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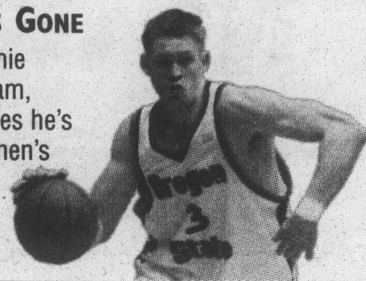
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ANOTHER ONE IS GONE

Two days after Jimmie Haywood left the team, Brian Jackson decides he's had enough of the men's basketball program
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ASOSU, MU elections begin today

> The polls will be open longer this year in hopes to increase voter turnout

By NIKI SULLIVAN
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

At a time when OSU is plagued with economic problems, the OSU-2007 redesign is on the horizon, and the balance between tuition and enrollment increases is under scrutiny, ASOSU elections may be more important this year

than any other.

In recent years, voter turnout has been on the rise, according to ASOSU Vice President Melissa White.

About 12 percent of students turned out to vote last year, up 2 percent over two years.

This increase is being attributed, in part, to the Elections Committee's decision to replay the debates in the MU during elections week, according to Carter Hick, campus advocate and Elec-

tions Committee member.

Changes this year to draw more voters to the poles include adding more locations and longer hours.

"We extended the time on Thursday knowing that people go to the library or the dining halls later in the evening," Hick said. "Hopefully, with these modifications, we'll reach more people."

Voting will take place in six different on-campus venues, as opposed to last year's five.

In the past, the Elections Com-

mittee has experimented with voting online, but there was no way to assure that the vote was secure, White said.

"We're still working on it and thinking of ways to make it completely secure," White said.

Despite these changes and the disturbing economic and academic climate at OSU, some still fear that this year's turnout will be less than expected.

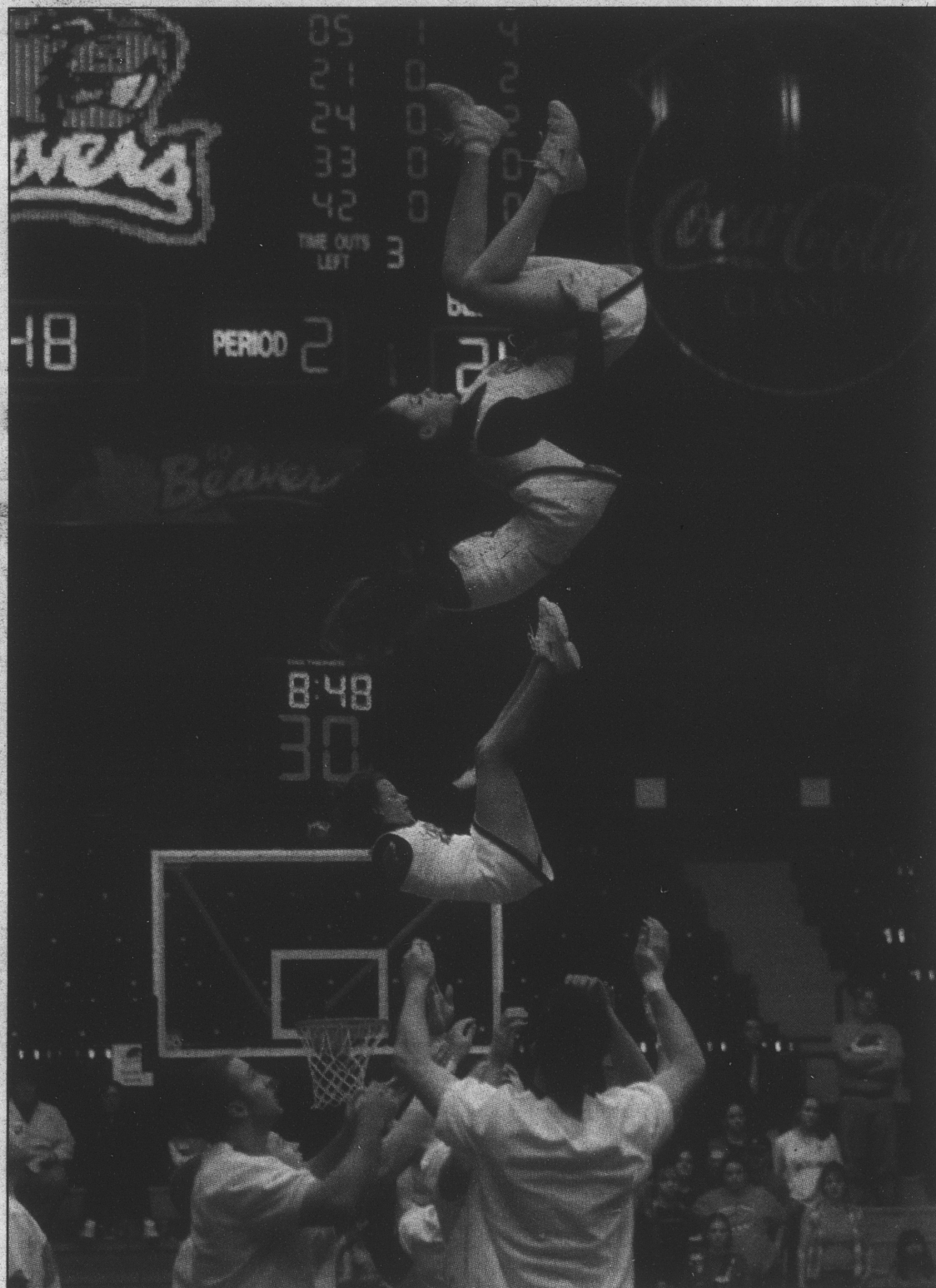
"The turnout could be severely

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Location	Today	Friday
Memorial Union	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Valley Library	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dixon Rec Center	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Arnold Dining Hall	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Marketplace West	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
McNary Central	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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The OSU cheerleading squad, seen here performing Feb. 2 at a women's basketball game, won first place in the team competition at National Spirit Association national competition in Las Vegas on Feb. 10-11.

A CHEERLEADING FIRST

> The team is ready for future competitions after taking their act to the national stage

By TARA MOORE
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

After a visit to Las Vegas, some may return with a Siegfried and Roy T-shirt. But when the OSU cheerleaders returned, they had much more than that.

When 24 members of OSU's cheerleaders competed at the United Spirit Association national competition on Feb. 10-11, they returned with first place in the team

competition, defeating cheerleaders from Long Beach State and the University of Texas at El Paso.

"Winning it was really exciting and unexpected," said OSU cheerleading coach Amber Bezates. "We weren't sure how we would rate."

Adding to OSU's prize sweep was Eric Mahame and Kasey Schaffer, who placed first in the partner stunt competition.

Beating out the likes of the University of California at Santa Cruz and Antelope Valley College, James Erickson took first in the mascot event.

"Before I left, I told my friend Brian, 'There's only two

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Dance Marathon swings onto campus Saturday

> Money raised will go to the neonatal intensive care unit at Sacred Heart Hospital

By KRISTIE DEROLA
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

It's not everyday that students have the chance to save a life, but there will be an opportunity this weekend to do just that. Saturday marks the third annual OSU Dance Marathon.

Dance Marathon is a national event that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. The network benefits children's hospitals around the country and has provided more than \$2.5 billion in charitable care since its founding in 1983.

Oregon State was one of 68 colleges last year that hosted the campus-wide event, which consists of 12 hours of combined dancing and activities for participating individuals.

"Dance Marathon is the only campus-wide philanthropy that benefits Children's Miracle Network. The money goes to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene for the neonatal intensive care unit," said junior Ashley Bedford, the OSU Dance Marathon chairperson.

The individuals who participate in

the marathon are responsible for a \$20 entry fee as well as collecting donations from family, friends, local businesses and organizations to sponsor their dedication to the event, which will be held at Dixon from 1 p.m. Saturday to 1 a.m. Sunday.

Bedford said the event is open to all students, faculty and staff, and being that this year's marathon falls in the middle of Sibling's Weekend, students are allowed to bring their brothers and sisters for an additional \$5 per sibling.

The money that each individual raises via donations and sponsors helps buy life-saving equipment for the neonatal intensive care unit at Sacred Heart, which caters to the needs of ill and premature babies. Each college that takes part in Dance Marathon chooses a local hospital that provides special medical attention to children.

According to statistics released from the Sacred Heart NICU, one out of every 10 births at SHMC is premature. On average, the NICU cares for 18 babies per day, and the average length of a stay for a baby is 18 days. In addition, the smallest baby ever treated in the NICU weighed only one pound, one ounce.

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Gubernatorial candidates coming to OSU campus

By SARAH LINN
BAROMETER CITY EDITOR

Students will get a chance to see Oregon's future governor up close and personal when this year's gubernatorial candidates visit campus in the upcoming weeks.

ASOSU has invited Democratic candidates Jim Hill, Bev Stein and Ted Kulongoski and Republican candidates Ron Saxton and Kevin Mannix to speak to the OSU and Corvallis community in the MU Lounge. Each candidate will give an hour-long presentation on their campaign platform and field questions from audience members.

"They'll discuss their platform for running for governor, what they're going to do for the state of Oregon," said Carter Hick, ASOSU campus advocate. "ASOSU definitely likes to bring people on campus that will affect higher education in the state."

Hick expects a turnout of 200 or more people, enough to fill the MU Lounge.

Last spring, ASOSU formally invited all gubernatorial candidates to come and speak. Republican candidate Jack

Roberts also received an invitation, but has not decided when or whether he will come.

The gubernatorial race is especially important this year, Hick said, given the current state of higher education and the economy in Oregon.

"This is a big race," he said. "The next governor's going to have a big impact on higher education. They (the candidates) should have some good, solid ideas on where they want to take this state."

After the gubernatorial primaries, ASOSU plans to invite the final two candidates back for a student-moderated debate on student issues. ASOSU has already discussed the plan with the candidates, so the debate "won't be a surprise," Hick said.

By focusing on youth and higher education issues, ASOSU hopes the candidates will encourage students to register to vote.

"It brings the fact that there's an election coming up right to your front door," Hick said of the upcoming presentations. "You might think about

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NEWSREEL

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Meetings

Life Science Club, 4-5:30pm, Cordley rm 2035. Come hear about OSU's campus recycling program and ways you can become more proactive in staying green on campus. We also will hear about the new organic gardening club. The gardening plot, productivity and the plethora of ways you can participate.

OSU Amature Radio Club, 1-2pm, Snell 229. See the OSU radio shack. **Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity**, 7pm, MU 206. Information on how to become a founding father and start your chapter of a national men's social fraternity.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30pm, Women's Center, the only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. **English, Student Association**, 4-5pm, Malamud Room 2nd Fl Moreland Hall. General mtgs. of ESA. New members welcome & encouraged!

Extreme Campus Ministry, 7-9pm, Marketplace West. Come be empowered to succeed and allow God to change your life. Hope we see you there!

BSU Christian Fellowship 7pm, MUE International Forum. Focus- Reaching out to all nations.

Speakers

The Bahai Club, 7pm, La Sells Stewart Center. The evolution of human spirituality by Dr. Ron Herschel on Krishna.

Events

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 12-1pm, MLK room. Rainforest action network. Informational session for students to learn about where paper on campus comes from and what you can do to protect endangered forests and public lands.

OSU Department of Music, 12pm, MU Lounge. The OSU symphonic wind ensemble, conducted by David Hoffmann, will perform. The program will include lots of music.

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WORLD

Overloaded passenger train catches fire, killing 373

REQA AL-GHARBIYA, Egypt (AP) — A train crowded with Egyptians leaving the capital for a religious holiday caught fire and sped on in flames for miles Wednesday, killing 373 people, including some who died as they jumped from the burning cars, police said.

The fire was reportedly started by a cooking gas cylinder that burst, and flames swept through the last seven of the train's 11 cars. But Ahmed al-Sherif, director of the Egyptian Railway Authority, said the cause was still under investigation.

It was the worst disaster in 150 years of Egyptian railroad history.

"There has been nothing in the recent or distant past like this," Ahmed al-Sherif said. "I've been with the railway for 32 years and never seen or heard of an event of this size."

The train cars had metal frames with wooden seats. Each burned car was jammed with passengers whose clothing and belongings would have been flammable. Some passengers apparently had portable gas cookers.

Each car designed to hold about 150 passengers was crammed with twice that number, police said, which would have put more than 3,000 people on board.

NATION

Court could remake school landscape with voucher ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Supreme Court justices seemed sympathetic Wednesday to the idea that government can help pay tuition for children at religious schools and stay within constitutional bounds.

Again and again during a spirited argument, four justices suggested that a school tuition voucher program can pass muster if it gives parents lots of choices — both religious and nonreligious.

"Unless there's an endorsement of religion, I don't see why it matters if (government) money goes to a religious school," said Justice Antonin Scalia.

The court's answer, expected by summer, could remap the educational landscape. Numerous states and school districts are awaiting word from the high court about whether there is a way to set up a voucher program that does not violate the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

The case is the most talked-about on this year's court docket and one of two potential blockbusters the court heard Wednesday. The day's other case asks whether it is still constitutionally acceptable to execute the mentally retarded.

STATE

Oregon, other states looking to raise cigarette taxes

SALEM — Squeezed by the recession, nearly half of the states are looking at raising cigarette taxes to generate revenue and discourage people from smoking, too.

"We've never seen as many states looking at increasing cigarette taxes as a way to make up for fiscal deficits as we're seeing right now," said Janis Barton of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Twenty-two states are considering proposals by governors or legislators to boost cigarette taxes, according to the group.

In Oregon, for example, Gov. John Kitzhaber is advocating a 50-cent-a-pack increase, despite protests from the tobacco industry that it would balance the state budget on the backs of smokers.

Kitzhaber spokesman Jon Coney said the governor — a former emergency room physician — views the tax increase as a "two-fer" for Oregon.

"It's a good way to bring in more money in the face of the recession," he said. "There is also a public health benefit. The higher the price of a pack of cigarettes, the fewer the people who will buy them and smoke them, particularly young people."

UNIVERSITIES

Cal State-Sacramento faculty union discusses strike options

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (U-WIRE) — California State University-Sacramento faculty union members said they need support from students and nonunion faculty as discussions on an impending strike authorization vote intensified last week.

Though a wide range of suggestions regarding how the union might protest were offered at the California Faculty Association's Feb. 13 meeting, most members agreed they need to expand awareness of the faculty's current contract situation.

Negotiations for a new contract, which are currently in a fact-finding phase, have made little progress since they began 11 months ago.

"The task for hardcore, card-carrying CFA members is to expand our influence into the people who are members that believe in what the CFA is doing but aren't active," said CFA Sonoma State chapter president Victor Garlin. "If we don't succeed in doing that, we're going to have a real problem."

No work action is expected until after the fact-finding phase of the negotiations ends in early March.

— By Greg Kane
The State Hornet
(California State U.-Sacramento)

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Marathon: It only takes one day to save a child's life

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Many of this year's Dance Marathon organizers have taken a special interest in the miracle babies that come out of Sacred Heart's NICU.

"I really believe in the cause. Children are a big part of my life," said senior Krista Mains, family relations chairperson for Dance Marathon. Mains, who is studying to be a pediatric doctor, added that she is glad that such nice equipment is available for both the babies in need and the doctors who treat them.

Junior Amelia Eveland, dancer relations co-chair, began her involvement with the Children's Miracle Network her senior year of high school, where she helped organize a senior pageant that raised money for CMN. She feels that the cause is important because potentially anyone could need

the services and equipment that Sacred Heart provides.

"Some people get involved because they have been affected by it, and some people get involved and later they are affected by it," she said.

The very first Dance Marathon was organized on the Penn State campus in 1973 to benefit Hershey Medical Center, but it wasn't until 1995 that the CMN and Dance Marathon paired up becoming a national philanthropy.

As OSU students try to continue what was started so many years ago, they hope to attract more attention and participation than in past years.

Junior Corey Bushmaker has been responsible for many of this year's efforts to recruit students to participate in Dance Marathon. His efforts to saturate the campus with information about the event began last

term and have included posting fliers, talking with residence halls and Greek chapters and setting up booths around the Memorial Union.

"Just trying to get word of mouth is the best way to advertise," he said.

Dance Marathon organizers also implemented a new point system to encourage student organizations and living groups to get involved. The winner will receive a traveling trophy referred to as "the miracle cup."

Bedford said that what excites her about Dance Marathon is that it has the potential to be very big.

"I want this event to grow and become a premier event on campus that everybody knows about and everybody wants to be involved in," she said.

There is still time to get involved in OSU's Dance Marathon. Organizers encour-

age the OSU community to drop by their booth, set up in the MU Quad today and Friday, or to contact them through their frequently checked e-mail address at osudancemarathon@hotmail.com. They also have an office in Student Involvement and can be reached at 737-3041.

"It's not just 12 hours of dancing," Mains said. "When you're there it's so motivating. You feel so good about yourself, you can't even describe how good you feel. It's just one day."

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Cheerleading: Promising future ahead

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things that I want to come home with — a smile and a trophy," said Erickson, a senior in business. "I came back with both, so it was a good trip."

According to Bezates, this is the first time that any Oregon school had competed at the national level.

Because the team was new to the atmosphere, many were unsure what to expect or what the competition would be like.

"We all wanted it really bad," said Lindsey Armstrong, a freshman in business. "We had some competition, but we still came out first."

But upon hearing the good news, word spread quickly.

"The first thing I did was call my friends and family when we got back to the hotel," Armstrong said. "It's a big accomplishment for me, and I'll continue to tell people that I meet."

Although the team found themselves in a town known for its night life, they weren't given much time to enjoy it. Each person took home priceless memories, one of Bezates' being the level of crowd participation.

He said that during the competition, the team would do the OSU cheer.

And by the end of the competition, the crowd — who were not all Beaver fans — had learned it and would join during the chant.

She also said that the central focus was different than at home.

While at sporting events, the cheerleaders are there to cheer on the athletes.

But during their stay in Las Vegas, it was a little different.

"It was nice for my kids to be the center of attention for a little while," she said.

After being in the limelight and taking home the first-place trophy, Erickson believes it will help him in future mascot endeavors.

"There are not as many national champions as there are mascots," he said. "Anything you can do to prove yourself against other mascots is good."

Reaching perfection took lots of time and practice on the team's part.

About three weeks prior to the national competition, the squad began practicing for up to three hours a night, five days a week.

"I thought it was a perfect amount," Armstrong said. "Any more would have been overwhelming."

As the year comes to a close, many are looking forward to future competitions.

Having taken first in the USA national contest, Bezates has started talking about the future of the OSU cheerleading program.

To date, there are three main national competitions, each sponsored by different companies — the NCAA, the UCA and the USA.

According to Bezates, the NCAA centers more on dance moves, and due to less strict safety rules, allows for more difficult stunts. The UCA, on the other hand, is more based upon crowd involvement.

Bezates said that the USA competition runs the middle ground.

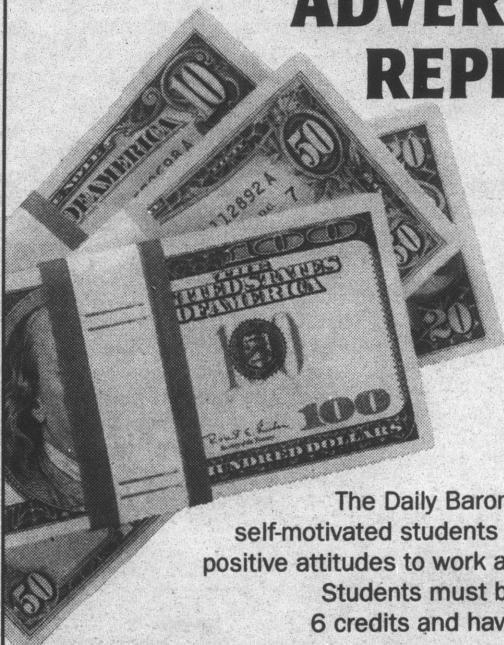
"We would love to compete next year," she said.

The team intends to send a video tape to UCA in hopes of receiving a full ride, rather than paying an entrance fee.

And if that doesn't occur, the team plans to return to the USA contest next year.

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EDITORIAL

Barometer endorses Burns and Stefanik

Over the past couple weeks, it has become clear that only one ticket is capable of taking over the reins of student government.

As our university's crumbling "framework" lies helpless in the hands of OSU's strategic design teams and "satellite groups," Bridget Burns and Jacob Stefanik are without a doubt the only pair to make sure the dust settles after plenty of input from students.

They understand student issues. They know what students want. They won't step down if and when administration works to create any new student fees due to imaginary rises in bills.

Burns and Stefanik are able to see the campus community as a whole. David Molina and Danielle Cox may have good intentions, but when it comes to understanding campus issues, they seem to fall up short.

Molina and Cox have put a "Community Relations" project and working with the United States Student Association at the top of their agenda. Those issues are important, but there are more pressing needs on campus that need attention.

Burns and Stefanik have made issues like OSU-2007 and working with the Legislature key points in their platform.

The current ASOSU administration has done a good job in dealing with Oregon State's bureaucrats and lawmakers at this time of financial crisis. Current ASOSU President Justin Geddes has stood up for students in President's Cabinet, and we're confident Burns would carry on that legacy.

Burns has already been student body vice president at North Idaho College prior to her arrival at OSU nearly two years ago.

Stefanik demonstrates both compassion and diversity in his work as a staff coordinator for a program working to provide bilingual programs, monetary aide, and vast educational resources to minority and under-privileged students.

When you go to the ballot box today or tomorrow, vote for Burns and Stefanik.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both national and local, grand in scale and diminutive. Opinions here are a reflection of the Editorial Board's majority.



Political power as corrupt as id gets

Let's say you are tired of "soft" drugs and you decide to do something harder. When you first meet the heroin dealer, you're excited. He sells you some dope, and you're appreciative. "Thanks for doing this for me," you might say.

Then, as you go back more and more and the ill effects of addiction take hold, you come to a realization. He hasn't done anything for you. He is only acting in his own self-interest.

This is why people don't like politicians. Did you ever see that Simpson's Halloween special where the aliens Kang and Kodo took over the identities of Bill Clinton and Bob Dole during the election? They discovered that Americans didn't want any real issues to think about, they just want bland pleasantries.

Kang proclaimed during the debate, "Abortions for some ... and little American flags for everyone!" And the people cheered. Kodo retorted, "We've got to move forward not backward, upward not downward, rightward not leftward and forever twirling, twirling towards freedom." And the people cheered.

These wouldn't exactly work in real life. Real political speeches are like bar pick-up lines — they have to be complimentary, banal and cheesy without being overtly condescending. Like the drug dealer and the sleazy guy at the bar, the politician works to dope or charm the masses into thinking that they actually care about us.

It's not entirely their fault, though. The unfortunate reality is that we have grown so used to our bland pleasantries that we are addicted. A good leader used to be defined as someone who could

influence people's minds and show them what should be done. Our current definition is someone who tells people what they want to hear. The measure of their leadership is their approval rating in the polls.

President Bush recently announced his solution to the threat of global warming. I can hear some of you now. "There is no proof of global warming ... blah blah blah." I would agree that we should have a debate on the merits of the theories of carbon dioxide-induced global warming. Let's do that right now.

Everyone who is not an atmospheric scientist or an organic chemist, raise your hand. Now, everyone with his or her hand raised shut the hell up. The current consensus among the scientists who actually know stuff is that the massive amount of hydrocarbon combustion that humans create could possibly and severely alter the world's climate.

The change would include, but not be limited to — higher overall temperatures, unpredictable changes in weather patterns (it stopped raining in Oregon?), and rising sea levels that would literally wash away many cities.

Bush says he realizes the danger of greenhouse gas emissions. There was a treaty a few years back that almost everyone else in the world signed, in which they all agreed to make cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. It wasn't perfect, but it was the best thing going.

But Bush won't sign it because it would have an adverse impact on

the economy. He has come out with another plan that won't work at all. It calls for voluntary reductions by industries. In the treaty mentioned above, called the Kyoto protocol, countries would have to reduce emissions.

In Bush's plan, we would have to reduce emission "density." The density is the amount of greenhouse gas emission divided by the economic output of the country. His target level is a 2 percent reduction annually. What he doesn't talk about is how technology has already given us steady reductions of 1.5 percent a year for almost a century now. And since the economy grows at about 3 percent a year, emissions have and will just go up and up.

Sigmund Freud had a theory that there were three parts to the mind. The superego is the conscience that watches over you and tells you right and wrong. The id is the pleasure principle. It is instinctive and tells you what you want. The ego is the part that reconciles the two and allows them to get along.

In a drug addict, the id usually wins. The id would say, "I like drugs. I feel good when I take drugs, so let's do some more." The superego would say, "Hey id, we don't have enough money to keep doing drugs all the time. And we never get to school when we're all strung out. And remember that time that we overdosed and had to get our stomach pumped? That really sucked. We really have to stop."

Then to reconcile the halves, the ego might say, "OK, people, we're going to buy more smack now, but we're going to promise ourselves that we will quit real soon; like next week or next month. Maybe as a



Sanjai Tripathi

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Robin Canfield

The sun was out, why weren't you happy?

Ahh, the sun started to show itself last week. Thank God the groundhog was wrong. Kind of. I had hoped the sun would last until September or October.

Alas, we know what became of that wish.

But last week I enjoyed a summer in February, if for only a few days. It arrived as unexplainably as Christmas in July and left, in a way, just the same. In my experience, when the sun shows up like it did, people's spirits rise as well.

Granted, the temperature did not go up too much, but that hasn't mattered before. There usually occurs more smiles, nods, hellos, and yes, even howdys. Like I said, that is usually what I've seen when the sun comes out. In the case of last week, it was not quite so.

I shed my heavy clothing, brought out my sunglasses, and even pulled out my shorts. It was time to dig out the Frisbee, the portable speakers for my Discman, and my fold-out chair. I had a great time with the sun. The only thing that brought me down was the thought that not enough other people enjoyed it with me.

People seem to have let the rain get them into a pattern of being dreary and unhappy. Sure, when it is raining or freezing cold, people are in more of a hurry to get inside. At such times, saying hi to a stranger or an acquaintance is not a priority.

When it is nice outside, though, that mindset needs to change. The only thing soaking you outside is sunshine.

With luck, your biggest problem of the day should be sitting in class staring out a window, wanting to be outside having fun. Everything just slows down to a more enjoyable pace.

Here at OSU, it is as if no one wants to go a little slower. Few people seem to realize when the sun is out, they can take their time walking — that they can smile at people, and maybe laugh a little.

It was nice to see outdoor recreation come back a little. Sure, the fields are terrible, but it was still fun. More people were out playing basketball, tennis, and in the fields, Frisbees were everywhere. I played quite a bit of Frisbee and many of the catches involved skidding to a stop in the mud, trying not to fall over.

On Valentine's Day, however, it was time to try something new. Perhaps you saw it. I brought out my little airplane, called Lightning. I've been waiting since Christmas for just a little nice weather so I could try it out.

With Lightning, you charge up the battery, toss it in the air, and then it flies a few circles before coming to what one always hopes will be a graceful landing. It took some bad spills, even did a big nosedive once when it ran into a tree. I was still

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Endorsement

Burns, Stefanik the best choice

It was recently my pleasure to interview Bridget Burns, candidate for OSU student body president. Burns presents a confident and friendly demeanor with a staggering list of credentials. Her past student actions illustrate a consistent advocacy for human equality, environmental care and administrative responsibility.

As the Vice President at N. Idaho College, Burns helped put an end to the annual Aryan Nations March through the city. Even though the march was non-school related, Burns campaigned in her spare time to undermine racist intimidation. Burns has been a lifelong advocate for unrepresented groups, and she fights tirelessly for students of color, low income students, women, queer students and disabled students. She comes across incredibly intelligent and level headed, with a distinctive knack for leadership. Having observed the recent debates between the candidates competing for ASOSU president/vice president, it is clear that the most progressive ticket is the Burns/Jacob Stefanik ticket.

At OSU, Burns will focus her attention on the current budget crisis and ensure that the administration is held accountable and that the desires of the student body are strongly heard. The state of financial aid is another area where Burns' intelligence and experience would greatly benefit the students of OSU. If you wish to contact Burns regarding her stance on any issue, you will find her readily available through ASOSU.

Her running mate, Jacob Stefanik, grew up in Latin America and currently works to allow disabled, low-income and minority students an entrance into college. Stefanik embodies diversity, and he has a genuine interest in the betterment of OSU for all students.

It is thus, with a great emphasis, that I endorse and encourage a vote for Burns and Stefanik.

JOSHUA J. MELLON,
Senior in physics

Endorsement

Make the informed decision

When election time comes around, many of us, myself included, fail to realize how important it is to choose good candidates who will represent our needs as students. After watching the debates, I think it is obvious which ticket is the experienced, hard-working team. Bridget Burns and Jacob Stefanik eloquently demonstrated their goals and desires they have in making the administration responsible to the students at OSU. Their passion for making the administrative culture here at OSU accountable for their actions is the same passion I want to be in ASOSU. For those fellow students who have not had a chance to watch the debates or talk to the candidates, I strongly urge you to inform yourselves and make the right choice. I am sure that after doing this, there will be no doubt left in your mind for who you should vote for. Vote Burns/Stefanik.

JESSICA MULOCK,
Junior in vocal performance

Endorsement

Vote to put students first

After last night's debate, it is clear that Burns/Stefanik is the right choice for ASOSU president and vice president. I personally was able to attend the debates and I was extremely impressed by both Burns' and Stefanik's platform. As many fellow students here at OSU, I am fed up with the bureaucratic inefficiency that we have at this campus. I could not agree more with them in the fact that we need administrative accountability and student involvement on every level of the redesign process.

While not everyone was able to hear the debates or see them live, after hearing the candidates I have made up my mind. I have decided that enough is enough. Nineteen million dollars in budget shortfall is not the student's fault, yet we suffer the consequences.

Having an insufficient OSU Bookstore system that refuses to increase our 7 percent discount, but as Stefanik stated, "has a 1-plus million-dollar bank account," is unacceptable to me, and I'm sure to many others.

I want someone in ASOSU who has the passion to take on the administration and protect the quality of our education. I want someone who will put students first.

That is why, after Tuesday night's debate, Burns/Stefanik have my vote.

HEATHER SETHRE,
Junior in agricultural business management

Endorsement

Vote for difference makers

I personally have known Jacob Stefanik for the past year, and I have witnessed first hand his dedication and enthusiasm on this campaign. Moreover, I was able to watch the debates, and I believe that anyone else who saw them was just as convinced as I was, how dedicated both Bridget Burns and Stefanik are to protecting the quality of our education. Their passion to amend the wrongs done by our irresponsible administration is one that I want representing the students. We did not get ourselves \$19 million in debt, and for the administration to raise our tuition serves only as an insult to our educational standards. I want people who will fight day-in and day-out to make a change here at OSU. I want qualified people defending my educational well-being here at OSU. And this is why I will vote Burns/Stefanik this week. If

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Canfield: Smile and brighten someone else's day

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happy as long as it didn't shatter into pieces, and it was great to see a lot of grins from people passing by while I was there.

Just like the Frisbee players, however, I also received a few unnecessary glares from people who looked at me like I was trying to hit them. These are the people who do not realize that the sun is out, that we need to be having fun. I swear, a few of the looks I got from people made me want to hold up a cross in defense.

I wasn't there to hit anyone. Well, alright, maybe I did want to buzz my friend Steve. Really though, Steve, it isn't a remote control plane. I could only hope

it would buzz you.

Of course, I was sure Steve would take the idea well, so I wasn't worried about making him mad. He was also in a good mood. He had on his shorts, he had his long board out and he was skating around campus. Had I succeeded in my buzzing attempt, he would have just laughed it off.

An attempt of the same kind on someone I don't know would probably be received as an attempt at murdering them. Granted, I'd never actually do something like that to someone I don't know, but if it had worked, at least they would have started to take notice of those around them.

The rain may be back and it may be midterms, but it is almost always that way.

That doesn't mean that the friendliness should go out of the people here. We're all here at school together. It isn't going to make anyone's day brighter if you glare at them. Say hi to them, though, and the sun comes out a little more.

Even if people seem strange or scary, there is still a good chance they'll say hi back. And if you're still worried your attempt to be friendly will be shunned by some impolite introvert, try the guy that walks around with the Mickey Mouse ears hat on. He is guaranteed to say hi back.

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Tripathi: Global warming not to be taken lightly

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New Year's resolution ...

In politics, too, the id often wins. Our superego tells us, "Global warming is really bad. If there is even a chance that it would happen, we should try to stop it." Then the id comes, in the form of Bush, and says, "But to fight it, we would have to hurt the economy. We all like stuff, and if we can't pollute so much, we will have less stuff."

The mark of a good politician, however, is that they not only take the voice of the id, but also the ego. The ego, also in the form of Bush, reassures us. "OK, people,

we will pretend to do stuff now, but we will keep doing research. If it is really a problem in 10 years, then we will take action."

The problem is, by then it could be too late. It may not be proven, but global warming has the theoretical potential to be the greatest catastrophe the modern world has ever seen. It could be worse than 9-11, Hiroshima and the Holocaust put together.

When I see politicians glibly gloss over it, I really get pissed off. I'm saying now that I am sick and tired of having them

reach out and trying to stroke my id. The political system is broken because we are too complacent about it. Until we reject the feel good politics that seems to dominate both parties, we will not have good government. Like the drug addict we need an intervention.

The sad truth, however, is that like the drug addict, we can't change until we accept the fact that we do have a problem.

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depressed because of two factors — weather and timing," said James Ward, former ASOSU state affairs director. "Since elections are a term earlier than last year, they snuck up on people."

Elections are supposed to occur in the winter so spring term could be used for officer transitions, according to White, who attributes the possibility of low voter turnout to "not as much controversy."

White was referring to two years ago, when campaign violations threatened to take Justin Roach and Chala Barington from the race.

The candidates will be on KBVR-FM for a final debate and discussion this morning from 9-10 a.m. on the news and public affairs show "Material Witness," with host Matthew LaPlante. During the show, students and community members are encouraged to call in and ask questions.

Voting ends at 3 p.m. on Friday, and the preliminary results will be in sometime that night, according to White.

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you too feel this way, than I urge you to do the same. Vote for a change. Vote for who is going to make the difference. Vote Burns/Stefanik.

NICKI FRATES,
Junior in sociology

Endorsement

Burns, Stefanik stand up for students

For anyone who is truly concerned about their education here at OSU, I strongly urge them to take the time to inform themselves about the candidates and the upcoming ASOSU elections. I was able to watch the debates on television, and I was very impressed by the Bridget Burns and Jacob Stefanik ticket. Not only did they have the knowledge and experience that I

want representing me as a student, but they also showed how frustrated they were, along with the vast majority of students, about the administration's incompetence and indifference to the needs of students. Our tuition has increased, and so have our class sizes, and still the administration turns a deaf ear to the student's voice. This is precisely why something must change. This is why I am convinced that Burns/Stefanik will be the ones who can make a difference and stand up for the students at OSU. I refuse to take the brunt of the administration's mishandling of our money, and their irresponsible actions. And it is clear that Burns/Stefanik will not tolerate such actions either. Enough is enough. Vote Burns/Stefanik.

DAVID SATTER,
Junior in construction engineering management

Candidates: Focus on higher education

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voting more." In addition to the voter registration tables at each presentation, students can register at the ASOSU office in MU East Hall. Would-be voters must register at least 20 days before the election, according to the Benton County Elections Office.

ASOSU also hopes to draw attention to the Benton County Special Election on March 12, which will focus on vehicle registration fees. Currently, Benton County has some of the lower vehicle registration fees in Oregon. If passed, Measure 02-14 could increase the fees by \$15.

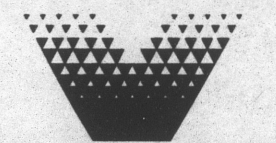
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"Students should get registered sooner than later," Hick said.

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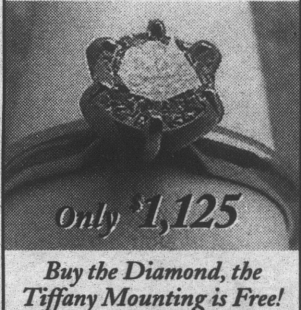
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Men's Rugby hosts WSU at Peavy Field

► After three-month home lay-off, Oregon State returns to action on Saturday at noon

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It's been more than three months since their last home game, but the Oregon State men's rugby team is back in action at Peavy Field this Saturday versus Washington State.

Oregon State plays in the Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union against the likes of WSU, Washington, Central Washington and Oregon.

OSU competes as a club team, which means they do not have scholarship athletes. However, they have taken a

crack at some of the nation's top collegiate programs in the country, such as BYU and the University of Utah.

The team plays both a fall and spring schedule. Last fall, the usually strong OSU team struggled, but this spring they have picked it up.

Employing a new defensive scheme in their first spring match, Oregon State struggled in the first half versus Washington on Jan. 27 in Seattle. At halftime the score was tied at 5-5. In the second half, the new scheme began to pay dividends, and OSU was able to pull away for the win.

Scoring for Oregon State in the 22-5 win were James Zimmerman, Nik Heagy and Mike Hunter.

The following week, Oregon State lost

to a solid University of Victoria squad in British Columbia.

Last weekend, Oregon State was able to come back and get a 22-5 win at Western Washington.

"Overall, it was a great game for us, but Western Washington did give us some trouble," said Emil Liedtke. "We were able to hold them on several goal line stands. The game was really closer than the score showed."

Scoring for Oregon State were Matt Godt, Mike Peters, Paul Castle and a conversion by Hunter.

Saturday's contest marks the final home match for Oregon State before their March 9 Civil War home game against Oregon.

Gabriel: Something is wrong with OSU basketball

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ence. Together, they smiled and told Wildcat coach Lute Olson no. Together they signed to play for OSU's Eddie Payne.

The year they committed to the Beavers, Payne's teams were in the middle of a fabulous run through the Pac-10. Three top-10 teams visited Gill Coliseum, and one-by-one-by-one they were all defeated. It started with UCLA and picked up pace with a thrilling victory over Arizona. Several weeks later, it ended with Stanford.

Payne's best team finished one game shy of the NCAA Tournament — Haywood and Jackson were going to get them there.

It never happened. No longer able to surprise the giants of the conference, Pac-

10 foes took turns taking revenge from the OSU team that had embarrassed them a year earlier. The Beavers finished 13-16 that season with what many believed was a much improved team.

A shocked Payne was thanked for his hard work and informed his services were no longer needed. Jackson and Haywood may not have ever recovered — and now they're gone.

McKay hasn't yet completed his second season as coach at Oregon State. Four players have already transferred. At the completion of last season, Emonte Jernigan transferred, citing a desire for increased playing time. Chris Manker and Haywood said it was personal reasons. Jackson wasn't happy about his role in McKay's offense. He also said the fans were putting too much pressure on him.

Their coach wished them all future success. Now he'll coach what he has labeled as the biggest game of his OSU tenure without his two best all-around players, and ponder how to replace them.

Something is wrong with Oregon State basketball right now, and those of us on the outside looking in can only wonder what exactly it is. It goes beyond 11 consecutive losing seasons and 17 losses to Oregon in the last 18 attempts. It's beyond Haywood or Jackson, Jernigan and Manker.

Something is wrong with Ritchie McKay's family, and that something needs to be fixed right away.

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Jackson: One year of college eligibility remaining

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was leaving because he felt there was too much pressure being put on him by our fans, and he desired more of a heightened role in our offensive scheme," McKay said. "We certainly wish Brian the best in his future endeavors."

Recruited to Oregon State after a storied career at Knappa High School, Jackson turned down scholarship offers from several Pac-10 schools, including Arizona, to come to OSU. Inking Jackson was the Beavers' biggest recruiting coup in years, and the 6-foot-9 bluechipper arrived in Corvallis after leading the Loggers to a pair of state 2A titles. Jackson was a three-time all-state selection and the 2A Player of the Year twice. He left Knappa as the state's second all-

time leading scorer with 2,515 points.

Playing for former coach Eddie Payne in his freshman season, Jackson showed considerable promise averaging 12.5 points and 5.1 rebounds a game, cracking into the Beavers' starting lineup immediately. But the problems began last season as his production dropped and his foul trouble began. Always an aggressive player, Jackson found himself being criticized by McKay for playing too recklessly.

This season, Jackson began to take heat for getting into foul trouble too early and too often. And as Oregon State has stumbled through a conference season without really being competitive, fans often wondered aloud why the kid known as the Larry Bird of Knappa wasn't producing Bird-like numbers.

Jackson started 70 of 76 career games he appeared in at Oregon State. He missed three games this season due to an abdominal strain injury, did not play five contests his freshman season with a bruised knee, and was limited in other games due to various ailments over his two-plus year career. Foul problems were continually an issue for Jackson as well, as he was disqualified 17 times in 52 games.

Jackson does have one year of eligibility remaining. If he decides to transfer to another Division I program, he would be required to sit out the 2002-2003 season due to NCAA transfer regulations.

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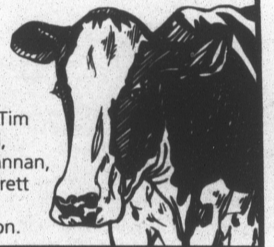
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Broken Home

Brian Jackson is the second player to leave Beaver basketball 'family' in three days

► Junior cites pressure from fans and a diminished role as reasons to leave the program

By JOEL FOWLKS
BAROMETER ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The first week of his freshman year, OSU forward Brian Jackson walked down to his second floor dorm room at Finley Hall only to realize that the other residents were watching him.

"Jackson, we've heard a lot about you," one hollered out. "You better be good."

If it hadn't sunk in yet, Jackson realized then how much pressure was on him.

And it never relented, as fans, boosters and the media have continued to insinuate during Jackson's three-year stint at Oregon State that he wasn't living up to his potential.

On Wednesday, it became too much.

Jackson decided to leave the team, Oregon State coach Ritchie McKay announced. He becomes the second Beaver to leave the men's basketball program in three days. Junior guard Jimmie Haywood left the squad on Monday, citing personal reasons.

Jackson, a two-year letterman, was the team's second-leading scorer (11.7) and rebounder (3.9). He was also second on the team for field goal attempts per minutes played and for field goal attempts per game. Jackson ranked among the Pac-10 leaders for field goal percentage (.551) and free throw percentage (.802).

But he was plagued by constant foul trouble, hampered by injuries, and appeared to get more and more frustrated as the season went on.

"Brian indicated to me that he

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Junior Brian Jackson has played his last game of ball, at least as a Beaver. The 6-9 junior has decided to leave Oregon State's men's basketball squad effective immediately.

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Ryan Gabriel

THE SPORTSMAN'S LOUNGE

McKay's family needs immediate counseling

Oregon State was already a broken basketball program when Jimmie Haywood made his decision to transfer Monday afternoon. On Wednesday, Brian Jackson joined his now-former teammate and further shattered any hope for a winning season by a Beaver team anytime soon.

The strange fact right now is that nobody knows exactly what has happened inside the walls of Ritchie McKay's "family," but everybody realizes it's painfully dysfunctional.

Haywood and Jackson were supposed to be partners in the resurrection of OSU basketball. They were superstars of high school basketball in the Northwest. Jackson charged through 2A basketball in Oregon like it was child's play. Haywood might have been the best player in Seattle.

They had guts and vision. Modest playing time at annual national championship contender Arizona didn't seem nearly as nice as helping bring Oregon State back to the upper-echelon of the Pac-10 Confer-

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Oregon State says Washington game is as big as any

► Pac-10 Tournament could be on the line as the teams battle for final spot

By RYAN GABRIEL
BAROMETER SPORTS EDITOR

Not long ago, the Oregon State Beavers pulled out their pocket calendars and labeled tonight's game against the Washington Huskies critical. They didn't dream their condition would be critical too.

Facing a Pac-10 opponent — at home or on the road — is tough enough. Tonight, they're going to play the Huskies without Jimmie Haywood and Brian Jackson, two solid all-around players who cited different reasons for transferring out of OSU's program this week.

Monday morning, Haywood shocked everybody but his coach by announcing he would leave Oregon State with only five games left on the schedule. The team had to push aside its emotions and fight off Portland for a closer-than-desired victory. On Wednesday, Jackson, described by many as the savior of a downtrodden Beaver program, poured salt in an already gaping wound by announcing that he too would transfer.

Not exactly perfect timing considering the Beavers and Huskies are tied for eighth spot in the Pac-10 Conference, and the winner of tonight's game will likely be off to the Staples Center for the Pac-10 Tournament.

Long-time supporters of the program who remember the golden days of OSU basketball — NCAA Tournament appearances, All-Americans and No. 1 national rankings — might not know whether to laugh or cry at labeling a game essentially for eighth place a big game.

But the right now, this game is as big as any.

"Hopefully, we can get a bunch of people out there on Thursday to see if we can qualify for an extended period of the season," McKay said.

McKay said it provides a playoff atmosphere that mimics the NCAA Tournament's one-and-done format.

A loss tonight would realistically eliminate either Oregon State or Washington from conference tournament consideration and definitely end the Beavers' miniscule chance at a winning record.

"This game is a big game for Oregon State basketball's 2002 team," McKay said. "We told our guys in the locker room that we want to play in an elimination game, and that is really what the Washington game is."

OSU (11-14, 3-11 Pac-10) would need to beat UW and Washington State on Saturday, and sweep UCLA and USC in Los Angeles and win their first Pac-10 Tournament game to have its first winning season since 1990.

Still, Oregon State has something to play for, beyond a simple appearance in the Pac-10 Tournament.

"I'm anxious for the opportunity, McKay said. "If we are the winner Thursday night and our fortunate enough to get into the NCAA Tournament we will have already faced an elimination game."

Washington (9-16, 3-11) could win the rest of its games, including sweeping through the conference tournament, and still not finish with a winning season.

Like the Beavers, though, making the Pac-10 Tournament would provide the program with a much-needed step forward.

"If at this time next year we're 17-10 and have to beat UCLA at the end of the year to get into the NCAA Tournament, we will have played in that type of game before," McKay said.

The Beavers have won five straight against



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Ritchie McKay faces the challenge of keeping his OSU basketball team motivated to play Washington tonight, even though two key players left the program this week.

their neighbors to the north, including three in a row under McKay, but none classify nearly as big as a win tonight.

McKay was an assistant coach under UW's Bob Bender prior to accepting the head position at Portland State.

A school whose basketball program had been dormant for many years, the Vikings flourished under McKay and in just their second season of existence went 15-12. McKay was

quickly snatched up by Colorado State. He spent two years as the Rams head coach before coming to OSU in 2000 to replace Eddie Payne.

The McKay era, while young yet, has been somewhat rocky. But recent events have made it clear that Oregon State is in worse shape than thought.

For weeks, Oregon State has clung to the thought that making the Pac-10 Tournament was not only a springboard to greener pastures, but also a chance to get hot at the right time and sneak into one of this seasons tournaments.

Now the team that has put extra pressure on itself to win will have to find a way to do so without two of its most experienced players.

Haywood and Jackson were juniors, but had played in more games than anybody on the team other than senior Adam Masten. Brandon Payton is a senior and Phillip Ricci a junior, but both are transfers playing their first seasons at Oregon State.

The loss of Haywood and Jackson severs their Pac-10 experience in half, and will undoubtedly force the several freshmen and transfer Jarman Sample to increase their production and playing time.

Payton stepped up against the Pilots, in the absence of his close friend Haywood, and scored 21 points — an Oregon State career high for the transfer from California-Santa Barbara.

Sample and walk-on freshman Ian Elseth will probably fill the void left by the departure of Jackson.

True-freshmen Floyd North III, J.S. Nash and Joe See have all been major contributors at times, but now will see their minutes increase and be counted on to increase their production as well.

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