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'Climate' survey results released

For administration, Campus Climate Assessment serves as "reality check" regarding OSU's diversity

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

While Oregon State University has taken major strides toward creating a more welcoming environment for all students, faculty and staff, a recently released Campus Climate Assessment suggests that the university's ambitions are still a work in progress.

Commissioned by OSU President Ed Ray and several campus groups, the assessment was a "reality check," according to Beth Rietveld, director of the Women's Center.

"The university has really done some good things," Rietveld said, "but when more than one out of three people say they have experienced some form of harassment, it is clear we have a ways to go. This assessment gives us some good ideas on where we need to focus our efforts."

Conducted with the help of a consulting firm, Rankin & Associates, the assessment was conducted last April.

Sixty-six questions, based on pre-survey fact-find-See **CLIMATE** / page 6



A main concern for campus leaders such as Terry Ross, director of Community and Diversity, and Javier Cervantes, Casa Educational Office coordinator, is the poor retention rate for minority students. Student sentiment surrounding the issue of diversity on campus is broad. "I can tell you 15 barriers different barriers that we face," says sophomore Alonso Leiva, in regard to why minorities have a difficult time staying at OSU. Pictured is a sea of graduating Beavers in June 2004.

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Students call for visible changes

Minority students shed light on lack of support, facilities at Oregon State

By Katie Gill
THE DAILY BAROMETER

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

The final report of the OSU Campus Climate Assessment Project is in, and the results are serious.

They convey severe numbers in terms of how and where the university needs to improve in assisting with the challenges that under-represented employees and students face.

"American colleges and universities are charged with creating an environment

characterized by equal access for all students, faculty and staff regardless of cultural differences, where individuals are not just tolerated but valued," states the opening line of the project summary.

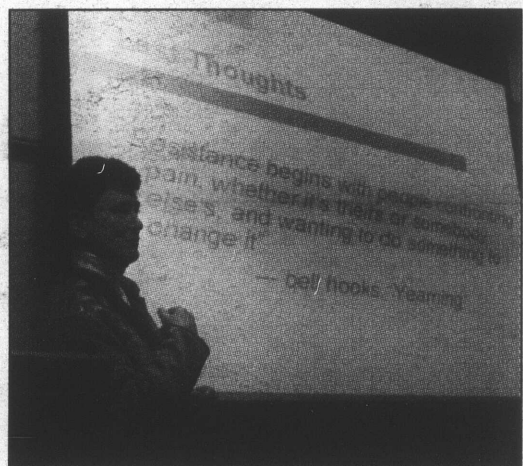
On many campuses, however, a climate that is equally supportive of all its members does not exist, which is why the climate survey was conducted at OSU — to help identify specific strategies for addressing the challenges facing the school.

Student sentiment surrounding the issue of diversity on campus is broad — ranging from feeling that the word 'diversity' itself is too commonly used, to associating the lack of diversity on campus with an unacceptably low level of commitment at the administrative level.

"It's the same rhetoric we heard back in '96 from President Risser — hiring tenured faculty of color, etc. But the statistics don't show promising results," said Tomas Cervantes, who majored in political science and pre-law, and is now working toward a post-baccalaureate in ethnic studies. "Stop the talk, form committees, get some action done."

"The funds have been allocated for the recruitment of minority faculty, but where are they? We don't see them," he said. "From the time you walk into a college — from the receptionist, to the advisers, to the professors — all you see are Caucasians."

"You get the same bombardment as you See **DIVERSITY** / page 3



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Sue Rankin of Rankin & Associates presents the results of the Campus Climate Survey regarding campus diversity on Wednesday.

Friendly competition spices up ROTC morning workout

All four branches came together for Joint Service Olympics

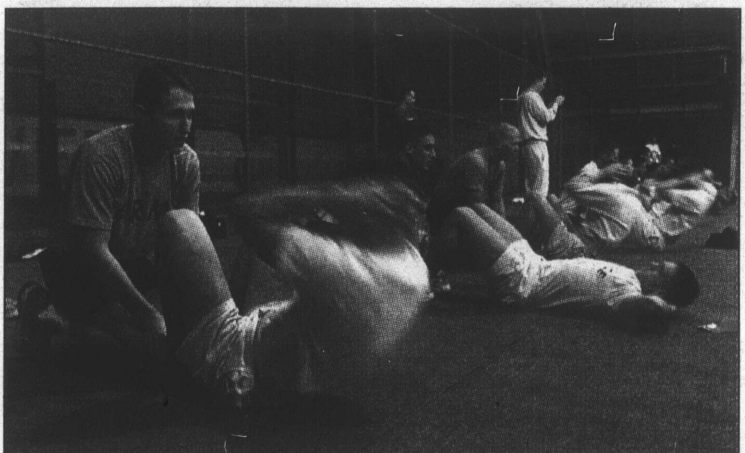
By Anthony Shireman
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Whether it's the annual Army vs. Navy football game or a Marines vs. Air Force chess set, there has always been friendly competition between the military branches. The Reserve Officer Training Corps branches on

the OSU campus are no different.

Early Wednesday morning, the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines ROTC units came together for the first Joint Service Olympics — a rare chance for the branches to play together.

"Usually the only time all the services get together is during spring term for the Joint Service Review," said communications senior and Army
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Spencer Hunt, Army, holds Nolan Semarau's feet during Wednesday morning's Joint Service Olympics that included the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines' ROTC.

Family-run bike shop pedals on after theft

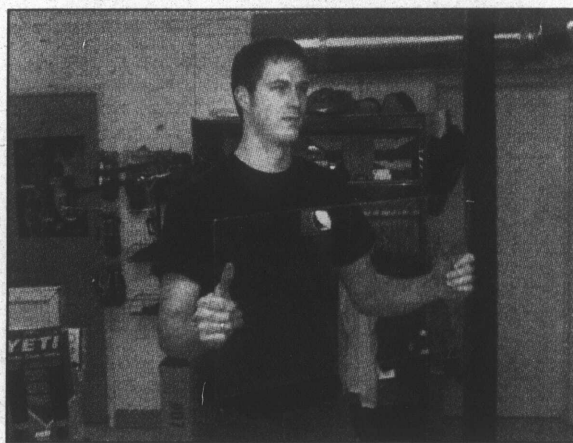
Full Cycles, off Monroe, has been robbed four times in two years

By Brenna Doheny
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At 3 a.m. on Jan. 20, Tiina Andrews was jolted awake by a phone call. It was the police, asking for her husband, Will.

"I knew at this point almost immediately it was about the shop," she said.

Someone had smashed the front window of the Andrews' bike shop, Full Cycles, and made off with \$2,000 worth of high-end Italian
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Will Andrews, owner of the bike shop Full Cycles, holds up a sample of the new bullet-proof glass that was recently installed in his store's windows.

SAM LEINEN
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Student group starts 'Effort' for global aid

Multiple student organizations of all shapes and sizes join forces to fund-raise for tsunami relief

By Peter Chee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Motivated by the fund-raising needs for help with Asian tsunami relief efforts, a number of student organizations have formed a new group dedicated to raising awareness and money for global benefits.

The OSU Global Relief Effort met officially for the first time Wednesday evening in the MU main lounge. The Effort comprises groups including the International Students of OSU, ASOSU, MUPC, Muslim Student Association, Women's Center, Amnesty International, Lead-

ers of Positive Innovation and the Corvallis community. Parvathy Binoy, an international student representing both the Women's Center and Amnesty International, said the group first began to take shape at the start of the term.

Initially a push by ISOSU to rally multiple student groups to collectively organize tsunami relief fund-raising, several leaders stepped forward and proposed the creation of a group solely devoted to helping global relief efforts in general.

"We are really here to work together," Binoy said. "Our view is really to have a tradition of global relief efforts."

MUPC President Jarvez Hall said manpower and help with programming would come from his organization.
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37 troops die in deadliest day for Americans in Iraq war

BAGHDAD (AP) — A U.S. helicopter crashed in a desert sandstorm in the early morning darkness Wednesday, killing the 30 Marines and one Navy sailor aboard. Six other troops died in insurgent ambushes in the deadliest day for Americans since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago.

Only days before Iraq's crucial elections Sunday, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured 40 others, including 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers.

The CH-53E Super Stallion was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division on a security mission in support of the election when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

Israelis and Palestinians achieve significant progress toward resuming peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators achieved significant progress Wednesday toward ending violence and resuming peace talks, completing a plan for deploying Palestinian forces in the southern Gaza Strip and aiming for a summit within two weeks between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

New violence, however, underscored the fragility of the new momentum for peace. A Palestinian preschooler in southern Gaza was killed by Israeli gunfire after militants fired a rocket at Israel. Israeli troops shot a Palestinian militant to death and wounded two others in a West Bank arrest raid.

About 100 Jewish settlers disrupted a meeting between Israeli and Palestinian commanders in southern Gaza, throwing stones and slashing tires of participants' vehicles.

None of this appeared to spoil a new flurry of peace moves offering the prospect of an end to four years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed, following the Nov. 11 death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

U.S. ambassador to Mexico expresses concern about drug-related border violence

MEXICO CITY (AP) — U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza told Mexican leaders Wednesday he is concerned that growing drug-related violence and kidnappings on the border between the two countries will have a "chilling" effect on trade and tourism.

Garza's comments in a letter directed to Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez and federal Attorney Rafael Macedo de la Concha explained the motives behind a warning from the U.S. State Department to citizens thinking of traveling to the region.

The department on Wednesday alerted Americans visiting Mexico that violent crime, including murder and kidnaping, has increased in its northern border region. The warning attributed the increased crime to a war

between criminal organizations struggling for control of the lucrative narcotics trade. It said the leaders of several major criminal organizations have been arrested, creating a power vacuum.

"U.S. citizens should be aware of the risk posed by the deteriorating security situation," the department warned. It added that the great majority of victims are Mexican citizens.

Suicide attempt triggers CA commuter rail tragedy that kills 10, injures more than 180

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A suicidal man parked his SUV on the railroad tracks and set off a crash of two commuter trains Wednesday that hurled passengers down the aisles and turned rail cars into smoking, twisted heaps of steel, authorities said. At least 10 people were killed and more than 180 injured.

The SUV driver got out at the last moment and survived.

The collision took place just before daybreak on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Employees at a Costco store rushed to the scene and pulled riders from the tipped-over double-deck cars before the flames reached them. Dazed passengers staggered from the wreckage, some limping. One elderly man on the train was covered in blood and soot, his legs and arms apparently broken.

Bush asks American patience, Iraqi courage as vote nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pleaded for Americans' patience Wednesday on what he conceded was "a very discouraging day" of death and violence for U.S. troops in Iraq. He urged Iraqis to defy terrorist threats and vote in Sunday's elections.

Bush held a White House news conference hours after more than 30 American troops perished in a helicopter crash in western Iraq and insurgents killed five others in the deadliest day yet for U.S. forces. The deaths pushed the American toll above 1,400.

Unwavering in the course he has set, Bush pledged: "We'll have the troop levels necessary to complete the mission. And that mission is to enable Iraq to defend herself from terrorists — homegrown or terrorists that come in from outside of the country." He made clear that Iraq is nowhere near ready to handle its own security, and he talked about U.S. involvement over the next year.

Rice wins confirmation after heated debate on war, terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — Condoleezza Rice won confirmation as secretary of state Wednesday despite blistering criticism from Senate Democrats who accused her of misleading statements and said she must share the blame for mistakes and war deaths in Iraq.

The tally, though one-sided at 85-13, was still the largest "no" vote against any secretary of state nominee since 1825.

Separately, a Senate committee narrowly voted to send Alberto Gonzales' attorney general nomination to the full Senate. Jim Nicholson and Michael Leavitt won confirmation as the new secretaries of veterans affairs and health and human services respective-

ly as President Bush's second-term cabinet fills out.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser for four years and perhaps his closest adviser on the war and terrorism issues that dominated his first term, becomes the first black woman to be America's top diplomat.

Spacewalking astronauts install mini-robotic arm, find goo on vents

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Leaving the international space station unattended while they stepped outside, the two crewmen hooked up a robotic arm Wednesday and found some kind of gunk on the spacecraft's vents that might explain the frequent breakdowns in its air-supply equipment.

Spacewalkers Leroy Chiao and Salizhan Sharipov did not make all of the electrical connections on the experimental mini-arm tight enough and had to redo part of the job, but managed to get full power flowing with just minutes remaining in their 5 1/2-hour outing.

"Everything's perfect," Mission Control radioed.

"Well, thank God, thank God," came the reply. Before going back inside, they were advised: "Take a breather."

During their 225-mile-high excursion, the spacewalkers also inspected the station's vents and found a large patch of dark, oily residue and a white, honeycombed substance. It was not immediately known what the substances were.

Rap label's criminal image all too real, authorities charge

NEW YORK (AP) — In an industry built on tough talk, the hip-hop label Murder Inc. made hundreds of millions of dollars as it blurred the line between the studio and the street.

Founder Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo named his company after a crime syndicate. He borrowed his nickname from a Mafia don. And the impresario behind platinum-selling superstars Ja Rule and Ashanti made no secret of his friendship with one of New York's most notorious drug lords.

Prosecutors charged Wednesday that the criminal image was all too real. Gotti was led from the FBI's Manhattan office in handcuffs as he was charged with laundering more than \$1 million in drug profits from Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff's multistate crack and heroin operation.

"They don't call it gangster rap for nothing," said Frederick Snellings, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's New York criminal division. "It's pretty clear that the image isn't accidental."

Study: Heart disease risk factors linked to juvenile diabetes complications

(AP) — For decades, people with so-called juvenile diabetes have been told that controlling their blood sugar was all they could do to prevent nerve damage that can lead to the amputation of a foot or leg.

But a large new British study suggests they should follow the same advice given to other diabetics: Don't smoke, and watch your weight and blood pressure.

These heart disease risk factors were almost as important as blood-sugar levels in predicting which diabetics would develop nerve problems.

In light of the findings, diabetes experts said cholesterol-lowering statin drugs and other heart disease treatments should be studied to see if they can help stave off or slow the progression of nerve damage in diabetics.

Of the 18 million Americans who have diabetes, about 5 percent to 10 percent have Type 1, sometimes called juvenile diabetes, though it can strike at any age. It occurs when the body cannot make enough insulin, the hormone needed to convert food into energy.

Lottery Commission votes to go ahead with slot games

SALEM (AP) — The state Lottery Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to move ahead with adding slot-machine-type games to video poker terminals in bars and taverns throughout Oregon.

Oregonians could be playing the games as soon as July 1, the start of the state's 2005-07 budget period.

The decision was no surprise, since Gov. Ted Kulongoski had directed the panel to adopt so-called line games to raise an estimated \$60 million a year for state police highway patrols.

But efforts may surface in the Legislature to use the new revenue for schools instead, and find other money for the police budget. The governor has said he could support such a plan.

Kerry Tymchuk, the lottery commission's chairman, said Wednesday that final implementation of slot games now depends on agreeing on how big a cut restaurants and bars will get for operating the new games.

That's expected to produce tough negotiations, because the commission just last year shaved the establishments' profits on current games by about 10 percent.

It will be up to restaurant and bar owners to decide whether to add slot games to their existing poker machines. There are more than 10,000 such machines in about 2,200 establishments around the state.

State to warn of dangers of cracked halide lights

LAKE OSWEGO (AP) — Oregon schools, warehouses and businesses will soon be getting a state safety warning about the potential danger of ultraviolet exposure from cracked metal halide lights.

State officials said they will also notify the federal government about an unusual but very real danger of severe "sunburn" and irritated eyes that can come from such exposure.

The warnings follow a November incident that left about 80 Lake Oswego teachers suffering a range of symptoms after being exposed to ultraviolet radiation from a cracked metal halide bulb that continued burning in a school gym.

An environmental specialist hired by the state estimated that those sitting directly under the cracked light would have received a full day's exposure to ultraviolet radiation in just eight minutes.

Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

- Meetings**
Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Experience God with us!
OSU Women's Rugby, 10:30-12am, Truax.
OSU Baha'i Unity Club, 7pm, Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. Everyone is welcome to attend the Baha'i Unity Club devotions and discussion.
United Campus Ministry, 5-6pm, Westminster House. Sisters in the Spirit: Spirituality group for women graduate students.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30pm, Women's Center. Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners meeting. Everyone welcome.
OSU Organic Growers Club, noon, MU Council Room. First meeting of 2005! Learn how to grow food-from seed to market. Find out where you belong in the New World Order! (Or at least get introduced to our farm project.) Help plan winter activities and spring planting.
Educational Activities, 6:30-8:30pm, MU 110. Budget hearings.
Baptist Collegiate Ministries, 7pm, MU 211. Bible study. Everyone welcome!
- Speakers**
Christian Graduate Fellowship, 3-5pm, MU 213. Hear from Nick Repak, founder of the National Grad Crisis-Line, and meet Christian graduate students and faculty from across campus.
- Events**
UCPS, 4-5:30pm, MU 208. Now That They're Out. Here's a chance to share your experience, ask questions, get information, and talk with others about someone in your life who is gay.
OSU Public Health Association, 7pm, Gill Coliseum foyer. Come join us to watch the women's basketball game and learn more about our club!

- FRIDAY, JAN. 28**
- Meetings**
Educational Activities, 3-5pm, MU 110. Budget hearings.
- Speakers**
Career Services, 2:30pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange information session.
- Events**
College of Business, 9:30am, Bexell 207. Career Symposium. College of Business alumni discuss their careers in business.
Mezo American Student Association, 5:30pm, MU Ballroom. Come to enjoy & celebrate the cultures of Latin America! Tickets available in Student Involvement or at the door. First come, first serve. Entertainment & dinners.

- SATURDAY, JAN. 29**
- Events**
Hmong OSU, 6-9pm, MU Ballroom. Come see, taste, and experience the Hmong culture.
- SUNDAY, JAN. 30**
- Events**
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church. EvenSong worship with communion—for students.

- MONDAY, JAN. 31**
- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 6-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. No experience necessary.
OSU Rifle Club, 7pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Practice & training. All student & staff are welcome.
Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Come and meet LGBTQIA students in a safe and fun environment.
- Speakers**
Career Services, 4pm, Career Services. National Student Exchange information session.
- Events**
University Honors College & Culture Center, 12:30-1:30pm, MU Main Lounge. Diversity forum.

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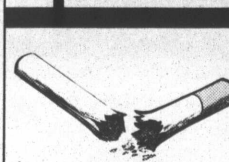
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DIVERSITY: OSU has a hard time retaining minority students, and the reasons are numerous

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do on TV. All you see are Caucasians. Finding an environment that's not comfortable; not being able to relate, it's a shock when you're already entering a new place," he said of initially coming to OSU.

Cervantes' desire to see more leadership positions filled by minorities is echoed by Alonso Leiva, a sophomore in business administration.

"In order to make the [campus] environment more comfortable, there has to be staff representation — that means professors. Diversify the staff in order for the environment at OSU to be inclusive of minorities and their interests," he said.

"I can tell you 15 different barriers that we face," he said in regard to why minorities have a difficult time staying at OSU. These included problems with paying tuition, encountering a significant cultural change, and feeling that the overall atmosphere is not conducive to their needs.

A main concern for campus leaders, such as Terryl Ross, director of Community and Diversity, and Javier Cervantes, Casa Educational Office coordinator, is the poor retention rate of minority students.

"As an institution, we could do a better job in being specific about what we ask in terms of why students leave OSU," Cervantes said.

He feels encouraged by certain things that have been implemented to make OSU more inclusive, such as the five cultural centers and the Minority Education Office, but is reminded on a daily basis of the challenges that students face.

"Students feel all the time that they're racially profiled," he said. "There are biases that come out sometimes, whether we want to admit it or not."

"Our situation is not bleak because we recognize that these issues exist. I see problems, yes. I see challenges, yes. But we've made considerable efforts to recognize that there are underserved communities out there," he said.

Creating Awareness

"I think we get tired of hearing 'diversity' — I personally think the word has lost all mean-

ing," said Danny Robert, a senior in computer science, and former president of Hillel. "It's forced into places it doesn't belong just for the sake of saying it."

He feels that it would be most beneficial if the university would provide events to bring awareness to different cultures and people of different backgrounds.

"I'm the first Jew a lot of people have met on campus — which is not necessarily the school's fault," he said. "If you want to explore other groups, they're accessible. The university doesn't stand in the way, but it also doesn't make an effort to bring groups together."

Javier Cervantes has similar ideas, and acknowledges that it is often left up to students to seek-out opportunities that expose them to people of different cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds. His hope is to see students challenge themselves, their identities, in becoming more culturally competent.

"OSU offers opportunities to expand yourself," he said. "I'd like to see us promote and highlight that more. I'd like to see that embraced and welcomed."

Campus Climate Survey

According to the survey, 53 percent of respondents experienced racial profiling, 79 percent of whom were students.

Forty-seven percent of people of color have felt singled out as the "resident authority" when issues of race/ethnicity arose in the classroom or workplace.

And the following statement was made by one participant: "While I feel supported in many ways at the department level, I am less satisfied with the university's commitment, which I feel is lacking overall. In my opinion, there is very little infrastructure to support and maintain minority faculty once they get here."

The next step involves the CCSC working with other constituent groups, such as students, faculty, staff and administration, in creating a plan to supplement the already effective C2D plan, implemented by Terryl Ross.

"OSU has just nicked the foundation of what we — all cultural groups — need," said Tomas Cervantes. "The tools have been there for the majority of the populous, but if the factors aren't there for us to be able to reach those tools, then how are we going to be able to lead the country?"

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BIKE: At 26, Will Andrews is living his dream — since age 10 — of owning a bike shop

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bike frames.

The incident wasn't too shocking for the Andrews. In the two years since Full Cycles opened, it has been robbed four times.

The store was hit twice in its original location at Northwest 15th Street and Monroe Avenue, where Bad Habits smoke shop has recently relocated. In August, Full Cycles moved a block away to a more spacious location at 111 N.W. 16th Street. Jan. 20 was the second time the front window has been shattered by thieves.

"This was the biggest theft by far," Will Andrews said.

He lost four Marzocchi bike forks, which are hard to come by in this part of the world.

"They knew exactly what they were going for — they didn't take anything else," Andrews said.

He usually locks up everything in the shop with a long cable before leaving for the night. He forgot the Marzocchi forks, which had been hanging in the window.

Now he deadbolts merchandise in his backroom "vault" every night.

He replaced the broken window with bullet-proof glass — to the tune of \$700.

Insurance will cover the loss of the bike forks, but not the window.

Mick's Glass Service, a family-run Corvallis business since 1954, did the replacement work. They've had a lot of break-in related business lately, though they're not particularly happy to see it.

"It's a necessary evil that we contend with — we're just providing a service," said Kenneth Chambers, a glasser at Mick's for the past 20 years.

This is the second time Mick's has done work for Full

Cycles, and they've also been to Bad Habits twice, Chambers said.

Recalling the smoke shop robbery, "It's absurd — this is this woman's life and they're stealing from her, taking food off her table," Chambers said.

He speculated about the robbers.

"There's a gang that moves up and down the central valley hitting cities — they've been doing that for years," he said. "They haven't apprehended anyone yet because they're so quick about it."

Corvallis Police Department Lt. Ron Noble doesn't discount this theory.

"People traveling from town to town does happen," he said. In the past, police have found bicycle theft rings with bikes from OSU turning up in Florida.

"Business burglaries always seem to be around," he added. "Crimes also come in waves — most recently, the biggest wave of property crimes are people breaking into cars."

Four car break-ins were reported Tuesday night, Noble said.

The police don't have any information to release about suspects in the recent burglaries along Monroe Avenue. Noble urges students to be cautious with their own property, and to keep their eyes open and report any crimes they may witness.

Despite the thefts that have plagued his business, Will Andrews remains in good spirits. At age 26, he's living his dream.

"I've been dreaming of opening a bike shop with my brother since I was 10," Andrews said.

His love affair with bicycles

began when he started riding at age 5. He started mountain biking at 8 and downhill racing at 15.

"He's always worked in bicycle shops since I've known him — it's what he's always wanted to do," Tiina Andrews said.

The two met at Colorado State University in 1996. In 1998, they were married and had a son, Jacob. Will finished his degree in English and history, and in 2002, the family moved to Corvallis.

Will and his brother, Phil Andrews, opened Full Cycles in 2003. Phil lives in Lakewood, Colo., but comes to Corvallis for a week every month to check on things.

The business is going well — it has grown 400 percent in the past year, Will said. He finally hired his first employee last week, and is looking forward to having some more time to hit the trails.

So far, Jacob doesn't exactly share his father's passion.

"He doesn't have much interest in bicycling at this time — he's really afraid of falling," Tiina said. "Maybe because Will has had so many broken bones."

Tiina is finishing her undergraduate degree in pre-pharmacy at OSU, and hopes to be accepted into the pharmacy school.

"We're planning to do our best to stay in Corvallis," Tiina said. "We always felt very comfortable in Corvallis and were very drawn to it when we first moved here."

"But these recent robberies to our own business and the other businesses in the vicinity are very discouraging," she added. "I'm starting to think there is more crime and drug use in Corvallis than people are willing to admit."

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ROTC: Olympics welcome break from morning ROTC routine

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ROTC cadet Travis Ostrem.

Ostrem is one of the organizers of the Joint Service Olympics.

"I ran into the Air Force Detachment Commander and we talked about playing basketball," he explained.

What started out as planning for an Army vs. Air Force game quickly bloomed into an all-services event.

"The Navy heard about our plans and wanted to jump in," Ostrem said.

Despite the 6 a.m. starting time, the cadets were ready to

compete in four events: basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee and a physical fitness event involving pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups and a 1.5-mile run.

For Air Force cadet Jesse Huff, a freshman in electrical engineering, the morning games were a welcome break from the usual workout of weight training, swimming and running.

"I need the regular workout, but this is a fun thing to do," he said.

The games were a little more than just games for Navy cadets, who are training for upcoming events.

"We're training for playing volleyball at Northwest Navy where Navy ROTC units from around the Northwest go and

compete against each other," said Ryanne Amodei, a Navy ROTC cadet and senior in civil engineering.

As Army cadet Matt Mellinger, a junior in civil engineering, headed off to class after the competition, he expressed his enjoyment of the morning's activities.

"It's good to have competition between the branches; we don't get together much," he said.

After all the push-ups were done and all the ultimate discs thrown, the scores were tallied. The Air Force ROTC came out on top, followed by the Navy ROTC in second and the Army ROTC in third.

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EFFORT: Though without officers or a faculty adviser, discussion of fund-raising ideas under way

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"MUPC is definitely part of the effort," Hall said. "We want to give people a chance to donate and concentrate on world issues."

Bob Hrdinsky, an officer with Leaders of Positive Innovation, viewed the Effort as a way to bring global issues back to the OSU community and raise awareness among students.

"I hope it can be a gathering, to have some sort of resource to get involved," he said.

In time, Hrdinsky hopes the Effort will be the basis for future groups.

Although still in its infancy (no official officers or faculty adviser has been appointed yet), the group was already discussing how it could begin fund-raising to help tsunami victims. Suggestions included selling wristbands and speaking at cultural events.

Binoy said what makes the Effort unique is that it's made up of so many different organizations. As a whole, the Effort will be able to draw upon the resources from all the groups and exercise an impressive amount of both strength and numbers.

"We're already in the process of doing that," Binoy said.

The Effort will meet again on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in MU Lounge.

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Editorial

Outsourcing the drive-through?

McDonald's is experimenting with a new type of outsourcing, one that stretches 1,300 miles to North Dakota. But what in North Dakota is of use to the company?

Drive-through operators. In Hermiston, a sleepy little town in Northeast Oregon, customers roll up to the McDonald's drive-through window: "Two Big Macs, a large fry and a large Coke."

The order is placed with a Grand Forks, N.D., call center employee, who then punches the order into a computer that relays it back to Hermiston. The worker then verbally directs the customer to the next window.

The idea behind the operation is that in outsourcing the process of ordering, Hermiston's McDonald's employees are left to focus on making the food instead of taking orders and dealing with customers.

According to The Oregonian, The Hermiston franchisee, Lee Adams, sees the outsourcing as an opportunity to increase efficiency.

The question is, efficiency in what? With the release of Eric Schlosser's "Fast Food Nation" and the George Ritzer's "The McDonaldization of Society," the fast-food chain has been criticized for everything from its factory farms to union-busting practices.

McDonald's efficiency in producing fast food, however, is not exactly under fire.

Those of us who frequent McDonald's — those who obviously haven't made it through either of the aforementioned pieces of investigative journalism — return again and again for the speedy service of "20-piece-McNugget-Supersize-fry-extra-large-Coke-and-that's-all-thanks."

Having the food in your mouth within minutes of ordering is not what most patrons consider inefficient.

And last time we checked, food prep at McDonald's requires a mere glance at a step-by-step guide. How much more can efficiency be enhanced?

So what of this "outsourcing"? Is it really necessary to route the process of ordering 2,600 miles round trip?

Absolutely not. Yes, it can get hectic at McDonald's. And yes, some employees aren't exactly friendly.

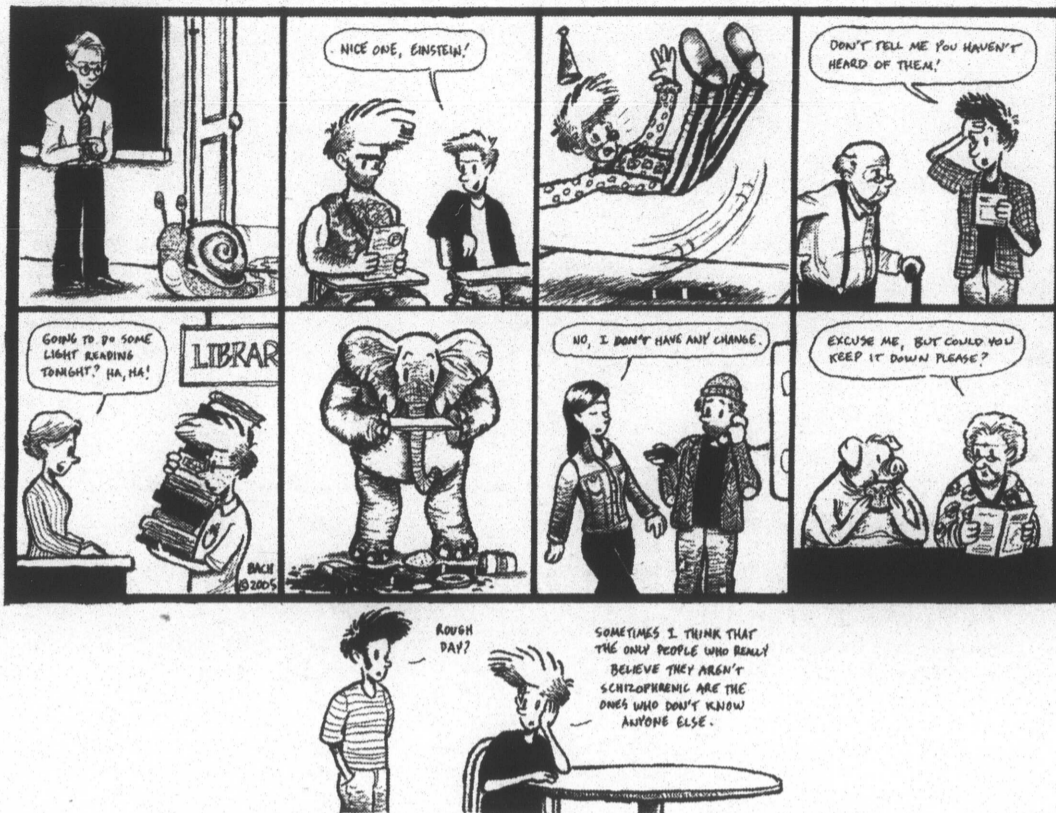
But the length to which McDonald's is going to remove the entire notion of customer service at its drive-throughs, if customer service even existed in the first place, is ridiculous.

McDonald's has instituted drive-through outsourcing at five locations in Oregon and southeastern Washington. Fifty more locations are expected to be converted within the next few months, five of which will be located in the Portland area.

Supposedly, customers won't be able to tell the difference.

Then what the heck is the point?

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Sanjai Tripathi

'The Freedom Speech' and new interventionism

There were two things that bothered me about the president's second inaugural ceremony. The strangely less bothersome aspect was the blatant use of special-interest money.

In the general election, officers of corporations and other interest groups can donate to a campaign and claim that they are supporting their preferred candidate only because they agree with his opinions and want him to win.

Yet we all know that deep down it is a simple quid pro quo: the groups donate to the campaigns to buy the elected officials support on relevant legislation.

We know it, but we can't prove it. The inaugural ceremony, however, doesn't have the same plausible deniability. The groups that donated up to \$250,000 aren't trying to get someone elected, they just want the candidate to pay attention to and favor their opinions.

George W. Bush certainly isn't the first president to have people strangely give him millions of dollars for his expensive party, but it is fair to ask what reward these groups feel they will get for their money.

For a donor list — a list of people and companies who, right or wrong, felt they could buy influence with the president — go to the official inaugural Web site at: www.inaugural05.com/donors/.

The more troubling aspect for me, however, was the inaugural address, also known as the "freedom speech." I was disturbed because I agreed with it a long time ago.

President Bush said, "We have seen our vulnerability, and we have seen its deepest source. For as long as whole regions of the world simmer in resentment and tyranny — prone to ideologies that feed hatred and excuse murder — violence will gather, and multiply in destructive power, and cross the most defended borders and raise a mortal threat."

"There is only once force of history that can break the reign of hatred and resentment and expose the pretensions of tyrants and reward the hopes of the decent and the tolerant. And that is the force of human freedom."

In 1961, President Kennedy remarked in his inaugural, "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

This directly preceded the escalation of the Vietnam conflict, which is now widely credited with dousing the flame of American zeal for mili-

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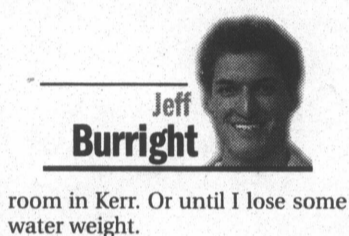
Not everybody can invent the maraschino cherry

With the grand opening of the spackled, spanking new Weatherford Entrepreneurial Hall this year, the university's official press release boasts, "OSU's Weatherford Hall has reopened this fall after a \$20 million renovation. The 76-year-old building is now completely focused on entrepreneurship — from the students, to live-in faculty, to in-hall lectures by visiting industry leaders, to the special 'incubator' rooms where students can design and develop their own businesses." You know what I heard these "incubators" really are? Saunas. They get saunas. All we got in my dorm was a greasy microwave, and we had to pay for that ourselves.

Something is wrong here, and you may say that I'm just jealous because my major wasn't worth an investment from the university, but all I have to say to that is, "You're damn right I'm jealous!" Come on, have you seen their enormous stone balconies? These people get ramparts! I don't get ramparts. And what about that grand stone archway over the doors? I'd feel like I was worth \$20 million, too, if I got to walk under that every morning.

You know, not to toot my own horn, but I'm somewhat of an entrepreneur myself. Well, okay, sometimes when I haven't slept in a few days I come up with inventions. I don't know exactly how it happens, but in the near-trance states I reach every term-paper season, I have uncovered a few principles to keep in mind when entering the entrepreneurial world.

Know that by telling you this, I'm exposing myself to unspeakable danger. The Weatherford RAs could barge in one second and lock me in one of their incubators until I single-handedly earn enough money for the university to afford the tuition plateau, pay the steam bill, and put golden toilet seats in every executive bath-



Jeff Burright

room in Kerr. Or until I lose some water weight.

Rule number one is that you shouldn't bother studying the mechanics and chemistry to bring an entirely new idea to the market when there are a ton of other people's good thoughts just waiting to be exploited for your own personal gain.

Walk into any Sharper Image and you'll see examples of this in the motorized tie racks, laser-guided baseballs, remote-controlled cat exercisers, portable electrolysis pens, and 13 varieties of air purifier for your home, office, dashboard, shower, pillow and necktie. The people who crouch up these gadgets understand that the best trick of enterprising is to put an established invention into an utterly unnecessary environment. This is known as the luxury factor.

Another major principle is that your environment informs your inspirations, so naturally, a good 65 percent of my ideas center around how to keep dry on the way to school.

I'm sure a large, untapped portion of our population would pay big money to avoid having to walk into class on a day when they forgot their umbrella and have to squelch their way across the floor, shedding the rain from their ears, itching in wet clothes, and feeling about as miserable as a damp wookiee.

You may be thinking, "Isn't that

what umbrellas are for?" Well, yes, but think outside the box! Imagine all the people you can reach who have to ride their bikes to class because they accidentally played with the cat all morning instead of getting out of the house on time, for instance? I once saw a girl try to solve this riddle by riding with an umbrella in one hand, and I thought to myself, "If you're lucky you'll keep that hand dry — and nothing else."

My bright idea, then, is to produce some sort of soft plastic bubble that you can wear around yourself while on your bike. Of course, it would have to be engineered strong enough to withstand rain, wind and ridicule, as I haven't quite overcome the glitch that you'd be riding a great big jellyfish to school. I think it'll catch on, though, especially when the potential customer hears about the tinted mirror option, the built-in radio with bubble surround sound, and the special anti-terrorism model complete with its own oxygen reservoir and electrical stunning capability.

When in doubt, take something useless and make it adorable. Sure everyone made fun of the Pet Rock, but only to mask the disappointment that they didn't think of it first. And remember the Tamagotchi electronic pet? That must have been the neediest key-chain in history, but just try and let the little guy starve or make a little digital pouty face because you didn't let it play with his chirping pals on the weekends.

I just hope that by the time I make my first million off of self-reading textbooks, that the luxury market will have developed the item I've been waiting for: the car-

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TRIPATHI: When he campaigned in 2000, then-Gov. Bush was against nation-building

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tary intervention in foreign crusades.

President Bush echoed the Kennedy sentiment when he said, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world."

It seems like the president is bringing back the idea that the United States must actively promote democracy in the rest of the world, because insecurity abroad threatens us in the homeland.

He said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, showed him that.

Not everyone needed that event to realize that fact, however.

One Barometer columnist (me, me, it was me) way back on Nov. 8, 2000, said, "Some people believe that we are secure in our role as the dominant military, economic and political force."

"It is ... apparent from history that many nations have held that position, and our own power is tenuous and temporary. Our generation, and those immediately preceding and following, therefore hold a rare opportunity to affect the health and freedom of humanity for the rest of time."

I didn't realize how really tenuous our power was. In that column, the third I ever wrote, I was saying that we have a history and an ongo-

ing mission to use our power to promote freedom.

"Many generations of Americans have stepped up to the task. They established the first democracy, abolished slavery, defended nations from dictators on numerous occasions, promoted equality among races and sexes and struck a mortal blow to autocratic communism ... It's our turn now."

The sign of a good political thinker is not if they can get people to agree with them, but if they see important issues in advance, often before the public realizes the said importance.

In the second presidential debate between Vice President Gore and Gov. Bush on Oct. 11, 2000, the topic at one point turned to nation-building. That term was used to describe using the American military to install democracies, such as we are now doing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gore showed both foresight and hindsight when he remarked, "... the world is getting much closer together. Like it or not ... the United States is now the natural leader of the world. All these other countries are looking to us. Now, just because we cannot be involved everywhere, and shouldn't be, doesn't mean that we should shy away from going in anywhere ..."

"This idea of nation-building is kind of a pejorative phrase, but think about the great conflict of the past cen-

tury, World War II ...

"The lesson was that in the aftermath of World War I, we kind of turned our backs and left them to their own devices and they brewed up a lot of trouble that quickly became World War II. And acting upon that lesson in the aftermath of our great victory in World War II, we laid down the Marshall Plan ... We were nation-building."

Europe and East Asia had been wallowing in conflict for thousands of years, but our nation-building, our sacrifice and support for freedom, has allowed those places to finally find peace. This, President Bush's speech seems to be implying, is what we want to achieve now in the Middle East.

But back then, Gov. Bush showed a different opinion, and a different kind of foresight when addressing the same topic.

"I think what we need to do is convince people who live in the lands they live in to build the nations. Maybe I'm missing something here. I mean, we're going to have kind of a nation-building core from America?"

"Absolutely not. Our military is meant to fight and win war. That's what it's meant to do. And when it gets overextended, morale drops."

The irony is very painful.

Four years ago, he couldn't imagine using the United States military to promote freedom by building democracies because it wasn't in the national interest, while Gore and I, among others, saw it as our role in the world.

Now that President Bush has undergone the mother of

all flip-flops to agree with us, I should be happy, right?

I don't trust him. I think that the president, realizing that the world knows the whole WMD scare they originally used as cause for war was bogus, is now pumping this freedom thing as an ex post facto justification. He is saying it was never about WMDs or UN Resolution 1441, it was about freedom all along.

Hopefully, most Americans have enough short-term memory to recall the truth.

In any case, the president now claims to agree with me. His sentiment seems to echo mine that I wrote on Sept. 27, 2001, immediately after the terrorist attacks.

In that column, I imagined what grade-school teachers in 1,000 years would tell their students in a brief history of Americans today. If we, the people of the United States here and now, are active and successful in promoting freedom and democracy in the world, they might say something like this:

"... it started in Lexington, Massachusetts in 1775. The American colonists rebelled against the British king and created the United States, which was to become the world's first egalitarian nation."

"There began the Second Renaissance, and from that point on freedom and democracy slowly spread around the world. The Time of War was coming to an end ..."

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BURRIGHT: The university needs a new student inventor

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installed record player. I can see this as more a niche market, say for Volvo or Subaru, where you can have a turntable mounted on your dash. This, of course, will be closely followed by the accessories market, which will sell a record-holder that will fit a whole single record in your flip-down visor. The aim here is not efficiency, but style, and rule four is that you can definitely put a price on style.

Other great ideas I've had include the strapping-tape vacuum cleaner, because the number five rule in consumer goods

is to take something that already works and make it disposable (the Swiffer effect), and the choose-your-own-adventure movie, where you install option buttons in every armrest and let the audience choose the outcome.

I thought this would be a great idea since you could see the movie five times and still get a different ending, (ching ching!) but then I found out that somebody else had already tried it. This brings us back to our first principle of entrepreneurship, the value of the new and improved.


Will any of my cockamamey ideas actually make the world any better? Nope. So why spend so much effort on them? Well, that's simple: pure self-interest.

Hey, man, not everybody can invent the maraschino cherry. Not everybody can spell "maraschino cherry." But from the way they touted the fact at freshman orientation that the inventor came from OSU, it was clear that the university hopes one of us will have the same good fortune to invent something under their institutional "protection."

You know, like the mob. I just hope all the new Weatherford students read the fine print before they moved into that castle over there with their big dreams and beanbag chairs.

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ing meetings, and a space for comments made up the Web site survey. Among the findings:

- 38 percent of the 1,289 persons surveyed had personally experienced harassment, defined as offensive, hostile or intimidating conduct that interfered unreasonably with their ability to work or learn;

- Of those 486 individuals, 46 percent said they were intimidated or bullied; 42 percent felt ignored, and 39 percent felt excluded.

- People of color reported more experiences of harassment than did whites; non-Christians reported more incidents than did Christians.

- 53 percent of people from under-represented groups experienced racial profiling and one-third reported that they were the targets of a bias-related incident on campus.

- 31 percent of those surveyed said they didn't know who to report an incident of harassment to, while 25 percent did not report an incident because of fear of retaliation.

OSU President Ed Ray, who has pushed for

stronger diversity initiatives since arriving on campus 18 months ago, said he is confident that the university is heading in the right direction and the self-commissioned report provides an "honest assessment of the challenges we face."

"We can and will improve," Ray added, "and this report will help us create a blueprint for developing a more inclusive environment for all persons."

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president, OSU

Terryl Ross, OSU's director for Community and Diversity, is in the middle of preparing a major diversity action plan for the university, which should be completed by June. He said the Campus Climate Assessment symbolizes the university's openness and willingness to address diversity issues.

"In many ways, Oregon State University is way ahead of the curve when it comes to addressing diversity," Ross said. "First, we have a president who is absolutely committed and has made diversity one of his key priorities. Our campus is also in the midst of a major diversity campaign, from faculty hiring

initiatives, to action plans for each of the colleges, to the establishment of a Pride Center and the hiring of a Community and Diversity director.

"This Campus Climate Assessment is part of a bigger picture that is still in progress," Ross said. "Yes, we have challenges. But the cupboard is definitely not bare at Oregon State University."

The survey included 736 students, 349 faculty and 154 staff members. Of the 1,289 respondents, 300 were people of color, 101 were identified as disabled, 115 were identified as a sexual minority, 839 were women, 426 were men, 34 were international, and 640 identified their spiritual affiliation as other than Christian.

"The ones who responded really wanted to have their voice heard on these issues," said Sue Rankin, a faculty member at Penn State and veteran of over 45 such studies during one of many presentations of the survey results held Wednesday. "These issues are the same around the country."

"This survey was not done because something bad happened," Rankin said. "It was done because OSU has been proactive — especially since Ed Ray has been on board — in looking into this issue."

Rietveld said the assessment suggests to her that the university has many individual pieces in place — including cultural centers, minority education offices, the Women's Center, Services

for Students with Disabilities and other programs — but coordination among those pieces needs improvement.

"What we seem to need," she said, "is a central place where all people can go with their problems, and a systematic way of informing each other with what is happening on campus."

Ross echoed that sentiment. "Now, I can say, 'this is a problem.' We knew it before, but now we have the data to back it up."

"I know the people I report to are going to do something about this," Ross said. "I can look them in the eye and see that they want to do something and that's what I'm excited about."

Though previous similar reports, including one commissioned in 1994, "sat on a shelf," according to Rietveld, all parties involved are hoping the results and recommendations from this survey will be implemented.

That process, according to Ross, is two-fold. "I'm asking you to hold us accountable, but I'm also going to hold you (students) accountable," Ross said.

The complete Campus Climate Assessment report is available online at: <http://oregon-state.edu/report>.

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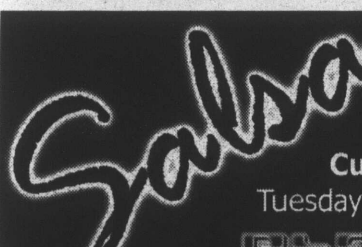
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MEN'S HOOPS:

Coaches want all five players on the court crashing the boards

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good test for the Beavers' back-court on the defensive side.

Leading Stanford in scoring is guard Dan Grunfeld, the son of Washington Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld.

The junior is averaging 18.6 points a game, second in the Pac-10, and is shooting 51.4 percent from the field.

Down low for the Cardinal is junior forward Matt Haryasz. Haryasz could pose problems for the OSU in the post, especially on the glass, an area where the Beavers have struggled this year.

Haryasz is currently averaging 7.8 rebounds a game along with 8.8 points a contest.

Containing Hernandez on top and Haryasz down low will be key for the Beavers, as they must prevent Stanford from finding a rhythm.

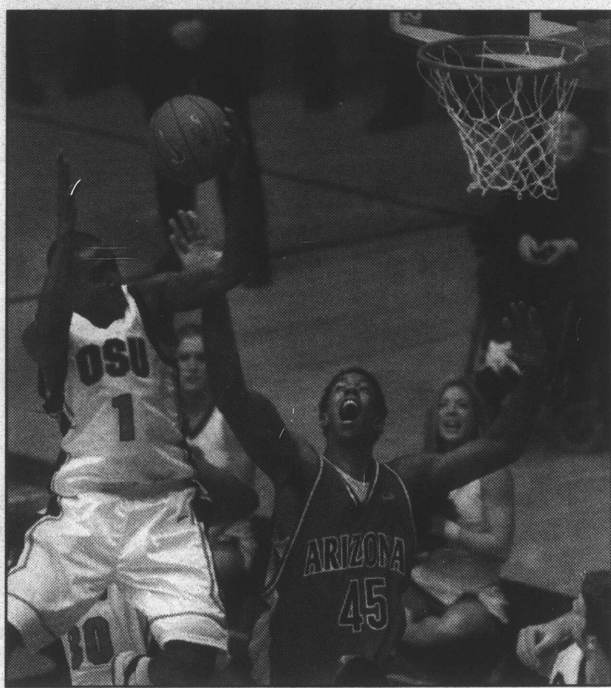
"Stanford is playing real well. They're supposed to have a down year, but they are really playing well," said senior forward Jim Hanchett. "In order for us to have success on the road, we need to prepare for the away crowd and minimize the other team's run."

On Saturday, the Beavers will play California at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley.

Cal (9-8, 2-5) is coming off an impressive win over UCLA on Saturday.

The Golden Bears are led by guard Richard Midgley. The junior is averaging 15.1 points a game, while shooting 41.7 percent from the floor.

In order to beat Cal, the



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Lamar Hurd soars above Wildcat center Channing Frye for a rare OSU rebound during the second half of Saturday's game. Arizona grabbed 18 offensive boards in the game.

Beavers need to rebound the ball with more regularity.

Cal averages 44.4 rebounds a game, compared to 39.2 rebounds a game for OSU.

While that may not seem like a big difference, the Beavers were out rebounded 36-22 by Arizona last Saturday and let the Wildcats grab 18 offensive boards.

This led to many second chance scoring opportunities, and OSU must make sure the Golden Bears don't get nearly as many chances this weekend.

As a result, the Beavers have spent a lot of time this week in practice addressing its rebounding problems and trying to correct them.

In fact, the OSU coaches want all five players on the

court to crash the boards.

"This week we have had more rebounding drills," Stephens said. "The coaches have been emphasizing that all five guys need to storm the glass."

Currently ranked seventh in the Pac-10, the Beavers can move up in the standings with a set of wins this weekend, as Oregon and Arizona State are also 3-4 in conference play.

Tip-off for Thursday's game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Both games can be heard on KEJO 1240 AM, while the Cal game will be televised on the Beaver Sports Network.

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CHEERLEADING:

Already preparing for next season

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have the same people from year to year, so it was nice to go down and show these people what we have."

Kissell attributed the squad's success to its hard work in practice.

"I think the amount of time we put into practice over winter break and throughout the whole season really brought us together as a team," Kissell said.

Danis said the high level of competition helped the Beavers understand who they were as a team.

"It was a big step and helped show everyone what our team is about," Danis said. "It was a big jump for us."

With nationals being their final event of the season, the team is looking forward to next season and have started getting ready for tryouts.

"We've already started some gymnastic classes and started some new routines to get everyone excited for tryouts," Bezates said.

"So we try to have fun and keep them motivated so they want more."

Kissell said there's always room for improvement due to the level of competition in cheerleading.

"We just have to keep improving," Kissell said. "Because our competition is unbelievable, it's crazy."

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JUSTUS: Often seeks advice from sister, who also competed at OSU

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time in the gym at OSU.

"Heather is showing how much she's improved and it shows," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin. "She just proves that whether you're a freshman or a senior, you can always learn new things."

The results show it — in her first meet of the season, Justus scored a 9.95 on the floor, the highest of her career.

She also scored a 9.875 on the vault, just below her career high of 9.9.

Justus credits much of her improvement to her coaches, who, she says have given her the confidence she needed to excel for the Beavers.

It also helps that Justus has been able to draw from the experience and advice of Tistu-Whisenhunt.

Tistu-Whisenhunt was a member of the OSU team from 1996-2000 and is originally from Romania. She was also selected as a Scholastic All-American gymnast in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Her older sister's determination and work ethic has inspired Justus.

In fact, Justus said Tistu-Whisenhunt has been a great influence and shaped her into the person she is today, because of her loyalty and dedication to her.

"Bea is always there for me, she comes to meets and will give me advice whenever I need it," Justus said. "She just has such an amazing story and helps me so much and for that I look up to her."

Having such a strong role model in Tistu-Whisenhunt may be starting to rub off on Justus.

Teammate Christa Piazza believes Justus has been an inspiration to her.

Piazza, a senior, competed against Justus in club gymnastics throughout high school, and was excited to find out Justus heading to Oregon State as well.

"Watching her overcome her fears helps me try harder in practice and compete better," Piazza said. "She knows we're all here for her and that we support her and she supports us too."

"It's completely different when you're teammates. Heather is a lot of fun to work with, she's a good friend to everyone and has a fun personality about her."

Despite having somewhat of a niche at OSU, Chaplin said Justus has done a great job of focusing and making a name for herself.

"I'm very proud of her," Chaplin said. "She's pushed herself out of her comfort zone and is excelling in all three areas: vault, bars and floor."

Once Justus ends her chapter of the family legacy at OSU, she hopes to attend nursing school at OHSU and become a registered nurse.

She also wants to stay involved with gymnastics as a coach.

Knowing her history, it looks like that won't be a problem.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS: Beavers have won six out of their last 10 meetings against the Bruins

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Howell and Butler both scored 19 points to pace the Beavers. Senior center Kim Gipson led the Women of Troy with 11 points, while Eshaya Murphy added eight points and 13 rebounds.

Eleven of Murphy's rebounds came on the offensive glass, as the Beavers were out-rebounded 45-28.

On Saturday, OSU faces UCLA (12-6, 6-3). The Bruins defeated California last Saturday, 85-70.

Junior guard Nikki Blue scored 20 points and dished out 14 assists, while sopho-

more forward Amanda Livingston tallied a career-high 23 points for the Bruins.

UCLA will be without leading scorer Noelle Quinn, who underwent surgery on Jan. 19 for a torn meniscus.

Lisa Willis, a junior guard averaging 15.2 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, will shoulder the scoring load along with Blue.

The last time the teams met, UCLA was ranked No. 23 and routed OSU, 73-45.

The Beavers shot a dismal 27 percent from the field and only hit 1-of-23 three-point

attempts.

Freshman forward Tiffany Ducker led OSU with eight points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Mandy Close was forced to leave the game with a concussion.

The Bruins had three players reach double figures in scoring, paced by Quinn's 20 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists.

UCLA owns the series advantage against OSU, 26-16, but the Beavers have won six out of the last 10 meetings, including four out of five at Gill Coliseum.

The Bruins are averaging 72.1 points a game as a team and leads the Pac-10 with 12,28 steals a contest.

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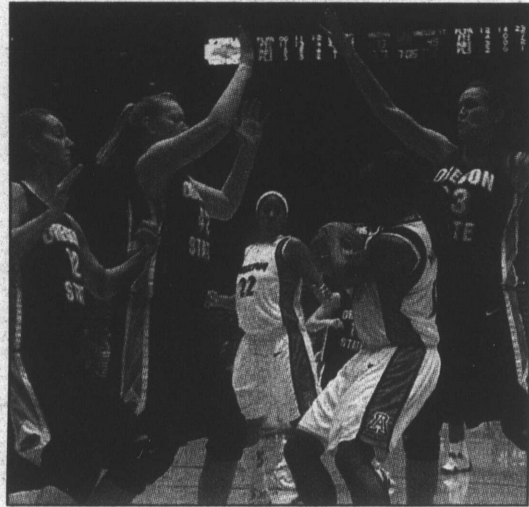
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"I still think they're the team to beat ... everybody gave the Braves a goodbye last year and look what happened."

—Florida manager Jack McKeon, on whether the Marlins will snap Atlanta's streak of 13 straight division titles

OSU's Casey Bunn, Kim Butler and Melanie Casey surround an Arizona player during last Saturday's game in Tucson. The Beavers host USC and UCLA this weekend.

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Women's hoops hosts Women of Troy at Gill

■ Beavers will try for their second conference win of year tonight

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State women's basketball team will try to put a rough trip to Arizona last week behind them as they host Southern California and UCLA this weekend.

OSU faces USC tonight and UCLA on Saturday.

The Beavers (5-13 overall, 1-8 Pacific-10) are coming off a 86-65 loss to Arizona last Saturday.

Junior Kim Butler led the Beavers with 20 points and seven rebounds on 7-of-16 shooting from the field.

OSU, however, could not overcome the hot shooting hands of the Wildcats. UA shot 52 percent compared to the Beavers 32 percent clip.

After shooting 62 percent in the first half, the Wildcats led 47-23 and cruised from there.

All five Arizona starters reached double figures, led by freshman Jessica Arnold's 21 points.

USC (13-5, 7-2) saw its seven-game winning snapped last week-

end with a 94-58 loss to No. 5 Stanford.

The Women of Troy are led by freshman guard Brynn Cameron, who is averaging 9.9 points a game. Junior guard Meghan Gnekow adds 8.3 points and a team-high 5.6 rebounds per game.

Rebounding, which has been a struggle for the Beavers this season, is a strength for the Women of Troy. Six different players are pulling down four or more rebounds a game.

USC leads the all-time series against OSU, 27-15. The Beavers, however, have won eight out of the last 13 meetings between the two squads. OSU has also won two in a row at home against USC.

The last time the two squads met, the Women of Troy beat the Beavers 62-51 on Jan. 4 in Los Angeles.

Butler and senior Shannon Howell combined to score 38 points in that game, but USC was able pull out the victory despite blowing a 19 point lead.

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Cheerleading ninth at nationals

■ Beavers were the highest-placing team from Pac-10 Conference

By Raju Woodward
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State cheerleading team finished in ninth place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Nationals Jan. 16.

It was OSU's first ever appearance at the UCA nationals, held in Orlando, Fla.

"It was an accomplishment to go to this competition in general," said head coach Amber Bezates, who has been at OSU since 1999. "It was larger and more prestigious than any other event we've done in the past."

The Beavers accomplished their goal of make it to the finals, competing against 16 teams.

"I set very high expectations, so that's difficult for them to do," Bezates said. "But I was really pleased with their performance."

Despite the music cutting out during the team's routine in the first section of the finals, the Beavers held on to place ninth.

"I count the music all the time, so I actually didn't realize the music had cut out until everyone else started counting," said sophomore Carrie Kissell.

Bezates was glad that her team continued with its routine in spite of the mishap.

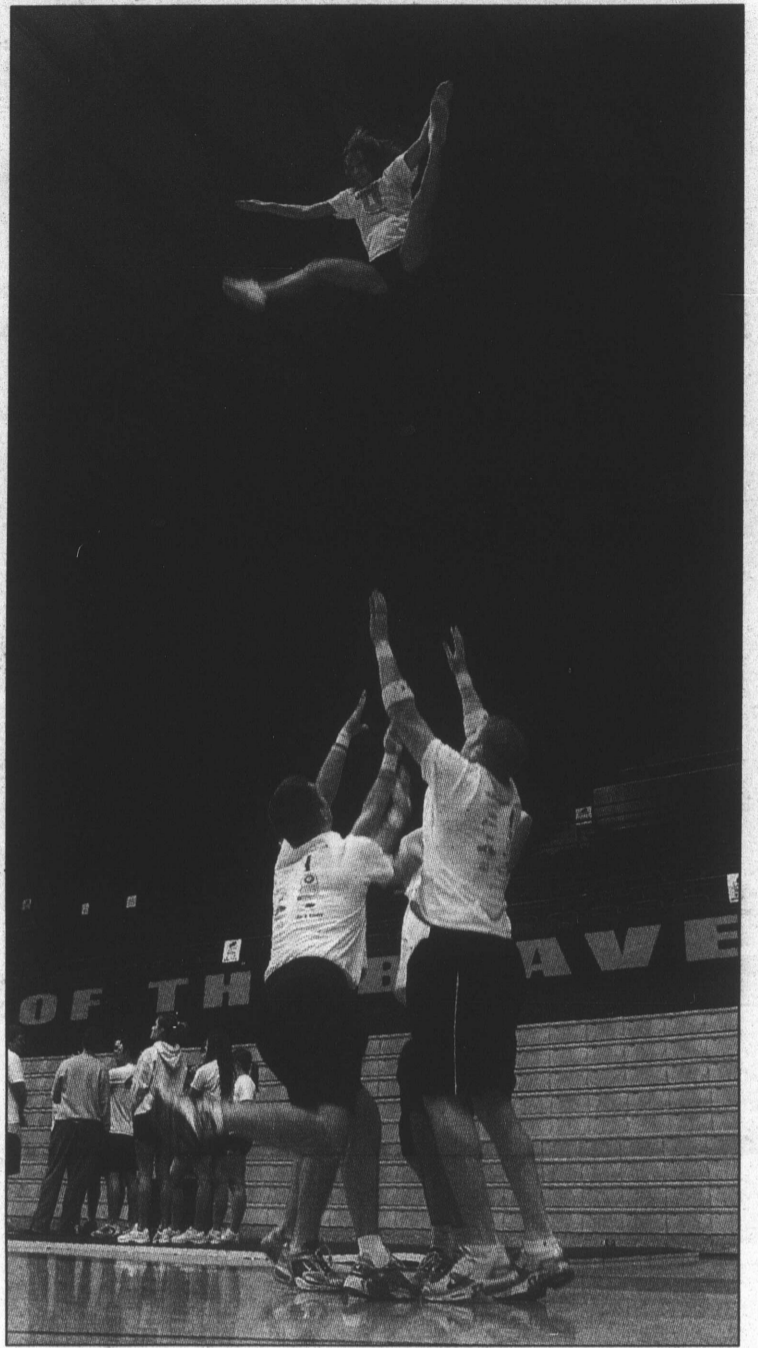
I was impressed with their response. I actually thought they were going to stop," Bezates said. "But they continued going and I think that fired them up even more and made them want to hit it even more without the music."

"So they did an amazing job in a very difficult situation."

The Beavers were the highest placing Pac-10 squad at the competition and edged out 2003 national champion Central Florida. The University of Kentucky earned the title.

"It makes you feel really good, we know a lot of the squads," said team captain Nick Danis. "A lot of them

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Members of the OSU cheerleading squad work on a high-flying routine during practice Wednesday night. The Beavers are preparing for next season after competing at nationals in Florida earlier this month.

It's all in the family for OSU's Justus



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Heather Justus competes on the floor during last Friday's meet against No. 1 Utah. The senior has improved each year she's been at Oregon State. The floor has become one of Justus' strongest events, as she scored a 9.95 in her first meet of the season.

■ Senior gymnast Heather Justus is one of five family members to attend Oregon State

By Angela Rummel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When it comes to choosing which school to attend, many athletes are forced to make tough decisions.

For Heather Justus, however, the choice was quite easy — orange and black runs in her family.

The senior gymnast from Clackamas is the latest in a line of athletes from her family that have attended Oregon State.

Her father was the captain of the Rodeo team, followed by her sister Adrienne, a cheerleader and her foster sister Bea Tistu-Whisenhunt, who, like Heather, was a gymnast.

If that wasn't enough incentive for Justus to become a Beaver, her brother Ryan also attended OSU and her sisters met their husbands while at school in Corvallis.

With most of her family at OSU, it's no surprise that Justus felt Corvallis was as close as to home she could get.

"Not only did I like that my family went to OSU, but it's close to home and I like the school and coaches here," Justus said. "It's kind of nice because if I ever have any questions I can just call one of them."

Justus has been involved in gymnastics since the age of 3, when her mother put her and her sister in classes.

She started competing when she entered elementary school and the rest is history.

"Gymnastics were just something I was capable of doing and I liked it," Justus said. "So I just continued competing and practicing as I grew older."

This season, Justus has competed on the bars, vault and floor for the Beavers, which is a testament to the rapid improvement she's made during her

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Men's hoops begins stretch run

■ Beavers placed an emphasis on rebounding in practice this week

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After losing its first home game of the season last Saturday, the Oregon State men's basketball team hopes to get back on the winning track on the road this weekend.

The Beavers (11-7 overall, 3-4 Pacific-10) travel to the Bay Area to play Stanford and California Thursday and Saturday.

While coach Jay John was pleased with the way his team played last week, he said the Beavers will face a tougher challenge this week because they are on the road.

"We had a real good showing at home," John said. "Playing on the road is still tough for this team. We need to play with some passion and play some better defense."

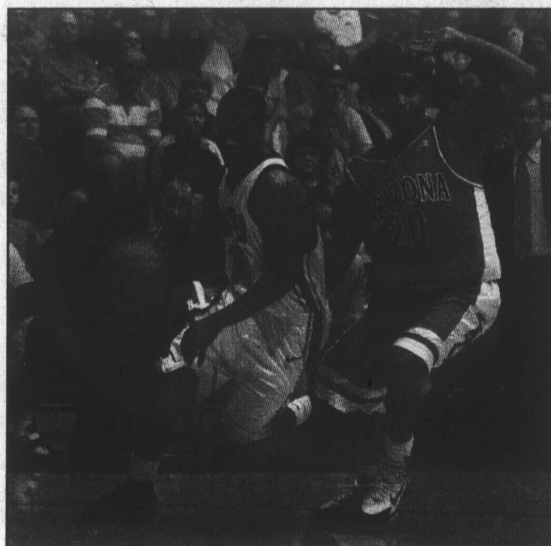
Stanford (10-7, 4-3) is currently third in the Pac-10 and is on a four game winning streak. The Cardinal are coming off wins over Cal and UCLA last week.

Stanford, which plays in front of 7,500 fans at Maples Pavilion, is led by junior point guard Chris Hernandez.

Hernandez, a Fresno native, is averaging 13.8 points a game, despite nursing an injured ankle most of the season.

He is considered one of the top play-makers in the conference and will be a

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Chris Stephens dives past Arizona's Salim Stoudamire during last Saturday's game at Gill. Stephens said the OSU coaches have been stressing the importance of rebounding well after the Beavers were beat on the boards 36-22 by the Wildcats.

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