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FOOTBALL'S BACK
 Spring football brings today, OSU will have 15 practices, culminating in the spring game on April 27
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Welcome to my humble gallery

Two OSU graphic design students take interactive approach to learning

By ADRIENNE EVANS
 BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

Its hot and muggy in the West Gallery at Fairbanks Hall. A couch, resembling the ones found in the back isles of Goodwill, sits on a multi-colored carpet in the middle of the room.

Posters of Pink Floyd and the Transformers hang from pushpins on an otherwise stark-white wall. Most of the time the gallery is home to polished sculptures or framed artwork.

Welcome to Steve and Zac's room.

The small room off the main gallery is often used to house student works. This week, however, it has been reworked into a piece of interactive performance art.

It is presented by two OSU graphic design students. Steve Kuhn, a senior and Zac Jones, a sophomore, who said they might as well move into the gallery since they spend more time there than they do in their own home.

So they did. For fun. The two have appeared to be living in the gallery, equipped with all the comforts of home.

In fact, their performance is so convincing that visitors to the gallery say they feel uncomfortable walking through the room. A fear of disturbing them in their new home leaves one wary to simply intrude into the simulation.

Christina Piluso, a senior in Graphic Design, who works in the art office a few doors down, finds their performance all too realistic.

"I don't even want to go in there," Piluso said. "It looks like their bedroom and I wouldn't want to go in there either."

The pair moved into the gallery Sunday night. Since then, they have outfitted the place to look like their own bedrooms.

A refrigerator, laptop, beer sign and a basket of dirty laundry are a few of the accenting touches that they have added to make a gallery into a home.

Kuhn and Jones do seem to be making themselves comfortable.

"I'm not doing anything differently," said Kuhn. "I'm still taking naps on the couch and playing video games all of the time. My girlfriend even came over last night



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Senior graphic design major Steve Kuhn, lower right, studies at his temporary room at West Gallery in Fairbanks Hall with friend Jason Wickum, a junior in geology. Kuhn and fellow design major, Zac Jones, set up the room in the gallery as a performance art work claiming that they spend so much time in Fairbanks that they might as well live there.

and we watched a movie."

And no computers to offer Internet classes are needed for these undergrads to simply walk to class with no worries about the weather — or even deciding which shoes to wear.

The artists seem to be taking advantage of their proximity to classes at Fairbanks.

Classes are in 30-second walking distance from the room — and some of their classes they've opted to attend in their socks.

Responses of the performance piece are varied.

"A lot of people come in and just don't get it," said Kuhn. "Some people think the art office is renting this place out as an apartment."

But no money-making schemes are in the works quite yet.

Unfortunately for the pair their lease is up. Although the show will be up and available for viewing for the rest of the day they will be moving out in the evening.

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College of Engineering seeks more female students

Strong gender lines remain prevalent in engineering students across the globe, strike division in college's programs

By SHANNON ULLSTAD
 BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

OSU's College of Engineering is seeking more women for their degree program.

During National Engineering Week, Feb. 17-23, the Willamette Valley Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) held "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" events for local high school girls in an attempt to encourage more women to pursue engineering in higher education.

The SWE sponsored the event to let girls know that engineering not only wants them, but truly needs them.

At the event, the girls had the opportunity to design a cell phone, meet successful women engineers, and attend a banquet featuring one of OSU's top engineering professors, Terri Fiez. Fiez has been involved in attracting more women and

minorities to OSU engineering.

Freshman entering the university as engineering majors in fall of 2000 were hardly equally distributed in terms of gender. Out of 1,044 students, 88 percent were male. Fiez said the problem is not unique to the United States.

"If you go to other countries, you will find there is a significantly higher percentage of women in engineering," Fiez said.

"It's surprising how many more males there are (in engineering) than females," said Meghan Gilroy, a freshman in bioengineering.

Gilroy said she is pursuing a degree in engineering because she is interested in how things work, and wants to know how to solve a problem when presented with one.

Annie Plank, a freshman in mechanical engineering, chose engineering because she enjoys math, science and critical thinking.



"As a female in the engineering program, you have to have a strong presence," Plank said, "you have to show you can work hard."

The events of National Engineering Week tie into a major goal for the College of Engineering, which is to build a top 25 program in Corvallis.

The vision is a \$180 million effort to create an educational and research institution by the year 2010. The college hopes to develop "work-ready, business-wise, technically sound" graduates.

"(Engineering) is very challenging," Fiez said. "A lot of creativity is involved."

The College of Engineering graduated its first female in 1923. In 2001, the college reported having 532 women enrolled as undergraduates overall and 3,158 men.

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Beach cleanup is seeking volunteers

Volunteers will clean Oregon beaches this Saturday

By SHANNON ULLSTAD
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Thousands of volunteers are needed to participate in the 18th annual Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup, taking place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. this Saturday, April 6.

Last year, the Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup brought together 4,100 volunteers who were able to remove 18 tons of trash from the Oregon beaches.

Oregon's cleanup effort began in 1984 and has extended to 55 states and US territories and 100 other countries and sovereign territories.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring clothes appropriate for the weather, wear strong shoes and carry gloves. Bags will be provided at the sites.

Safety precautions can be taken by watching the water at all times, being aware of sneaker waves, and being careful on rocks and cliffs.

"We really want volunteers and their families to be safe while participating in this worthwhile event which improves Oregon's beaches for visitors and wildlife alike," said Jack McGowan, Stop Oregon and Litter Vandalism's Executive Director. "Knowledge and adherence to these beach safety guidelines will ensure a safe and successful cleanup," he said.

Guy DeTorrice, a clean-up volunteer at the event for 15 years, said he picks up debris every time he goes to the beach, not just when the event takes place. DeTorrice joins the thousands of volunteers who are passion-

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Seaside man vanishes, family worried

The 21-year-old college student left a party last week and still hasn't returned, friends and family continue search efforts

SEASIDE — A Seaside man has been missing for more than a week, and his family and friends are nervous.

"Someone had to have seen him. Nobody just disappears," Lisa McAlinden said of her 21-year-old son, Robert.

"I've just had every awful thought in my head."

Robert M. McAlinden was last seen early March 25. He had left a party on foot after police responded to a complaint of loud music, said Sgt. Steve Barnett, a detective for the Seaside Police Department.

He did not return home and did not report for work at Mount Hood Beverages in Warrenton.

His parents reported him missing

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NEWSREEL

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STATE

Coalition proposes adding 400,000 acres to wilderness

PORTLAND (AP) — A coalition of environmental groups has launched a campaign to have more than 400,000 acres of federal land in Oregon designated as wilderness this year.

The Oregon Wilderness Coalition ultimately wants 4.8 million acres of Oregon land designated as wilderness, putting it off limits to machines and vehicles, development and resource extraction such as logging or mining.

The coalition consists of 130 conservation organizations led by the Oregon Natural Resources Council. Organizers said they have widespread support among Oregon residents, businesses and citizens groups.

The coalition hopes to win the support of Oregon's congressional delegation. But since this is an election year, the coalition's plan may be a tough sell.

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Democrat from Portland who hosted a forum on the subject Wednesday night, said his decision whether to sponsor a 2002 Oregon wilderness bill will depend on the depth of public support for the ONRC's plan, and "how broadly we can make something acceptable to other people in the delegation."

Josh Kardon, chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, said the senator is interested in the proposal but is not ready to sponsor a wilderness bill in the Senate.

The last major wilderness designation in Oregon was creation of the 170,000-acre Steens Mountain Wilderness in 2000.

Ten percent of Washington is designated as wilderness, while 13 percent of California is wilderness. Oregon, by contrast, has just 3.6 percent of its 62 million acres carrying a wilderness designation, according to the ONRC.

Archdiocese says quick action was taken on abusive priest

PORTLAND (AP) — A former Roman Catholic priest in Portland who was named in a sex abuse lawsuit filed in Florida was stripped of his duties as a priest in 1966 following a sex abuse complaint against him, Archdiocese of Portland officials said Wednesday.

"On hearing those allegations (in 1966), the archdiocese took very swift and decisive action" against the late Rev. Andrew Ronan, said Mary Joe Tully, chancellor for the archdiocese.

Earlier Wednesday in Florida, an unidentified man sued the Vatican for allegedly covering up sexual abuse by Ronan in Ireland, Chicago and then Portland.

Also named in the lawsuit — which seeks damages of more than \$75,000 — are the Archdiocese of Portland, the bishop of Chicago and the religious order for which Ronan worked.

According to the suit, Ronan was sent to Chicago from Ireland in the early 1960s after he admitted abusing a youth. While working at a Catholic high school in Chicago, at least three male students accused him of molesting them.

"Despite knowing of Roman's dangerous propensities to abuse children" the Vatican transferred Ronan to Portland in 1965, the lawsuit said.

The complaint alleges that in late 1965 or early 1966 — when the unidentified plaintiff was 15 or 16 years old — he was sexually abused by Ronan.

The man is suffering from severe and permanent emotional distress because of the mistreatment, the lawsuit claims.

Tully said Archdiocese of Portland officials believe the unidentified plaintiff is the same person who filed a complaint against Ronan in 1966.

She said the archdiocese took action against Ronan within three months.

NATION

Study: Birth defect risk lower than expected for in-bred kids

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Children born to couples who are first or second cousins have a lower risk of birth defects than is commonly believed, but it can still be nearly twice as high as usual, according to a study released Wednesday.

An unrelated couple has an approximately 3 percent to 4 percent risk of having a child with a birth defect, significant mental retardation or serious genetic disease, the researchers said. They found that close cousins face an additional risk of 1.7 percent to 2.8 percent.

That is lower than many people, including family doctors, believed to be the case, said one of the researchers, Robin Bennett.

"The common sense point of this is that there is a definite risk, but the risk is rather small," said another one of the researchers, Dr. Arno G. Motulsky, professor of medicine and genome sci-

ences at the University of Washington.

The analysis of six already published studies appears in the April issue of the Journal of Genetic Counseling. The six studies involved thousands of related couples.

Marriage of first cousins is illegal in 30 states and is stigmatized in many Western cultures, but that is not the case in other places, particularly the Middle East, Asia and Africa. In some countries, up to 60 percent of the population is related by blood, and cousin marriages are preferred to unions of unrelated couples.

Immigrants are continuing that tradition in the United States, so doctors need to be better informed of how to treat and advise related couples, Bennett said.

"There have surely been lots of terminations of pregnancies because of misconceptions about the actual level of risk," she said.

WORLD

Israeli forces battle gunmen in Nablus, encircle Palestinians

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Israeli tanks rolled into the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, on Wednesday and other troops laid siege to a refugee camp in Jenin, battling Palestinians who barricaded entrances and fought back with bombs and guns. Soldiers also encircled hundreds of Palestinian gunmen holed up in the church marking Jesus' birthplace.

Twelve Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed on the sixth day of Israel's offensive aimed at crushing Palestinian militias and stopping terror attacks on Israeli civilians.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened Cabinet ministers to approve the next stage of the open-ended "Operation Protective Wall." Only two major West Bank towns — Hebron and Jericho — were still under Palestinian control late Wednesday.

President Bush repeated his support for the Israeli assault. "He understands and respects Israel's right to defend herself," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was weighing a meeting with Israeli and Arab leaders during a trip to Europe next week.

"My mind is open," Powell told reporters at the State Department. "We are examining all possibilities. I would not rule out meeting with anybody where it would serve a useful

purpose."

U.S. special envoy Anthony Zinni remains in the region striving to implement a truce plan authored last June by CIA chief George Tenet. The U.S. Embassy hasn't released any information on his activities in recent days, and no meetings were scheduled with either Israelis or Palestinians.

But daily anti-Israeli protests in the Arab world grew more violent. Thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians clashed with security forces Wednesday outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, with at least 25 reported injured as protesters threw stones and security forces used tear gas and water cannons.

Under pressure to cut off ties completely with Israel, Egypt took a more limited step Wednesday, announcing it would suspend all diplomatic contacts with Israel except those aimed at helping the Palestinians.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council debated a Palestinian-backed resolution aimed at pressuring Israel to withdraw from its cities.

UNIVERSITIES

Cal State-Sacramento student to appear in court on murder and conspiracy charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A California State University-Sacramento senior will appear in San Joaquin County Superior Court Wednesday on charges of murder and conspiracy in the death of a Sacramento lawyer, the latest in a series of events that have stunned her professors, classmates and acquaintances.

Sarah Elizabeth Dutra, 21, is charged as an accomplice in the poisoning death of Larry McNabney, whose body was found Feb. 5 in a vineyard east of Stockton, Calif. Authorities arrested Dutra March 19 after McNabney's wife, the primary suspect in the case, implicated the art major in the crime.

Dutra is not eligible for bail, due to special circumstances that include "murder for financial gain" and "murder by means of poison," said Lester Fleming, supervising deputy district attorney for the homicide division.

Despite reports the prosecution would seek the death penalty, Fleming said he does not think that is likely, especially since Dutra has no criminal history.

— Layla Bohm
The State Hornet
(California State U. Sacramento)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APR. 4

Meetings

Queer Resource Center, 5pm, Women's Center. Come get information and materials for the National Day of Silence (April 10th).
College Democrats, 8pm, MU 207. College Democrat meeting. Come and get involved with the campus & community by helping to create an intelligent & informed student body.

Events

Educational Activities Committee, 4pm, MU 207. Budget - open hearing.
International Students of OSU/Indian/Iranian Student Association, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. International film night: India. "Kabhi Kushi Kabhie Ghan."
BSU Christian Fellowship, 7pm, BSU House, 130 NW 12th. Worship.
Real Life Student Group, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. The Cross Road. A special drama that will make you laugh, make you cry and make you ask why.

FRIDAY, APR. 5

Events

Real Life Student Group, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. The Cross Road. A special drama that will make you laugh, make you cry and make you ask why.
International Students of OSU/Indian/Iranian Student Association, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. International Film Night: Iran. "The Circle."
ASOSU, 6-10pm, MU Leadership. Grass Roots organizing weekend. US Student Association organizing/leadership training. Open to all.

SATURDAY, APR. 6

Speakers

Women's Center, 3-4pm, Women's Center. Owning your own business, a success story. Jean Yates, proprietor of Avalon Farm Wine, Gift & Gourmet.

Events

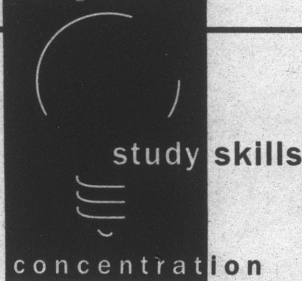
OSU Triathlon Club, 8am - noon, Langton Hall. 10th annual Beaver Freezer Triathlon. Sprint distance: 500 yard swim, 11.4 mile bike ride, 3.1 mile run. Spectators welcome.
Isang Bansang Pilipino, 6pm, MU Ballroom. "Welcome to the Islands" Filipino Night 2002. Free food, cultural presentations and dance.
ASOSU, 8am-5pm, MU LaRaza. Grass Roots organizing weekend. US Student Association organizing/leadership training. Open to all.

SUNDAY, APR. 7

Events

ASOSU, 8am-5pm, MU LaRaza. Grass Roots organizing weekend. US Student Association organizing/leadership training. Open to all.

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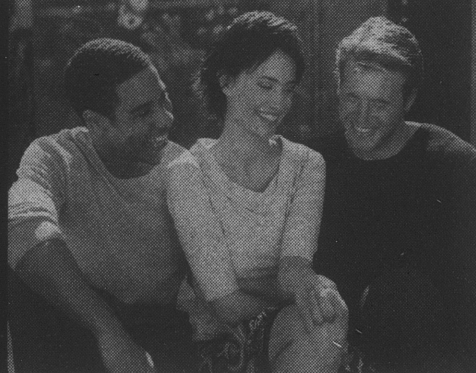
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Battle of brains lands in court

By **BETSY BLANEY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK, Texas — The question of who won the Texas Academic Decathlon has stumped some of the finest minds in the state.

Is it Lubbock High, which was declared the winner? Or is it Pasadena's J. Frank Dobie High, which says there were scoring problems and wants a retest to determine who will represent Texas at next week's national competition?

The battle of the brains is now in court. "It's blowing our minds, as you can imagine," said Shonna Distefano, coordinator of the Texas decathlon organization, a defendant in lawsuits filed by both schools. "This pains me because we're using this scholarship money that we normally give to students for litigation."

Officials at Dobie High say they won the competition, in which nine-member teams match wits in such subjects as language, literature, art and economics on written tests, essays and quiz show-like oral exams. The winners get \$1,200 apiece for college; second place is worth \$800 each.

After the meet ended last month, Dobie High's coach realized that one of student Kevin Ho's score sheets was misplaced and had been excluded from his school's final tally, which would have pushed his team into first place. Decathlon officials said the sheet was not turned in properly, meaning Lubbock High had won and Dobie High was second.

Dobie High took its case to court in Houston last week, with coach Richard Golenko arguing that Ho's test should have been counted and that at least one other test was not tallied correctly. Questions also were raised about whether a score was missing for a Lubbock student.

Meanwhile, Ho's score sheet was shredded as part of the decathlon association's standard procedure.

A state judge in Houston last week found

"serious issues in the validity of the scores" of both schools and ordered a rematch.

Another state judge in Lubbock said Wednesday that the decathlon could not decertify the results declaring Lubbock the winner, and could not require Lubbock to participate in the rematch. Pasadena immediately appealed.

"We're not going to sit back and let someone take the championship from Lubbock because Lubbock's team did not feel they did one thing wrong," Superintendent Jack Clemmons said. "We're going to fight to let the kids retain the championship."

The Pasadena school district wants to fight, too. At its request, a judge in Orange County, Calif., ordered the U.S. Academic Decathlon to send an alternate version of the test to Texas for the potential rematch.

Executive Director Les Martisko said the new test will arrive Thursday.

He said the national organization takes no position on who should represent Texas at the national competition in Phoenix next week, whether the decision is made by the Texas organization or the courts.

"We'll take whatever team on the competition day is there. And that's as fair as we can get," he said.

The national group had told the Texas association there is not enough time to devise a new test for a rematch and that Lubbock has been certified as the winner.

Lubbock team members said they have many sympathizers.

"They say, 'Congratulations and I'm sorry,'" said team member Catherine Lee, a senior.

Some team members said they see parallels with the indecision of the 2000 presidential election and the figure skating controversy at the 2002 Winter Olympics, in which gold medals were awarded first to a Russian couple and then, after an outcry, to a Canadian pair.

Seaside: Lack of contact uncharacteristic

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March 27 and retrieved his car, which had been left near the house where the party was held.

To leave without a word, let alone to leave at all, "is just not like him," his mother said. "He's very close with us. We've had no fights or arguments. He knows I would be flipping out, and he would not do that to me."

Family members, police and neighbors have distributed more than 150 posters urging those

who may have seen him to contact police. The family has delivered the flyers to everyone from Federal Express workers to the dentist.

Friends, including his girlfriend, have also said lack of contact is uncharacteristic. They say McAlinden likes his job and studies criminal justice at Clatsop Community College.

"There was nothing sinister anywhere that could even connect him to something," Lisa McAlinden said. "He does not have a double life."

Vili Fualauu: teacher seduced him

By **ERIN VAN BRONKHORST**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KENT, Wash. — Vili Fualauu told jurors Wednesday that his teacher seduced him starting in the sixth grade, when she offered to strip off one item of clothing for each correct answer on a history test.

Testifying in a civil lawsuit filed over the notorious case, the now-18-year-old Fualauu said he had a crush on Mary Kay Letourneau when she was his sixth-grade teacher at Shorewood Elementary School in the south Seattle suburb of Burien.

"I thought she was hot," he said. But at 12 years old, he was living with his mother and extended family, and liked to shoot baskets, draw pictures and ride his bike in a childhood he called "normal."

Fualauu's mother, Soona Vili, listened intently as the downcast young man gave one-word answers to lawyer Lori Guzzo's questions, mumbling so softly that he had to be told four times to speak louder.

But he spoke more freely as he appeared to gain confidence during 65 minutes of testimony.

Fualauu pointed out friends and schoolmates on the screen as a videotape was shown of him and other sixth-graders making gingerbread houses with first-graders during a holiday party at his school.

Fualauu was expected to return to the stand Thursday as he and his mother press their \$1 million King County Superior Court lawsuit against the Highline School District and the city of Des Moines police, saying they should have prevented sexual relations between him and Letourneau.

Letourneau, who is serving prison time for child rape, is expected to testify later by satellite. She was 34 and a married mother of four when

the relationship began.

In a book written together and in previous interviews, Fualauu and Letourneau have presented their relationship as a special kind of love affair.

Two daughters — fathered by Fualauu and borne by Letourneau — are now 4 and 3 years old and are being raised by Fualauu's mother.

Letourneau made sexually suggestive remarks to him twice while she was his teacher, Fualauu said. He said he liked math but hated history.

"One time she said she would strip for me for every (history) answer I got right," he said. "I was supposed to do the test and for every answer I got right, she was going to take off one piece of clothing that she had on."

Was anyone else there? Guzzo asked. A classmate named Luke was present, Fualauu said. He testified that he asked the teacher about his friend Luke and she said, "him too."

Another time, in the period before their first sexual encounter, he asked when he would get a kiss from her "and she said I would get one on the last day of school," he testified.

Their first kiss occurred in the parking lot of a Burien restaurant, he said, after the two had dinner together on a school night in June 1996.

"I remember because I got home at 11:37 and my mom was asking me why I was home so late on a school night," he testified.

That evening, the two had stayed after school for hours working on separate projects, he said, and went to dinner at Letourneau's suggestion about 8 p.m.

At the restaurant, he said, she kicked his knee, he kicked back and "it was like we were playing footsie" under the table. After dinner they left quickly — forgetting dessert — because she saw someone she thought she knew, he said.

Cleanup: Debris increases this spring

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ate about keeping Oregon's beaches free of litter and pollutants.

"It's our job to maintain (the beach), protect it, clean it," DeTorrice said.

There have been reports to SOLV that there is an increase in the quantity of debris on the beaches this spring. Also, old glass Japanese fishing floats are being sited on beaches for the first time in years, due to changing currents.

SOLV is a statewide organization that was

founded in 1969 by Governor Tom McCall and other community leaders. It works in conjunction with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association to organize the cleanup.

There will be 41 meeting sites from the Washington border to the California border, which are listed at www.solv.org and can also be found by calling SOLV at 800-322-3326.

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EDITORIAL

Police, fans, university guilty

THE DIAMONDBACK (J. MARYLAND)

COLLEGE PARK, In this space over the past three years, The Diamondback has scolded students for illegal behavior after athletic events.

We've supported police and promoted alternative celebrations. But on Monday night, the actions of University of Maryland students, city residents, county police officers — and the absence of preparation by the university administration were equally disgusting.

Once again, fans — not limited to university students — taunted police, destroyed property and ignited bonfires. Not excusable.

Once again, county police waited to disperse crowds until the fires raged and the fans gained confidence. Not excusable.

Once again, the administration failed to provide worthwhile alternatives to rioting. Not excusable.

We hear frequently from police and university officials, and we echo that frequently on this commentary page, that illegal behavior should not be tolerated. But complaints of police inciting crowd violence are dismissed as immature.

Why? Maybe because most media outlets sit by a police scanner and write stories based on official accounts, a few student quotes and disappointed alumni comments. Several Diamondback reporters were on the frontlines. One, standing still and taking notes near on Knox Road near Smoothie King, was hit by five pellets in less than a second. A Diamondback photographer was shot in the head Saturday night after the Kansas game.

On Monday night, the police did incite violence. No doubt about it, officers egged on some people and aggressive behaviors on both sides of the line led to fights, as The Diamondback reported Tuesday.

There is no reason officers should be firing indiscriminately toward the crowd. We keep hearing police say a few dozen baboons are tainting healthy celebrations with illegal behavior. But why, then, do police herd away every fan, including the discerning and the innocent, with gunfire?

Why not warn fans first with a megaphone? Why not go in on horseback, as they have in the past, and demand students flee? Why endanger fans by shooting them? Sure, these are pellets, not bullets,

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Confessions of a paper cup junkie

Emily Wheeland

I'm sure everyone out there can agree with me when I say that there is nothing like a hot cup of joe in the morning to get the old wheels a turnin'.

The coffee shops on campus know me by name because I come in at least twice every day. I'm served coffee so fresh and hot that I have to use a cardboard jacket to protect my hands from the scalding heat of the paper cup.

Sometimes I see people with what espresso aficionados call "comeback cups," fancy language for old, stained, stinky coffee mugs they bring from home. And they only get a measly ten cents off every time they buy a drink in their cup. If you ask me, it's not worth it because every time they use it, they have to rinse or wash it out afterwards.

Why do that when you can just toss it in the trash on your way out the door? Besides, I'm too lazy; my cup would end up sitting on my desk creating funny sour milk smells. Everyone else I know gets their coffee in paper cups and if they all do it, why shouldn't I too? If I get two cups a day, that's only 480 cups a year, that won't take up too much room in a landfill!

As if you couldn't tell, the previous paragraphs were sarcasm. The sad part is that judging from the wasteful habits of coffee and espresso drinkers all over campus, the comments in the previous confession are surely in the minds of many students and staff members.

Lets get real here shall we? This whole careless wasting of paper cups has gotten way out of hand on this campus. Whether we are hairy legged, tie-dye wearing,

opinionated, Nader-voting, protesting environmentalists, or suit wearing, religious, uptight, narrow minded conservatives, somewhere in between, or a mixture, we can all agree that trees are quite possibly our most valuable resource, and something we all depend on for survival.

Call me crazy, but I don't consider the use of a few paper cups a day, for the purpose of toting to class a single, grande, non-fat, half-calf, triple shot, vanilla latte with whip a necessity of survival, do you?

Consider the fact that trees supply the planet with enough oxygen for over 30 billion people, are the home to millions of insects and animals, and greatly affect global weather patterns. I should also mention the plight of thousands of indigenous communities around the world who depend on rain forests for food and shelter and who are being evacuated from their homelands daily, so that we here in the U.S. are able to have endless amounts of paper cups with which to drink our coffee in.

Maybe some of the following facts would help us begin to change our wasteful habits when it comes to paper cup consumption (not to mention plastic).

Fact number one: We can buy a reusable plastic coffee cup, with a spill-proof lid, in many of the coffee shops on campus for less than \$4. I'm sure if we all saved our pennies and nickels, we could swing four big ones! Many of you out there should be thrilled to know that these cups are also library-

approved. That means no more sneaking in drinks in paper lunch sacks and backpacks!

Fact number two: Lets imagine if we will, 400 people visiting a campus coffee shop once each day and purchasing a drink in a non-reusable cup. Over the course of a year, this would equal 96 thousand cups being trucked off to landfills!

Now, imagine if every coffee shop on campus had this many customers daily, and every shop in Corvallis, and every coffee shop in Oregon and in the entire country; that's billions of tons of unnecessary waste all because many of us are lazy and cheap. If we continue to consume and create garbage at this rate, pretty soon the US will be one big reeking waste dump.

Fact number three: According to the Environmental Protection Agency, as of 1996, 32.2 percent of the waste which was discarded was paper and paper board. This could easily be changed just by each one of us not getting a new paper cup each time we buy a cup of coffee.

Now don't get me wrong here, I'm not saying that we should get rid of paper cups all together. In fact, they are handy in some instances, such as in the car, when sometimes the only option is to hold a mug of boiling coffee in between our legs while we are driving, praying it doesn't spill in our lap, and wishing we hadn't made so much fun of our mom's thigh-master in the eighties.

What I am saying is that if it is in our power to change our actions in order to create positive change in the lives of the planet and the other people, plants and animals

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Robin Canfield



Just let the world be taken over

I open the paper, I change the channel, everything screams out "Israel attacks Arafat" or something to that effect. Unfortunately in most cases they find some way to justify it.

Maybe I missed something but it seems like the American media jumped Arafat from peace-seeking leader to blood-thirsty terrorist almost overnight.

My main curiosity is how much of this force-fed press are we supposed to accept before we spew it all back in their faces.

So far, all I've read or seen comes directly from the Israelis and is merely relayed to us by our own reporters.

Perhaps they're going about attacking their "terrorist" problem with overkill.

It doesn't bode well for the press to say that the military kept firing on Arafat's compound because they were merely returning fire. It sounds justified until you take into account the American inside the compound that reported that no one within was shooting anything.

Israel doesn't need to push this hard to gain U.S. support.

None of us are likely to forget the footage of Palestinians burning U.S. flags and celebrating in the streets after 9/11.

The President is giving them his full support.

White, U.S. supporting nation vs. non-white people that want to be free in their own land ... we seem to always choose the former.

Also, if the President wants to keep up what has become his shoot-em up adventure in Afghanistan, how could he get out of supporting Israel?

I watched ex-Israeli Prime Minister Barak on CNN for half an hour last week and every single thing he said included a comparison to the US and Afghanistan. It was "just like the Americans in Afghanistan" this and "just like Bin Laden, Arafat" that. The similarities beg for justification.

It isn't too late to say they are wrong and for them to stop. All it takes is for our own government to admit we are wrong.

Even if all we do is admit that still being in Afghanistan is unjustified, at least some of the world might respect us rather than fear us.

We claim to be in Afghanistan to stop a terrorist who endangers our country.

Israel claims that their case with Arafat is the same.

Another similar scene is China making that claim about Taiwan and Tibet.

In the 1950's China started with Tibet, and later moved on to inner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gun control

Patriotism a separate issue

First of all, Sanjai Tripathi's headline (The Barometer, March 7) is profoundly insulting. Patriotism has nothing to do with gun ownership or not.

Second, he propounds great knowledge, but exposes only naivete, especially when he asserts drying up arms in the hands or honest citizens will deny criminals their source. Sir: our government can't stop tons of narcotics from being smuggled in. How do you suppose it could stop the influx of firearms? Think: Japan's citizens have never been armed (the Shogons saw to that) but their gangsters have lots of guns — smuggled!

Aside from being a symbol of a free government, unafraid of its own citizens, ownership of sidearms does prevent crime — lots of it. Home invasion is common in lands without privately held guns for self defense. It is rare here. Criminals greatly fear armed possible victims.

I am, was, a target shooter (past state champion) and will defend my home. Unless you attack me, you have nothing to gear from me or my guns. You may even be safer in your home because people like me do have weapons.

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Medical marijuana

Take the next step

We already know that Oregonians overwhelmingly support the right of

seriously ill people to use marijuana for medical purposes, but a recent poll shows that support has grown since Oregon's medical marijuana initiative passed in 1998.

According to the poll, administered to more than 1,000 adults by the Lucas Organization, 76.5 percent of Oregon voters "strongly support" or "somewhat support" the state law allowing "seriously ill patients to use and grow their own medical marijuana with the approval of their physicians." This is a big jump over the 55 percent of voters who supported the initiative in 1998. The poll was conducted in three other states with medical marijuana laws, which also show increased levels of support since their laws were passed.

The poll results also indicate that Oregon voters would favor expanding the law to allow medical marijuana distribution by non-profit medical clinics (69.1 percent) or the state government (64.4 percent).

An initiative to enhance the distribution of medical marijuana to the seriously ill could be on the ballot in 2004. Oregonians have already taken the first step by providing legal protection to people suffering from cancer, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other terrible illnesses. Making sure sick people can easily obtain their medicine is the logical next step.

KRISTIN OECHSLIN,
Marijuana Policy Project

Use your address book to help get donation to save wildlife

Non-profit organizations often ask for volunteers or financial donations, but I hope Barometer readers can help us simply by getting out their address books (or Palm Pilots).

The Consortium for Wildlife Conservation is a new research and education organization linking OSU with other institutions and wildlife agencies both in the Pacific Northwest and world-wide to form collaborative projects. Consortium members have already initiated several new programs to save Oregon Spotted frogs, Western Pond turtles, Oregon Silverspot butterflies and Pygmy rabbits, and are beginning new projects in Africa to protect the elephant and hippo.

We are starting up from scratch and hope to have equipment and other operating expenses donated. We need contact names in non-profit foundations, large businesses and the odd rich donor would help! (We are an independently registered non-profit so all donations are tax deductible).

Do you know anyone who might help? All we need is the contact; we'll follow up with the presentation.

URSULA BECHERT, PhD, DVM
Executive Director,
The Consortium for Wildlife Conservation
Assistant Professor in Biomedical Sciences

Donations

Canfield: Peace impossible in war weary lands

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Mongolia. Since Taiwan escaped their grasp China has been saying they will retake it.

Our government whimpers and says "don't" because Taiwan is our friend.

We try to give Taiwan defensive weapons and China threatens to attack.

We respond with quiet statements about how we might do something about it. What's the difference between that and England dealing with Hitler?

Bhutan and Nepal would follow Taiwan's downfall if it were to happen. then

perhaps India, and Pakistan.

In some main respects the Chinese have already surpassed Israel and are on level with us. We wish to wipe out the Taliban culture, as China is working on wiping out the Tibetan.

Israel is taking a different approach. They are wiping out the oppositions leader in hopes of corrupting their enemies and having a new leader installed that submits to them.

As I have already said China is way ahead of them. They haven't tried to take out the Dalai Lama for many years. But a few years ago, when the Dalai Lama

chose the new Panchen Lama (second in command), he and his family were promptly abducted and China installed "the real" Panchen Lama.

The similarities are subtle but real. They show that it is easy to justify pretty much anything. Any country can claim they were wronged and blow up their opposition. It will just go back and forth until soon nobody has their same place because its all been taken over.

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Editorial: Cop overkill

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but when fired rapidly toward large masses, pellets are prone to hit someone in the face or in the eye.

Perhaps Prince George's County Police, who used the pellet guns, should have paid heed to their University Police counterparts. A few hundred yards away on Fraternity Row, University Police waited patiently for crowds to thin out, as they always do with time. Result: Fans didn't pelt police with bottles as they did on Route 1. Showing no restraint, county police charged the masses with pepper and tear gasses.

The violence on Route 1, like that of Saturday night, did not run rampant until after police attempted to disperse thousands of people on Route 1. When pushed back to the College Park Shopping Center, the focus of some fans shifted to police as the inebriated battled the ill-tempered.

Wheeland: Coffee cup excesses

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which inhabit it, we should. In fact, isn't it our responsibility as moral human beings to do so?

Simply putting our coffee in a reusable cup is something most of us can afford to do and is a good start towards the reduction of paper waste. We all know trees are important and that they are disappearing much faster than we are able to re-grow them. The rain forests are currently being destroyed at a rate three times that of the year 1994 — currently 78 million acres a year.

We should be doing whatever we can today, to ensure that our great-grandchildren will have clean air to breathe that commu-

nities around the world will not continue to have their homes and ways of life destroyed so that countries in power may have short-lived, material gains.

So the next time we go to get a cup of coffee with our cronies, lets think twice about what our beverage is being poured into and about the fact that even though deforestation may not appear to directly affect our lives, we can bet it is altering the lives of thousands of people and endangered species around the world every day.

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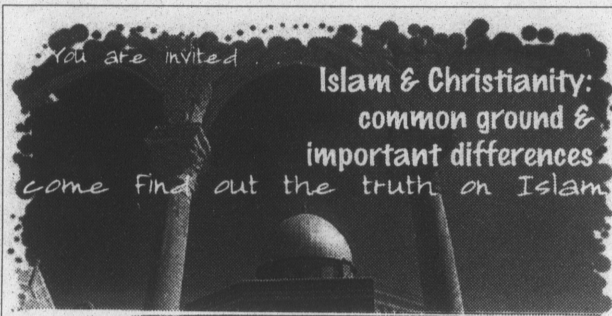
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Men's and women's golf has busy springbreak

► Women's team has been strong all season

By BRIAN GJURGEVICH
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

While much of the Oregon State student body looked for a sunny beach to spend their spring break, the men's and women's golf team looked to steer clear of the sand as much as possible, and keep it on the short grass.

Both teams headed south to Eugene, to take part in the Oregon Duck Invitational, March 25-26.

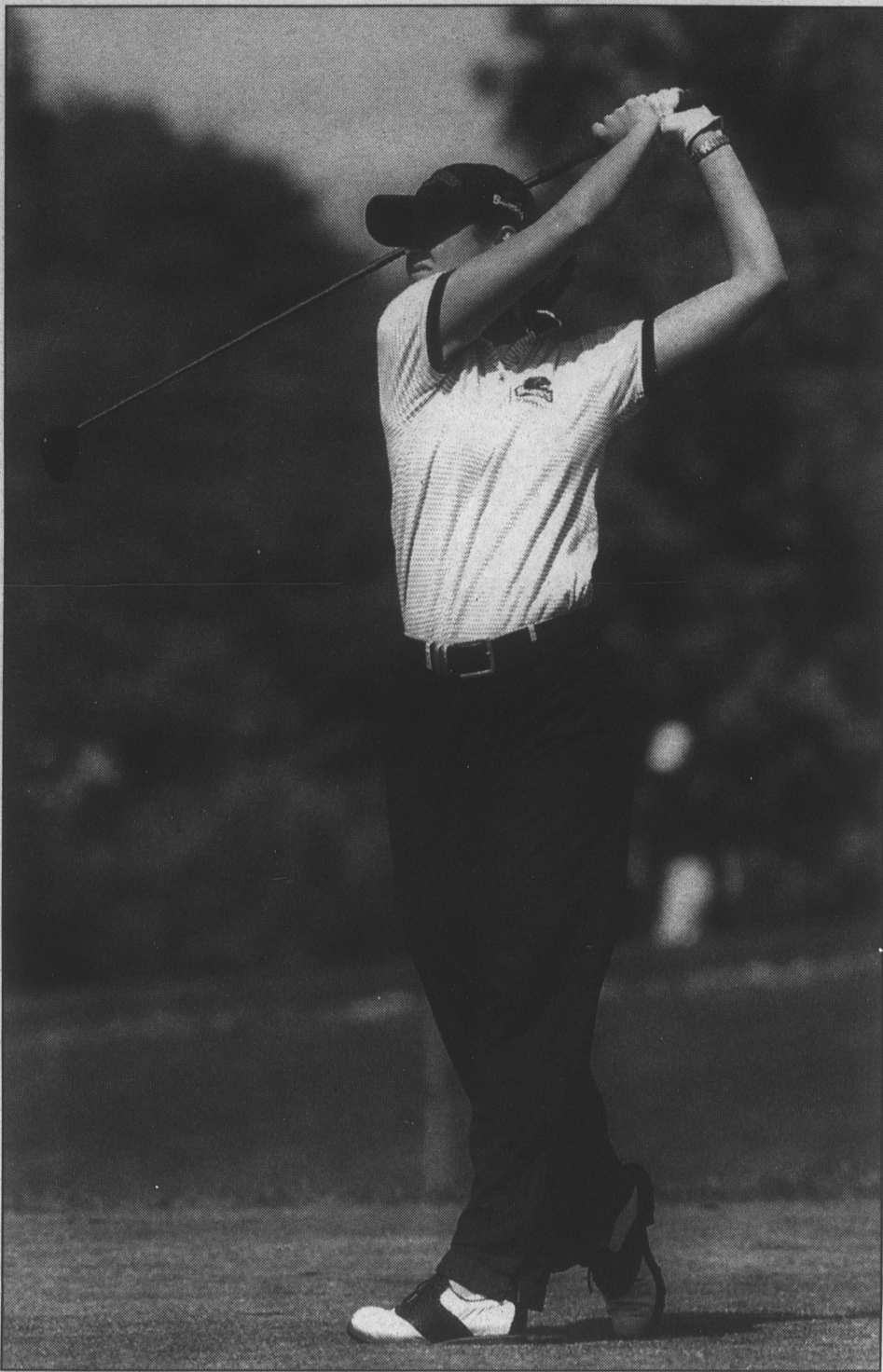
The men's event was held at the par 72 Shadow Hills Golf Club in Eugene. The Beavers swung their way to a 14th place finish out of the 16-team field, which included nationally ranked Arizona, San Diego State, and Washington State. Sophomore Daren Greig led the Beavers, firing a three-round low team score of 225. Hot on his heels was fellow sophomore David Stypula, who in his first varsity competition carded an impressive final round 70, en route to a 226 total, tying him for 55th place. Sophomore James Salt shot a final round 73, and a total of 228 for a 62nd place finish. Rounding out the group were the Deacon brothers, senior Todd and sophomore Sean, who each posted a score of 229, tying them for 70th.

Key bogies on the final five holes cost the Beavers, giving up 10 strokes in that stretch. Oregon fired a 15 under-par 849, and won their home tournament. Washington finished second with a 850.

With less than a month until the Pac-10 Championships, the Beavers hope to put it all together and keep the low numbers going for the full 18 holes. "It's encouraging to see the players get to the low numbers, but it's very frustrating to see them throw it away over the last few holes," said coach OSU men's coach Brian Watts. "They all have the talent to shoot low scores."

Harnessing that young talent will be the challenge, as the Beavers have one more tune-up before the Pac-10 Championships. That tune-up will be held at the Western Intercollegiate, on April 8-9 in Santa Cruz, California.

The Lady Beavers Golf Team took Eugene's Mallard Creek Golf Club by storm, carding a final round team score of 295, the low team score for the day, and a low score for the Beavers this year. Their 922 total secured a ninth place finish out of the 15-team pack at the Oregon Duck Invitational. Led



FILE PHOTO

Junior Stacie Ferguson shot a final round 70 to lead the Oregon State women's golf team to a season-best 295 team score at the Oregon Duck Invitational last weekend. The team is traveling to Arizona this weekend for the ASU/Ping Sun Devil Invitational.

by final round 70's by juniors Stacie Ferguson and Ashlei Pendleton, the team leapfrogged NCAA Regional berth contenders Oregon, San Diego State, Nevada, and Colorado, to secure their first top 10 finish since the OSU/Shanico Invitational in October.

Ferguson tied her career best round, bouncing back from a disappointing opening round 81 to fire a three round total of 225. The 225 was good enough for 13th place. In her final round, Ferguson bogied only one hole and birdied the last. Sophomore Laura Skin-

ner also had a career best 16th place finish, shooting a three day total of 227.

Kelly Ferris was able to work through her recent swing changes to close out with a final round 79, and a three-day total of 238. Her score placed her in 51st place. Rounding out the pack was freshman Kelly Kerkvliet, who carded a final round 85, and a 259 total. Washington dominated the ladies field, distancing themselves from second place Idaho by 21 strokes.

The Lady Beavers will again hit the links for the Ping/Ari-

zona State Invitational, which runs April 5-7 in Tempe, AZ. They look to ride their momentum of recent success into their next tournament, and hopefully into the Pac-10 Championships on April 22.

"I'm glad we're playing again pretty soon," said OSU women's coach Rise Lakowske, "it'll be nice to hopefully carry this into the ASU tournament. They've been so close all year, they just needed to know they could."

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Larsen: Hockey is neat

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mocking tone "Clooououtier! Clooououtier!" My two friends and I, rooting hard for the hometown Canucks, decided we'd tolerate no trash talking about our goalie. We took a breath, count to three, and yelled as loud as possible "SHUT-UP!" It did the job, but earned us some weird looks in the process.

Unfortunately, later in the same period, the Oilers scored again on a weak angle shot. This time there was no stopping the traitorous Oilers fans, so we just sat back and ponder the deficit. The fan sitting next to me, a man no older than 30, buried his face in his hands and sighs: "This game is costing me 500 bucks." Apparently gambling is as big in Canada as it is here.

The match went on, with exciting moments left and right. The Canucks get some quality shots, but the Oiler's star goalie Tommy Salo was on his game, and stopped them all. Cloutier was now playing a lot better, stoning a point blank slap-shot with a glove save. Eventually though, the Canucks started running out of emotion, and the quality of the game declined. At one point, left wing Todd Bertuzzi took a slap shot from a teammate straight to the helmet. He wasn't happy about that one.

The third period rolled around and we were still down 2-0. By now I had no

voice left and the Canucks were struggling, so my attention drifted to other fans at the game. Out of the corner of my eye I saw two round, flesh-colored objects. I leaned forward and squinted, and began to make out...two guys' bare asses. On their way up the steps were about six security guards and cops. Needless to say, this scene didn't end pretty. The guys had friends blocking the rows so authorities couldn't get to them, but they slowly pushed their way through.

The two drunken mooners were literally dragged out of their stadium, pants still around the ankles, to laughs and cheers from other fans. Must have been a couple of those crazy Americans you'll hear about north of the border. The game went on, people started filing out of the arena, and inevitably, my first live hockey experience came to an end. Canucks lose 2-0, and their playoff hopes took a hit.

My team didn't score, I paid three times the retail cost for my upper deck tickets, and I could never bring myself to buy one of those \$6 dixie cups of beer. That said, the game was still a great experience and something I'll remember for a long time. Hell, it was about the only part of the trip that I do remember. What a spring break.

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Crew: Men open spring

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rowing in competition since early March. The Lady Beavers are 2-0 this season with wins over the University of Victoria and Washington State.

Like the men, the women have six rowers back on their boat from last year's squad. Unlike the men, the women have only two seniors, Joy Jordan and Karen Hopfer, returning. Everyone else that's returning are juniors, Kim Hughes, Erica Greer, Kim Teixeira, and Lyndsay Wrightson.

After coming off what some may call a disappointing season, the Beavers have the experience to improve on a sixth place finish at the San Diego Crew Classic last season. They also finished sixth at the Pac-10 championships last year. Their lowest finish in seven years.

"Last year, we had a young team with the majority of which is returning

this year," said women's coach Charlie Owen. "Hopefully, with another year under our belts, we can prove to be a little more consistent in our racing."

Maturity is already becoming a factor with the women's team. Traveling down to San Diego undefeated is going to help their confidence and coming home undefeated may be the boost the women need to get them back to being a threat at nationals.

Competition for both teams begins on April 6 and ends the following day. This is going to be a good test for the men and women, as there will be top teams from around the country at this meet. It will be an opportunity to size up the competition and also see how far they need to come before nationals at the end of May.

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BRIEF

Rangland defeats field

Oregon State guard Felicia Rangland won the Intersport Women's 3-point Championship on March 28 at Georgia

State University. The shoot-out was televised by ESPN on March 30 along with the men's 3-point contest and slam-dunk event, Rangland defeated seven other competitors and won the first place honors after winning a tie-breaker over Florida's Brandi McCain.

For entertainment purposes only the men's winner, Georgia Tech's Tony Akins, faced off against Rangland in Intersport's "battle of the sexes" shoot off. Rangland was within one basket of Akins at one point in the contest, but ended up losing 20-13.

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Football kicks off spring practice

► Replacing Jonathan Smith will be a key to the success of OSU football

By A.J. TYVAND
BAROMETER SPORTS EDITOR

Very few people predicted the Beavers success on the gridiron in 2000. The team was able to sneak up on people. In 2001, the expectations were even higher.

Sports Illustrated agreed, giving Oregon State the pre-season number one ranking, but that didn't last long as OSU was blown out 44-24 by Fresno State in their opener. They went on to a 5-6 season record.

This season may be another chance for Oregon State to surprise people.

Spring football is the first look fans get at their team for the upcoming season. Some key positions will be manned by different players at OSU. Prolific quarterback Jonathan Smith is gone along with star tailback Ken Simonton. The anchor of the offensive line Chris Gibson has also used up his eligibility.

On the defensive side of the ball, gone is linebacker James Allen who will try his hand in the NFL. Free safety Jake Cookus and defensive end Kyle Rosselle also have exhausted their eligibility.

"Going into spring we want to continue to improve offensively and defensively. We will have a new quarterback, so that will be critical for us at this time," said coach Dennis Erickson in the OSU spring prospectus. "During the spring someone needs to emerge at quarterback, whether it is Derek Anderson or Shayne House or someone else."

The spring will provide Anderson, a sophomore, with the opportunity to prove himself as the starter. Anderson will be pushed by House, a 6-foot-5 junior with a ton of potential, though he has been slowed by injuries throughout his OSU career.

Returning at tailback, sophomore Steven Jackson ran for 390 yards as a freshman off the bench. Another sophomore 5-foot-8, 199 pound Dwight Wright will also challenge for some carries.

"I do believe that Jackson probably is as good a running back as we have had in a long time. He compares favorably with Simonton," said Erickson.

The offensive line has three key returners in seniors Lee Davis and Mike Kyrkendall as well as sophomore Kanan Sanchez. One of the top depth chart battles of the spring will occur at right tackle. Sophomore Doug Nienhuis and transfer Isaac Aronson will duel for the job.

Time at wide receiver could also be considered wide open. Junior James Newson is an established star (57 catches, 968 yards in 2001), but seniors Shawn Kintner (17 catches, 221 yards in 2001), and Seth Trimmer (16 catches, 304 yards in 2001) have both had productive careers. In addition former walk-on Cole Clasen caught 23 passes for 250 yards as a freshman last season. Also expecting to challenge for time are sophomores George Gillett, Josh Hawkins, and junior Kenny Farley.

The strength of the Beavers should be their defense, and the strength of that defense should be the tackles. Senior Eric Manning and junior Dwan Edwards are a pair of 300 pounders who take up a lot of space.

Junior Richard Seigler and senior Nick Barnett are experienced linebackers.

While seniors Terrell Roberts and Dennis Weathersby are as good as any corners in the Pac-10. Also playmaking safety Mitch Meeuwssen returns for his sophomore season. In addition to well established stars, the Beavers have created a lot of depth in the defense.



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Sophomore quarterback Derek Anderson and the rest of the Oregon State football team open spring practice today at 4 p.m.

"Manning and Edwards are returning as starters and we have some depth. With Seigler and Barnett we have a pair of linebackers who have played a lot," said Erickson. "Meeuwssen returns at one safety and we must find out who the other safety will be this spring."

On the special teams senior Ryan Cesca and junior Kirk Yliniemi will battle for the placekicking job. And junior Carl Tobey expects to return as the punter.

The expectations for Oregon State football are high, spring football will be a chance to see exactly how high.

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Spring Football Schedule

April 4	No pads	4 p.m.
April 5	Limited pads	4 p.m.
April 6	Pads	1 p.m.
April 9	Limited pads	4 p.m.
April 10	Pads	4 p.m.
April 11	No Pads	4 p.m.
April 13	Pads	10 a.m. Scrimmage
April 16	Pads	4p.m.
April 17	Pads	4 p.m.
April 18	Limited Pads	4 p.m.
April 20	Pads	10 a.m. Scrimmage
April 23	Limited Pads	4 p.m.
April 24	Pads	4 p.m.
April 25	No Pads	4 p.m.
April 27	Pads	1p.m. Spring Game

Men's and women's crew headed for San Diego

► Women's crew has been in action for nearly a month this spring, men open Saturday

By TIM PAULSON
BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

The Oregon State men's and women's crew team is on their way down south for the San Diego Crew Classic.

After finishing third at the SDCC in 2001, behind Washington and Wisconsin, the Oregon State men are coming into the new season with high expectations. A major reason why OSU is expecting to do well is because they have six returning starters making the trip and the fact that the Beaver's are ranked 13th

according to the preseason coach's poll.

Two of the six returning starters are juniors, Ryan Dillon and Brian Sinkbeil, and the other four are seniors, Nathan Pakish, Josh Inman, Bryan Reiman, and Mark Squire.

However, despite bringing back the core of last year's team, the Beavers will be without Joey Hansen. Hansen received first team all Pac-10 from 1999 to 2001 and now rows for the U.S. National Team. His absence will definitely be missed.

"Losing a guy like Joey Hansen from last year's group was huge. Losing the senior experience we had in the boat was huge," said coach Dave Reischman.

How is OSU going to overcome

the departure of Hansen? By filling in the holes with big bodies, that's how. With an average height of 6'3" and a weight of 200 pounds, the Beavers should be able to compete with any boat in the country.

Competing on a national level has become tradition for Oregon State. Over the past eight years under Reischman, OSU has placed no lower than 16th at the IRAs and as high as eighth in 1999.



Jordan: Joy returns to the team after missing race due to illness

"At Oregon State University we have all the resources to compete at any level," said Reischman. "Our goal is to be a top six crew every season. Over the last seven years, we have broken into the top 10 several times."

The idea of reaching the IRA Championships is always on OSU's mind. Given the talent on the team, the Beavers figure they'll make the trip to the IRAs come May.

"They've surprised me so far this fall," said Reischman. "They've organized themselves to stay on top of things and have probably done the best job of leadership that I've had in terms of putting in the work."

As for the Women, they have been

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Bret Larsen

Spring break hockey Canadian style

What a spring break. Usually during breaks from school, I go home to Medford and sleep 12 hours a day, leaving myself another 12 to sit in the recliner watching TV. However, this break was going to be different. I decided to take a road trip to Vancouver, Canada for four nights with a couple of friends and we had to take advantage of that liberal 19-year-old drinking age.

The first night, we racked up \$200 in room damages in our hotel and had two or three threats of getting the local authorities called on us.

At that point we realized we should probably do something a little more legal. All it took was a look out the window and seeing the General Motors Place, home of the Vancouver Canucks hockey team, to decide what to do.

I'd never been to a hockey game at any level, but had been a big fan of the NHL for years. I've never understood why the game isn't more popular. Name me another sport where fights and big hits are regular occurrences, the action barely stops and great saves are as intense as great goals.

The game was that night, March 24, so we headed to a ticket broker (read: scalper with an office) to try and get tickets to the high demand match-up. The broker wouldn't accept a price lower than \$75 each for a set of three upper level tickets...the printed retail price on them was \$26.

Oh well, a buck here is worth a buck-fifty in Canada, so no big deal, we paid the money. Besides, this game was huge. The Canucks were hosting the Edmonton Oilers, and both teams were fighting for their lives, just a couple of wins out of the 8th and final playoff spot.

We showed up at the arena an hour before the game would start, but got some early entertainment. A couple of security guards, risking nose bleeds from the elevation of our seats, strolled up to our section and kindly asked a couple of guys sitting behind us to hand over their smuggled bottles of alcohol and leave the premises immediately.

Apparently their idea of hiding the water bottles filled with vodka in the crotch of their pants didn't fool anyone. It's not surprising though, wouldn't a couple of Canadian guys with bulges in the front of their Levi's the size of Dirk Diggler on Viagra seem just a little suspicious? Anyway, the seats continued to fill up and pretty soon the game began.

The ice lit up as the rest of the arena darkened, rock music blared, neon Canucks logos spinned on the ice, and the PA guy started announcing the starters. The fans quickly reminded me that hockey is a way of life in Canada, screaming and cheering for all they're worth. I couldn't help but join in. The puck was dropped and the three-hour speed fest of hitting, passing, shooting, and more hitting was underway.

Eight minutes into the game, the Oilers' Mike Comrie gathered a rebound and put the puck past Canucks goalie Dan Cloutier (pronounced Cloo-shay), top shelf. Immediately the crowd went silent, that is, until the many Oilers fans around us started chanting in a

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