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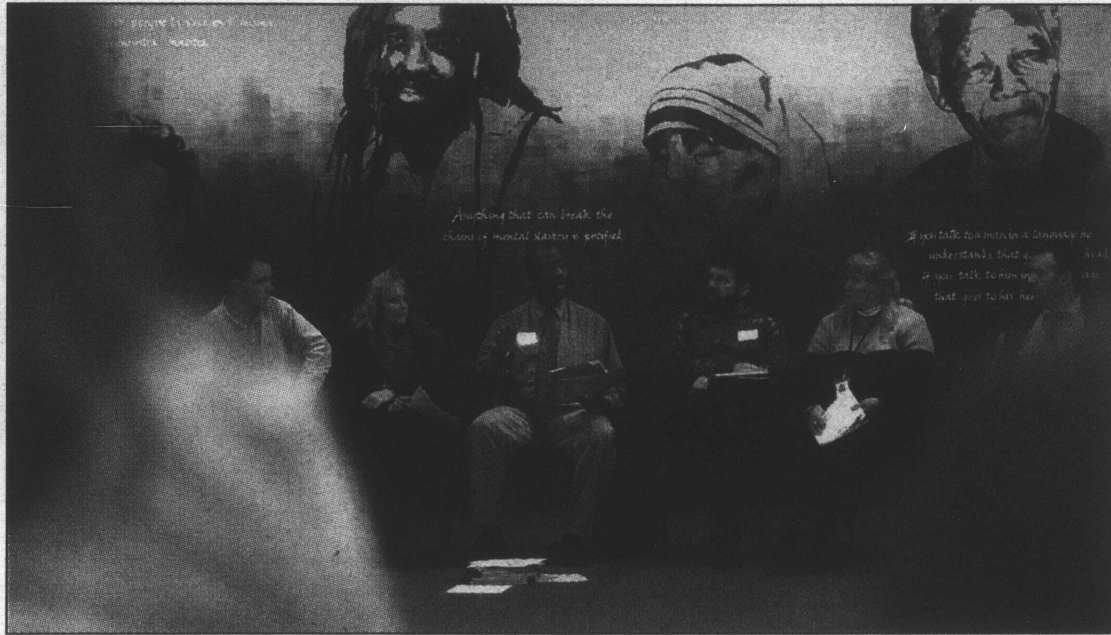
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Terryl Ross, center, OSU's Director of Community and Diversity, leads a Committed to Diversity meeting on Monday in Arnold Hall's Gold Room. The meeting examined responsibilities of each segment within the group.

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Diversity: an ongoing quest

University officials strive to promote diversity, cultural awareness on OSU campus

By Katie Gill
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series addressing issues of diversity on the OSU campus.

Oregon State University thrives on visions. Visions of sustainability. Visions of affordability. Visions of expansion. And lately, in particular, visions of diversity.

The Oregon State University Committed to Diversity plan, known as "C2D," is based on the strikingly ambitious goal of developing OSU into the nation's leading model for improving campus climate. The idea was put forth by OSU's

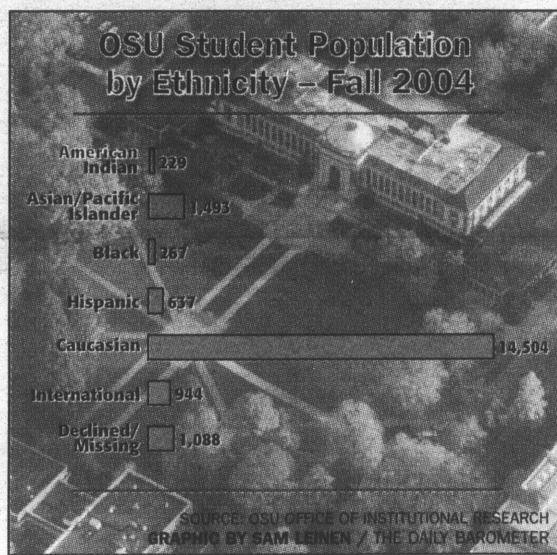
Director of Community and Diversity, Terryl Ross, who felt the school was at a point where it needed a renewed commitment to action. He saw it as a way to provide under-represented populations with a stronger voice.

Developed in 2004, the plan's initial draft was forged to combat one of the main challenges facing the school, described in the plan as follows: "OSU has underachieved in its commitment to diversity."

Not only ethnic diversity, but also diversity surrounding gender, people with disabilities, sexual orientation and economic issues.

Of the 328 tenured professors at OSU, 22 are faculty of color. Of the 19,162 students at OSU, 2,626 are students of color.

Those numbers reflect numerous See DIVERSITY / page 6



Higher education battle to hit the Capitol steps

ASOSU to meet with Gov. Kulongoski to discuss an increase in Oregon's need-based financial aid

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

A bus load of OSU student government leaders and any other interested students will cruise to Salem on Thursday for a joint meeting and rally with Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

The event — focused on higher education — will be held in conjunction with the Oregon Student Association.

The Oregon Opportunity Grant, the state's only need-based financial aid program, will be the focus of the rally.

The program currently serves only 70 percent of eligible students, but Kulongoski's proposed 2005-07 budget would increase the grant's funding from \$45 million to \$91.6 million. That increase would cover all eligible students, and extend benefits to part-time students.

ASOSU State Affairs Director Kevin Grant warned that the budget increase is not set in stone. "The proposed \$91.6 million is a huge target for other groups. If students don't fight, the legislature will take it away," Grant said. "If we don't fight to keep this money, no one will. It will go somewhere else."

Thursday's Salem event will be the start of a high-profile lobbying effort to increase state funding for higher education.

In addition to the Capitol rally, ASOSU is hosting a telephone campaign targeting state lawmakers, asking them to promote increased funding for higher education and financial aid. The call effort will continue through Wednesday in the ASOSU offices located in 149 Snell Hall. For more information, contact Grant at state.affairs@oregonstate.edu or 737-6357.

The bus to the Capitol is scheduled to depart at 8:30 a.m. Thursday from Jefferson Street near the OSU Bookstore.



Gov. Ted Kulongoski

Smoke shop thieves make off with stash

Cigarettes, high-end cigars and glass pipes totaling \$19,000 stolen through hole in store's brick wall

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Thieves made off with \$19,000 worth of merchandise from Bad Habits, a cigarette and pipe shop located on 15th Street, on the night of Jan. 15.

The thieves managed to batter a hole through a brick wall in the back of the shop.

Police estimate that it would take at least 45 minutes to break through the wall.

Among the items stolen were cartons of cigarettes, high-end cigars, black lights, glass pipes and a computer.

Police dusted the shop for fingerprints, but have made no arrests.

Tammi and Randy Irwin opened the shop on Jan. 1.

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Bad Habits, located on 15th Street and Monroe Ave., was robbed of \$19,000 worth of merchandise.

Indonesian student finds himself torn between two worlds

Williem Toa was at home on the Indonesian island of Sumatra when the Dec. 26 tsunami devastated the coast

By Dan Traylor
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Saturday night in the Memorial Union, Williem Toa was in the middle of a festival of food, music and culture.

But three weeks earlier, the 24-year-old was caught in the middle of one of the worst natural disasters in recorded history.

Toa, a senior in electrical engineering, is from Medan, Indonesia, located on the northern part of the island of Sumatra.

He spent Saturday night in the MU Ballroom serving a sweet and warm traditional tea to visitors at the Indonesian Saturday Market created by the Indonesian Student Association.

The festive atmosphere was intermixed with a call for donations to aid victims of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 160,000 people across 11 countries in Southeast Asia. Indonesia — specifically northern Sumatra — was hit the hardest.

'People started crying'

Just after 8 a.m. on Dec. 26, the hotel started to shake violently. Toa and his friends — on vacation in the mountains — woke up and started to run.

"I was sleeping when the earthquake struck," Toa said. "Everybody started shouting."

It was a magnitude 9 earthquake, centered just off the coast of northern Sumatra. The shaking lasted for about five minutes, Toa said.

Toa and his friends ran to the parking lot, and the shaking finally stopped. Hotel guests began to congregate.

"People started crying," Toa said. "Kids were afraid."

He quickly got on the phone with his family members, who were about an hour and a half away in Medan, and heard the good news that everyone was fine.

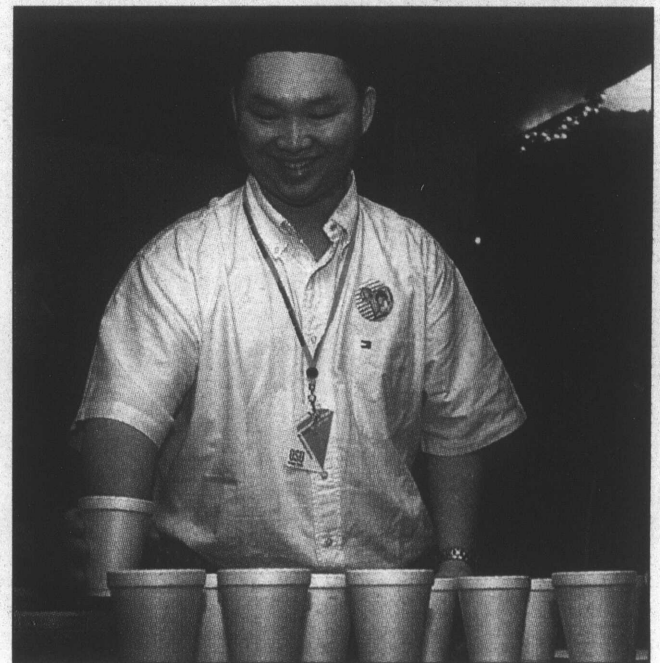
The television, however, revealed far more devastating news.

Toa watched images of the earthquake, followed by the deadly waves crashing into shorelines.

"The earthquake did not cause a lot of destruction," Toa said. "The tsunami did."

One news channel, broadcasting nonstop, put up a banner reading "Indonesia Cries."

"On the news channels, all you hear is 'people, people, people



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Williem Toa, a senior in electrical engineering, serves tea during the Indonesian Saturday Market held Jan. 22. Toa was in Indonesia when the Dec. 26 tsunami struck.

(dying)," Toa said.

That afternoon, Toa and his friends made their way back to Medan, a port city of about 2.5 million people, the third largest in the country.

By car, Medan is about seven hours from Aceh, the hardest hit province to the north. Windy roads make the trip long, but the regions are geographically close.

Toa said if Aceh were compared to the Oregon coastal town of Newport, Medan would be similar to Portland in location and size.

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Suspected mastermind of 2003 car bombing of U.N. HQ arrested

BAGHDAD (AP) — An al-Qaida lieutenant in custody in Iraq has confessed to masterminding most of the car bombings in Baghdad, including the bloody 2003 assault on the U.N. headquarters in the capital, authorities said Monday.

Sami Mohammed Ali Said al-Jaaf, also known as Abu Omar al-Kurdi, "confessed to building approximately 75 percent of the car bombs used in attacks in Baghdad" since the Iraq war began, according to the interim Iraqi prime minister's spokesman, Thaer al-Naqib.

Al-Jaaf was taken into custody Jan. 15 and confessed to 32 car bombings, a government statement said, including the bombing of the U.N. headquarters that killed the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 21 other people.

The suspect, a top lieutenant of al-Qaida's Iraq leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, also built the car bomb used to attack a shrine in the Shiite holy city of Najaf that killed more than 85 people, including Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, in August 2003, the statement said.

Guantanamo suspects attempted mass hanging and strangling protest in 2003

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Twenty-three terror suspects tried to hang or strangle themselves during a week-long protest orchestrated in 2003 to disrupt operations and unnerve new guards at the U.S. military camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the U.S. military said Monday.

Officials hadn't previously reported the incidents, which the military called "self-injurious behavior" aimed at getting attention rather than serious suicide attempts.

The coordinated attempts were among 350 "self-harm" incidents that year, including 120 so-called "hanging gestures," at the secretive prison that opened after the Sept. 11 attacks, according to Lt. Col. Leon Sumpter, a spokesman for the detention mission.

In the Aug. 18-26, 2003, protest, nearly two dozen prisoners tried to hang or strangle themselves with clothing and other items in their cells, demonstrating "self-injurious behavior," the U.S. Southern Command in Miami said in a statement. Ten detainees made a mass attempt on Aug. 22 alone.

Palestinian militants promise Abbas they will halt attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Militant groups have agreed to temporarily halt attacks on Israel, a trial period before a formal truce agreement, to give Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas time to appeal to Israel to stop targeting militants, Palestinian officials said Monday.

The movement toward a cease-fire, coupled with efforts by Palestinian

police to stop militants from firing rockets from Gaza into Israel, has raised hopes that a deal can be reached to end four years of bloody conflict between the two sides.

In the only serious incident Monday, soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian, who was in a no-go zone near the Karni crossing between Gaza and Israel apparently planning to plant a bomb, Army Radio and the military said. On Jan. 13, Palestinian attackers killed five Israelis at the crossing.

Abbas said he was close to sealing a cease-fire agreement with the militants. "Differences have diminished and I hope that there will be a final agreement very soon," he said upon arriving back in the West Bank city of Ramallah after nearly a week of talks with militant leaders in Gaza.

Palestinian officials say Abbas will not formally declare a truce until he receives Israeli guarantees it will halt military operations, including arrest raids and targeted killings of militants.

Ukraine's new president names top ally as prime minister during visit to Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Ukraine President Viktor Yushchenko named his fiery, populist ally as prime minister Monday during a visit to Moscow, a move that upstaged his fence-mending meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Yushchenko and Putin emerged from nearly three hours of talks looking more stern and reserved than when they began. Although Russia wants Ukraine to move forward on an economic plan to further unite the two neighbors, Yushchenko says any such plan must meet Kiev's national interests and not close it off to other markets, such as Europe.

Yushchenko made Russia his first foreign visit as president, an acknowledgment of Moscow's close, historic ties to Ukraine as well as the Kremlin's role as top trading partner and investor. He also needed to smooth ties after Putin's overt support for Yushchenko's rival, former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

Following their meeting, Putin and Yushchenko tried to emphasize the positive, with Putin thanking Yushchenko for his "constructive approach."

Two quakes — and rumors of a third — rattle nerves in Asia

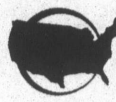
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Powerful earthquakes sparked panic in two countries Monday, nearly a month after a quake triggered a deadly wall of water that killed more than 160,000 people, but there was little damage, no reported injuries and no tsunami.

The two quakes, both magnitude 6.3, jangled nerves across the Indian Ocean region hit by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

Panic briefly spread through the streets of the Indian coastal city of Madras after residents felt an earthquake centered in the Bay of Bengal, about 930 miles away, near the Nicobar and Andaman Islands.

Seismologists said the quake near

the Andamans was clearly an aftershock of the 9.0 magnitude quake that struck off the coast of Sumatra a month ago. The two lie on the same fault line, said John Bellini, a geophysicist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo.



Administration to ask for \$80 billion more for Iraq, Afghan wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration plans to announce Tuesday it will request about \$80 billion more for this year's costs of fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, congressional aides said Monday.

The request would push the total provided so far for those wars and for U.S. efforts against terrorism elsewhere in the world to more than \$280 billion since the first money was provided shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, airliner attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The package will not formally be sent to Congress until after President Bush introduces his 2006 budget on Feb. 7. But the aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said White House budget chief Joshua Bolten or other administration officials would describe the spending request publicly Tuesday.

Supreme Court rejects appeal on behalf of brain-damaged Florida woman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused on Monday to step in and keep a severely brain-damaged woman hooked to a feeding tube, all but ending a long-running right-to-die battle pitting her husband against her parents.

It was the second time the Supreme Court dodged the politically charged case from Florida, where Republican Gov. Jeb Bush successfully lobbied the Legislature to pass a law to keep 41-year-old Terri Schiavo on life support.

The decision was criticized as "judicial homicide" by Mrs. Schiavo's father, Robert Schindler, but applauded by her husband, Michael Schiavo, who contends his wife never wanted to be kept alive artificially. The court's action is very narrow, affecting only Schiavo.

More broadly, sometime after returning from their winter break, the justices will consider the Bush administration's request to block the nation's only law allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients die more quickly. Oregon voters passed that law in 1998, and more states could follow if justices find that the federal government cannot punish doctors who prescribed lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.



Medical marijuana usage on the rise

PORTLAND (AP) — The number of Oregonians with medical marijuana cards has doubled in less than two years, with nearly 10,000 resi-

dents now eligible to use the drug.

Opponents say the growth shows that medical marijuana cards can serve as a cover for recreational drug use. Defenders say it reflects growing acceptance of marijuana as an alternative to mainstream medicine.

Oregon's fee-based program has grown so fast that it built up a cash surplus of nearly \$1 million last year. To reduce it, officials cut the annual fee for a medical marijuana card from \$150 to \$55. For Oregon Health Plan patients, the fee dropped to \$20.

Senate OKs insanity defense measure to restrict use

SALEM (AP) — Accused criminals suffering solely from certain sexual disorders no longer could plead insanity as a defense under a measure passed Monday by the Senate.

The bill was approved 29-1 without debate and now goes to the House.

The measure is part of a larger effort by mental health authorities to restrict uses of the insanity defense, by which accused offenders claim a mental disease or defect influenced their actions.

Defendants who are found guilty "except for insanity," instead of going to prison, are put in custody of the Psychiatric Security Review Board and usually sent to Oregon State Hospital.

The board monitors their progress and has authority over releases.

Sen. Doug Whitsett, R-Klamath Falls, said the measure, Senate Bill 40, would no longer consider such behavior as voyeurism, exhibitionism and fetishism as mental diseases or defects for which the insanity plea could be used.

U.S. Army proposal could move more chemical weapons to Umatilla weapons Depot

UMATILLA (AP) — More chemical weapons could be headed for this small northeastern Oregon town, under a just-announced proposal by the U.S. Army.

The Army is considering taking weapons that have been stored across the country and shipping them to one of just a handful of existing sites built especially to destroy the weapons.

But state and local officials say they plan to oppose any move to bring more toxic agents to the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

"Oregon will not accept any chemical weapons from another site," said Robert Flournoy, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Commission, a local watchdog group for the Umatilla Chemical Depot. "We don't want outside chemical weapons brought in."

Dennis Murphey, manager for the state Department of Environmental Quality's chemical demilitarization program, said bringing chemical weapons or any other hazardous waste into the state would violate the Army's current permits, and would need state approval.

Calendar

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

Meetings

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

OSU Women's Rugby. 9-11pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Come play with us!

UUCM. 7:30pm, Westminster House. As students and young adults we are faced with some life changing choices—how do we best decide? Choose to be here for worship, snacks & conversation.

Study Abroad/College of Engineering. 6:30pm, Owen 102. Learn from other engineering students your opportunities to go abroad.

Horticulture Club. 5pm, ALS 4007. Come join the Horticulture Club! New members always welcome! Help plan fun activities and plant sales for the spring. Social time, food & drinks @ 5pm, meeting at 5:15pm.

Speakers

International Degree Program. noon, Richardson 107. Seminar: Growing Together: Agroforestry in South Africa by Dr. Bagege Bishaw, Marion McNamara, Jeff Hino.

Society of Christian Engineers. 7pm, MU 208. Hear ideas for engineers to use their degree to serve God and live in community. Discussion to follow.

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry. 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House. Lunch- come & go as you are available. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

Circle K International. 6:30pm, MU Boardroom. Come join a student organization dedicated to serving the community through volunteering opportunities.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

Meetings

History Club. 4pm, Milam 311. Anyone interested in history if welcome!

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 Teiler. All are welcome.

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

Ornamental Landscape Club. 5pm, ALS Hort Reading Room. Interested in landscaping? Come join in on the fun! We are doing fundraising and planning for the trip to Maryland. New members always welcome!

Agriculture Executive Council. 7pm, WITH 109. 2 club spotlights! Canned food drive! Attendance incentives.

Speakers

Career Services. 1pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange information session.

OSU Bahá'í Unity Club. 7-9pm, Ag Leaders Room, LaSells Stewart Center. Cultural Cleansing: Destroying a Community, Erasing Memory. A presentation by Dr. Adel Faridani. Free admission.

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Starting Tuesday, Feb. 1, portraits will be held in the **Beaver Yearbook Portrait Studio, in Snell 231.**

Please mark your calendar to drop by **Monday-Thursday, 1-7pm** for your quick, easy, and free way into the Beaver Yearbook!

For any questions please call (541) 737-3501

Brown Bags for White People

It is not uncommon for majority people to experience feelings of guilt on the journey to seek, learn and understand more about issues of diversity. "White guilt" can prevent us from making our best contributions to social justice and stop us from taking personal learning to the next level.

You are invited to participate in three brown bag sessions dedicated to the exploration of and respectful conversation about White guilt. The direction of each session will be determined by group conversation at the previous brown bag.

Thursday, Jan. 27 • noon-1:30 p.m. • MU 208

Boots of lead: The immobilizing weight of White guilt!

Thursday, Feb 3 • noon-1:30 p.m. • MU 208

White guilt as an effective tool in battling racism:

Surely there must be a better way!

Thursday, Feb. 17 • noon-1:30 p.m. • MU 206

All sledge hammers aside: Making the move from guilt to action!

Sponsored by the Campus Coalition Builders and the OSU Division of Student Affairs. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Jodi Nelson at jodi.nelson@oregonstate.edu or 737-0715.

SHOP: Owners will add security system

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having moved the business from Florence to Corvallis.

The break-in is the latest in a series of set-backs they've faced since opening the shop in Corvallis.

"Welcome to the neighborhood, I guess," Tammi Irwin said.

Irwin says other business owners around the area have told her that their establishments have been robbed numerous times over the past few years.

Initially, the couple was hesitant to place bars over the shop's windows, even after someone smashed out the front window earlier this month.

"Bars make you feel like you're living in a prison," Irwin said.

Now, the couple feels as if they have no choice but to install a security system.

"We're probably going to put bars on the windows and install motion sensors in the next couple of weeks," Irwin said.

In the last week, Irwin says she has had customers report sightings of teenagers in south Corvallis selling cigarettes for two dollars per pack.

"If you don't sell to them, they'll just rob you," Irwin laughs.

To report someone selling cigarettes or smoking merchandise, call Corvallis police at 541-766-6924.

FCC rejects 36 indecency complaints over 'Friends,' 'The Simpsons,' other shows

By Genaro C. Armas
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Regulators rejected 36 complaints of indecency Monday against popular TV shows including "Friends" and "The Simpsons."

The objections had been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Parents Television Council, a watchdog group that frequently complains about sex and violence on television.

"In context, none of the segments were patently offensive under contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, and thus not indecent," the agency said in a statement. The FCC also ruled "the material was not profane, in context."

Three members of the five-member FCC approved the orders: Chairman Michael Powell and Kathleen Abernathy, both Republicans; and Democrat Jonathan Adelstein. The two other commissioners, Democrat Michael Copps and Republican Kevin Martin, dissented on parts of the rulings.

Copps said in a statement that the agency should have performed a more thorough investigation. "I believe that some of these broadcasts present a much closer call," he said.

Powell announced last week he was leaving the FCC in March. Martin, who has been rumored to be among candidates to replace him as chairman, did not comment Monday but said he would issue a statement at a later date.

An FCC official said the 36 complaints were grouped together because they all dealt with the Parents Television Council, but the official did not comment about why complaints filed by the group over other shows were not included.

Lara Mahaney, a spokeswoman for the council, said her group has complaints about dozens of other shows pending.

"In what community in America are graphic terms for genitalia decent?" Mahaney said. "The commission's ruling added no clarification and added more confusion."

The council alleged in the 36 complaints that the programs which aired between Oct. 29, 2001, and Feb. 11, 2004 contained sexually explicit segments or used indecent or profane language that violated indecency standards.

One complaint involved an episode of NBC's "Friends" that aired in May 2003. In it, a female character, her husband and the husband's ex-girlfriend talk about a fertility treatment at a medical office.

A complaint over "The Simpsons," which airs on Fox, included a scene from a November 2003 episode in which students carried picket signs with the phrases "What would Jesus glue?" and "Don't cut off my pianissimo."

Federal law bars nonsatellite radio and noncable television stations from airing references to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10

p.m., when children are more likely to be listening and watching.

The FCC said the segments in question "were not patently offensive" within the context of the shows.

The FCC's responses to indecency complaints have received extra scrutiny since Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at last year's Super Bowl halftime show.

The FCC received more than 1 million indecency complaints in 2004, most of them involving the exposure of Jackson's breast during her performance. Fines for indecent programming exceeded \$7.7 million last year, a huge increase from the \$48,000 imposed in 2000, the year before Powell became chairman.

Powell has said the crackdown was in response to mounting complaints from consumers and Congress.

Copps criticized Monday's rulings as "rather cursory decisions" that did not address the objections of viewers nor those of skittish broadcasters worried about what may be too racy to air. He singled out concern for a movie that aired on ABC in May 2003, "The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer."

Ashcroft says farewell after four years at Justice Dept.

By Curt Anderson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft said goodbye Monday to the Justice Department he has led for four years, thanking workers for their efforts to prevent another terrorist attack.

"There seems to be a record of achievement that you have generated that far exceeds what we would have anticipated without 9/11, in spite of this demand that we invest so many resources in the fight against terror," Ashcroft said. "There is no limit to what can be achieved when we work together in harmony and unity."

Several hundred people gathered at the department's Great Hall to bid farewell to Ashcroft, who will leave as soon as President Bush's choice to replace him, Alberto Gonzales, is confirmed by the Senate.

Ashcroft has been a lightning rod for Bush administration critics who argued that civil liberties and privacy rights have been threatened by numerous actions taken in the war on terror.

Ashcroft also has advocated staunchly conservative positions on such issues as gun rights, abortion and gay marriage, infuriating those on the other side.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said when Ashcroft's resignation was announced that he was "one of the most divisive faces in this administration."

But speaker after speaker Monday described Ashcroft as courageous, principled and modest, willing to take tough stands on important issues despite the criticism.

FBI Director Robert Mueller, who with Ashcroft briefed the president nearly every morning on terror threats, called the attorney general "a forceful advocate for freedom."

Others recalled things about Ashcroft that run counter to his stern public image, such as his enjoyment of basketball and skiing, and his love of the St. Louis Cardinals, poetry and puns. They gave Ashcroft several gifts, including the White House chair he occupied during four years in Cabinet meetings.

TOA: He debated whether to return to OSU or help refugees

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"Basically, ... Newport is collapsed," Toa said. "Completely destroyed."

But Medan survived, and the populous city became a magnet for refugees, searching for shelter, food and families.

In and out of Aceh

In the days following the disaster, refugees in need of medical help poured into Medan. At the same time, others tried desperately to get to Aceh, searching for family and friends.

"A lot of people have a relationship with Aceh," Toa said. "All the flights are fully booked. Everybody is trying to get there."

Toa said his father has business relationships in Aceh, and he spent the days following the disaster on the phone trying to reach people in the province. "We have some friends over in Aceh, and some of them were lost," Toa said.

In the days following the disaster, communication with Aceh was nearly impossible. Toa would visit bus stations and airports to ask travelers about the fate of other regions.

His phone would ring, bringing terrible news.

"Somebody says 'You know so and so?' and you say 'Yes,' and they say, 'We just received word that he is gone,'" Toa said.

The city of Medan became chaotic. Booths sprang up on street corners to collect donations. Refugees walked around the city dazed and lost.

"I remember kids sulking around — kids looking for their parents. Some were trying to locate their parents. It's an experience we can't even imagine," Toa said.

The news continued to show images of death and devastation. The screen displayed images of corpses lined up on the street.

"That kind of hurts," Toa said. "Some people are really sad. All they're asking — even if the people are dead — all they're asking is 'Can I see the corpse?'"

Toa's father is involved in a relief organization, and the father and son spent the weeks after the disaster working to raise money for the victims.

The desire to help made his decision to return to Oregon more difficult.

"I'm not very impacted — but it's such a trauma, for me, too," Toa said.

A few days after the disaster was New Year's Eve, but nobody in Medan was celebrating.

"Everybody was just praying for the victims," Toa said.

A tough decision

Toa went home this winter break to see his father, who had to undergo open-heart surgery.

The family drama was complicated even more by the human tragedy of the disaster.

"It was a hard decision to come back," Toa said.

Education is important to his family — especially his father — and Toa knew he should come back and finish his degree.

"But I was really trying to help the victims," he said. "After the surgery, my dad was kind of weak. I can make him happy (by finishing school)," Toa said. "I'm hoping he recovers soon."

After facing booked flights and delays for a week, Toa landed in Oregon on the Sunday of the second week of winter term.

Toa came back to an apartment, where he lives alone. He also returned to his job as a computer support worker for Student Health Services.

"They've been very, very supportive through the whole thing. Probably the warmest welcome I've ever experienced," Toa said.

Good to be alive

Toa is a week behind in school, and emotionally, he is still struggling with the trauma of the events back home.

"It's hard for me to concentrate this term. It's hard to even get some sleep. I can't sleep as usual since I came back," he said.

Richard Davis, Toa's supervisor at Student Health Services, said the disaster has been hard on the office.

"For starters, when he was there, we were worrying about how he was, how his family was," said Davis, who has worked with Toa for about five years.

"We've got a really good working relationship," Davis said. "He's well-liked here. When he's not here, he's missed quite a bit."

Davis said Toa is still going through the pain stemming from the disaster. "He's in a very warm environment here, and he's being looked after well," Davis said.

Toa is already counting his blessings, feeling lucky to be alive while mourning the loss of others. "The biggest lesson that I learned is to be thankful for what you have and don't complain too much about life," Toa said. "Because what you're experiencing is probably just minor compared to what those victims faced."

At the Indonesian Market, Toa managed to wear a smile.

"I'm so happy to be here," he said behind the tea counter. "Just to see people. In a quiet place, all you can imagine is all those dead people."

"Just to see the people, you think, 'Oh, yeah, it's good to be alive.'"

What you're experiencing is probably just minor compared to what those victims faced.

—WILLIAM TOA,
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Editorial

Whose problem?

In 1992, the Dixon Recreational Center added the Stevens Natatorium, known to most people as the swimming area.

A meter that was supposed to record steam use in the facility was not working, and continued to sit lifeless until 2003, for reasons unknown to any officials.

So for 10 years, Dixon wasn't billed for steam in the pool area, and the costs were shifted to state taxpayers because of an assumption that the steam was heating state-heated classrooms.

Oops. Dixon's steam costs went from about \$50,000 to about \$100,000 when Facilities Services accidentally discovered the problem almost two years ago.

A lot of questions remain about the situation. For one, nobody can explain why the meter never worked.

Facilities Services suggests that maybe it was never turned on. Employee turnover at Facilities Services adds to the confusion.

Another question: Why didn't anyone notice? Facilities Services says another assumption could be to blame. Some buildings have a "master meter" in addition to "micro meters." If you bill both, you're double billing. But Dixon didn't have a master meter. If officials assumed it did, they might not have noticed the malfunctioning meter.

You also have to ask why Dixon's management didn't raise questions when their bill came up 20 percent lower than expected after the pool area was added.

Director of Recreational Sports Tom Kirch says he did raise questions — to the architects and engineers who designed the addition, but not to Facilities Services.

It's difficult to blame Dixon staff for missing the problem. It's not their job to read meters. On top of that, Kirch says the building experts said 20 percent wasn't enough of a red flag to warrant further action.

It's also difficult to blame Facilities Services, though their current controller Roxanne Long says her predecessor — if anyone — should have seen something.

Today, the bottom line is budgets. Dixon is now rightfully required to pay their full steam bill, and they're asking students to cover the difference.

Their proposed \$50,000 budget increase would mean a one dollar, per student, per term increase in student fees.

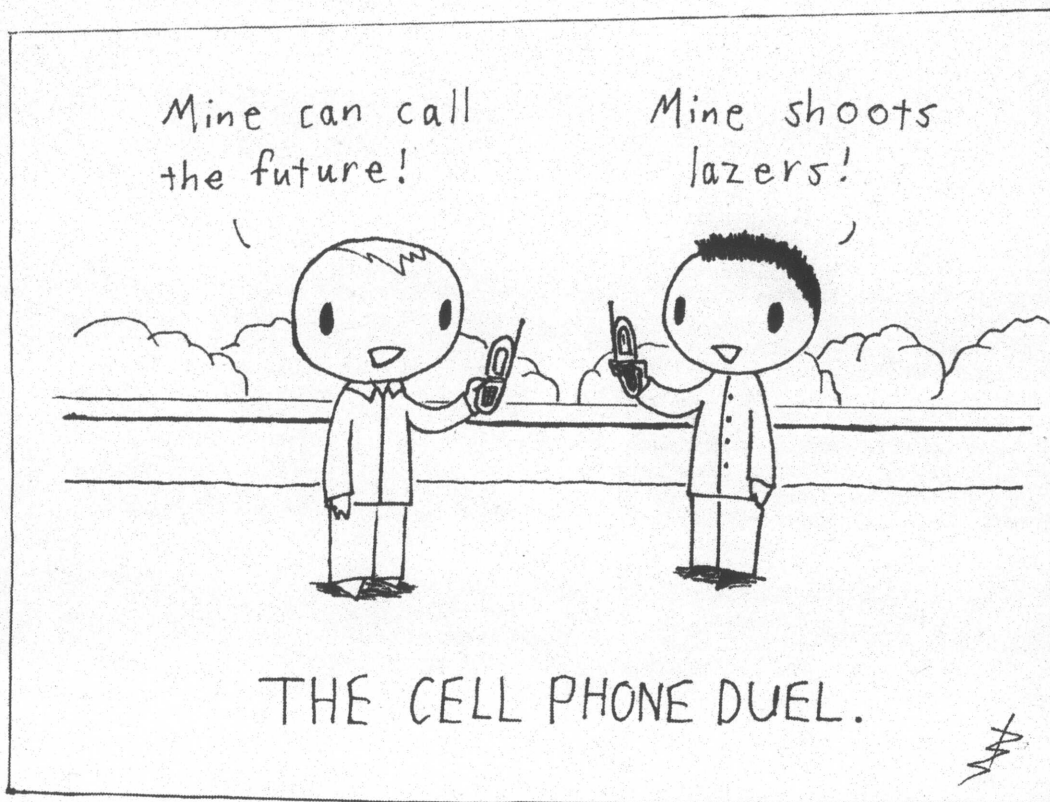
Three dollars per year sounds minor, but any increase in student fees should be carefully examined. Before ASOSU approves this fee increase, they should ask hard questions.

More importantly, the campus needs to ask why this steam fiasco ever occurred in the first place.

Despite the murky beginnings and unanswered questions swirling around this decade-long "oops," the fact of the matter is that Dixon is finally paying its full steam bill, and Oregon taxpayers aren't.

And that, at least, is a start.

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Don't end abortion; make it unnecessary

Last week, we were again confronted with the dilemma created by Roe v. Wade. Students in the Quad were faced with everything from pictures of coat hangers to 3,000 crosses.

Yet, neither side seems to be getting through to the other. I don't know why — after all, I love engaging in debates that begin by calling me a murderer, or telling me that I want to put someone's brother in a dumpster.

While I can't speak for all women, or even for all feminists, I feel comfortable in saying that most of us agree that abortion is by no means a desirable outcome. And more importantly, it is a choice — a choice to have one, or a choice to not have one.

I will never have an abortion. I have the education to know how to use contraceptives. I have the self esteem to know the value of my own body — I don't need male attention to feel valued. I have the family support system in place to take care of me if both of those fail. I'm lucky.

Not every woman is that lucky. To say that one is pro-choice when the choice is to spread one's legs or not is too simplistic. The same people that are adamantly anti-abortion are also those pushing abstinence-only education. This is the curriculum that tells young women that condoms and birth control don't work, and won't show them how to use them.

Teenagers and college students will have sex. That's undeniable. People had pre-marital sex before Roe v. Wade and they will have sex even if it's repealed. The term "shotgun wedding" was

choice a man can make for me. It's certainly not a choice that should be made in Congress, where most of the men there have no idea what it's like to be young, scared and have no where to turn.

The solution to ending abortion is not to outlaw it. That will only drive it underground. That will only put woman at risk from back alley abortions. It will only cause more deaths as women are killed or permanently injured by botched abortions, unclean procedures and unlicensed doctors.

The solution to ending abortion is to make abortion no longer necessary. It is to create a culture where women are not just judged on their bodies. We need to teach those women who do choose to have sex how to use contraceptives, and provide contraceptives.

Finally, when accidents do happen, we need to create a society that is supportive of mothers, whether it be through adoption or help in raising the child.

Our culture needs to have a dialogue about abortion, and how to end it. But to do that, we need to move beyond simple name calling. Pro-choice advocates don't gloat at how many babies we kill. We don't support abortion as a form of birth control. If you talked to us, rather than just calling us murderers, you might learn that.

So I'll make you deal. I won't call you a crazy fundamentalist if you won't call me a murderer. And maybe we can figure out a way to reach both of our goals: to create a world in which abortions don't happen not because they're illegal, but because they are unnecessary.

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Democracy on the march

The last several months have brought the world wonderful examples of how democracy is supposed to work; they have also shown that the majority of people within the world truly desire it. And soon, in Iraq, this promotion of freedom will be readily tested once more, as it has been throughout the history of its conception.

Despite all the decrying of the current administration, and how it has eliminated rights and freedoms around the world, democracy continues to steadily move forward.

The first example of the world's desire for democracy came on Oct. 9, 2004. After an invasion, occupation, and insurgency, the country of Afghanistan held its first presidential, fully democratic election. If you search for "Afghanistan election" on the Internet, you'll find it very difficult to find the actual election results; most websites that come up were made before the election and pessimistically predicted the worst (a little pre-American election bias perhaps). But in the case of Afghanistan, the naysayers were wrong; there were no mass bombings, no mass kidnappings, no mass murders ... and the first recorded voter was a woman.

In a country with a population of 28 million people, about 10 million came to the polls and voted. Early claims of fraud from the losing candidates were quickly discredited and Hamid Karzai was declared the president. Soon, parliamentary elections will be held, furthering the independence of this newly democratic and free nation. Sure, Afghanistan still has problems: a poor economy, religious intolerance, and a booming opium market. But these are problems that will slowly diminish as the democratic government gains more control of the nation — a prospect that is bound to occur as long as democratic elections continue.

The recent election in our very own country is another example of democracy's resilience. The United States was polarized, angry, hated at home and abroad and nervous about a repeat of the muddled 2000 election. Despite all these factors, our nation was able to hold fair, free elections that, although close, clearly indicated a winner. Early claims of fraud by the losing party were quickly discredited (gee, that sounds familiar), and George W. Bush was sworn into office. A majority of those who voted dictated the direction in which they wanted America to go — ensuring that the very essence of democracy was fulfilled.

In Ukraine, a different picture of democracy formed. Unlike the Afghanistan and American elections, which suffered purported fraud, this country went through undeniable deception from the ruling party. The leading opposition candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, was even poisoned with dioxin during the campaign.

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Ukraine itself is a fledgling democracy, its roots only taking hold after the fall of the USSR. Plagued by political corruption and old "Soviet" mentality, the people of Ukraine looked destined to forever be under the heel of an overbearing government. Yet, the will to be freely governed has started a powerful movement that even the corrupt government cannot fight.

After the election was wrongly called for the current Prime Minister, Viktor Yanukovich, millions of Ukrainian people peacefully gathered to protest the results. In what is now known as the "Orange Revolution," the people of Ukraine stood together to declare an end to the government they did not recognize, or respect. After weeks of peaceful demonstrations (demonstrations that could have easily turned violent), a runoff was held and the challenger, Yushchenko, was victorious.

In Palestine, the death of Arafat forced the Palestinian people to look to a new leader. The one they chose, Abbas, is more moderately minded and capable (if not willing) of negotiating peace with Israel. Peace isn't assured, but the change in leadership due to man's mortality and democracy has opened more windows to the once closed door of peace.

Why mention all of these recent democratic successes? Why is what seems like such a mundane occurrence so important? Because successful democracy in Iraq is the best way for our troops to be

able to return home. On Jan. 30, Iraq will cast its ballots to choose a constitutional assembly of 275 members. This assembly in turn, will write a finalized constitution and prepare for congressional elections next year.

Unlike the other recent elections however, this one is sure to be plagued with violence. The predictions of Afghani bloodshed were inaccurate, but they are most likely correct in the case of Iraq.

The insurgency, which is comprised almost exclusively of a Sunni minority and foreign terrorists, will stop at nothing to end the democratic process. Why? Because under Saddam's regime, the 20 percent Sunni minority ruled like kings, trampling the rights and lives of the 60 percent Shiite and 20 percent Kurdish populations.

The select few who are "rebellious" now know that if true democracy takes place, the majority party (the Shiites) will have the democratic control they rightly deserve ... and the Sunni insurgents will not stand for this.

The foreign terrorists know that breeding fellow ignorant terrorists in a free democratic nation is very difficult. A democratic Iraq that is free, tolerant, and not crippled by international sanctions is exactly what terrorists do not want.

Terrorists justify their agenda of murder and tyranny by saying democracy denies their religious beliefs. Just recently Al Zarqawi's terrorist group released a state-

ment: "We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology. Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it." Nowhere does the Koran actually forbid democracy as a form of government selection (note the democratic selection of Umar and the Republic selection of Uthman who were two of the "Rightly Guided Caliphs"), but that doesn't matter to a radical bent on maintaining power and continuing a jihad that is impossible to win.

The election on the 30th will not end the violence, nor will it lead to the immediate withdrawal of our troops. But it looks like Iraqis want to vote. A recent poll found that 67 percent of Baghdad residents (Baghdad being one of the most dangerous places in Iraq) plan on voting. Even in Sadr City, a section of Baghdad that was at war with the U.S. not four months ago, is expected to have a 71 percent voter turnout (we must also remember that even in the highly anticipated U.S. vote, only 61 percent of eligible voters turned out).

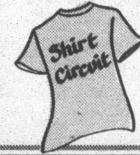
If these polls are accurate and enough Iraqis vote, the assembly will acquire a legitimacy that none of the previous interim governments have had — enabling them to work with the support of the majority of the people.

And if the assembly and their constitution gain legitimacy, democracy, with all its benefits, is sure to follow; bringing peace to the region and allowing our troops to come home.

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The great white hype: The hypocrisy of 'white anti-racists'

The U.S. has had a long history of Black (and other people of color) liberation movements become severely crippled by the appropriation and cooptation of white middle class intelligentsia. Just look, for instance, at the white abolitionist movement, the civil rights movements, the anti-war movements and so on and so forth.

What really is disturbing is this recent self-help phenomenon of the white anti-racist. Within this self-help ring of white anti-racists you will find mostly white middle class intelligentsia attempting to debate with other white middle class intelligentsia about the power and privileges they enjoy over people of color. When they themselves cannot put into words or facts their own power and privilege they seek out famous white anti-racists such as Peggy McIntosh, Howard Winant, or Tim Wise. The last white middle class intellect mentioned is of course going to be in Corvallis speaking and signing his new book tonight.

Why is this so disturbing? First let's ask why is it that white people need to read or listen to other white people before they can stop being racist, when people of color have been writing and speaking on the subject

for years? Is it because he's smarter or does more research? Or is it simply the fact that white anti-racists can only respect another white person's thoughts and feelings?

Second, why is it that a white middle class intellect should receive numerous publishing offers, get paid speaking gigs, or win the 2001 British Diversity Award all on writing/speaking about racism and white supremacy? Why is it that a white middle class intellect deserves more money, power, privilege and praise for doing something white folks should be doing in the first place? How about all the people of color in the world who don't have access to his education, have access to his resources, have access to the network he's developed — does that mean their history and experience of everyday racism is not as valid as his research? Obviously, this is a form of white supremacy, practiced and supported by supposed anti-racists.

Finally the mere title of "white anti-racist" is laughable, as it implies that one can retain one's whiteness and still be anti-racist. In Tamara Knopper's open letter to white anti-racists, aptly titled "The white Anti-Racist is an Oxymoron"

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she declares that "one must realize that whiteness is a structure of domination. As such, there is nothing redeemable or reformable about whiteness." Knopper goes on to say that "white people need to be willing to have their very social position, their very relationship of domination; their very authority, their very being ... let go, perhaps even destroyed."

After all of this, you may believe that I don't think white folks can be anti-racist. Quite the contrary, there have been some famous white folks like Laura Whitehorn and David Gilbert or those who made up the Patriot Party in the 1960s. And there are white people today who are anti-racist, because they continuously do the work without seeking fame or fortune. Rather, this article is directed to those of you who have created and perpetuated a market for these white middle class intellectuals preaching about anti-racism.

So if you're white and you want to be anti-racist you must learn to subjugate your whiteness in order to ally with people of color and their movements. You will not lead, you will not appropriate or exploit, you will not determine how we

operate, and you will not dominate our space and our time. If you want to be a true ally, you will do all this and more, and if your ego can't handle following people of color, then please leave us alone and get out of the way.

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DIVERSITY: Of 40 groups, 17 show ethnic underutilization, six gender underutilization

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factors, ranging from Oregon's history of being predominately white demographically to OSU's traditionally poor retention rate for minority students.

"Historically, Oregon has been a white state," said Angelo Gomez, director of the office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity. "OSU was established in a very rural area. In early years, it wasn't a place designed to serve black people."

He added, "The state was established with a segregationist inclination. Our country has a history of that, as well, and present-day circumstances are a reflection of that history."

Gomez has seen the numbers and knows there's room for improvement. "They're not where they're supposed to be," he said. But he feels a lot is already being done to promote OSU as a place for opportunity, and believes much more can be accomplished with a greater commitment.

Every year, the OSU workforce is divided into groups and subjected to a utilization analysis. Demographics are studied in detail as part of the process. For example, the analysis takes OSU's tenure-track faculty in the sciences and breaks them down by gender and ethnicity. Then it does the same for the field as a whole, trying to encompass the entire national pool of people qualified for such posts, and compares the two.

If a significant difference exists between the two numbers, it is called underutilization. It means qualified minority personnel are underrepresented on campus.

Of 40 job groups, 17 show ethnic underutilization and six show gender underutilization.

"If we were where we ought to be, none of our job groups would show underutilization," Gomez said.

The analysis provides OSU with a guideline on where it needs to be to achieve the bare minimum, but Gomez hopes to see the school eventually go beyond that.

"Our office is always trying to get people involved in the search process, to help them understand that the usual way of doing

business may be counterproductive to diversity," he said. "We try to give them strategies to help them achieve greater diversification."

These strategies include defining available positions in new ways in order to attract different types of candidates, encouraging members of the search committee to actively recruit candidates rather than simply post openings, expose the biases that play out in the typical decision-making process, and suggest ways such biases can be countered.

Despite the challenge of attracting certain ethnic groups to campus, Gomez feels that there are a number of favorable elements in place.

"We have an enormous commitment from top leadership to diversity, and that's real," he said. "It's not just lip service. There is a lot of organizational structure and programmatic activity to make OSU more diverse."

Gomez added, "Institutions like OSU cannot ignore rapidly changing demographics. Students coming in will be bringing different needs and interests. We need to adapt."

The Plan

The C2D plan defines diversity as "the understanding that the Oregon State University family is made up of many members and that the health and survival of this family depends on all of our members being included and valued."

It is with this definition in mind that Ross is leading the faculty, staff, administration and student body on a five-year mission to reinvent OSU as an all-inclusive institution.

"I think that the biggest problem is that we have different opinions, definitions of what diversity is and why it's important," Ross said. "Another problem is the belief that diversity is someone else's job."

"People don't realize that it is their job, that they need to do it in their department, in their classroom. The diversity picture at our campus is a whole bunch of dots on a board, and my goal is to assist other people in connecting those dots to make a picture of a place that people want to come."

The plan is an organic one, ever-changing, but it has already established and achieved multiple goals.

OSU has created a new office of Community and Diversity, assigned each department the task of creating a diversity action plan, required every undergraduate student to take an ethnic studies class and instituted a board of visitors that advise the president on diversity issues.

Campus diversity action plans have also been set in place. They call for diversity roundtables, a campus-wide diversity summit, a diversity collection in the Valley Library and a 20-hour cultural competency course for any new hires, starting next fall.

OSU's poor retention rate is a major concern for Ross.

"We're losing people — students and staff — because they don't like our campus," he said. "We can't afford to lose people of under-represented populations at the rate we're losing them."

"My approach centers around mobilizing people. We're not going to get very far if we don't involve students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Census data suggests ethnic and racial minorities made up about 60 percent of people moving into the state in the last three years. The C2D plan is attempting to adapt OSU to this reality.

"We in America have yet to have, since the civil rights movement, a serious societal examination of who we are and where we're going as a people," Ross said. "I'm convinced that when the dust settles and everything is done, we will have something very special. But I'm also realistic, and can say that we're not there today."

OSU President Ed Ray mirrors Ross' attitude.

"I think the biggest challenge," said Ray, "is having people feel valued and included on campus, to feel that the OSU culture is one that recognizes their culture and values that they are accustomed to."

This is a preparatory year for his new regime — one of settling on plans for the future.

"I'm concerned about the tendency of institutions like ours — that we're great about talking about things, but not doing," Ray said. "I'm concerned about getting on with it."

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NEUHEISEL: Jurors will decide if Neuheisel is entitled to six million dollars left on contract

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the facts to come out," Neuheisel told The Associated Press last month.

Neuheisel also claims the NCAA improperly meddled in his employment by pressuring Washington administrators to fire him. An NCAA investigation ultimately imposed no sanctions against the coach.

"We look forward to explaining our side in court, as well," said NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson.

The lawsuit involves big money, gambling on college sports, lies and accusations of mismanagement. After 18 messy months of bickering, all the dirty laundry should come out in court.

At times, it could strike with sensational force.

NCAA president Myles Brand and NCAA gambling director Bill Saum are among those expected to testify, along with former Washington athletic director Barbara Hedges, former university president Lee Huntsman and Neuheisel himself.

There's a lot of money at stake, too.

Jurors will decide if the coach should receive about \$6 million remaining on his contract when he was fired, and he'll have to repay a \$1.5 million university loan if jurors determine his firing was justified.

The trial's first week will include jury selection and pretrial motions. Judge Michael Spearman will consider such matters as the scope of evidence admitted and the length of the witness list.

Through his attorney, Neuheisel declined an interview request. As a witness, he's not likely to say much publicly during the proceedings.

A key piece of evidence is a tape recording of Neuheisel's meeting with NCAA investigators on June 4, 2003.

On the tape, which the university released to reporters on the same day Neuheisel filed suit in August 2003, the coach denied involvement with a high-stakes gambling pool in his wealthy Seattle-area neighborhood.

"I never placed a bet on anything," Neuheisel said early in the tape.

Later that day, he acknowledged taking part in an auction-style NCAA basketball pool, but said he didn't consider it illegal gambling. Sulkin has said Neuheisel cooperated with investigators after speaking to an attorney.

The NCAA bans all gambling by coaches, players and athletic department staff at member institutions. Neuheisel admitted winning more than \$12,000 in two years of pools on NCAA basketball.

"Investigators from our national office were carrying out the will of member institutions: to investigate allegations of misconduct," Christianson said.

Last week, Spearman threw out Neuheisel's defamation claim

against the NCAA but allowed the rest of the lawsuit to go forward.

The university initiated Neuheisel's firing on June 12, 2003. It took effect six weeks later after his appeals were exhausted.

It's expected the university will pin its defense on Neuheisel's contract, which stated he could be fired for acts of dishonesty. Administrators fired him with cause, meaning he was awarded no money.

"We're happy to let a jury decide about the conduct of the University of Washington, and confident that a fair trial will result," Sulkin said. "Rick is looking forward to telling his side of the story."

Last fall, the NCAA's infractions committee determined that Neuheisel broke rules against gambling but didn't penalize him because a staff e-mail issued by a former Washington compliance officer had improperly approved gambling in off-campus NCAA basketball pools.

"If not for the erroneous e-mail, the outcome might have been different," Christianson said.

After his firing, Neuheisel served as a volunteer assistant at a Seattle high school and worked as an analyst for College Sports Television. This month, he was hired as quarterbacks coach by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

"Rick is in very good spirits," Sulkin said. "He's very excited about his new job. He's working for a great organization and very excited about the opportunity."

GABRIEL: This weekend will be the key to OSU's season

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moment will present itself.

That's why great coaches demand their teams never stop playing at full speed. The risk of missing it inevitably means losing.

And as I've said many times, losing is an unacceptable outcome.

We can respect Jay John for pointing OSU basketball in the right direction, and be thrilled with the return of legitimate talent defending Miller Court, but we'd be fools to tolerate a program that never again produces a winning season.

Oregon State fans are falling all over themselves waiting for that moment to pop up and certify the official rebirth of the 12th winningest program in the NCAA.

Gill Coliseum rocks with regularity for home games, message boards are alive with conversation and the Beavers play

with passion and intensity every time they step onto the floor.

It's reminiscent of a storied past but easily fails to signal the end of losing seasons has arrived.

But all that could change this week when Oregon State travels to the Bay area for games against Stanford and California.

The Cardinal and Bears are beatable and the Beavers could prove their worth by earning a key road victory in a conference full of parity.

Oregon State can stay as close to .500 in Pac-10 play as possible. By this time next week the conference season will be half over.

Lose two and you're three games below .500. Split and you're in as good of a place as could be reasonably expected. Sweep and you can break out the champagne.

One way or another, this weekend is going to be the moment that interested parties look back on as being the key to OSU's season.

If the Bay area turns into a lost week-

end, there is real good chance Beavers fans will once again be waiting for next year.

Split, and the Beavers have proved they can find a way to win on the road in this conference.

An Oregon State victory over either the Bears or Cardinal will give the team the confidence they need to score victories over UCLA, USC or Arizona State on the road.

Despite losing four of their last five games, the Beavers are playing good basketball.

They could help themselves tremendously by staying out of foul trouble and rebound the basketball better, but there is little doubt they are approaching that moment when this team will no longer be identified as losers.

As a sports writer I am taught to look for the moment that makes the difference and turns around an inevitable outcome. I think that moment might be here.

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DREXLER: Drexler still has a home in Oregon and considers Portland fans to be the best fans in the whole, wide world

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thunderous ovation from the crowd when he was introduced.

Drexler wasn't sure whether this was his first time at Gill because he said he couldn't remember that far back.

"I don't know if I ever played here," Drexler said. "It's been so long, it's hard for me to remember back then."

Despite spending the last three and a half seasons of his career with his hometown Houston Rockets, Drexler remembers his days in Portland fondly. In fact, he still owns a home in Oregon.

"Anytime I am back in Oregon, it's like being home," Drexler said. "I still maintain a residence here, so it feels good to be here."

The 10-time All Star has thoroughly enjoyed his time off the basketball court, but that doesn't mean he hasn't been staying active.

"I own several businesses and am involved in many projects," Drexler said. "Raising four kids, working on my handicap, I'm involved in the restaurant and real estate businesses. So I feel very fortunate."

As far as returning to the game in a front office position, Drexler didn't rule out the possibility, but made it clear he's content spending time with his family.

"Maybe down the road if the right situation presented itself," Drexler

said. "But right now I am really happy doing what I am doing, I'm raising my kids and having the time of my life."

Drexler's impact on the game and hearts of Portland fans is obvious.

The 10-time All Star was known for his ability to do it all and ended his career by joining Oscar Robertson and John Havlicek as the only players in NBA history to total over 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 3,000 assists.

Drexler was a member of the original Dream Team in 1992 and was named one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history in 1996.

He led the Blazers to two NBA Finals appearances in 1990 and 1992 and owns nearly every franchise record.

Last year, Drexler was inducted in the Hall-of-Fame.

"As a player, the ultimate compliment to your game is the thought of being elected to the Hall-of-Fame," Drexler said. "As for being inducted, it's more of a pipe dream."

In an era where athletes such as Latrell Sprewell and Vince Carter have made headlines with their greed and lack of effort, Drexler is a reminder of better times for the NBA.

He played with some of the game's greatest legends, including Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson — all of whom were statesmen for the

league.

Despite the problems facing the NBA, Drexler said it's all part of a cycle and that things will get better.

"It's still a great product" Drexler said. "It needs to be refined. Every sport has a few problems they have to deal with. Basketball is no exception."

As for his old team, the Blazers, Drexler wasn't as optimistic.

This season, Portland has been plagued by injuries and inconsistency.

As a result, the team has stumbled to a 15-24 record in the Northwest Division. With attendance continuing to dwindle, the Blazers hardly resemble Drexler's successful teams that inspired "Rip City" mania in the 1990's.

"They got a lot of obstacles to overcome," Drexler. "I always pull for them, but it doesn't look good."

One thing that hasn't changed is Drexler's love for the Blazer faithful. He was quick to lavish praise on the fans he called, "the greatest in the world."

"Portland fans have always been very, very great to me," Drexler said. "They are the most knowledgeable basketball fans in the country."

"They are the best fans in the whole, wide world and I love them."

Judging from the hundreds of excited fans that waited in line on Saturday to see Drexler — the feeling's mutual.

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RUGBY: Team prepared for season with a rigorous conditioning, practice schedule

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to finding potential players — they recruit by attending high school rugby games.

Naturally, the more successful prep teams are usually the ones that are scouted the most.

But OSU's recruiting efforts are not just limited to Oregon, as the Beavers recruit in Washington and California, as well.

In preparation for their season opener Jan. 30, members of the squad have been enduring a rigorous practice schedule.

The practice schedule includes conditioning Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 a.m., when the Rec Center doors open.

Then there's practice from 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, followed by practice from 10 to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Finally, players meet by position usually once a week, outside of normal practice time to work on specific skills.

Josh Cuperus, a fourth year player, sees this year's team as one of the best he's ever seen.

"During my time here, no one has been as committed as our group this year," Cuperus said. "We regularly have 20 guys out at Dixon, sprinting at 6 a.m., increasing our fitness level and allowing us more time to work on team building during our normal practice times."

Standing in the Beavers way of the playoffs is the highly competitive league they participate in.

The University of Washington, Washington State University, University of Oregon, Western Washington, and Central Washington make up the rest of the league.

The top two teams from the league make the playoffs and are joined by other teams from the Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union (PNRFU).

The Beavers open up their regular season at Humboldt this weekend.

The team's home opener is Feb. 12 against Central Washington at Peavy Field.

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Tight ends coach returns to SDSU

■ LeCharls McDaniel coached special teams and tight ends during two-year stint at OSU

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State football team has lost another assistant coach, after LeCharls McDaniel resigned to accept a position at San Diego State.

McDaniel was in his second year at OSU and coached tight ends this season.

He joins linebackers coach Charlie Camp, who resigned earlier this month to join the staff at Ole Miss.

McDaniel will coach running backs at San Diego State.

During his first year (2003) with the Beavers, he served as the special team coordinator.

That season, the Beavers finished second in the Pac-10 in field goal percentage, as placekicker Kirk Yliniemi set a school record with 19 field goals.

This year, sophomore Joe Newton and junior Dan Haines emerged as two of the top tight ends in the Pac-10 under McDaniel's instruction.

Newton was the Beavers' second leading receiver this year with 56 catches for 687 yards. He and Mike Hass tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions with seven.

Newton received Pac-10 honorable mention this season, and is considered one of the top young tight ends in the country.

Before arriving at OSU, McDaniel was receivers and special teams coach at SDSU.

At San Diego State, he coached two of the top three reception leaders in the country.

McDaniel's other Division-I coaching experience includes a one-year stint at California in 2001, where he coached special teams.

The Golden Bears led the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage that year.

McDaniel has also coached with four teams in the NFL, serving as special teams coach for San Diego (1989-91) and the Washington Redskins.

He served as Arizona's receivers coach in 1993 and was a scout for Philadelphia in 1996.

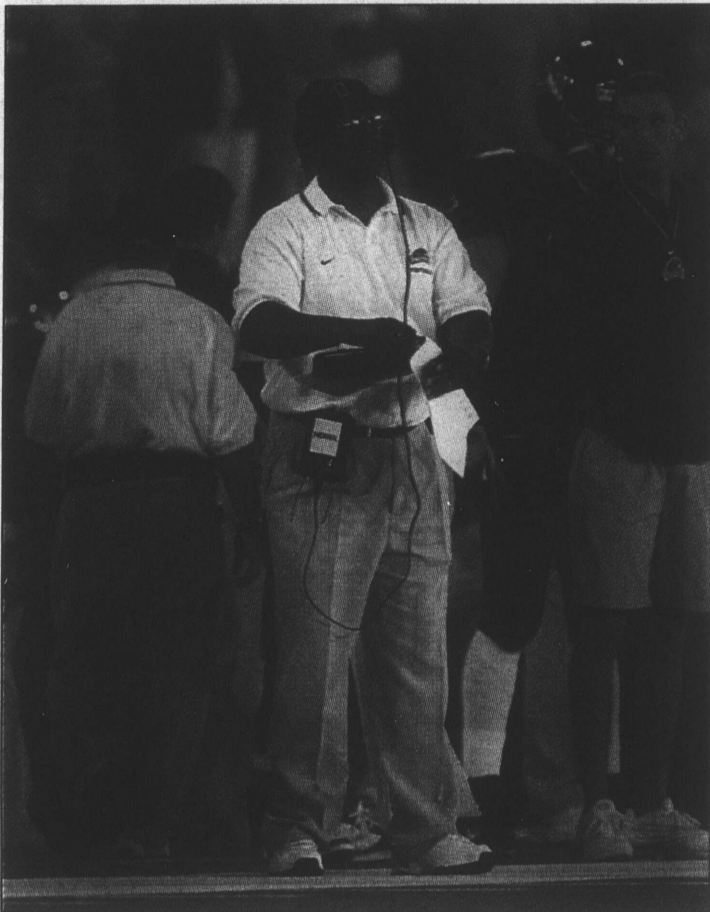
McDaniel's 1990 San Diego special teams units ranked first in the NFL.

McDaniel is a 1981 graduate of Cal Poly, where he earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences.

He was a standout defensive back for the Mustangs, lettering four years. He was an honorable mention All-American as a senior and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2002.

In 1980, he helped lead Cal Poly to the Division II National Championship.

McDaniel played in the NFL for four seasons with Washington and the New York Jets, after graduating from Cal Poly.



LeCharls McDaniel, who arrived at OSU from San Diego State, is returning to California to be an assistant coach with the Aztecs.

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Ryan Gabriel



A simple moment

Sports writers are taught to look for the moment. That split second where an event occurs and the inevitable outcome of the game being contested turns 180 degrees around.

It might be a key substitution or an untimely turnover.

It might be a foolish penalty or a key defensive stop.

It might be a fluke. It just might turn a season or a program around.

Think Franco Harris and the "immaculate reception." Think Civil War football 1998.

Trailing 24-17 with seven minutes left on the fourth quarter clock, Mike Fessler lined up to punt the ball back to a pretty darn good Oregon football team.

Any chance of a thrilling upset inside what was then called Parker Stadium looked bleak.

The punt, a low line drive in pouring rain, short-hopped UO punt returner, Michael Fletcher who was attempting to jump over it. It bounced off his leg and into the diving arms of Darnell Robinson.

An Oregon State football team that had had its heart ripped out of its chest far too many times over the previous 28 years was about to start winning football games on a regular basis.

The Beavers battled back to tie and eventually beat Oregon 44-41 in the second overtime.

Oregon State has never again resembled the football team that fumbled and follied its way through three decades of losing.

Fletcher's botched punt was OSU football's moment.

In hoops, the Washington Huskies had their moment last season at Gill Coliseum.

Trailing by 17 points in the second half, Oregon State watched a sure-fire victory fly away amid a stretch of absolute domination from UW point guard Nate Robinson.

The Huskies went from bottom feeding to a conference championship contender in a matter of minutes.

There is a sense that Oregon State basketball is approaching their moment.

It sure felt like it had finally arrived as the Beavers raced to a 31-16 lead over Arizona Saturday night, but clearly didn't develop.

You can never be sure when the

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Getting up close and personal with Clyde the Glide

■ Hall-of-Famer Clyde Drexler visited Corvallis on Saturday to sign his autobiography

By Raju Woodward
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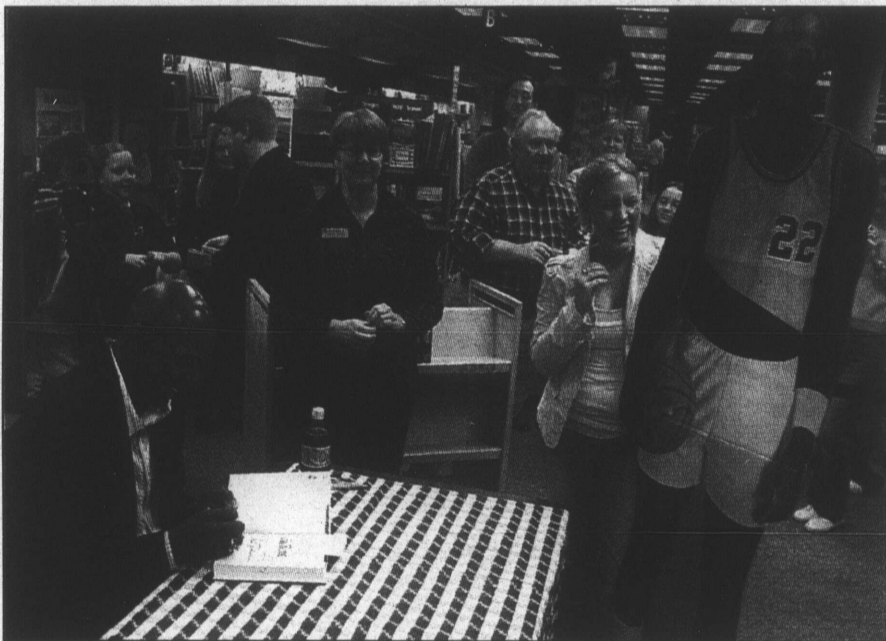
Even though it had been seven years since he last graced the court, Clyde Drexler still put on a show Saturday at the OSU Bookstore.

The former Portland Trailblazer star and recent NBA Hall-of-Fame inductee was in Corvallis to sign copies of his new autobiography, appropriately titled, Clyde the Glide.

He co-wrote the book with Kerry Eggers, an OSU graduate who is a sports writer for the Portland Tribune.

After the signing, Drexler attended the OSU basketball game with Eggers at Gill Coliseum, earning a

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Former Portland Trailblazer star Clyde Drexler shares a laugh with a fan who brought a life-size cut-out of him to his book signing at the OSU Bookstore on Saturday. Drexler later attended the OSU men's hoops game against Arizona at Gill Coliseum.

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Men's rugby opens season Sunday on road

■ Team finished second place in league play last season

By Steven Masters
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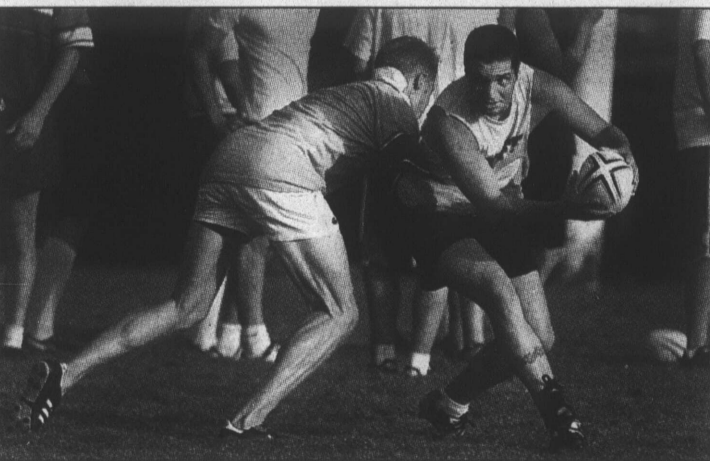
Equipped with a 35 man roster and second place finish last season in league, the OSU's men's rugby club team returns with even higher hopes this season.

"This year, I really hope we go to the playoffs and finish first in league," said Clint Peterson, a third year player. "We were there last year, there's no reason we can't get back to the playoffs."

Along with a full squad this year, the Beavers are also welcoming a new member to their coaching staff.

Duffin McShane, who was the head coach at the University of Washington last year, will be coaching alongside his former coach, Mark Webber.

Webber, a graduate of OSU and head coach of the Beavers for over 20 years, will be at the helm again this season.



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The men's rugby team hopes to draw more fans to its matches this year. Its home opener is Feb. 12 against Central Washington.

Webber said the team hopes to draw more fans this season.

"This season we are really trying to market ourselves to the OSU community," McShane said. "We want fans. We would love to see fans out at Peavy Field on Saturday's when we play." Like most club sports, the rugby team has to recruit players. However, few coaches go to the extent Webber and McShane do when it comes

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Former UW coach set for trial

■ Rick Neuheisel is suing the NCAA and the University of Washington

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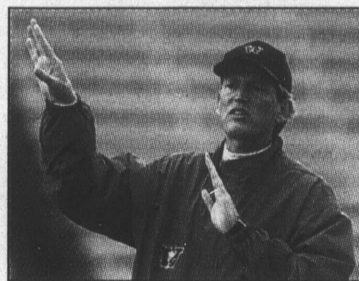
SEATTLE — Rick Neuheisel finally gets his day in court.

The former Washington football coach has waited 17 months for his trial against the NCAA and his ex-employer, firmly believing he will be vindicated after the facts are presented.

"Rick Neuheisel was wrongly fired by the university as a pretext amid an effort to appease the NCAA," plaintiff's attorney Bob Sulkyn said, summarizing his approach to the expected four week trial.

University officials are equally confident, saying it was "sad and painful" to dismiss Neuheisel but warranted because the coach wasn't fully honest with NCAA investigators when asked about his high-stakes gambling.

"The university's position has been consistent from the start," university



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Rick Neuheisel no longer wears purple for the Huskies, but for the Baltimore Ravens, who hired him as quarterbacks coach this month.

lawyer Lou Peterson said. "Rick Neuheisel agreed to a contract where he could be discharged for acts of dishonesty."

Proceedings began Monday in King County Superior Court, though opening arguments aren't scheduled until Jan. 31.

"I'm eager for it to begin and for

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