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Poling, Hawley to be shut down

By ERIN O'BRIEN

for the Daily Barometer

Ripples from Measure 5 have hit the OSU housing department.

"Housing applications are down 452 from last year," said Terri Tower, assistant director of housing. Tower also said that in the 3,000-person housing department, a 15 percent decrease means at least two halls will be closed next year.

"We will be closing Poling and Hawley Halls next year," Tower said. "Wilson Hall will go coed, and Cauthorn Hall will take on some double rooms to compensate for Poling."

Tower said the department chose Poling for closure because it has the most damages and is in need of painting. Poling will be given a special sign-up day in order to sign up for extra spaces, she said.

There has also been a combined proposal from Buxton Hall to turn the hall into a coed leadership hall.

"We are trying to make Buxton have a little more continuity instead of being a holding tank for women in sororities," Tower said. Tower said there has been a 60 percent decrease in women's applications for residence hall living.

"This decrease is starting to even out the number of men versus women in the residence halls," Tower said.

Although the Buxton proposal started later than Wilson's and is more intricate because it is a combined proposal, Tower said a decision on whether it will happen next year has not been made yet.

Wilson made its decision to go coed over the period of one year. Last year they took a vote and did not get enough response. This year the hall took a door-to-door vote that resulted in 85 percent of the residents approving the move to coed.

"Wilson has not been highly requested (and does not have a) high continuance rate," Tower said. Tower said that the need for an all-male environment will be met in the form of all-male floors and wings.

Tower also said housing is changing the way it is assigning rooms.

"We are not going to be signing up Bloss Hall early this year," Tower said. Traditionally the housing department would assign students to Bloss Hall one week early because of high student interest in the hall. Also, Finley and Sackett Halls will not allow double-as-single room designations, although they will be allowed everywhere else.

"Right now we are worried that we are under-compensating for next year," Tower said. She said if the numbers go even lower, they will need to close another building but have yet to decide which one.

"If the numbers change, we will be able to make a decision in the summer to make reassignment easier than this year," Tower said.

Inside

New minority scholarship available

A new grant from the U.S. government will provide 25 OSU minorities with scholarships that pay a \$2,000 stipend, tuition, books and room and board. **Story, page 3.**

Minority scholarships under fire

Seven white college students have filed a reverse-discrimination suit against the federal government because of its new policy on minority scholarships. **Story, page 3.**

Ruggers dominate Pacific Northwest

As if winning the Pacific Northwest Championship wasn't enough, the OSU Rugby team will compete in the Pacific Coast Championship. **Story, page 7.**

We're going under!



OSU women's softball players had to bail water off the plastic sheet covering their field yesterday before they could practice. The amount of water on the plastic made it too heavy to lift, so they got creative.

Legislators Trow, Van Vliet speak

Panel says: education funds vital now

By SARAH EDGINGTON

of the Daily Barometer

The Oregon State Legislature is warming toward a state sales tax.

This was the message of a panel discussion on the effects of Ballot Measure 5 held Monday evening in the LaSells Stewart Center. The panelists included Sen. Cliff Trow (D-Corvallis), Rep. Tony Van Vliet (R-Corvallis) and Roger Bassett, director of government relations for the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Bruce Weber, professor of agriculture and resource economics at OSU, moderated the discussion.

Even if Oregon voters pass a sales tax, the cuts made because of Measure 5 will be permanent, Bassett said. The increased tuition and \$200 surcharge students will face next year are emergency measures that kept crucial people and programs from being cut this year. Those measures will not provide enough money next year because of required budget cuts in the second biennium.

Without a replacement revenue source, such as a sales tax, students will be expected to carry half of the \$86 million cut in higher education. An estimated 6,000 students will be closed out in the next biennium, and over the next two bienniums either all four regional colleges or one major educational institution will have to be closed. This is equal to a reduction of one-third of the total postsecondary students in the state, he said.

Future higher education students will be forced to become the most directed students — those who know from the first day of the course of study they want to take. It will be almost impossible to stay at one institution during the course of one's education, Bassett said.

A source of replacement revenue must be found before the end of the 1991 state legislative session. May 1992 will be a time of educational crisis, and education-aiding legislation will come barely in time to save institutions and programs.

Measure 5 requires that the state replace education revenue previously provided by property taxes. However, the state does not have this money in its general fund, which was overextended even before Measure 5.

"We are hoping that the Legislature will see the light to put an alternative revenue source before the vote, sometime in 1991," Van Vliet said.

Both legislators on the panel said they felt it was imperative that a move for a replacement revenue source be brought before the voters this legislative session. It takes time for something like a sales tax to be supported, passed by voters and then implemented, so the process must be started soon. A sales tax would be the one source of replacement revenue that would raise enough money to maintain higher education, Trow said.

Gov. Barbara Roberts and John Kitzhaber, chairman of the Oregon Senate, both said it is the mission of this legislative session to cut state budgets and not to come forward with replacement revenue sources, Trow said. There is little motivation within the Legislature to come to a consensus on crafting a sales tax, Trow said.

The Oregon House could put a sales tax before the voters to test the public's attitude towards the tax, Van Vliet said.

"I think we see the opinion in the legislature, especially in the Senate, of coming to the conclusion that it is imperative for this legislative session to act," Trow said.

The most broadly considered sales tax would be levied against luxuries and would not tax food, drugs or housing. There would also be a graduated refund according to income for those in the low-income category.

The panel was organized by Kevin Jones, director of Poling Hall, and by John Wentworth, director of West Hall. It was financed by the Residence Hall Association, ASOSU, Poling Hall Council, West Hall Council and Weatherford Hall Council. The Department of Student Housing at OSU and President John Byrne also supported the panel.

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Holocaust museum asks how and why

By **KIMBERLY WHITE**
of the Daily Barometer

A Georgetown University professor, Michael Berenbaum, told of the experience of victims of the Holocaust by describing the contents of The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in a lecture Tuesday night.

The museum, of which Berenbaum is project director, will open in 1993. The lecture was given as part of a Holocaust Memorial Program at OSU, said Miriam Orzech, assistant vice president for academic affairs who directed the program.

The program also included two movies, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, shown Sunday, and *Genocide*, shown Monday, a breakfast, and a book display at Kerr Library. Berenbaum will speak to high school students today.

Teaching about the Holocaust is about teaching morals and values, because it was a violation of human equality, Berenbaum said. "There are liberties the state cannot take away. The Holocaust is a reminder of what happens when rights become

violated.

"The museum is built there because we present the dark side of history," he said. Genius in one direction is creativity and becomes the great achievements of man, he said, but "genius, when detached from moral dimensions, it can create the monstrosity that is the Holocaust."

Berenbaum said one of the concerns in creating the museum was to personalize history by telling individual victims' stories, and not dehumanize the victims so they are regarded as a statistic.

Berenbaum said history and biography will be combined to personalize history. When the visitor enters the museum, they will type their age and gender into a computer and get a card describing a person of the same age and gender who went through the Holocaust. He said at the end of each floor of the museum, the visitor will put their card into a reader, and a card will come out telling what happened to their "companion" during the period of time that was described on that floor of the museum.

"The more the person is like you," Berenbaum said, "the more you can identify with them and have a sense of empathy."

He said there are two questions asked in the museum: How could this happen, and what did America know and when did they know it?

The museum shows the power of the propaganda used and the seductive idea of a master race, the implication of these ideas, and the response of Jewish community to this oppression.

A document in the museum gives the official reasons Auschwitz was not bombed, Berenbaum said. The reasons given were it would involve American resources employed elsewhere and the Americans did not want to invoke more anger from Germans.

One room in the museum shows a conference held in January 1942 attended by German officials to discuss the "final solution" to the "Jewish problem," or mass extermination of the Jews, Berenbaum said. He said 15 men were present, eight with Ph.Ds, and the only two questions asked were how do we begin and who goes first.

The museum contains part of the wall from the Warsaw Ghetto, the hiding place of a Jewish family in Poland, and authentic concentration camp barracks.

"We don't want to teach a lesson that the world is a lousy place," Berenbaum said. The museum contains a wall of names of thousands of people who did something.

Orzech said this is the fifth year of the Holocaust Memorial Program at OSU. "We are trying to educate the general public, particularly students, about events of the Holocaust so people will be aware of them and the behavior that caused them so we won't relive them."

She said anyone who is Jewish was affected by the Holocaust. "My kids have no grandparents," she said.



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THEFT II/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 9:15 p.m. April 8. A vehicle parked in the lot at the Patrick Wayne Valley Field was broken into and a Kenwood digital AM/FM stereo cassette deck, valued at \$200, and a stereo equalizer, valued at \$100, were taken.

RECKLESS ENDANGERING 10:10 p.m. April 8. A Wilson Hall resident was left uninjured after he was shot in the back with an unknown projectile while walking on the north side of Wilson Hall.

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OSU receives \$100,000 grant for minority scholarships

By ILENE ZELICH
of the Daily Barometer

Life on the EDGE does not always mean living precariously. Early Development for Graduate Education (EDGE), a \$100,000 U.S. Department of Education grant, will provide qualified, under-represented ethnic minority students with research and graduate school experience this summer at OSU.

African, Hispanic, and Native American students from the Northwest, Northern California and several southern colleges are eligible to apply. Students will participate in intensive research guided by OSU faculty members. Fields of study include various sciences, such as engineering and mathematics.

Ataa Akyeampong, director of EDGE, will convene weekly orientation seminars for the students, where they may voice their opinions of the program and talk about their concerns or plans for graduate school.

"There is a need to get under-represented minorities into sciences," Akyeampong said, explaining one of EDGE's goals. There is a need to introduce under-represented minority students to graduate work and research, she said. This summer's experience will prepare them for such activities.

"I hope they learn enough from the summer experience to want to go to graduate school," she said.

This grant, in its first year at OSU, will provide 25 students with a \$2,000 stipend plus tuition, books and room and board for an eight-week session this summer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, college juniors or seniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, and must be members of under-represented ethnic minority groups.

However, this program excludes Asian Americans, also a minority.

According to Akyeampong, Congress determined Asian Americans to be well-represented in graduate work and research, whereas Africans, Hispanics and Native Americans are not. According to an OSU facts pamphlet, in 1989 there were 54 Asian Americans in grad school, as opposed to 14 African Americans, nine Native Americans and 23 Hispanic Americans.

"It's not a matter of discrimination," Akyeampong said. "(This grant) brings groups traditionally under-represented into educational opportunities."

Participants will be chosen by their faculty mentors according to the needs and requirements of the mentors and the grant

guidelines. Students will work closely with the mentors, spending almost all of their time with them.

"It's an internship with mentors," Akyeampong explained. "I hope it will help everybody who participates." She said the faculty also holds a genuine interest in the program.

Everett Wells, assistant director of Affirmative Action, explained the role of OSU in planning assistance to under-represented minority groups.

An objective defined in OSU's *Creating the Future: A Plan for Beginning the '90s* is to "improve recruitment of graduate and undergraduate students from under-represented or disadvantaged groups."

"When we acknowledge there are under-represented groups ... I have no problem supporting programs of this sort," Wells said. "This kind of program is entirely compliant with the goals of this organization."

The application deadline is April 26, and the students will be notified of acceptance by May 10.

Akyeampong is finding this new program "very exciting. This encourages me to know there are young people out there looking for ways of improving their educational opportunities."

Court will decide on minority scholarships

By B.J. HOEPTNER
College Press Service

Seven white college students' "reverse-discrimination" lawsuit against the federal government's minority scholarship policy might reflect a growing trend toward conservatism, some observers say.

Keeping "minority-only scholarships (is) not going to be a significant cause for a majority of the population," said Dennis Black, dean of students at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo and editor of *Perspective*, a newsletter that covers campus-based lawsuits.

If the students' suit succeeds, an estimated 69 percent of campus scholarships reserved for minority students would either be scrapped or redistributed to students on the basis of grades or family income.

Abolishing race-based scholarships would send a negative message to minority students, said David Merkowitz of the American Council on Education.

The Education Department, which oversees most federal college programs, has flipped several times on the issue since December.

The conservative Washington Legal Foundation, a non-profit group funded primarily by individual donors, first joined the controversy last April when it filed a complaint with the Education Department about a race-based scholarship at Florida Atlantic University, said foundation lawyer John Scully.

The foundation was still waiting for a response from the department in December when Michael Williams, head of the department's Office of Civil Rights, announced that race-based scholarships vio-

lated the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars awarding financial aid "based solely on the race of the recipient."

However, after a barrage of criticism from college administrators and civil rights advocates, the department announced two weeks later that colleges could give grants to people based on the color of their skin if the money came from private donations, not public funds.

Then, on March 21, newly inaugurated Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander announced that schools could go back to what they had been doing before Williams' December announcement.

Whichever way the courts decide on the students' suit, the case could be the most significant campus reverse-discrimination effort since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1978 Bakke decision.

In that case, Allan Bakke, a

white student, complained that the University of California-Davis Medical School, which could admit only a limited number of students each year, had rejected him in favor of several minority students who had lower grades and board scores than he did.

The Supreme Court agreed, calling Davis's affirmative action program an unconstitutional punishment of Bakke because of the color of his skin.

The new scholarship lawsuit reminds Black of the Bakke case.

The argument is similar, Black said, except the Bakke case involved admissions and the foundation suit involves financial aid.

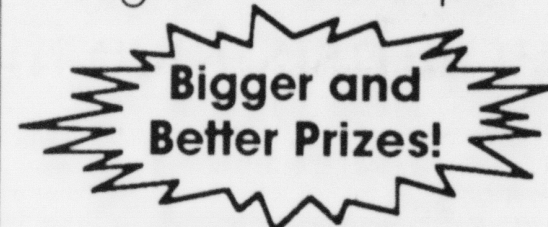
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Editorial

About the letters

Kudos to all our readers who have been pouring in letters to the *Daily Barometer* lately. Expressing your views, whatever they may be, is certainly a good habit to develop in college and perfect in *real life*. Democracy permits and encourages free speech, but the *Barometer* has certain guidelines which must be followed before a letter or op-ed can be printed.

The letters and op-ed policies run once or twice a week, providing all the rules that must be followed. However, for the sake of simplicity, we will outline major requirements and also some special rules that have been adopted when touchy topics produce touchy letters.

Most of the letters lately have been about a Patrick Buchanan column that ran last week criticizing homosexuality. Some of the responding letters have been emotional, but also resorted to name calling and overly strong language and spiteful innuendos. From now on, no letters will be printed that call other people names, or are direct attacks on a person's character. Criticizing ideas and beliefs is an okay thing, but unwarranted and unnecessarily harsh language toward a person is not. The law says that a newspaper that prints a libelous or slanderous letter is responsible for damages, which more than justifies our position.



All letters must be less than 150 words long, typewritten and double-spaced. Lengthier letters are considered op-eds and are run separately. Op-eds must address a large audience; they cannot be directed at a particular person. Because space prohibits printing an op-ed every day, the *Barome-*

ter encourages its readers to write letters, rather than op-eds. If a letter meets all guidelines, it is likely the *Barometer* will print it. Please read the letters and op-ed policy for a complete wrap-up of the guidelines. The *Barometer* appreciates your responses, so keep them coming! (KH)

Journalists face many law, ethics questions on daily basis

There is an interesting feature on the Associated Press wire called "industry news," which has stories about significant happenings and just general goings-on in media circles.

Lauri Rees

Often these stories bring up important matters of ethics and media law that can be helpful to any member of the media wanting to see what the face of the media will be like in the future. Ethics and media law are areas that the *Barometer* will be paying closer attention to when dealing with our reporters and the public in the future.

With the proposed closure of the OSU Department of Technical Journalism, the only place that reporters will get training in the ethics of reporting and identifying libel will be on

the job. The process of increasing ethical awareness is starting with the people who will be future editors because they will be the ones with the burden of maintaining high ethical standards.

The *Barometer* does not rely completely on the journalism department for the basic training of its reporters. But having the department there to back it up and keep people from falling through the cracks of being ill-trained is kind of taken for granted.

The face of national and campus media is changing all of the time and members of the news media need to be kept informed on these changes. Many of these changes try to infringe on the First Amendment right to free press and need very close attention from people who work within the press. Even if the changes do not affect a reporter or editor directly, it affects the profession as a whole and needs to be

monitored closely.

The industry news stories on the wire seem kind of self-indulgent at first. Here is the media writing about ... the media. But when the stories are looked at closely, the issues that are dealt with in them are far-reaching in their effects.

One of the more eye-popping stories (at least from a journalist's point of view) was one about a judgement by a Superior Court judge that declared it lawful to force the spouse or partner of a reporter to testify about confidential sources. This creates a new twist in the long-fought battle between reporters with confidential sources and the courts. Now reporters need to be aware of who they tell things to, even their own husband or wife.

The judge in this case really seems to be reaching, considering he is asking someone not directly involved to betray a confidence all

over just a civil lawsuit. If this were a criminal trial for some hideous crime, this would seem more justified.

There is also the conflict between student newspapers and federal agencies that want to keep newspapers from getting student criminal records. Even with a court ruling saying the newspapers can have the information, the feds continue to hold federal dollars over colleges' heads to restrict the information.

These are all things that a lowly *Barometer* reporter may face when working on the paper and in the work world after college. This is why we editors take the lessons we teach and that are naturally learned through the work that is done at the *Barometer* very seriously. This method of on-the-job training does lead to mistakes, and those are the lessons that are learned the best and are never forgotten.

Lauri Rees is the editor of the *Daily Barometer*.

Bovines making news despite their unintelligent dispositions

When you have been an experienced, highly accurate professional journalist for as long as I have, you develop a "sixth sense" for spotting a News Trend that has the two elements that are absolutely essential for a major story:

1. The potential destruction of all life on the planet.
2. Cows.

I regret to report that we are experiencing such a trend now. Consider the following true items:

ITEM ONE: According to newspaper articles sent in by many alert readers, livestock in England are experiencing an epidemic of "Mad Cow Disease," a disorder that strikes the brains of cows (Yes! Cows have brains!) and causes them to act even stupider than usual. Recent reports state that the disease has now crossed the English Channel to France, and there is no reason to believe that it could now come here, what with the cheaper air fares.

ITEM TWO: According to a Columbus Dispatch article sent in by alert reader Polly Dix, a McCannelsville, Ohio, a woman was recently awarded \$85,000 by a jury for injuries she suffered when she was attacked by a "crazed cow." The article states that "a few days after eating wilted wild cherry leaves, ... the cow became hostile," and then, "with saliva running from its mouth," chased the woman down an embankment. "I grew up

around cows all my life," the woman is quoted as saying. "Then one turned on me."

ITEM THREE: Alert reader Ralph Grummett wrote in to report that one time in New York state his cousin left his clothes on a tree limb while he went swimming in a creek, and a cow ate HIS UNDERSHORTS. "This account is true," states Ralph.

ITEM FOUR: Dozens of alert readers mailed in a Seattle Times article that begins: "Work crews in East King County are racing the clock in an effort to dispose of hundreds of drowned livestock before the decomposing animals explode."

ITEM FIVE: Hundreds of alert readers sent in articles concerning the Washington State University researchers who will receive a \$210,000 federal grant to strap monitoring devices on cows to measure how much methane gas they (the cows) emit when they belch, to see if this is contributing to the greenhouse effect. One article states: "No research is planned on cow flatulence, since it is believed to be a minor source in comparison to belching." Also you would probably have to give the researchers a MUCH larger grant.

ITEM SIX: Alert reader Steve Ringle sent an article from the Piscataquis, Maine, Observer, which reports the following calls to the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Department (I am not making these up):

"Bowerbank - Possible moose parts on dump."

"Sebec - Beavers backed water up in field."

"Dover-Foxcroft - Large dog walked into house and ate a pie."

I admit that Item Six does not, technically, involve cows; I'm including it in case your travel plans involve Piscataquis County, which is apparently experiencing a crime wave. My main point, however, is that when we analyze items one through five, we see a clear pattern of Bovine Terrorism, wherein the world cow population — which for so many years was content to just stand around producing dairy products — has suddenly gone on an international rampage, attacking people, salivating from the mouth, consuming intimate garments, threatening to explode and making a concerted effort to melt the polar ice caps.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Surely the scientific community is doing something about this!" Hah. If you believe that scientists are going to solve this problem, I have a great deal for you on an orbiting space telescope. THIS is what the scientific community is doing, according to an Associated Press Article sent in by alert reader David Carl Scharff:

Letters

Environment last

To the Editor:

Environmental apathy stalks the Oregon State campus. Like mice following the Pied Piper, students graduate in their dream state and continue to ignore environmental issues once in general society.

When is the last time you came home late at night from a party to find your roommate writing a letter to her congressman stumping to preserve an endangered species, or protect an undeveloped section of land? When is the last time the quad was packed with students demonstrating the open-sea rape called "driftnetting?" It's been a while since OSU students have done more than watch the Discovery Channel, open a beer, and lament with a calous joke the destruction of 5 million more acres of rain forest. Hell, it's lots more fun in Rockin' Rio than it is stomping around that sloppy forest full of bugs anyhow.

As a student of the fish and wildlife department, I'm disappointed also. Even the students of the department have uninformed visions of a quiet family life raising elk babies, or feeding small salmon in a crystal clear stream. Any student who is this blind needs to go back to the 1950s. Senior biologists retire every day, worn out by the huge bulemic demand of society on natural resources.

This campus needs to pull its head out of the sand. The 1990s may be the environmental decade, but I promise OSU will have little to offer unless some change occurs.

Christopher W. Claire

Junior in Fisheries and Wildlife

One more rebuttal

To the Editor:

Hi! It's me, Bruce K. Smith again! I'm here to speak my mind on homosexuality again. In my letter printed on April 5, I told the world that I find homosexuality to be a disgustingly sick habit. This is my opinion, and I am entitled to it. Unfortunately, many of you out there have read into my words what isn't there, so let me clarify a few things for you.

Homosexuals are people. I believe they have a problem, but it is not one that should in any way interfere with their ability to perform in a work environment. Yes, I would hire a homosexual if he/she were the best qualified for the

job. Your sexual preference is not a reason to be refused housing. I do not deny gays their civil rights. I do reserve the right to let them know that I find homosexuality disgusting.

I would not chase someone off the streets with insults because they are homosexual. In fact, I would say nothing at all to someone I knew was homosexual unless they brought the subject up. Quite frankly, your sexuality is none of my business, nor anybody else's. I only submitted the last letter because of the amount of pro-homosexual material I have seen lately. If you homosexuals want to bring the subject of your sexual preference up, that is fine, but don't have a heart attack when someone disagrees with your views.

People such as Rick Hangartener have read so much into my letter that he suggests I typify the kind of person who would form a violently repressive society, such as Nazi Germany. Rick, learn to read. You accused me of having no intellect. Read my letter again. I have never been in a fight in my life, and I would never hit someone for being homosexual. You also imply that somehow, because of my dislike of homosexuals, I will probably start a world war. You are a doctoral student? Where is your logic in that statement? How can you base such ridiculous nonsense on the fact that I think homosexuality is gross? Rick went so far as to suggest that the university should not issue diplomas to people of such low intellect as myself. Where is yours, Rick?

Bruce K. Smith

Sophomore in Pre-Engineering

Letters Policy

The *Daily Barometer* welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must be typed, double-spaced and generally 150 words or less. All letters will be considered for publication. However, due to the limited space available, brevity is encouraged.

Letters from students must include the author's signature, telephone number, academic major and class standing.

Letters from faculty members, administrators and classified employees must include the author's signature, job title, department name and telephone number.

Letters submitted by members of the community must include the author's signature, address and telephone number.

Thorne began to suspect alien beings after two "UFO investigators" from Forsyth, Mo., came out to inspect one of the deceased cows:

"Thorne said the team concluded ... that aliens had visited and used a laser to kill the cow and remove the organs.

"They were very professional," Thorne said of the UFO team. "They went over that cow with a fine-tooth comb."

OK. Let's try to stay calm here, and just review the basic facts:

1. Cows are acting weird.
2. Alien beings appear to be making off with intimate bovine organs.
3. There are people in Forsyth, Mo., willing to comb dead livestock.
4. Somewhere in Maine there is a large, pie-eating dog on the loose.

What does all this mean? Are we in danger? Should we take precautions? And how would the caller know that those were MOOSE parts? Until we get some solid answers, I am urging everyone to remain on the alert and to heed the advice of the U.S. attorney general, who, when asked about these alarming developments in a recent press conference, responded, and I quote: "Moo."

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Sports

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The lacrosse team, coached by Dave Armstrong, has four wins and one loss this season. Their next home game is April 21.

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Beavs get ready for championships

Ruggers dominate local foes

By MALINDA WOODMAN
of the Daily Barometer

After a successful season of dominating their division by remaining undefeated in league play and winning the Pacific Northwest Championship, the Oregon State rugby team will be competing in the Pacific Coast Championship in Palo Alto, Calif. April 19-21.

Overall, the OSU Ruggers scored a total of 228 points while holding their opponents to 24.

The points consist of "tries," each worth four points, two-point conversions and three points for penalty kicks or drop kicks.

A try is scored when a player gets the ball across the try line and touches it to the ground. A conversion is a kick after the try with a defensive rush, while a penalty kick involves no defensive rush.

A drop kick, which is the hardest way to score, occurs when a player who does not think he will get across the try line decides to drop kick the ball through the goal post.

OSU has yet to score on a drop kick this season, and they have only had four attempts.

According to head coach Mark Weber, part of OSU's success can be attributed to their six-week tour of New Zealand and Australia, where rugby is very popular.

"We lost every game, but we learned ethics and skills to improve this year's play," Weber

said.

"Combine that with the fact that I've been coaching for 10 years, and this is the hardest-working group of kids I've had. And they're young, too."

Recently, the rugby team defeated the Corvallis Killer Bees Rugby team by a score of 28-3 to gain possession of the coveted Budda Trophy that passes between the two clubs year after year.

Weber used to coach the Killer Bees, and the two teams have built up a competitive rivalry. Every spring, the winner gets possession of the Budda for the year.

The Ruggers' first match-up of the Pacific Coast Championship will be against the University of California-Santa Clara.

"We'll have a very good game with them. They have 20 seniors on their team, which is unheard of. The most we've had is 13, but we usually have just four or five," Weber said.

"They should be extremely fit and will have a strong forward pack," which is equivalent to the offensive and defensive lines in football, he said. "And if you don't win on the lines of scrimmage in football, like rugby, you won't win the ball or the game."

If they win that game, they will more than likely go against the University of California-Berkeley, says Weber, and they will have their work cut out for them there, too.

Blazers win 11th straight

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The streaking Portland Trail Blazers won their 11th consecutive game Tuesday night, cooling off the Houston Rockets, who spent the evening hearing the referee's whistle.

Clyde Drexler scored 11 of his 26 points in a third-quarter comeback that rallied Portland to a 103-93 victory over the Rockets, who committed 29 fouls and had three of the game's four technical fouls called against them.

Portland, which has won eight straight road games, outscored the Rockets 29-9 in the final 6:59 of the third quarter to rally from a 66-54 deficit to an 83-75 lead at the end of the period.

"It (technical) definitely had an adverse effect," Drexler said. "But our defense continued to be good too. Some nights shots are going to fall but they didn't fall for them in the third quarter and we were able to take the lead."

"Our defense was really aggressive. We anticipated every pass and we were helping each other out."

Houston lost for the first time in five games after winning 17 of their previous 18 outings to challenge for the Midwest Division lead after trailing by as many as 8½ games in January.

Rockets coach Don Chaney and Larry Smith were called for technicals by referee Jack Madden during the Portland rally. Vernon Maxwell was called for a technical in the second quarter.

Drexler had a technical called on him in the second quarter and Jerome Kersey had a fla-

grant foul in the second quarter.

"I thought our guys had a mental letdown on some calls," Chaney said. "We didn't concentrate on executing. We were out of it mentally then. The free throws and turnovers killed us."

Portland increased its lead to 91-78 with 7:30 to go in the game and the Rockets never got closer than seven points the rest of the game.

The Rockets committed 18 turnovers to eight for the Trail Blazers.

"You can't commit that many mistakes at crucial times and expect to make a serious run," Sleepy Floyd said.

Most of the Rockets' wrath was directed toward referee Jack Madden, who called all three technicals against Houston.

"I can't say anything great about the officials," Maxwell said. "We lost a little bit of our cool but who wouldn't."

Houston emerged with a 48-47 lead after a rugged first half that included a flagrant foul against Portland's Jerome Kersey and technicals against Portland's Clyde Drexler and Houston's Vernon Maxwell.

Maxwell led the Rockets with 26 points and Kenny Smith had 17 points and 14 assists, his third straight game with 10-plus assists. Buck Williams scored 18 points for Portland.

Maxwell hit his first four shots of the game and the Rockets took a 14-6 lead after five minutes, but Portland outscored the Rockets 21-11 the rest of the period for a 27-25 first-quarter lead.

Vickers paces Beaver golfers

Playing their fourth tournament in three weeks, Oregon State's men's golf team finished 12th out of the 17-team field at the Etonic Southwestern Intercollegiate, held at the North Ranch Country Club at Westlake Village, Calif.

The tournament host, USC, won the two-day event after they beat UCLA by six strokes. Oregon State was within one stroke of four other teams, including Arkansas, Rice, Cal-State Northridge and Nevada. Oregon State tied Nevada at 916 and finished one stroke behind the other three. USC shot 878.

Senior captain Warren Vickers made the individual leaderboard for the second time in his last three tournaments, finishing 10th (75-74-74-223). Second for OSU was Shane Jackson, a junior, who finished three strokes behind Vickers with 226.

Dave Bishop from Texas-El Paso won the individual crown by three strokes, shooting 212.

"I've been playing well enough to win these tournaments," Vickers said. "I am continually playing better, gaining confidence, and so is the team. We'll get a win yet."

Todd Rolfes, OSU's head coach, agrees with Vickers that the team is playing better but contends that errors are still holding them back.

"It was again frustrating because if a couple of things go our way today, we finish up about five spots," Rolfes said. "We just keep making errors that turn out very costly."

The Beavers will have a week off to prepare for the next tournament, which will take place on April 17. OSU will be in Palo Alto, Calif. to compete in the United States Intercollegiate Tournament.

Baker's status still uncertain

The prognosis remains optimistic for freshman gymnast Kelly Baker, the Beavers' top-ranked vaulter who injured her left knee during warmups for the NCAA Western Regionals last Saturday at Gill Coliseum.

The 10th-ranked vaulter in the nation, Baker had X-rays and a magnetic resonance image scan (MRI) conducted on her knee Monday night. Preliminary results from the test show that she has a swollen patella tendon.

"We'll just have to see how it goes," said OSU gymnastics trainer Lori Carter. "It'll be a day-to-day type thing."

Baker's status for the national championships on April 19 and 20 may be unclear until the day of the event, she said.

Baker, who does a handspring front vault, posted scores of 9.8 in each of the three

meets prior to the regionals.

The Beavers are seeded third at the national championships, which will be held in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The top two seeds are Alabama and Utah.

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OSU's senior All-American, Joy Selig, will be featured in a four-minute-long segment today on ESPN's "NCAA Today," at 2:30 p.m. local time. The program will air again on Saturday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m.

The show will feature select athletes from around the country representing a variety of college sports. The selection of the athletes chosen to appear on the program was based on the individuals' athletic and academic success.

Selig is a three-time national champion and won the Western Regional balance beam title last Saturday.

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Henderson moves within one of steal record

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dave Stewart won his 20th consecutive April decision and Rickey Henderson moved within one of Lou Brock's all-time career stolen base record Tuesday night as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Minnesota Twins 7-2 in a season-opener for both teams.

Dave Henderson hit a three-run home run in the fourth, and Terry Steinbach added two RBI singles as the Athletics won their fourth consecutive opening-day game, beating the Twins for the second straight year.

The Twins made two errors that led to four unearned runs.

Stewart (1-0) has not lost an April decision since April 15, 1987. He has won 20 of his 21 starts. Prior to this streak he had lost 10 straight April decisions.

Winning his fourth straight opening day decision, Stewart allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked two.

In his streak, Stewart is 20-0 with a 2.61 ERA. He has allowed 127 hits in a 152 innings. Stewart, 22-11 last season, is shooting for his fifth straight 20-win season.

Despite missing Oakland's last five exhibition games with tendinitis in his left shoulder, Rickey Henderson stole second in the first inning after leading off with a single, giving him 937 career steals, and tying him with Billy Hamilton for second place on the career steal list.

After leading off the Oakland first with a single, Henderson

broke for second on a 1-2 pitch from loser Jack Morris (0-1), and advanced without a throw as Morris' pitch bounced in front of the plate and went all the way to the backstop.

Morris, making his first start for the Twins after 13 years with Detroit, gave up seven runs, three earned, and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings. Morris made his 12th consecutive opening-day start to tie the modern record also held by Tom Seaver (1968-79) and Robin Roberts (1950-61).

Dave Henderson broke the game open in the fourth, giving the A's a 5-0 lead by driving a 3-2 pitch from Morris into the left-field bleachers, scoring Walt Weiss and Rickey Henderson.

Henderson's homer came after Kirby Puckett dropped his foul flyball down the right-field line.

Steinbach drove in the A's first two runs, scoring Rickey Henderson in the first, and Dave Henderson in the third with nearly identical line-drive singles to left.

Greg Gagne, in the fifth, and Chili Davis, in the ninth off Joe Klink, hit solo home runs for the Twins.

Walt Weiss drove in Oakland's sixth run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Mark McGwire scored the A's final run in the fifth when rookie Chuck Knoblauch dropped shortstop Greg Gagne's throw to second after Gagne fielded Rickey Henderson's grounder.

Oakland reliever Gene Nelson, sitting on the A's bench, was struck on the right hand by a foul ball hit by Minnesota's Mike Pagliarulo in the fifth inning and had to be taken to a hospital for X-rays.

Jockey legend paralyzed in car crash

By KEN PETERS

Associated Press

COVINA, Calif. — Bill Shoemaker, racing's winningest jockey, was in critical condition and partially paralyzed Tuesday following a car accident in which authorities said he was under the influence of alcohol.

Shoemaker, whose career as a rider ended with his retirement last year, suffered a fracture dislocation of his neck and paralysis to undisclosed parts of his body in the Monday night accident, said Inter-Community Medical Center spokesman Dennis Richards, reading from a statement by Shoemaker's wife, Cindy.

The 59-year-old Shoemaker, now a trainer at Santa Anita, underwent surgery at Glendora Community Hospital shortly after the crash and was transferred about 5:45 a.m. to Inter-Community.

He was alone in his 1990 Ford Bronco II when the vehicle suddenly veered to the right, careened over the side of State Route 30 and tumbled down a 50-foot embankment, said California Highway Patrol officer Joe Flores. Witnesses said the vehicle appeared to be traveling at about 55 mph.

"It rolled over several times and landed on its wheels," Flores said. "It appears to have rolled over at least two times."

Authorities said the accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. near San Dimas, about 30 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, on a connector road to the southbound 210 freeway. The CHP issued a warrant for Shoemaker's arrest.

"We think he was under the influence of alcohol because there was an odor of alcohol on his person," said Flores, adding that results of a blood-alcohol test performed immediately after the accident won't be available for about two weeks.

The mood was somber at Santa Anita, the stately Art Deco-style racetrack at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains where a statue commemorates Shoemaker's racing feats. He won a record 2,544 rides there.

"He's tough," said trainer Charlie Whittingham, whom Shoemaker gave a Kentucky Derby win in 1986 aboard Ferdinand. "He may be little, but he's very tough."

As a jockey, the 4-foot-11 Shoemaker weighed 98 pounds. The final race of his 41-year career came at Santa Anita on Feb. 3, 1990, in an event billed as "The Legend's Last Ride."

Plans set for soccer

Oregon State's women's soccer tryouts will be held April 16, 17 and 18 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., said head coach Dave Oberbillig. The location has not yet been announced. These tryouts are for the spring season, which begins April 23 and goes through May 27. Anyone interested in playing soccer this spring may contact Oberbillig at 737-3081. Call anytime and leave a message if there is no answer.

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