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UO Greek System may be dry by Fall '02

➤ A proposal to UO President Dave Frohnmayer may be approved early next month

By ALLISON PYBURN

Greek houses at the University of Oregon may become dry next year. A proposal forwarded to UO Presi-

heightened set of university endorsement standards. The standards include not only a substance-free requirement, but consequences for failure to follow currently existing guidelines.

Greek houses rely on university recognition to operate as student groups, thus remaining affiliated with the campus. Currently at UO, five out of 10 fraterni-

considered dry.

A downward trend in Greek involvement despite increasing enrollment, a potentially skewed reflection of Greek life and a failure on the part of students to follow policy - as well as monitor and report peer activity, spurred a series of discussions among members, alumni, campus officials and community mem-

dent Dave Frohnmayer outlines a ties and all of the system's sororities are bers surrounding potential reform efforts.

Safety and liability issues of a "wet" Greek system were amplified following a Sept. 28 incident at the OSU chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon involving 26 counts of furnishing alcohol to minors and 35 individual counts of minor in possession. \$200,000 worth of alcohol related

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Jaywalking airs tonight

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The Jaywalking segment filmed at OSU April 10 will air tonight on The Tonight Show, which runs at 11:35 p.m. on

Although about 80 minutes were filmed on campus, only a

5-8 minute edited clip will play. Jeff Taylor, OSU Athletics Videographer, is working to schedule a complete showing of the tape in the MU for some time in the near future.

Conference on Gender & Culture 2002

> Large crowd expected for keynote speaker Giovanni

By LAUREN SWENDSEN

Today marks the start of OSU's third annual Conference on Gender and Culture. The events have been organized in conjunction with the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Regional Conference which will bring in visitors from all over Oregon and Washington.

"It's an opportunity to recognize the way that gender plays out in our daily lives," said Jennifer Almquist, Women's Center office volunteer and coordinator.

The events will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday with a Women in Science and Technology panel in La Sells Stewart Center's Construction and Engineering Hall.

Thursday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a discussion to address the 30-year Celebration of the Women's Center, Women's Studies, President's Commission on the Status of Women, and Title IX at CH2M Hill Alumni Center.

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Over one hundred men and women gathered together in a walk from Corvallis High School to the Benton County Courthouse Tuesday night.

Marching to Take Back the Night

> Group comes together to stop violence against women

By SCHELLENE CLENDENIN

Laughter and tears.

Hey hey ho ho sexual assault has Anger and cheers.

Two, four, six, eight, no more date

The light from dozens of candles flickered through a night so cold that the breaths of the 158 women and men and children marching left a haze in the air.

Though the evening was chilly, the crowd made their way from Cor-County Courthouse Tuesday night

at the sixth annual Take Back the coordinate the event. Night march. They have come together as part of sexual assault awareness week to empower one another and to make people aware that violence against women is a continuing problem.

In the past, men were discouraged from attending the march, said Laura Berglan, Americorps volunteer and coordinator for the event. "But now they are encouraged."

Mike Stoops, a freshman in bioengineering said that this was his first year attending the event. But that he felt it was important. Women deserve equal rights and equal respect," he said.

The Center Against Rape and vallis High School to the Benton Domestic Violence as well as Saferide work together every year to

This year Americorps and CARDV volunteers Becca Zimmerwolf and Christina Bondurant put together an event that included speakers and performers who each presented unique views on women and their

In 1978 a handful of women from San Francisco united together to take a stand against violence perpetuated against women and to take back the night.

Since that time the march has become part of a global campaign to make women feel safe in their own neighborhoods.

Schellene Clendenin is the city editor for the Daily Barometer. She can be reached at 737-2231 or at

Kids go buggy at Museum Day

➤ The event continues today at LaSells Stewart Center

> By BEN DOTSON BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Spiders, snakes, starfish and many other wiggly creatures that youngsters young and old love to play with are all displayed during Museum Day at the LaSells Stewart Center.

As part of a two day event that brings together four departments from OSU, Museum Day presents a fun way for kids to learn about the world around them.

"They have so much fun they don't realize how much they are learning," said Lynn Royce, Insect Identification Specialist, in the Entomology Extension office.

This year we are expecting about 150 kids per hour or about 1000 kids each day," Royce said.

The project started in 1991 when some local teachers approached then post-graduate student Greg Brenner about showing his insect collection to students. He organized a day in which the students could come and see his insects as well as other displays set up by the zoology and botany departments.

The forum consists of four departments: entomology, fish and wildlife, botany, and the most recent addition, the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Each department has displays for the kids to see, touch, hear, and even smell.

The entomology department may have the most unusual displays, particularly maggot racing, where colored maggots are placed in an elevated tube and released, then the first one to the end of the tube wins.

Museum Day runs through today, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center, and is free and open to students as well as the general

Ben Dotson covers science and technology for the Daily Barometer. He can be reached at

Fundraisers for student in need of heart/lung transplant

➤OSU students unite in honor of Amelia Gonsiewski, an OSU freshman waiting for a life saving transplant

By KRISTIE DEROIA

Amelia Gonsiewski needs a heart/lung transplant and she's optimistic about getting one. The OSU freshman majoring in psychology, suffers from pulmonary hypertension, a degenerative disease that destroys the lungs. She is currently on the transplant waiting list at Stanford

University Hospital and has been since Feb. 13. In an interview for The Daily Barometer's March 5 issue, Amelia said that she was told by her doctor in January that without a transplant

she had approximately three years to live. "I'm going downhill pretty fast. I get about 30 percent less oxygen than everybody else. So getting the transplant is a very big deal," Amelia

In anticipation of uncovered medical costs, which are running upward of \$30,000, Amelia's family has been working tirelessly to raise

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BILL ANDERSON I FILE PHOTO

Amelia

Gonsiewski has been waiting for a heart/lung transplant since Feb. 13 of this year. Two **fundraisers** are being held to contribute to the cost of medical expences.

Showers, chance of thunderstorms High 55, Low 40 High 55, Low 40

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WORLD

Israelis reopen desert camp to imprison Palestinians

KETZIOT, Israel (AP) — Israel has reopened a sprawling desert detention camp made infamous during the first intefadah to hold some of the thousands of Palestinians it has rounded up during its current West Bank sweep.

Spotlights beamed down and soldiers stood in guard towers; civilian and military trucks entered and left, and bright new Israeli flags hung limply in the baking desert air.

An Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed Tuesday that Israel reopened the camp this week

Ketziot held thousands of Palestinians during the first Palestinian uprising, from 1987-93. Prisoners were held 26 to a tent, exposed to searing heat in the summer and bone-chilling cold in the winter. The camp was closed in

The army declined to comment on the reopening. The Palestinian security chief in the West bank, Jibril Rajoub, said reopening the prison would only increase Palestinians' desire for freedom from Israel's control. "The Israelis will discover that they are wrong in their belief that opening this prison ... will break the determination and the unity of the Palestinian people," he said.

In the current offensive, in its 19th day Tuesday, Israel has detained 4,258 Palestinians including suspected leaders of the Palestinian uprising, the army said.

Explosion damages buildings in Yemen's capital

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — An explosion damaged several buildings in downtown San'a on Tuesday, including one that witnesses said houses a Yemeni intelligence office. A group saying it backs the al-Qaida terror network claimed responsibility.

No injuries were reported in the blast that occurred in front of adjacent building entrances of the General Civil Aviation Authority and a branch office of the Yemeni intelligence service.

Security officials told the official news agency, Saba, that an explosive device detonated at 6:25 a.m. in front of the aviation authority, damaging its windows and front gate and a neighboring house. The agency quoted an

the intelligence office.

The explosion also broke windows on two buses, the official said. The agency reported no casualties.

In a statement Tuesday, the group renewed its threat to carry out bombings during upcoming weeks if some 173 people being held in Yemen were not released. The statement said those being held committed no crimes but were al-Qaida members. The claim could not be independently con-

Yemen's government admitted there may be al-Qaida suspects in the country, but has been unable to arrest two key suspects. Yemen also said the terror network has no military training camps or any other organized presence in the country.

Yemen, the poorest country of the Arabian Peninsula, has committed itself to joining the U.S. war on terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Security in Yemen has been a top concern of the United States since the attack on the USS Cole in October 2000 that killed 17 American sailors in Aden

NATION

Thunderstorms hit Texas, leaving homes damaged

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Tornadoes and strong thunderstorms slammed into northern Texas on Tuesday night, damaging at least two dozen homes, ripping the roof off a church and snarling air and ground traffic.

There were no immediate reports of fatalities or life-threatening injuries.

Annette Brown, 42, said she and her mother sought shelter in the bathroom of their Fort Worth home. When they emerged to survey the damage, they saw their carport had been tossed from the front yard to the back yard.

Across the street, which was partially blocked by a 30-foot tree, Julie Diop said strong wind gusts snapped a tree at the trunk and smashed their car.

"I was scared, but it could have been worse," Diop said.

Pat Svacina, spokesman for the city of Fort Worth, said a few people were transported to hospitals, but none with serious injuries. He said damage was reported to 18 to 20 homes in a mobile home park, and to six houses in another area of the city.

Svacina said 25 vehicles were

official who spoke on condition of involved in a chain reaction accident anonymity, and who did not mention on a freeway where high water was reported.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, spokesman Ken Capps said incoming and outgoing flights were halted for about 45 minutes.

STATE

Fire delays women's prison opening

WILSONVILLE (AP) — The planned opening of a medium-security wing of Dregon's new women's prison outside Wilsonville was delayed after a small fire scorched the building's computer

Though the Sunday night fire caused minor damage, officials opted to delay moving 56 female inmates to the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for the Monday opening.

The lady convicts were supposed to be the first group to move into the wing. In all, nearly 300 women prisoners are slated to be sent to the medium-security wing soon.

Within a few weeks, different wings of the \$171 million, multi-security prison are expected to hold all the state's 660 female inmates, except for about 25 in a boot camp program at North Bend.

No long delays are anticipated because of the fire.

"We hope to open before the week is over," said Perrin Damon, a Corrections Department spokeswoman.

The blaze broke out in a computer room shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday, triggering the prison's internal fire alarm system and sending smoke billowing into a master control center, where crews were monitoring security cam-

No injuries were reported. Fire officials blamed the electrical fire on a mechanical failure.

Corrections officials said no prisoners were evacuated from Coffee Creek's minimum-security facility, which houses 346 inmates and opened in October.

Built on 108 acres north of Wilsonville, the complex also has a new intake center for both men and women, where all prisoners entering the state's corrections system are screened.

After a few weeks at the center, male prisoners will be assigned to lockups throughout the state. Female inmates will remain at Coffee Creek

The prisoners will be transferred to Coffee Creek from the Oregon Women's Correctional Center in Salem and the Eastern Oregon Correctional Center in Pendleton.

After all female inmates leave the Salem prison, officials intend to convert it into a minimum-security building for 176 male inmates.

UNIVERSITIES

UO Professor supports ASL as foreign language requirement

EUGENE, (U-WIRE) — As the discussion continues of what constitutes a "foreign" language by University standards, the University of Oregon undergraduate council is looking to language experts for ideas.

University of New Mexico linguistics professor Sherman Wilcox spoke to the undergraduate council on Monday, encouraging the University to make sign language an option for fulfilling the bachelor of arts degree foreign language requirement. Following his presentation to the council, he addressed more than 50 people in the EMU about the history, benefits and culture of teaching American Sign Language.

'You don't have to go to another country to put language study to practice," Wilcox said.

He traced the roots of ASL back to the 17th century in Martha's Vineyard, where it was used as a communication mode among the large deaf popula-

Wilcox explained how written sign language can aid in learning by developing books, educational tools and sign language dictionaries.

Wilcox suggested ASL simply be given the same amount of recognition as other languages. "We should at least investigate the possibility of writing ASL," he said.

This issue is not new to the University. In 1994, the University undergraduate council voted down the concept of ASL being an acceptable language alternative. Since then, the ASUO Student Senate passed a resolution in March recognizing ASL as a foreign language, but the process has now shifted to the University undergraduate council for suggestions of what comes next.

The council isn't expected to reach a desicion before May but will continue to hear from Language experts.

- By Robin Weber Oregon Daily Emerald (U. Oregon)

Campus Crusade for Christ, 8pm.
McNary Dining. Come make friends and learn about faith at our weekly meeting. **OSU Pre-Law Club,** 5pm. Gilkey 3rd floor library. Weekly meeting.

CALENDAR

United Campus Ministry, 12-1pm, Westminster house. Bring a lunch, life and writings of Detrich Bonhoeffer. United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm Westminster House 101 NW 23rd. Dinner, fellowship, and Bible study.

Lutheran Student Movement, 5:15-6pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. Evening prayer with Eucharist. Informal Freehold of Turris Nimborum, 7pm MU 211. Medieval Arts & Sciences Classes.Learn these techniques!

Extreme Campus Ministries, 8am. MU. Prayer meetings every weds., see MU calender for room number.

Speakers

GPSA, 4pm, MU 213. "Teaching talented and gifted students" open to education and other students, and to parents Women's Center, 6-7:30pm, WC. Sexual Trauma: Common effects & coping

UCPS Workshop, 4-5pm, MU 211. How to study in less time & do better: UCPS Workshop, 6-7pm, MU Learning Lounge. Reducing test anxiety.

Career Services, 4pm, Career Services. Resume & cover letter writing: Learn tools & tips to develop al resume & cover letter to sell you to employers.

Peace Studies Program, 7-9pm, MU Quad Steps. Multi-faith vigil for Palestine: Please join us as we grieve for those in Palestine and Israel and call for an end to the occupation of Palestine.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Meetings

QRC, 4pm, Women's Center, QRC is looking for graduate students, staff, and faculty to start a queer group just for you. Come with ideas to share. Refreshments will be served.

Extreme Campus Ministries, 7pm. MU. Come be empowered to live God's word. Join us for fellowship. Check MU calendar for room number.

Queer Resource Center, 4pm Women's Center. Find out how the OSU community plan to make Corvallis the new hub for the LGBT community in Oregon.

Speakers

The Baha'i Club, 7pm. La Selles. Evolution of Human Spirituality: Dr. Ron Her shel on the Enlightenment Period. **Events**

GPSA, 6-8pm, MU Rec Room. Annual graduate student all-free party. Free pool, and free bowling.

Women's Center, 3:30-5pm, Ch2m Hill Alumni Center. 30th anniversary celebra-tion of the Women's Center, Women Studies, the Presidents commission on the status of women, and Title IX. Women's Center, 8:30am - 5pm, MU.

Conference on gender & culture. College of Ag. Science, College of Science, College of Forestry, and Research Office, 9am-5pm, LaSells Stewart Center. 63rd Annual Biology

Career Services, 5pm, Career Services Job search preparation: Attend this workshop and learn steps to successfully conduct your job search and get you career of on the right foot.

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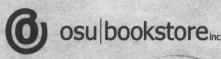
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Greek System: Fate uncertain

citations were incurred. The death of OSU sophomore Spencer Haugh after a March 1 alcohol-related fall from the OSU chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity added more fuel to conversations.

"It was very impactful here on our campus as well. Greek students were aware and worried that it could happen here," said UO Vice Provost for Student Activities Greg Lobisser. The UO Greek tragedy in recent years.

"We've been very fortunate," Lobisser

Following the death of Spencer Haugh, OSU President Paul Risser recognized the need for campus-wide alcohol awareness, but said the university does not have responsibility over Greek hous-

"I'm not saying that going dry is the answer. Clearly, if Greek houses are dry, students will go off campus to drink which is not safe either," Risser said in a March 2 interview.

"At every university where I've been, it's been a continuing issue. I think there is more effort here at OSU to help students be aware," he said. "We're advocating that, not dictating."

Although Greek houses are viewed as off-campus entities, the groups are recognized as student organizations — making them accountable to university

Under Oregon administrative rules, campus Presidents are granted authority to require university-recognized groups

follow policy - including a decision for a dry Greek system, said OSU Vice President for Student Affairs Larry Roper.

There has been no move toward evaluating OSU endorsement standards. ASOSU President Justin Geddes said the Greek system at OSU remains vulnerable to further detriment.

Currently, nine out of OSU's 22 fraternities are dry — some by probation, and some by choice. All sororities are dry.

OSU Intrafraternity President Todd system has not seen an equivalent Trekell envisions a progressive move toward a dry system here at OSU, but questions the effectiveness of houses turning to dry status as a cure for underage drinking, agreeing with Risser that students will turn to other avenues for

> The UO proposal includes four areas of standards currently in place as guidelines. Academic performance, property management, leadership, and community support. If accepted, these areas, which would include substance-free housing, would be enforced through biennial reviews. Endorsement warning, endorsement probation and closure would occur respectively following each offense, Lobisser said, if those offenses were consecutive. A house would have the possibility of bouncing from good standing to probation on a recurring basis, depending on frequency of viola-

> The group is confident Frohnmayer will accept the proposal; a decision is expected in early May.

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Conference

This years keynote speaker, Nikki Giovanni will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the La Sells Stewart Center's Austin Auditorium.

Giovanni a well recognized author and poet, was named Woman of the year by Essence, Mademoiselle, and Ladies Home Journal magazines.

At the conclusion of Giovanni's presentation, the gospel quartet, Four Justice, will sing some of her favorite songs. A book signing will follow.

There will also be a luncheon with Giovanni Friday from noon to 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend the luncheon, but those who have not already made reservations are asked to bring their own lunches.

In addition there will be a Feminist Film Festival featuring short films Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in MU 206.

The conference is an opportunity for the community to talk about what gender looks like in different disciplines Almquist said.

"We've fought a lot of battles but there's still a lot of ground to cover," she said.

Conference sponsors include: Difference, Power, and Discrimination Program; the OSU Critical Issues Project; The OSU English Department; the OSU Ethnic Studies Department; the OSU Convocations and Lectures Committee; the OSU Provost's Office; the OSU Women's Center; and the OSU Women's Studies Program.

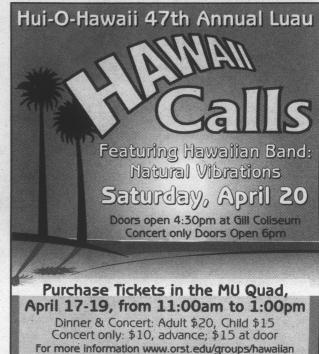
To obtain a schedule of events, interested parties are advised to call the women's center at 737-3186. Programs will also be available at the registration table in MU 207.

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Fundraisers: Showing support for a fellow student

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enough money to cover the expected expenses.

And now several OSU students that have been touched by Amelia's story of strength and determination are joining forces to raise money for her cause.

Her friends and people she has never met before are utilizing their positions on campus in order to organize fundraisers that all OSU students can take part in.

Jenny Ferguson, a junior in electrical engineering, decided to spearhead a soccer tournament fundraiser after a phone conversation with her mother in which she learned that her stepdad is cousins with Amelia's mother.

Ferguson's mom, who is organizing a fundraiser of her own, encouraged her daughter to use her connection as a student of OSU to develop an event that could raise money for the two national funds that have been set up in Amelia's name.

But it wasn't just the fact that Amelia was family that Ferguson decided to take action. In fact, Ferguson said that she has yet to meet Amelia. Her motivation to undertake such a responsibility was also a result of the emotions she felt when learning about Amelia's situation.

"I can't imagine if I was waiting by the phone for a match," she said, "I would hope a group of people would step up and say we want to help you out."

After some brainstorming, Ferguson decided on a soccer tournament. With the help of her sorority Alpha Chi Omega and fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi, she has arranged A Goal For Life to take place this Saturday April 20th at Peavy Field begin-

For students that are interested in taking part, Ferguson is recruiting teams of seven to ten for the seven on seven tournament. She said that there will be a men's bracket and a women's bracket and each team that registers must put up a \$50 entrance fee, which Ferguson said could be as little as \$5 per player for a team of 10. The money from each team's entrance fee will go directly to Amelia's Medical Fund, an account set up through U.S. Bank.

Ferguson said that there will be surprise prizes for the two winning teams and a raffle for prizes for spectators that attend the

A sign up booth for A Goal For Life will be set up in the MU quad today and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and t-shirts will be available for \$13 for anyone who wishes to buy one.

Ferguson encourages students to sign up to participate as a demonstration of caring for a classmate that is dealing with a life threatening situation.

The Three Saturdays

"Show support for a fellow student (and) as a demonstration that you care about other people in your community," she said. "(The event) will be either a success or a failure depending on the participation

In another effort to raise money on Amelia's behalf, the residents of Hawley Hall, Amelia's residence hall, have also organized a fundraiser.

Next week, April 23 to 25, Hawley residents will have a booth in the MU quad that will address the need for organ donors in honor of Organ Donation Week. The group will be distributing information about organ donation and its importance as well as be collecting monetary donations for Amelia's Medical Fund through donation buckets.

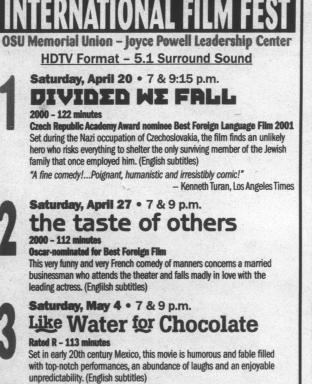
In addition the hall is organizing the details for a campus and community dance to take place May 10 in the MU Ballroom from 8 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$3.

As for the motivation behind the effort, "I think it creates an awareness. Amelia has touched our lives in so many ways. Everyone who's met her loves her." said Kathy von Arx, the second floor RA of Hawley

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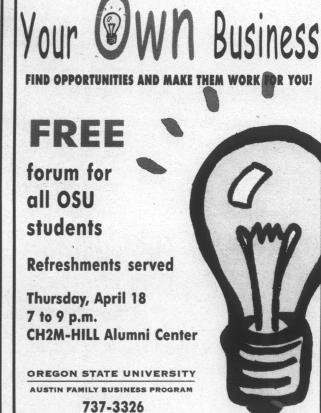






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EDITORIAL

Yeas & Nays!

ay to the newest McDon-ald's commercial for showcasing Spice Girls "What you want." We thought the invasion was over - really, really

Yea to using first names as last namés, it's very Animal Houseesque and oh-so-much fun!

Nay to classrooms without screens on the windows. Since the weather has taken a turn for the better, now all of the insects are showing up for class.

Yea to Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash going on this week. Boys in speedo's on Thursday and boys in suits on Friday, does it get any better?

Yea to milk. It's cold, it's creamy and extremely satisfying. Without it, cookies would suck. Bonus: when you're 80, you will still have the strength to pour yourself a

Nay to "The Bachelor" and all of his "contestants." First off, ladies are you blind? He is not good looking. Secondly, if we wanted to degrade women we'd watch "The Man Show" and possibly even laugh at it happening, but proba-

bly not. Yea to Sigma Pi and Kappa Alpha Theta doing "Mafia Wedding" this week. There's nothing quite like watching some poor individual get nailed by super-soakers on the way to class. Bada-bing!

Yea to the Blazers for defeating arch-rival the LA Lakers despite four technicals, a Scottie Pippen ejection, Sheed almost tearing his shirt off and a barrage of Bill Walton dolls flying everywhere. Did these guys used to play for the Beaver Football team?

Yea to this year's Hui-O-Hawaii Luau, it brings a little light from the islands to gloomy, rainy Corvallis for a night. Back that grass up!

Yea to Comm 380! Three credits to sit and watch a movie, there is nothing better. Do you think Pipeline delivers to the Milam balcony?

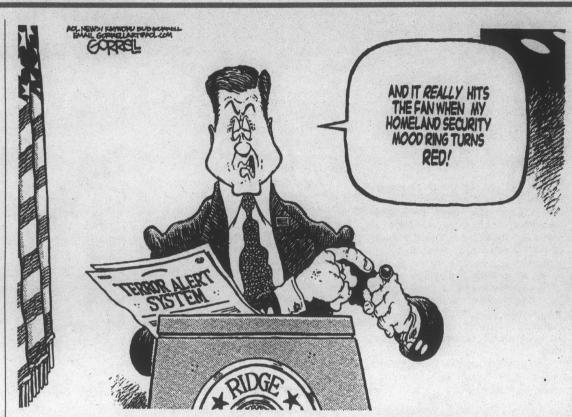
Nay to early classes for obvious reasons.

Yea to writer Beth Nugent speaking this Thursday night at the Valley Library. This will be an excellent reading and a wonderful way to educate yourself ... and that is why you are here after all.

Yea to Beaver Baseball dominating the Hawaii-Hilo Vulcans this weekend. Keep up the good work and p.s.-nice pants.

Yea to Sing! The participants, leaders and committee deserve a big hand for all the hours they have put in for our moms and the camcorders our moms will be holding so grandma and grandpa don't miss a thing.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to both national and local, grand in scale and exceedingdiminuitive. Opinions expressed here are a reflection of the Editorial Board's majority.



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The romantic and the plain freaky

In the last few years I've heard a lot from various media about a thing called "Afterglow" that is purported to be the ultimate completion to a perfect sexual experience. From what I understand, it is a stage after orgasm in which the couple lies together and basks in the joy of each other and a natural high that can last for over an hour. From what I've read and heard, Afterglow sounds like the mark of a real romance.

Sadly, I've never experienced it. At the conclusions of my sexual experiences (which I did enjoy right up to orgasm), I've always felt a little nervous, self-critical and somewhat empty. While I don't regret my experiences, I feel like something is missing. Is Afterglow the mark that you've gone beyond sex into love? Or is it just a romantic myth? Any wisdom you could share would be great.

Signed, Hopeless Romantic?

Dear Hopeless Romantic:

I hate to say this, but you have been drawn in by exactly what you thought — a romantic myth. I'm curious as to where you read about this purported Afterglow. My guess is that you got the information out of some popular magazine like the kind at the check out stand at the grocery store. The number one goal of these magazines is to sell the products advertised in them. Product manufacturers pay a lot of money for the advertising and that is where the money is.

The fluff articles are there to suck you in so that you purchase the magazine, see the advertising, and buy the products. Thus, the product manufacturers achieved



The articles in these magazines rarely have scientific data to back them up and I know of no scientific data to back up any sort of After-

In fact, I challenge my readers to do a bit of research themselves. The next time you are in the store, browse the cover stories on these popular magazines and I guarantee you that most, if not all, of the magazines have at least one article about sex. And the reason for this is that sex sells. The articles suck you in and make you feel like things aren't as good as they could be and if you just read the article, your sex life would improve two-

Some people do enjoy, as you described, laying together and basking in the joy of each other and a natural high that can last for over an hour. Some of these couples are in love as you suspected, but some just really enjoy the after effects of sex.

The fact of the matter is that for many people, the most common feeling that is experienced after sex is sleepiness. Contrary to the derogatory comments that are directed solely at men, this sleepiness applies to women as well. The main outcome of orgasm is extreme relaxation, and if given the opportunity, most people would just fall asleep after reaching orgasm. So this Afterglow thing is not even physiologically logical.

My guess is that the nervousness, emptiness, and self-critical feelings you experience after sex

result from your unrealistic expectations of a sexual experience. Reading articles in popular magazines just feed on these unrealistic expectations and insecurities and make them even more necessary to the reader to achieve even when they probably aren't even achiev-

Don't get me wrong, sex is better when you are in love, and there is a plethora of research to show that. But don't expect it to be earthshattering — even if you are in

I was wondering if you could tell me how you would define kinky. For instance, is it kinky to enjoy having sex in places in which you can get caught?

Signed, A Closet Exhibitionist

Dear Closet Exhibitionist:

Here is a good rule to follow. If you use a feather it is kinky, if you use the whole bird, then it is perverted. But seriously, within the sex research arena, the closest thing to kinky would probably be atypical behavior. Atypical behavior is behavior that is not typically expressed by most people in a given culture.

There are noncoercive atypical behaviors as well as coercive atypical behaviors. Examples of noncoercive behaviors include anal sex, fetishism, and S & M. These behaviors are practiced by the minority of the population, yet they don't involve coercion.

Exhibitionism is classified as a coercive paraphilic behavior because the exhibitionist coerced an unwilling participant. Although, I am not convinced that someone who likes to have sex in a

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Relativist, and other bad names

think I'm a moral relativist, or, at least I have been told that I am. I've also been called a communist and a Nazi sympathizer, but I'm pretty sure that I'm neither of those things.

These all came up in similar ways. I wrote a column debating an issue like gun control, and had a good time. Then I opened my email with a "You SUCK!" in the subject line. In the text the writer informs me that I am a Nazi for supporting gun control. "Hitler supported gun control just like you," I'm told. So I am forced to analyze that idea.

From history I can recall that Hitler also drove a Mercedes and created the Volkswagen bug. But if another American buys a Mercedes or a Bug the worst thing they are usually called is a yuppie or a hippie. Sharing one obscure aspect with Hitler doesn't make one a Nazi. Anyway, I'm pretty dark skinned and I don't think the Nazis would have even let me in

the party. Then I wrote about how tax cuts are a bad idea, and was saddened to discover that I'm a "communist." You see taxes take from the working rich and give to the lazy poor just like communists.

So I was again forced to wonder about myself. I believe in regulated capitalism, which includes taxes. Communists believe in the abolition of private property and the distribution of goods by a central authority. I am relieved to discover that I am not in fact a communist.

Those are old names to call people. We have one that is becoming more fashionable now; moral relativist.

I don't know where this came from originally, so I can't say what it "really" means. I can say however, how it is commonly used.

Usually moral relativism is intended to mean the idea that the world is so complicated, and has so many diverse cultures and opinions, that there is no way to say something is

right or wrong.

That sounds like a pretty abstract idea, but there are concrete examples. After the terrorist attacks in September I wrote that we shouldn't launch a war out of anger. I said we should try to understand the causes of terrorism and that an emotion induced war might only inflame them rather than quell them.

I was apparently a moral relativist for that. If I couldn't condemn terrorism and agree that justice must be done than my opinion was the weak and relativist and worthless.

The same thing happens when someone wonders out loud why so many Palestinians resort to suicide

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Fred Meyer

Religious insensitivity

This is a letter to inform the community of religious discrimination that is occurring in Corvallis.

Jim Adams, a student at OSU has been an employee of Fred Meyer for one and one half years. Prior to his employment he was asked to trim his beard to conform to corporate policy. Mr. Adams is a Muslim man and was hesitant to do so because of his religious commitment. After consulting his religious leader he agreed to trim his beard and was hired as a cashier

Recently, corporate policy was revised and Mr. Adams was asked to shave his beard completely. As this would be a violation of his religious beliefs he refused to comply, although he offered to wear a beard net to accommodate any health issues. This was not sufficient for the Fred Meyer Corporation and Mr. Adams was suspended without pay.

Two weeks later, Mr. Adams was told that he must accept a graveyard shift position in the freight department or his refusal would be considered a voluntary resignation. Resignation is not an option for Mr. Adams as this is his only source of income and he is now juggling his educational obligations while working midnight until 8AM.

Discrimination does not only affect one person; we are all harmed by intolerance. We urge the campus and the citizens of Corvallis to take responsibility for their commitment to a diverse and accepting community by writing letters, signing petitions and shopping elsewhere until Fred Meyer remedies this discrimi-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must urge Fred Meyer in Corvallis to live up to their commitment as equal opportunity employers and reinstate Mr. Adams to his former position.

Petitions can be signed on campus Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the counter next to the MU Commons. Letters can be written to: Mel Burke, Corvallis Fred Meyer Store Director, 777 NW Kings Blvd. Corvallis, OR 97330.

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Suicide bombers

Nation of Aztlan

I'd like to ask a question of those who rationalize Palestinian terrorism based on allegations that their targets are living on 'occupied land."

By any account, from 1846 to 1848, the United States attacked Mexico for the sole purpose of seizing half of its land. Using no more excuse than an alleged mandate from God, Manifest Destiny, President James Polk, a Democrat, sent US forces to kill thousands of Mexicans and seize what is now Colorado, California, Arizona, Texas, Utah, New Mexico.

Anyone who doubts there is a strong, growing, movement to "repatriate" this territory should simply do a web search for "nation of Aztlan".

Since the Camp David Accords, Israel has suffered over 70 suicide and car bombings

Should Nation of Aztlan members become impatient with using political

means to regain their territory and resort to sending suicide bombers into the "occupied land" of San Diego County, will those same Americans who demand "tolerance" by Israel demand the same patience by America?

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Tripathi: Name calling equals nothing better to say

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bombings. If anyone even tries to understand their perspective then they are accused of justifying terror, and taking an amoral relativist position.

We have many conceptions of right and wrong that we hold dear, and if anyone disagrees with them then they become a untenable relativist in many eyes.

For example, we all know that China has a bad human rights record. Most Americans couldn't say exactly what they do to deserve that criticism but it is said often nevertheless. A particularly egregious example of their oppression is how they have laws preventing people from having children. Here in America, we consider it our God-given right to procreate. Any government that tries to regulate that must be tyrannical and anyone who defends them is a relativist!

If you go to China however, you may be surprised to find that there are a helluva lot of people there. In fact, there are about four times as many people as the United States in about one fourth the livable area.

So before you defend their right to have kids imagine yourself in your home. Multiply its population by 16 and think how fun it would be to live there. Do the same for your workplace and your school and every place you go. The population explosions in China and some other parts of the world are causing an environmental and quality of life catastrophe. It simply must be stopped, one way or another.

In this country we easily condemn Muslim countries for their treatment of women. The most visible example of this is the burga they are forced to wear. If I tried to say that it is a different culture and we should respect their customs, I would be a senseless relativist, right?

Then I could point out that in our country we have different dress codes for men and women. Women are forced to wear makeup and "dress decently" and wear shirts while men can go topless and wear whatever we want. How do we condemn a MU information desk. All questions submitted to Greaves are subject to being answered in her Muslim society for having a double standard for dress codes Dr. Sex column.

when we have one ourselves.

Many times someone will express an opinion and be called a moral relativist. The insult is intended to mean that someone can't differentiate between right and wrong. Really what it means though, is that the person using the name can't dispute the logic of an argument with reason so they resort to a personal attack,

So the next time someone uses a term like right/left winger, uninformed, reactionary, liberal, feminist, not politically correct, communist pinko, unpatriotic, Nazi-like, ethnocentric, socialist, fascist or moral relativist on your favorite columnist, politician or any other public figure with an opinion, you should remember what that really is; name calling from a person who can't think of anything better to say.

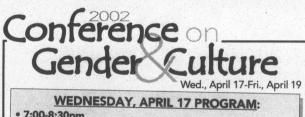
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Dr. Sex: Adding spice

place where they might get caught is classified as an exhibitionist. From a legal perspective, an exhibitionist is someone who shows their genitals to someone not interested in seeing them with the goal being sexual arousal.

I could be wrong, but I do not think that is your goal. I think that most people want to have sex in public simply because it strays from the norm of having sex in the privacy of their own home. Simply put, it adds variety and spice. But again, I could be wrong.

Nathy Greaves is the sex columnist for The Daily Barometer. The opinions in her columns, which appear every Wednesday, do not necessarily represent those of The Barometer staff. Greaves can be reached at kathy.greaves@orst.edu, or by placing questions in the box at the



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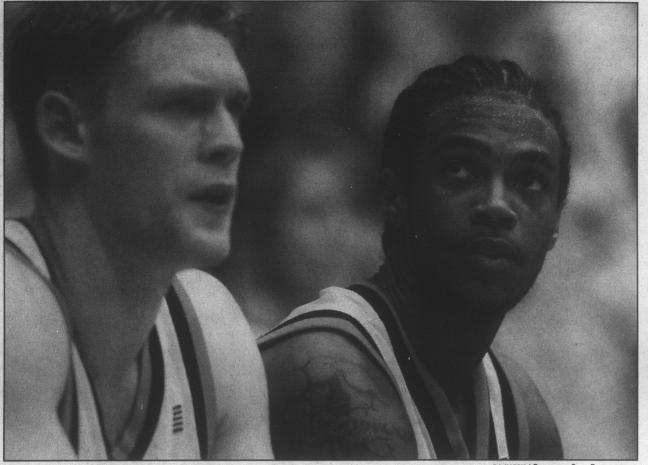
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Open minds. Open doors:

Haywood wants to return to Beavers



Former OSU guard Jimmie Haywood watches Beaver basketball action last year. Haywood hopes coach Jay John will give him a chance to come back this season.

➤ Former Oregon State guard wants to return to basketball team

> By JAKE SCHUBERT BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

With five games left in the basketball season this year Jimmie Haywood quit the Oregon State men's basketball team; or did he?

According to Haywood, a junior from Seattle, was going to walk away from the team at the end of the season because he wasn't enjoying the game and former coach Ritchie McKay's system didn't fit his "This is the talents as a player.

Coach McKay caught wind of Haywood's plan and called Haywood into his office before the Portland game and confronted him about the issue.

After Haywood told coach McKay of his

plans to leave at the end of the season, McKay kicked Haywood off the team, he

"You can't play on my team. I need an Oregon State player to play for an Oregon State team," Haywood quoted McKay as

The question now is whether Jimmie Haywood will return next season as a player on the men's basketball team.

"I'd love to come back, I know the coach, he recruited me out of high school to go to Arizona," Haywood said about new head

This is the highest level of basketball there is," Haywood said. "This is the Pac-10, this is where I came and this is where I want to finish.

While the ultimate decision about Haywood's return will be made by John, Haywood feels his former teammates can also

"It's up to the players, what they decide," Havwood said.

Haywood mentioned that he has a good relationship with most of the guys on the team, but not all of them.

If Haywood cannot return to OSU's team, he would most likely play at the University of Portland with his remaining year of eligibility.

Before being kicked off the team by McKay, Haywood was third on the team in scoring at nine points per game, while nooting 40 percent from behind the three point line. The high point of his season came when he scored 23 points, including the game winning free throws in the closing seconds of a game, at Washington State.

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Dreaming about the future of footba Gabriel

ometimes if a dog barks just right I'll start trying to name the returning offensive starters of the Washington Huskies. Cody Pickett, check. Rich Alexis, check ...

Every time that white horse that lives along Hwy. 20 catches the corner of my eye I think of USC's Traveler and refresh the running total of Carson Palmer's career interceptions in my head. One-hundredforty-two. One-hundred-forty-three... (Alright, it is actually 39, but 30 of those came during the last two seasons and that's just down right embarrassing.)

Lets just say it doesn't take an act of con gress to get me thinking about college football so when I ran into my old buddy Jonathan Smith last Thursday the outcome was, well - rather predictable.

I was going to have Beaver on the brain for at least the next couple of days - and yes, I'm still talking about football.

I tried to fight it over the weekend, reminding myself that despite the appearance of referee's, side judges and umpires, Saturday's action inside Reser Stadium was held in the center of April and with only one team in attendance - a significant contrast to a Thursday night in late August when OSU kicks off against Eastern Kentucky

It didn't matter. Seeing Smith reminded me of my generation's version of the good old days when teams like USC and Washington were opening acts on the way to the Notre Dame fiasco.

And when you think about Notre Dame fans leaving Sun Devil Stadium following a vicious hit by Darnell Robinson that all but decapitated Matt LoVecchio you start dreaming about the next time the Beavers will play on New Year's Day.

Dreaming about victories, especially those that fall on or just beyond the first day of the year is like striking it rich with fools gold. If you don't believe take a good long look at Beaver Football 2001.

They had talent. They had experience. They had respect. They had everything including a fancy No. 1 ranking from offense? Sports Illustrated. But in the end they had nothing. No unprecedented third consecutive postseason appearance and no post-

ings. No more respect. joke in all of college football was suddenly tumbling back down the mountain it struggled for so long to climb.

season award candidates. No top-25 rank-

Dennis Erickson suffered only his second losing season in a career that spans nearly 20 years. Ken Simonton failed to rush for 1000 yards for the first time in his career. Receivers didn't hold on to the ball and opposing quarterbacks scrambled for extra yards instead of being sacked 24 feet behind the line of scrimmage.

Take a moment and remember how it felt after your Beavers became the only team in the Pac-10 conference to lose to Arizona State. Stop for a second and relive the total domination OSU held over USC some of the errors and some of the flukes that kept Oregon State from winning those

Now take a second to imagine how Eric Manning, Richard Seigler and Terrell Roberts felt. What about that offensive line? Do you think they liked taking more than fair share of the blame for a stagnant

I didn't think so.

Spring practice is exactly what it is — a chance for a college football team to get together and work out the kinks on offense and defense as the summer and fall approach. You don't play your way into the postseason in April, but you lay a foundation for everything that is to come in the

I'm guessing the football team out on Protho Field this month has more focus and I'm guessing those players are hitting harder, jumping higher and running faster than they did one year ago.

And if I'm right then Beaver fans aren't going to have to do much dreaming to realize how good a Erickson coached football team can be. They are going to see it in person this fall.

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Jacobsen: Cigarettes will kill you

about starting, I hope that you think again for your body's sake. I know all of these health effects of smoking sound pretty terrible, but the body is an amazing machine. If you stop smoking now, depending on the length of time you have been smoking, you can regain almost everything you have lost, especially if you have been smoking for less than five years.

Now it's up to you to make the right choice about the lifestyle that you want to live. I think if you listen closely to your body, you'll make the right decision, at least I hope you will. Remember, you will never reach your full potential as far as physical fitness goes no matter how hard you try, if you are smoking cigarettes.

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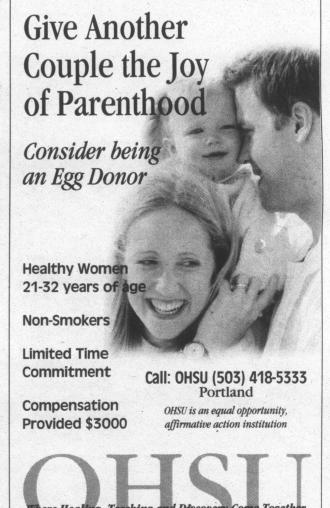
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Burnum's toughness leads OSU softball

➤ Burnum passed over OSU out of high school, but she is glad to be back in Oregon

BY ERIC POWELL

Clare Burnum is tough and she wants you to know it.

She stayed in the lineup after an errant throw from Kelly Peterson bounced off the back of her head and shot ten feet in the air during a recent game against Stanford. In the same game a screaming line drive hit her in the shin and not only did she stay in the game, she almost made the play to get the

She plays so hard and is in the way of danger so much that her mother didn't want to come to the game the following day for fear of seeing her daughter get hurt any

"My mom couldn't come to the second Stanford game this year because I had been beaten up so much that weekend," Burnum said.

Judy Burnum made the right decision. Clare was beaned by a pitch on the forearm in the fifth inning.

One reason for Clare's tough play may be the fact that she gets little respect when she comes to the plate. She is one of the shortest Beaver players at 5-foot-4 and opponents move their defenses closer to the plate when she steps in the batters box thinking that because of her size she won't be able to hit the ball very far.

"I wanna get really fired up when I bat. Teams play me close because I'm small," Burnum said. "So I try to be tough with my music so I can try to frighten people."

Along with her pre-batting song to scare the opposition, Korn's "Got the Life", she can also make defenses think twice about scooting up on her with her .351 batting average which is tops on the team.

Coach Kirk Walker knows he has a constant threat at the top of his lineup with Burnum, but Clare almost never made it to Corvallis because out of high school she signed with the University of Nebraska to play softball. She even canceled a meeting with the Beavers in the process of moving to Lincoln.

"I went on my visit there and I was just overwhelmed by their athletic tradition," Burnum said.

But the honeymoon lasted a short time with the Cornhuskers with Clare having problems with her team and her school.

"I almost quit softball while I was there because I was so upset with the school," Burnum said. "The team was different, and I was really different to them, I only got along with the people who were from the West Coast.

Walker gave her a second chance to play in her home state, and she jumped on it transferring to Oregon State only an hour drive from her hometown of Canby.

Along with the benefit of being back with people who she could relate to on the West Coast, Clare was now able to play in front of her father who never misses home games. Burnum admitted that the hardest thing about being in Nebraska was that her father was unable to watch her play.

"He couldn't see me play for two years," she said.

Clare, who becomes visibilly emotional when talking about her father, Dub Burnum, is overwhelmingly happy that she is able to see him in the stands during every game she plays.

"My dad never misses a game, everyone talks about him being a super fan," Burnum said. "We call him the landmark because he always sits in the same spot."

Burnum also has made much better friendship relationships on the team in comparison to her time at Nebraska.

"Kelly (Peterson) and I have been the whole left side of the infield for the year," she said. "Until she got knocked out, we hang out all the time off the field, we don't even talk about softball."

Junior Steph Adams also helps keep Burnum calm during the game with her sense of humor.

"Steph's pretty funny, we're always joking around together," Burnum said. "She keeps it fun for me."

Burnum and the rest of her teammates are now preparing for a long road trip which could prepare them for a successful run through in the NCAA softball postseason, but each game will be difficult in the dominant Pac-10 conference.

'Right now we're underdogs in the conference," she said. "Nobody expects us to win anymore games,



Junior Clare Burnum leads the No. 14 Oregon State softball team with a .351 batting average and solid defensive play at the hot corner.

the other teams.'

With the pressure removed from her and her team Burnum will be able to throw caution to the wind

the pressure is off us now and it's on and play her tough brand of softball. And if she gets banged up along the way we can count on her not missing a single inning of action.

"I'm never going to go out of a

game," said Burnum.

We know Clare, we know.

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Intramurals spring back into action

It's that time of year again. That's right, the dreaded season before summer when we cram into crowded gyms to pump iron or ride that bike to lose those extra pounds for sum-

So what's the problem? The gym is boring or there are too many people to share with during your busy schedule. It can also get monotonous after a while. The solution? Join an intramural sports team.

Intramural sports (IM) are a great way to have fun while getting into shape. Recreational sports will help relieve some of the stress of school and typical work out routines while providing a fun and competitive environment to stay active.

Spring activities found through the IM office are; softball, soccer, ultimate disc, team golf, singles and doubles badminton, tennis doubles, volleyball, and Par 3 golf tourna-

For a list of sports offered by the IM sports department as well as fees and event dates, pamphlets are available at the IM sports office located on the first floor of Langton Hall.

- Karen Schutz

Smoking has a big effect on your workouts

re you an individual trying to get into shape or just trying to stay in shape, but just can't seem to kick that smoking habit? Are you thinking of picking it up?

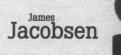
If this is you, you probably have some things in common with many other people on this planet including my good friend Chris D...who smokes enough cloves to kill a small country, or enough to sufficiently effect their economy.

If you enjoy smoking and could care less about your health, then by all means, go ahead and smoke all you want. I'm not here to preach, however, just to let you know, you are doing something that will end your life prematurely.

I'm here to inform and help people who want to get into shape, but your smoking may be getting in the way. One excuse I often hear from smokers that are trying to get into shape but can't or don't want to kick the habit, is that smoking helps them lose weight.

Smoking may help with weight loss, but just because your weight has decreased after you took up this "attractive" habit, doesn't mean that you'll live any longer, or are any healthier because of it.

I know that you have all heard about the many side effects that smoking may cause. Surprisingly enough, however, most smokers are still willing to overlook these well-known facts, and even trade a heart bypass surgery for those ten minutes of pleasure. Now that



sounds like an even trade!

Cigarettes can cause permanent damage to the lungs, heart, throat, skin, and many other parts of the body when used frequently over an extended period of time. Not to mention all of the non-fatal effects smoking has on a person, such as discolored teeth, bad breath (hence the term kissing an ash tray), and a decline in your ability to taste life's wonderful foods.

One of the most common words associated with smoking is "NICOTINE," the addictive substance found in cigarettes. It is often compared to heroin and cocaine as far as the addictive properties go.

When this substance is used for a period of time, the user becomes dependent upon the drug and has a difficult time functioning effectively without it. This is called going through withdrawals, and can have many symptoms such as headaches, nervousness, insomnia, and irritability.

Now that you know some of the wonderful benefits that you get out of smoking, lets talk about how it's going to affect your workouts.

First of all, if your fitness goals are based primarily on an aerobic workout, you can forget about ever reaching your full potential.

A smokers' resting heart rate on average is increased two to three beats per minute. This in turn makes your heart have to work that much harder than the person next to you.

It also adds extra stress to the heart when it is already testing its limits performing intense cardio workouts. If you want to see this in person go ask a friend who is an avid smoker to go for a run with you, and see how much they struggle and wheeze, it's not pretty.

Many smokers also become short of breath easily when trying to perform physical activities. This is because the lungs have to work overtime to get sufficient amounts of oxygen into the bloodstream.

In order to get oxygen into the blood, there has to be a large amount of surface area for the air you breathe in to pass over, which is collected into little sacs and then transferred into the blood.

Smoking cuts down on the surface area of the lungs by collapsing and clogging these sacs in your lungs. The tar that is found in cigarettes and contains over four thousand chemicals causes this process. When this happens, you have to end up taking more breathes than a non-smoker just to get the same amount of air.

Now even if you are a smoker, it's never to late to quit (even you "CD"). If you're thinking

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