He championed the Star Wars missile defense system, a system that was little more than a funding sink-hole, yielding neither real nor theoretical assurances of safety from nuclear attack.

Although it is possible that the winds of history may sway, I cannot see how this president will go down in history with the grandeur of Truman, Eisenhower or FDR.

His woeful lack of attention to the growing problem of Islamic fundamentalism helped lay the foundation of the organizations which led us down the path we're traveling today. Despite being "the great communicator," Reagan was as slippery as Clinton and managed to get away with unbelievable excuses for not being able to control his staff. Another president, another mark on the office.

Certainly the time between us and FDR, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and others creates a rose-tinted view of them and a far harsher view of our recent presidents.

We forget the day-to-day controversies, the missteps, the

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Nathanael Blake



A story of 3,000 crosses

Barring last minute sabotage or censorship, tomorrow the MU Quad will be blanketed with 3,000 wooden crosses. This mock graveyard has become an annual spectacle, as the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade is marked by mourning the approximate number of abortions that are performed each day in the United States.

The first memorial was two years ago, the brainchild of College Republican president Chad Robinson. It emerged to an overwhelmingly hostile reception. The Barometer dutifully denounced it, and some unknown persons showed their respect for free speech by stealing 2,000 of the crosses the night before the display.

Fortunately, the remaining 1,000 were stored separately, and were duly planted in the MU lawn. But the retribution meted out to those who had the audacity to challenge the dogma of abortion on demand was not yet complete. In a model example of nonpartisanship and respectful dialogue,

the Women's Center organized a raucous demonstration, denouncing the display with signs like "Keep Christ out of my Cunt!"

Last year, the memorial was organized again (though it was still short over 1,000 crosses), with the Republicans collaborating with Students for Life, OSU's newly formed pro-life group. This time, the pro-abortion forces declined to respond directly, preferring to "celebrate" the right to abortion. Apparently, the party held at Interzone was quite the gala occasion. Unfortunately, their pro-abortion revels must have sapped their strength, as they turned down an invitation to a civil, formal debate on the subject.

This year, the burgeoning Students for Life has taken on the entire project itself, including the manufacture of 3,000 new crosses. I helped a little with this process. Despite developing a very efficient system for their construction, our mass production still took several days. Try as we might, we couldn't match the rate of actual abortions.

Other such thoughts surfaced throughout the work. As I stacked scores of crosses, I realized that I was taking more care of sticks than had been taken of the human beings those sticks represented.

My brother Nick and his fiancée did most of the work, and I thought about Hanna's involvement in the

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HUGGLER: Recent presidents have permanently tarnished the office

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unpopular international actions of those chief executives.

Yet when you compare those men with their more current counterparts, you do sense a change of tone, a harsher feel, a loss of concern for the institution of their office

and a greater concern for the agendas of the moment. Perhaps it's just a product of the wider climate, when veterans missing three limbs are accused of a lack of patriotism and an impassioned moment with supporters can destroy a candidacy. Still, it's sad to see.

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BLAKE: Understanding the logic of abortion advocates is like climbing Escher's staircases

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issue. Shy and apolitical, she had nonetheless hurled herself into the project. Perhaps, having been adopted from Korea as a baby, she understands the horror of discarding human beings as "unwanted" better than most of us.

And what of others who are considered unwanted or undesirable? Many times I've been told that we need abortion for those cases where the fetus has a defect or disability, such as Down syndrome. I'm always amazed at those who think that my youngest brother should have been killed. If they had had their way, Zachary would be rotting in a landfill somewhere instead of learning to read.

While sorting through scraps of wood, scavenging useful pieces, I couldn't help but think of the sale of fetal body parts for research. What do they think, those who search through the bloody remains of human fetuses, looking for something intact enough to sell? What do they think, those who support the unrestricted killing of human fetuses?

I don't know for certain, but I suspect that they don't think of it in those terms. With some exceptions, most

of those who support abortion on demand don't like to discuss abortion. They don't even like the word. Consider the rise of obfuscating jargon like "reproductive health care decisions" in place of "abortion."

They do like to use terms like "potential life" to describe what is, by all biological definitions, a human being that is quite alive.

The notion of "potential life" has been curiously absent from my science courses and the texts and journal articles I've read. Odder still, the studies of the human lifecycle I've seen in these begin at conception. Clearly, science languishes decades behind Supreme Court decisions.

Likewise, my science courses remain terribly uninformed by other pro-abortion rhetoric.

For instance, when learning of the differences between maternal and fetal hemoglobin, I almost fancied that the fetus might be an individual human organism. Of course, this is ridiculous, since the abortion lobby (NARAL, NOW, Planned Parenthood, the Democratic Party) has assured us that in abortion, a woman merely

exercises her right to control her own body. Evidently, they need to explain the realities of this situation to my biochemistry professor before he misinforms any more impressionable young minds.

Or perhaps trying to understand the logic of abortion advocates is like climbing one of Escher's staircases. There are only two points for those who support unrestricted abortion to face. Should the law protect innocent human life? Is a human fetus innocent human life?

Alternatively, they can try to avoid these, by blathering about a "right to choose." But this must be focused, for not all choices are lawful. The choice to steal, for instance, is rightly punished. Upon clarification, what is meant by a "right to choose" is a right to choose abortion for any reason.

What then, is abortion? It is the intentional killing of a human being. And thus, we find ourselves in the dreadful conversation of Raskinikov and Sonia from Dostoyevsky's "Crime and Punishment."

"I wanted to find out ... whether I have the right." "To kill? Have the right to kill?"

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CONCERT: Event is the third in a series of six put on by Chamber Music Corvallis

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mention confirm that you don't need to be graying at the temples to relish classical music.

"To see young faces in the crowd assures the musicians the performance of [classical music] is not a dying art," said Jen Bouton, publicity representative for Chamber Music Corvallis.

The organization has been working with OSU since 1958 to bring world-class musicians to the area. The Philharmonia Quartett Berlin certainly fits the bill.

It is composed of four of the best members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the top orchestras in the world. The quartet — a violinist, cellist and violist hailing from Germany and another violinist from Poland — has been performing for more than 20 years. It has toured Europe and Asia, as well as North and South America.

Past performances have received rave reviews from The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and The Boston Globe, as well as striking international acclaim. "This is an exceptional opportunity," Bouton said.

Her husband, Hewlett-Packard engineer Kevin Peters, agreed. "I've been all over the world and have never had this great of access to this kind of music."

The concert is the third in a series of six concerts this season put on by Chamber Music Corvallis. The organization is dedicated to bringing high-caliber musicians to students and community members at an affordable price.

"The concerts are a fantastic opportunity to experience world-class chamber music in an intimate setting," Bouton said.

She is especially excited about the prospect of enticing college students to the performances. "It's great to see students come in with their backpacks," she said. "And it makes a great study break."

The concert, free to students, begins at 7:30 tonight in LaSells Stewart Center.

"For students to participate is a personal goal of mine," Bouton said.

Ashley Blake, staff writer

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LONGHOUSE: New plan for eagle's perch might entail bolting down the sculpture

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Bertha said it wasn't clear whether the incident was a prank or an abandoned attempt at theft.

Standing next to the carving, which was still leaning against Moreland, Bertha said she was glad the sculpture wasn't severely damaged or destroyed. Several cracks could be seen in the hollowed-out back of the cedar carving, but Bertha said most of those were already there.

"We're just concerned people would choose to do this as a prank," Bertha said.

One seemingly large gouge in the wood above the left wing could have been new, Bertha said.

"[Investigators] can't pull fingerprints from it because the chemicals used would stain the wood," she said.

Bertha said the Longhouse has not been subject to theft or vandalism before.

"I haven't heard of anything in recent history, anyway," she said.

At a Longhouse staff meeting on Monday, the idea of re-dedicating the carving was discussed.

The carving, a donation, would be placed once again outside the entrance, this time secured with bolts.

Tia Nowacki, an office assistant at the Longhouse, learned of the incident Monday morning.

"I was kind of surprised. I don't understand the meaning. Why anyone would want to take it?" she said.

"We were all kind of shocked," Bertha said.

"It raised the awareness that nothing is off limits; these sorts of things do hurt. It's not just a prank."

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SHRINE: Nienhuis started and played the entire game at tackle for the West team

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lead of the game at 14-7. From there on, the East took over the game, scoring four straight touchdowns.

Nienhuis started and played the entire game at offensive tackle, while Williams received playing time at cornerback and on special teams.

The Shrine Game is an annual All-Star game for college seniors, created to help benefit the 22 Shriners Hospitals across the country. The event was first played in 1925 and has raised \$14 million.

BUTLER: Hopes to play professionally after college and then coach high-school ball

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ler has the most experience down low for OSU.

She also adds a sense of humor to the squad and has been a good friend, bringing the team closer together.

In her spare time, Butler enjoys playing soccer, watching movies and being with friends.

"She's a great teammate and a great player on the court and off the court; she's a good friend," said senior guard Shannon Howell. "We have our jokes on and off the court, we've got our little inside jokes during practice. We really connect well on the floor, her being a post and me being a guard."

Butler has enjoyed the transition to OSU, as Corvallis has provided her a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

She has been impressed with the support of the local community and said it has helped her fit in.

The Beaver coaching staff has worked with Butler to improve her basketball skills and has also helped her get acquainted to OSU.

"Coach Spoelstra is so supportive," Butler said.

"She was a transfer student also, so coming into the transfer situation, not all coaches accept that, but she was so helpful and loving. She also realized what I was going through with my sister. It was a perfect fit. She is amazing."

Basketball has been a vital part of Butler's life since she was young. It has taught her many valuable lessons and brought her to where she is today. Along with basketball, Butler also played soccer as a child.

Eventually, she was forced to make a decision regarding which sport she would pursue in college.

With her height and basketball's providing more scholarship opportunities, she chose the hardwood over the pitch.

The decision proved to be perfect, as Butler has immersed herself in the game of basketball.

"Basketball teaches you everything about friendships, your teammates, determination and desire," Butler said. "We are all great girls and basketball has helped shape who we are today."

As the season progresses, the Beaver offense will look to Butler more often in the post to provide a scoring threat.

Combine her talent with her emotional leadership skills, and Butler can become a force in the Pac-10.

"She can play defense and she is an offensive threat, which is good; she's a total package," Howell said.

"As the season progresses and for next year she will end up being a great post player in the Pac-10."

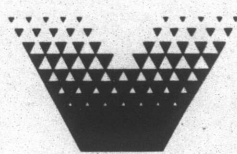
After she graduates from OSU, Butler plans to play basketball overseas in Europe to gain more experience.

She hopes to eventually coach at the high-school level and pass on her knowledge and positive experience of the game to other players.

"I definitely want to play overseas after I graduate and just continue," Butler said.

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Softball tabbed to finish seventh in deep Pac-10



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Second baseman Alana Mendoza tries to make a tag against UW in 2004. OSU was picked to finish seventh this year in the Pac-10.

■ Beavers fell one victory short of advancing to College World Series last season, losing to Michigan

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Oregon State University's softball team was picked to finish in seventh place in the Pacific-10 Conference for the 2005 season, as was announced Tuesday in a poll taken from the Pac-10 softball coaches.

The Beavers received 12 points in the voting, while defending national championship runner-up California was picked to finish first with 44 points and three first-place votes.

Arizona was a close second, with 43 points and two first-place votes, while defending national champion UCLA was third with 42 points and three first-place votes.

Oregon State made its sixth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Regional Tournament during 2004, falling one

victory short of an inaugural trip to the Women's College World Series after dropping the regional championship game to No. 6 Michigan.

Seven Pac-10 schools reached the NCAA Tournament field in 2004 and for the third straight season, four squads advanced to the Women's College World Series.

For the fourth consecutive year (11th overall), two Pac-10 teams squared off in the National Championship game, with UCLA taking the title. Pac-10 teams finished 1-2 in the final 2004 USA Today/NFCA poll and a total of seven squads were ranked in the top 15.

The 2005 softball season gets under way with a Feb. 3 tournament

The Beavers, who return 12 letter-winners from last season's team, including All-American Vanessa Iapala and Pac-10 honorees Kelly Petersen, Adrienne Alo and Mia Longfellow, open the 2005 campaign at the UC-Santa Barbara Tournament on Feb. 4.

"I never dreamed he would be the head football coach of a team I coached."

—Former 49ers coach Dick Nolan, on his son Mike being named San Francisco's new coach

Ryan Gabriel

Better times

A prediction ... Oregon State rallies around its fallen coach, has its best week of practice in years and sweeps two conference opponents from the state of Arizona.

Now put that in your pessimistic pipe and smoke it.

You see, kids, I've been watching Oregon State fumble and bumble its way through basketball seasons for quite some time.

This is my second go around at this school and at this paper. Consequently, I've been watching OSU hoops for a long, long time and even after this dismal weekend of Beaver basketball, I can say two things with absolute confidence.

There is a pretty darn good chance that Washington and Washington State played the best basketball of their seasons Thursday and Saturday nights, and Oregon State is still a good enough basketball team to play its way into one of the two postseason tournaments.

I'm perfectly comfortable with the fact that you probably think I'm smoking hippie lettuce.

After all, saying the Beavers are headed for the postseason after being blown out by biblical proportions this weekend is admittedly a tad bold.

Then again, I had the misfortune of covering some brilliantly bad Ritchie McKay coached teams. Trust me on this — that experiment with futility would have been the mop to the current OSU's floor.

You see, while there is no doubt that being blown out is bad — make that really, really bad — I find it impossible to sit here on my paper high horse and bash a team that is clearly the best this school has had in a decade.

Maybe I'm overly optimistic.

Maybe it's irresponsible for a sports columnist to give a team a free pass after being totally annihilated by two teams that would hardly classify as world beaters.

Maybe you see something critical with team chemistry, or the coaching staff's ability to X and O. Maybe you understand basketball better than I do.

I really don't know.

But here is something I know for sure: Jay John, who we all wish a very speedy and successful recovery, has his team headed in the right direction, and that direction points up.

There will be success at Oregon State in the very near future.

There will be a continually improving roster, a coaching staff that holds itself accountable and enough wins, perhaps even this season, for OSU to finally find its way back into the postseason.

That, I can promise.

That's a pretty comfortable feeling after years and years of knowing there was very little chance Oregon State would even manage competitive basketball.

You think this weekend was bad. Try following a team where that level of a mismatch was a given rather than a shocking exception.

Try following a team where there was no guarantee of student support at a home game, nobody on the roster close to capable of putting up David-Lucas-type numbers, and a coaching staff that liked to say things like this:

"We have six players. Some of them don't belong at this level."

McKay, the predecessor to John and the current head coach of the New Mexico Lobos, floated that little ditty out there one night after his Beavers were blown out at Gill Coliseum.

Now try all that on for size and tell me you don't shrug off one disappointing weekend of basketball, either.

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Butler plays for love of the game

■ Santa Clara transfer gets inspiration from her sister on the basketball court for OSU

By Lacey Gable
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior forward Kim Butler plays with her heart. "I get most of my inspiration from my sister Julie; she struggled with Hodgkin's Disease and she recovered," Butler said.

After transferring from Santa Clara University at the end of the 2002-03 season, the 6-foot-1 Butler has brought intensity and talent to the Beavers.

With two years of experience under her belt, Butler has emerged as a much-needed contributor to the OSU squad.

Basketball teaches you everything about friendships, your teammates, determination and desire.

—KIM BUTLER, forward, women's hoops

"Kim is a very hard worker," said coach Judy Spoelstra. "I think every day she comes to practice with a good amount of intensity and really wanting to play very hard. She's a player that wants to get better and it's just a matter of really fine-tuning her game right now."

Butler's intensity can be attributed to the inspiration she draws from her sister. "I get all my strength and energy from her, she's just made it through everything. I keep

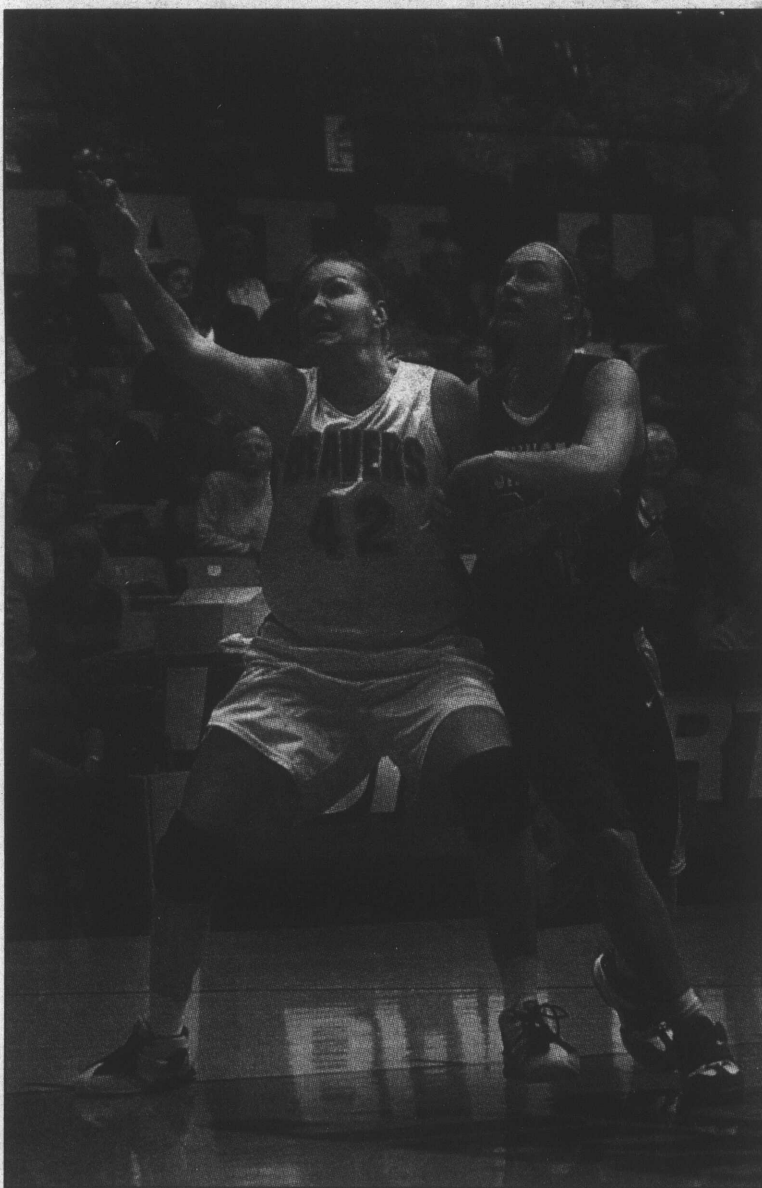
her in my thoughts right before the game and then clear my mind and just get after it. It's made me appreciate every day and being able to run up and down the court and play the sport I love."

In addition to Julie, the strong support Butler receives from her family has made her even more passionate about playing basketball.

On top of being a vital defensive player, an offensive threat and bringing down crucial rebounds, Butler has proven a leader for the rest of OSU's young post players.

With the Beavers having lost three of their top post players from last season to graduation, But-

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Kim Butler battles for position with an opposing player against Stanford earlier this season. Her energy and intensity has been a welcome addition to a Beavers team that lost its three top post players to graduation. The junior forward is averaging 10 points and five rebounds for the Beavers this season, both the second best marks on the team. Butler's improved play has given OSU a solid inside-outside duo.

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OSU coach Mike Riley is all smiles before coaching the West squad, which featured three OSU players, in Saturday's East West Shrine Game.

Three seniors participate in annual East West Shrine Game

■ OSU's Mike Riley coached the West squad in a 45-27 loss

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State football team was well represented during Saturday's East West Shrine Game.

Seniors Derek Anderson, Doug Nienhuis and Aric Williams were members of the West team that lost 45-27.

OSU coach Mike Riley led the West team and was joined by Paul Chryst and Mark Banker, his offensive and defensive coordinators at Oregon State.

Anderson started at quarterback

for the West team, which also featured Hawaii's Timmy Chang and Sam Houston State's Dustin Long.

Wearing an unfamiliar number 18, Anderson led the West squad to a touchdown only seven minutes into the game, when he found Utah receiver Paris Warren open in the back of the endzone for a one-yard score.

On his next series, Anderson led his team on an impressive drive that ended in a five-yard touchdown run by Southern Illinois's Brandon Jacobs.

That score gave the West its only

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