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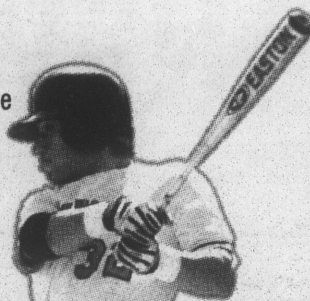
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Catcher Paul Richie leads the Beavers on the road as they head to Portland for a game versus the Pilots  
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## Pi Kappa Phi reorganizes

► Fraternity works to create a new image after charges

By SCHELLENE CLENDENIN  
BAROMETER CITY EDITOR

Just 18 months ago three members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity were accused of sexual harassment by Jason Rodriguez, one of their own members. The case was investigated by OSU's office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, and by their national chapter.

Rodriguez claimed that three members of the fraternity called his sexuality into question and claimed he was gay, an allegation that Rodriguez denies.

Bob Kerr, OSU Greek life coordinator, said the incident was not treated as a Greek matter, adding that he is not a judge and he doesn't hand down judgements on members.

Now the house is being reorganized, both literally and figuratively, and the fraternity's new members are hopeful they can put the past behind them and start fresh.

"They went through a recruitment process in the winter and were able to get 23 men," said Todd Trell, Interfraternity Council president.

During the time that the incidents occurred, according to Mike Harsono, a junior in business administration and the only remaining member of Pi Kappa Phi, the house split into three groups, those who were with Rodriguez, those who were against him and those who tried to support the entire house and avoid getting in the middle of the argument.

When the smoke cleared, everyone associated with the fraternity at the time had either disassociated or had been given alumni status by the national chapter of the group.

Every member was given a chance to appeal and return to the fraternity, but the only person whose appeal was successful was Harsono's.

Although Harsono said that the reorganization had nothing to do

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## India Night



ERIC SUNDSTROM | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A member of the Chakdey Boli Bhangra dance group performs at India Night on Sunday night. India Night was presented by the OSU India Student Association.

## Amphibian deformities caused by parasite

► Analysis of 11 species points away from pesticides as a cause of deformities

By DAVID STAUTH  
OSU NEWS & COMMUNICATION

The alarming increase of physical deformities, including extra legs in frogs, toads and other amphibians in the western United States, is most likely caused by infection with a certain type of parasite, researchers said in a major study released this week.

The existence and number of those parasites is dependent upon the presence of a group of snails that play an essential role in the life cycle of the parasite, the study said. And burgeoning populations of those snails, in turn, may be due to alterations of habitat, loss of natural wetlands and high nutrient levels caused by fertilizers or ranch animal grazing.

The study was published in *Ecological Monographs*, a professional journal of the Ecological Society of America, by researchers from Oregon State University and several other universities and agencies. It was based on an analysis of thousands of amphibians from 11 species over a five-state region of the American West.

The research also pointed away from the use of pesticides as a causative factor in this problem, finding little association between pesticide presence or levels and the number of amphibian deformities.

This study shows a clear and strong link between amphibian deformities and the presence of parasites, and the snails that form part of the life cycle of those parasites," said Andrews Blaustein, a professor of zoology at OSU and one of the

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## Seniors begin countdown to graduation as they prepare to receive their diplomas

► Answers to the questions on every graduating senior's mind as they prepare for graduation

By KELLI SHILLITO  
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Spring term is upon us, which means graduation preparation is underway and, for many seniors, last minute panic time has begun.

After four years or perhaps longer, many students still feel unsure about the whole graduation process.

In honor of those lucky enough to be counting the days until commencement, here are some common graduation questions, and some useful answers straight from those who know this stuff best.

What is the first step that graduating seniors need to take in order to receive their diploma?

According to Registrar Barbara Balz, the first thing a senior must do in order to graduate is apply for graduation. Forms for this can be picked up at the Registrar's office in the Kerr Administrative building.

An audit is then sent to the student's

college, which handles the applications.

Within about a week of application, students will receive a packet of material from the registrar's office explaining the graduation process.

Balz recommends that throughout this process students should "work closely with their advisors."

What is an audit and how do I get one?

"An audit is a paper form used to help ourselves (registrar's office) and advisors evaluate a student's requirements," Balz said.

In other words, it is a kind of progress report which is available to advisors after students have completed 90 of their required 180 credits.

Students should review their audits with their academic advisors in order to determine which requirements need to be filled.

Individual colleges and departments verify the completion of the baccalaureate core and department curriculum.

The registrar's office checks for total credits, distribution of credits and grade point average.

What is the deadline for audits?

According to Balz, there is no deadline for either audits or graduation applications, but the sooner the better.

What is the minimum required Grade Point Average for graduation?

Students need at least a 2.0 average in order to graduate.

Can students walk at commencement even if they are returning Summer term to finish out their requirements?

Yes, about 100 or more students who will graduate this summer are allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony in June.

These students who know that they are not going to fulfill all of their requirements this term are handed an empty diploma case as they walk in their cap and gown.

How does the University know if a senior passed their spring classes, which end only days before commencement?

With a short turn-around time from the end of finals, Friday, June 14 until commencement the following Sunday,

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## Oregon State Jaywalker makes it to Leno All-Stars

BAROMETER STAFF REPORTS

An OSU student who debuted on The Tonight Show's Jaywalking segment last week was chosen for the segment's All-Stars feature.

Exercise and sports science major Sebastian Catlin received the telling phone call from his twin brother Toby while in class Monday that prompted him to bolt out of class.

Catlin was chosen as one of three All-Stars to be filmed in a game show segment on May 6.

"Everyone I've spoken to since the episode said I was their favorite part," Catlin said of his appearance on the show, which included an age-related jab at Leno.

"It will be a little different talking face to face with Jay — but he's a human being like everyone else," Catlin said.

The show will pay for his airfare and hotel stay. Catlin's twin will accompany him to the filming, during which the two plan to



E.J. HARRIS | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OSU student Sebastian Catlin appeared on the April 17 airing of Jaywalking, and has been chosen as an All-Star.

pitch a regular segment idea to Leno.

"The worst thing they could say is no," Catlin said.





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# NEWSREEL

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## WORLD

### Philippine president orders crackdown after bombings

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Vowing to “fight terrorism to the end,” the Philippine president sought to soothe her edgy nation Monday after the latest deadly attacks, putting security forces on high alert and offering a \$100,000 reward for information on the bombers.

Worries that the worst might not be over spread via cell phone text messages in the country of 78 million people, prompting stepped-up security in Manila, the capital. Bombers struck the southern city of General Santos on Sunday, killing 14 people and injuring 69.

The scene in General Santos, where the first of three bombs left carnage outside a busy department store, was reminiscent of nearly simultaneous bombings in Manila 16 months ago that killed 22 people.

A caller to a radio station, who had warned of the bombings an hour before the first blast, claimed responsibility in the name of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group, the target of a U.S.-backed military offensive on nearby Basilan island. Police also arrested two suspects that they said were members of the Muslim separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which denied involvement.

“Terrorism has once again reared its ugly head,” President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said. “We should not give the terrorists another inch in this world. We shall intensify and focus intelligence operations against the perpetrators and their cohorts.”

### Kurds say they discussed with U.S. plans to oust Saddam

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Leaders of the two main Kurdish parties that control northern Iraq met with U.S. officials last week to coordinate efforts to remove Saddam Hussein from power, according to Iraqi dissidents and Arab press.

Masoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, and Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, also discussed plans for a government that would replace Saddam's regime once the Iraqi leader is ousted, the Iraqi dissidents told The Associated Press.

Officially, the Kurdish groups — the

only armed Iraqi opposition groups — have said nothing about the meeting, perhaps out of fear of being accused by other Iraqi factions of working unilaterally with the United States.

On Sunday, the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper reported that both Barzani and Talabani met officials from the Pentagon, the State Department and the CIA in Germany last week.

Quoting a Kurdish source, the paper said both sides met for three days near Berlin and reviewed coordination “to launch a strike against Saddam most likely by the end of this year.”

The Iraqi dissidents told AP on Sunday that Barzani and Talabani also discussed with U.S. officials plans for merging their two governments administering northern Iraq ahead of a possible move against Saddam.

German Foreign Ministry spokesman Andreas Michaelis confirmed Monday that the two Kurdish leaders were in Germany last week but refused to provide further information.

A spokeswoman at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin told AP that the United States never comments on intelligence matters.

## NATION

### Al-Qaida leader claims group can build dirty bomb

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abu Zubaydah, the senior al-Qaida field commander in U.S. custody, told his interrogators that the terrorist network knows how to build a “dirty bomb,” a terror weapon capable of dispersing radioactivity over a wide area, a U.S. official said Monday.

Officials don't know whether to believe Abu Zubaydah, who also recently claimed al-Qaida is targeting banks in the northeastern United States. That report was the basis of an FBI alert last week.

“It could be he's not being truthful,” the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. “It could be that he's boasting.”

Abu Zubaydah's statements further confirmed al-Qaida's interest in acquiring weapons of mass destruction, but they don't suggest the group has any unknown capabilities, the official said. News of his comment was first reported by CBS-TV and NBC-TV.

Captured in Pakistan and turned over to U.S. authorities last month, Abu Zubaydah did not claim that the group had built any of the weapons.

Such a weapon — also called a radiological dispersal device — would use conventional explosives to spread industrial or medical-grade radioactive material in a populated area to cause widespread fear of exposure.

They are not thought to be difficult to build. Acquiring enough radioactive material to do harm is regarded as the greatest challenge for terrorists.

## STATE

### Milwaukee mayor says he'll pay \$375,000 settlement

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Mayor John Norquist said Monday he would use campaign funds and his own money to pay a \$375,000 tentative settlement in a sexual harassment case, rather than having taxpayers pay the bill.

“I believe this is the right thing to do,” Norquist said. “I made a mistake as I said before and I have accepted responsibility for that.”

Marilyn Figueroa, an aide who left her job in January 2000, filed a complaint against the city accusing Norquist of sexual harassment and said the mayor relentlessly pursued her.

Norquist, a 52-year-old Democrat, has acknowledged having what he called a consensual sexual relationship with Figueroa over five years but denied any harassment occurred.

The Common Council approved the settlement Monday afternoon. City Attorney Grant Langley said Figueroa has already approved it.

Norquist said in a statement Monday night that he won't seek re-election. He has been mayor since 1988 and his current term expires in 2004.

## UNIVERSITIES

### Students protest Abercrombie T-shirts racial depictions

DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) — Popular clothing retailer Abercrombie & Fitch attracted national media controversy and boycotts on college campuses nationwide last week after unveiling a line of T-shirts that portray what many have called stereotypical and racist depictions of people of Asian descent.

The retailer, which primarily targets college-age people, pulled the T-shirts on Thursday after Asian student associations at the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University complained, called for a boycott of the

store's products and picketed outside local branches. The Stanford and Berkeley clubs encouraged student organizations on campuses across the country to follow their lead.

“They're shrugging their shoulders and saying ‘We're sorry, we didn't know,’” said Duke Asian Student Association President Jin Park. “A company like that should know about the effects of their advertising and commercializing their products. I would tell them what I tell everybody: to be better informed.”

The T-shirts feature caricatures of Asians with slanted eyes and cone-shaped hats, as well as depictions of Asian-Americans in stereotypical jobs, like laundry service and Chinese restaurants.

“People don't really understand the history of Asians and Asian-Americans, and therefore why these images hurt,” said Park, a senior. “Everyone knows and they learn in school about the legacies of slavery, but Asian-American history is something that very few people are aware of, and thus can't be sensitive to.”

The slogans on the shirts included, “Wong Brothers Laundry Service — Two Wongs Can Make it White,” and “Abercrombie & Fitch Buddha Bash — Get Your Buddha on the Floor.” Some of the pulled T-shirts are being sold on the online auction house Ebay.com, commanding bids as high as \$510.

“It has not been our intention to offend anyone,” Abercrombie & Fitch spokesperson Hampton Carney said in a statement. “These graphic T-shirts were designed with the sole purpose of adding humor and levity to our fashion line.”

— Matt Bradley  
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

### New SOU president diagnosed with breast cancer

ASHLAND (AP) — Just two weeks after her investiture, Southern Oregon University President Elisabeth Zinser was diagnosed with stage one breast cancer.

Zinser said Monday she will follow her physicians' advice and have a mastectomy, which is scheduled Tuesday. She expects to remain hospitalized for the rest of the week.

“I'm a survivor by nature and intend to take full advantage of my family's longevity,” Zinser said.

Provost Sara Hopkins-Powell will fill in until Zinser has recovered and can return to the job.

## CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

#### Meetings

Pagan Student Association (PSA), 5-7pm, MU 110. Meeting.

Extreme Women's Bible Study, 7pm, MU Council Room.

American Indian Science & Engineering Society, 5pm, Native American Long House. Spring events mtg.

Queer Resource Center, 6:30pm, Black Cultural Center. Issues of race/ethnicity & its interaction with sexuality.

OSU Pistol Club, 6-9pm, OSU Pistol Range. Email kershner@engr.orst.edu. \$5.00 training fee.

Real Life Ministries, 8pm, Arnold Dining Center.

Lutheran Student Movement, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. Join us for lunch and conversation.

#### Events

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 7-9pm, Milam 216. Earth week films. Alive in the Streets.

McNary Central Dining, 8-10pm, McNary Central Dining. Elusive opens for alternative rock band One Fry Short.

Peace Corps, 12-1pm, MU 213. Reduce student loans. Learn about our Master's international program.

Peace Corps, 10am-3pm, 6-9pm, Java II. Learn about application procedures, benefits (\$ health care, etc.).

Career Services, 10am, Career Services. Resume & cover letter writing. Learn tools & tips to sell yourself to employers.

#### Speakers

ASOSU, 2-3pm, MU Lounge. Gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski will address the communities.

Women's Center, 3-4pm, Women's Center. A success story. Mary Olsen, proprietor of Airline Vineyards.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

#### Meetings

ISOSU, 6pm, MU 208. General meeting.

25+ Students of OSU, 10:30am-1pm, MU 203. 25 years and older.

Agriculture Executive Council, 6pm, Withycombe 217. Officer elections.

Science and Math Education Club, 6pm, Kidder 128. What exams you need.

Pre-Pharmacy Society, 5pm, MU 204. Learn about interviewing skills and resume writing.

Peace Corps, 10-3pm, Java II. Peace Corps information table.

Peace Corps, 7-8:30pm, MU room 213. Slide Show. Hear volunteers share.

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

United Campus Ministry, 12-1pm, Westminster house.

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House 101 NW 23rd.

Lutheran Student Movement, 5:15-6pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St.

UCPS Workshop, 4-5pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Learn test-taking tips.

Freehold of Turris Nimborum, 7pm MU 211.

#### Speakers

Women's Center, 6-7:30pm, WC. Hearing: Identifying strengths & providing support. Robin Keillor & Ellen Taylor.

#### Events

Environmental Affairs Task Force ASOSU, 4:30pm, MU Quad. Earth Day celebration. Free veggie bbq live music.

Women's Center, 4-5pm, WC. Concert of Latin American composers.

Career Services, 5pm, Career Services. Resume & cover letter writing.

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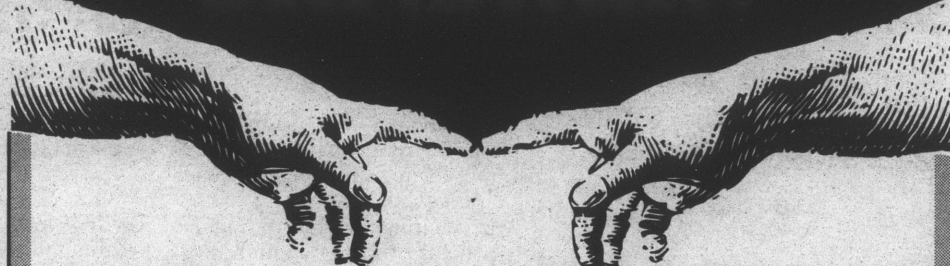
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## Ya-hoooo! Yodeler settles with Yahoo

► Washington man settles lawsuit with Internet giant over advertising services for an undisclosed amount

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SPOKANE, Wash. — Wylie Gustafson can really shout "Yahoo!" now.

The cowboy yodeler from Dusty, Wash., has settled his lawsuit against Internet giant Yahoo! Inc. for using his distinctive yodel in its national advertising.

"They wanted to do the right thing and pay for a vocalization that has become a worldwide trademark," Gustafson said Monday from his ranch south of Spokane.

Terms of the settlement, which was reached late last week, were not released.

"The only way I can characterize it is I am very happy and it won't change my life," Gustafson said.

The yodel, which the company said is "known and loved by millions of people around the world," will continue to be featured on Yahoo! advertising. It goes "Ya-hooooo."

"Wylie Gustafson yodels on for Yahoo!," the company said in a news release. "While both parties had a reasonable basis for their beliefs, as soon as Yahoo! learned of the suit, the company responded promptly and fairly."

Gustafson, 40, a native of Conrad, Mont., performs around the nation with his band Wylie & The Wild West.

Back in 1996, Gustafson said he was considered "the yodeling guy" by Los Angeles talent agencies. He yodeled in ads for Sprint, Mitsubishi, Miller Lite and Taco Bell.

The job for Yahoo! didn't seem like much, a bit of work for a start-up company from Sunnyvale, Calif., with little advertising budget. Gustafson arranged the notes, sang his yodel, collected \$590, and forgot about it.

"I didn't hear about it until three years later, when I saw it on the Super Bowl," Gustafson said.

He contacted the commercial production house, and tried in vain to get the attention of someone inside Yahoo! He received an additional \$590.38 for his efforts.

Gustafson hired an attorney last year, but still couldn't get the company's attention.

His copyright infringement lawsuit, filed Tuesday in federal court in Los Angeles, did. By the end of the week the matter was settled.

"They realized it was a mistake and were very quick in righting a wrong," Gustafson said.

Gustafson and his four-member band are performing this week at a music festival in North Carolina, and he's also performed regularly on the Grand Ole Opry.

Gustafson and his band have released seven albums, "and every album has yodeling on it."

"Yodeling is a lost art that I have tried to revive," Gustafson said.

When not on the road, Gustafson lives on a cattle and quarterhorse ranch two miles south of Dusty.

## Skull found in area of missing girls

► Investigators say the findings are not related to case of the missing Oregon City girls

By ANDREW KRAMER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

OREGON CITY — The state medical examiner's office is investigating a human skull and other remains found in the forest near where two teen-age girls went missing earlier this year, but is already certain the bones have no relation to the girls' case.

The skull, found face down in mud on the bank of a small creek by volunteers looking for the girls, briefly left relatives choked with grief Saturday morning until word came back that it was not what they feared.

The chance discovery of human remains unrelated to the case near the apartment complex created an unusual, and unnerving, false alarm.

"I was crying," said Terri Duffey, an aunt of 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis, who went

missing on March 8 while on her way to school.

Miranda's friend and classmate, Ashley Pond, disappeared on Jan. 8, also on her way to school. The FBI says both girls were likely taken by the same person, but has few other leads in the high-profile case.

Duffey said it took about an hour and a half before she and other relatives at a base set up for the volunteers learned the skull was not that of a teenage girl.

Michelle Duffey, Miranda's mother, said she tried not to become alarmed when her sister told her about the unidentified skull found in the woods behind her house.

She said she doubted a body would decay to bare bones in less than two months.

"I try not to set myself up. I don't want to get upset and have it be nothing," she said. "I try to be strong."

Last month, Duffey used a similar attitude to discount a note found in a plastic baggy in Florida, supposedly writ-

ten by Ashley and calling for help. Miranda's name was misspelled and the FBI later determined the handwriting did not match Ashley's.

Ashley's mother, Lori Pond, did not respond to interview requests from The Associated Press, and has made few media appearances since her daughter went missing.

Medical examiners said the skull had been in the woods for at least a year, and may have washed down the creek in the spring runoff, said FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele.

Oregon City police say a separate investigation will be launched into the skull and remains, found on a steep slope overgrown with chaparral and blackberry bushes northwest of the apartment complex where the girls lived.

The Medical Examiner's office declined to release details of the remains such as age or gender.

The FBI will continue to investigate about 3,000 tips called into the agency and local police, said Steele.

## Tonya Harding arrested for drunk driving

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Figure skater Tonya Harding pleaded innocent Monday to a drunken driving charge in Clark County District Court.

Harding, 31, failed a sobriety test and her blood-alcohol level was 0.16 percent when she crashed her pickup into a ditch in the southwest Washington town of Battle Ground early Saturday, Clark County sheriff's officers said. Washington's legal intoxication threshold is 0.08 percent.

Neither Harding nor her passenger, Christopher Nolan, 23, of Battle Ground, was hurt.

Meanwhile, the City of Camas filed a motion Monday alleging that Harding violated a probation requirement that she consume "no alcohol at all" for two years following May 18, 2000 — a court order stemming from a hubcap attack on her then-boyfriend earlier that year.

In addition to two years' probation, Harding was sentenced to three days of jail time and 10 days of community service after pleading guilty to reduced charges of disorderly conduct and malicious mischief.

If Harding admits to the probation violation, she could be ordered to serve the suspended portion of her sentence, "which could include additional jail confinement, work crew and the extension of the period of probation," Camas Assistant City Attorney Shawn MacPherson said in a statement.

If she denies she violated probation, Camas city attorneys would have to show enough evidence to persuade a judge to impose additional penalties, MacPherson said. He did not return a call seeking elaboration.

Calls to Harding's lawyer, Jon McMullen, were not returned Monday.

A hearing on the probation violation issue was scheduled

for May 2 in Camas Municipal Court. Her next court appearance for the drunken-driving case was scheduled for June 3 in Clark County District Court.

Harding was banned for life by the U.S. Figure Skating Association for her role in the 1994 knee-whacking attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan at the U.S. championships. Harding, a two-time U.S. champion, claimed former husband Jeff Gillooly came up with the plot and carried it out with friends.

Harding was convicted of hindering prosecution, fined \$110,000 and ordered to perform 500 hours of community service.

Kerrigan recovered in time to finish second in the Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Harding finished eighth.

More recently, a judge in January ordered her to vacate her home near Camas for failing to pay rent and late fees totaling \$4,530.

## Amphibian: Study shows habitat effects

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world's leading experts in the study of amphibian ecology and decline. "And we believe the increasing number of parasites and snails can ultimately be traced to human-caused alterations in habitat."

"For example, runoff of nitrogen-based fertilizers into aquatic systems may cause increases in the algal population that the snails feed on," Blaustein said. "The snails carry the parasites. More snails means more parasites infecting frogs and causing deformities."

In every animal population, the researchers said, there are a small percentage of individuals with physical deformities resulting from genetic mutation, trauma or other developmental disturbances. In amphibians, these "background" abnormalities had traditionally occurred at frequencies of 0-5 percent. But at several sites in the western U.S., the level of these deformities has been climbing to 15-20 percent, and in some sites ranges from 50-90 percent.

Most often the deformities take the form of missing digits or portions of a limb, or extra limbs. Researchers have shown in laboratory experiments that such deformities can be caused at high levels, approaching 100 per-

cent, by exposure to the parasitic trematode *Ribeiroia ondatrae*, whose larvae infect amphibians near the base of hind limbs and form cysts that lead to limb malformations.

What is now becoming more clear is the elaborate life cycle of this parasite and the mechanisms by which that may affect amphibians. The life cycle at various times includes an amphibian or fish; a bird or mammal; and aquatic snails, usually of the genus *Planorbella*. The tissues of the snails are where the parasite's eggs actually develop and reproduce.

The study surveyed 101 sites across California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and about 60 percent of the sites were in eight counties in Oregon. Scientists looked at deformities in such common species as Pacific treefrogs, western toads, bullfrogs and others. Careful checks were made for the presence and level of 61 pesticides, orthophosphates and also nitrates.

No relationship was found between pesticide and metabolite compounds and the presence or frequency of malformed amphibians. But presence of the *Ribeiroia* parasite was a powerful predictor of amphibian deformities — the greater the level of the parasite, the higher the frequency and severity of the deformities.

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## EDITORIAL

### Advising not making the grade

Perhaps students at OSU are used to haphazardly jumping their way through the bureaucratic hoops of higher education without regularly soliciting the help of an experienced advisor. Some may hop, skip and jump all the way to graduation without tripping — but those unfortunate undergraduates who do will likely find themselves up to their knees in unexpected extra terms.

As university officials plan for OSU 2007 and a potential 20,000 students, we strongly recommend a standardized advising system that would guarantee a full-time, available and knowledgeable resource for any student of any major. While all students should take full responsibility of tracking their individual requirements for graduation and progress toward that goal, there should also be a decent standard for advising across departmental lines.

A student should not have to guess whether the definition of "advisor" means faculty member who advises part-time, "mentor-teacher," head advisor or simply a necessary evil to attain one's registration pin number. Further, hundreds of students to one advisor, when that advisor's office hours may be sporadic at best, is not helping to pave a smooth road toward graduation.

When some students do get in to see their advisors, they find themselves walking back out the door after what is often a rushed encounter, feeling more confused about their academic status than when they entered.

Many students need guidance navigating OSU's sometimes confusing graduation requirements and contingencies, especially when the average student changes majors several times throughout their college career.

When advisors fall short of addressing student needs, it greatly impedes students' progress towards graduation. If OSU wants to increase graduation rates and overall user-friendliness, the school must first invest in improving the odds in advising.

As generally high paying customers, Oregon State students deserve it.

If an advisor fails to recognize a missing requirement, a student may not find out about the lack until the results of a graduation audit. Thus the student is compelled to spend an extra term — or two or three — in school. For in-state students, the cost of that can hover around a hefty \$2,000. And for those of us unfortunate out-of-staters, another term would be financially disastrous, topping \$5,000.

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### The strange people who created me

Carole Chase

I just got off the phone with my parents, and boy is my polite demeanor tired. My parents, God love them, are two of the most bizarre people I know. Not bizarre in the sense you think of ... they're not badly aging flower children or even liberals for that matter. But I'm telling you, the older they get, the more, how shall I put this ... quirky they become.

Don't get me wrong. Being a parent seems like hard work. I say this because I'm basically a 21-year-old child, and the younger sibling of three other grown-up babies. Oh sure, we grow up physiologically. We've gone through puberty, we've gone to college, we get married, have kids, whatever. But just because you can't actually see the umbilical cord which attaches me to my parents doesn't mean it's not really there.

And it's not that we don't try to be independent. But after you've tried to go it alone, making valiant attempts to pay your rent by scraping up change from underneath couch cushions and eating food with questionable expiration dates, it's just so easy to pick up the phone and call the two people who actually care if you're starving to death or not.

Maybe it's just because I'm a girl. So girls, maybe you can sympathize. But I'm quite sure that my parents encourage me to cling to their apron strings. This definitely contributes to their semi-unusual behavior. For example, if my mother has not heard from me in two days, she will call me and leave messages like, "Carole, this is your mother (like after 21 years I wouldn't recognize her voice). I haven't heard from you in a while and I'm getting a little worried." So to combat this problem, I try to call home every other day.

But that's difficult too, because it brings me to another odd parenting behavior. If they didn't live in the

same house, I would swear my parents never talked to one another. See, sometimes when I call, my dad will answer the phone. This is all well and good, but taxing on me because he has not heard what's been happening in my life since the last time I called two days ago. I can only assume this is because my parents are both retired and keeping their lives busy with "couple" activities, therefore those 24 empty hours of the day are just not enough for my mom to relay my updates to him.

So not only do I have to give him the two, now four day recap, but must answer his tirade of questions. They usually begin something like this: "Hi sweetheart? What's wrong?" Funny, isn't it? You don't call for two days, you're dead in a ditch. Call every other day and you're bothering them.

Anyway, he usually follows up his "what's wrong" question with, "How's your money holding up? Do you need me to send you some?" You see, this is odd behavior too, because you would think by now he would have figured out that my money is holding up badly and I would of course like some more. Or, on the off chance it's holding up decently, I would always still like some more.

He usually then asks a series of questions like, "How is school going? How are your profs? What are you reading lately? Do you have a job yet? Why not?" He fires these off rapidly, military style, not a man who likes to spend a lot of time on the phone. My kind of guy. Then, he gives the phone to my mother.

She proceeds to ask me the EXACT same questions I was just

asked, although I know she was probably standing right next to him when he asked them. But it doesn't stop there. We usually talk wedding stuff for approximately 20 minutes, in which time my mom plans my wedding for me down to the last petal. Wait a minute, I thought you were already married, I want to say.

Then, she usually gives me a brief rundown of who's sick, who's dead, who's pregnant, who's getting married, who's getting divorced and who's either pregnant and getting married or divorced. My mother is a gossip maven. I like to refer to her dishing of dirty laundry as the Lawanna Chase smoke signal. And all of this takes place over the telephone line. I'm not even going to be able to get to the strange things they do in person.

Like the way my Mom can drink a Coke with her breakfast, or the way my dad has to check the alarm clock at least 40 times to make sure it's set for the right time. Or even the way they get to anywhere at least an hour early.

Just for the record, though I'm dishing the flak, I really do love these wackos. I'm not sure why this has all hit me today, but it occurred to me recently that just as my parents do odd things, another person's parents may be doing some other weird, but totally different thing. This all adds up to a lot of parents doing four times as many strange things. How do any of us turn out normal? And if what I've heard is true, I may turn out to be just like these people!

But that's just probably an old wives' tale. Speaking of old wives, did you hear that great-aunt Bernice's daughter is pregnant? But hey ... you didn't hear that from me.

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Robert Tiernan

### Reform must include all

In Oregon there are two pillars of political power: business and labor. If you knock down one pillar, the other will dominate. Blast both pillars and the political playing field is opened to everyone.

The initiative for campaign finance reform (CFR), gaining in popularity and supported by "Money is Not Democracy," succeeds in demolishing one of the pillars while leaving the other pristine. Activists for the initiative claim the proposed amendment will level the playing field for Oregon politics, and bring true democracy back to Oregon.

But how is the playing field level with one giant left standing? Under the old rules of fairness, a rule is fair only if it applies to everyone. If we omit certain players from the rules, how is the game considered fair?

Proponents of the CFR initiative will quickly tell you that labor unions need not be included; they are democracies, and the decision for how their money is spent is voted upon by everyone in the union. Furthermore, if a union employee chooses to withhold their contribution from the union, they are able to do so.

Corporations, on the other hand, are far more sinister than labor unions. "One vote, one dollar," we are told. In other words, corporations decide where and how the money is spent. There is no collective body or voting majority to determine who receives the money.

Consumers buy products and services, not political agendas; however, the political destination of cash, portioned off from profits, is allocated at the behest of corporations. Many of these "products" include materials most Americans deem necessary for survival, including natural gas, electricity, oil and a plethora of other materials sold by corporations, who often spend the most on political campaigns.

The argument to ban corporate donations is solid. However, the reasons given to exclude labor unions from the CFR initiative lack common sense and rational thought. For example, say a union had a million dollars to spend in a given election year and decided to have a vote. It is well known (to union members, anyway) that few people vote in unions. For argument's sake though, let's pretend everyone voted. The vote is tallied and the results are 60/40: 60 percent of the people choose to have their money sent one way, and 40 percent choose another. The resulting 40 percent unaccounted for, an approximated \$400,000, exits the pockets of unapproving donors.

But can't these shunned union members withhold their donations if they choose? If one has the stamina

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# Student evaluations solution to grade inflation

WASHINGTON — America's elite colleges are hanging their heads like unsuccessful executioners these days after a recent report from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences finds that grade inflation is alive and well.

In fact, the report suggests that grade inflation is thriving: As are like crack-cocaine and America's elite colleges are like Manhattan's nightclubs, circa 1987. The authors of the report blame grade inflation for the cult of As at Harvard — where about half of all grades are in the A range, about twice as many as 30 years ago. That, of course, plus the fact that Harvard kids are "wicked smaht."

In reality, there can be little doubt that grade inflation is taking place — grades have risen, often dramatically, in the last 30 years, while no evidence suggests that more first-rate work is being produced.

That would be textbook grade inflation, when you get higher grades for work of the same quality.

As a phenomenon that occurs over time, grade inflation does not matter. There is no legitimate need to compare my grades to my parents' and there is certainly no reasonable expectation that a valid comparison could be made, even if there were absolute standards by which such grades had been consistently calculated.

Everything changes over time, Harvard (and Georgetown) included, and as long as that framework changes, the meaning of the grades

## Tim Haggerty

produced within it changes as well.

The implications are more troubling when considering the logical outcome of grade inflation over an extended period of time: Everyone gets As. This is why Yale's term for grade inflation, "upward grade homogenization" sounds a bit lofty, but hits the problem on the head. Even where grading is still done on a curve, now it's an upside down spoon, not a fat man sunning his belly.

Ideally, grades serve a dual function — they inform us of our academic mastery of a given subject while offering a way for potential employers or graduate schools to see how we perform academically.

The problem, as we all know, is not that grades are higher than we deserve, but that they don't reflect anything consistently. Some grades are totally subjective, based on professors' responses to written work, while others are entirely objective, based on our recitation of fact. For some professors, a B is a good grade, for others, it is the nouveau C.

The proper response is not to strip professors of their ability to evaluate their students in the way they feel most meaningful. It is not to impose strict curves, whereby a certain number of students must, mathematically, receive below-average grades. It is to give professors more power to evaluate their students

— to tell them to stop giving grades altogether.

Grades haven't had much meaning for a while. At their best, they can be used to compare different students within one university, though not precisely. They cannot be used to compare a Georgetown student to a Cornell student — is a Cornell A- equal to a Georgetown A-? That could never be the case, nor should it ever be — that would be a sign that universities have totally abandoned their roles as places of learning and become professional training grounds.

Evaluations would be more meaningful if teachers were forced to conference with students at the end of a semester and complete student evaluation forms — without number or letter bubbles. These forms would allow professors to honestly and completely reflect on our work, not reduce it to one letter. We would know where our strengths and weaknesses were. We would learn.

These forms would also replace letters of

recommendation, which the AAAS report finds are generally devoid of meaningful content anymore. Everyone would benefit when employers or graduate schools asked for, say, 10 of these forms, and read through the teachers' comments. They would see the type of student a person is; they might even begin to see the type of person a student is.

The side benefits are enormous as well.

Students aren't competing against their colleagues for grades anymore; they're competing against themselves to be better students. Professors see increased flexibility in rewarding good work and improving poor work — because they're not here to punish bad work, they're here to help make it better.

And best of all, no one has to watch students flip past pages of margin notes and end comments to get to the grade every time professors hand back an assignment. Imagine that.

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## Tiernan: Contributions pollute politics

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and courage to jump through the hoops and face the union, the answer is yes. Moreover, beyond the red tape and threats, union leaders pursue every avenue to suppress their dissenters, leaving them to fend for themselves if they are mistreated or fired from their jobs. The message is clear: don't go against the union.

Labor unions share the same ailment as corporations. The difference between them is a mere matter of degree. Corporations and labor

unions both write checks that skew or misrepresent the interests behind the dollars. Both pollute Oregon politics. The essence behind true campaign reform is fairness, and anyone who understands the notion of fairness and the necessity of campaign reform, cannot support the "Money is not Democracy" initiative in good conscience.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fred Meyer

### Does discriminate

This letter is in response to the letter titled "Not discriminating" (The Barometer, Apr. 19) written by John Dearing. He maintains that allowing Mr. Adams to keep his beard when it is violation of a newly created policy by Fred Meyer would be discrimination against the rest of the employees. He also states that the "believer of a dogma" must be responsible for the consequences of his beliefs.

I would like to remind Mr. Dearing that this country believes religious freedom is a fundamental right and that requiring a person to forgo his faith for homogeneity in the cashier line is contrary to this concept. The country's belief in religious freedom is exemplified in the equal opportunity laws that state that discrimination based on religious belief is illegal, a tenet that Fred Meyer professes to accept.

Additionally, Mr. Dearing claims that offering Mr. Adams a graveyard position in the freight department of Fred Meyer amounts to equal opportunity. We would submit that this was a punitive offer that was designed to pacify Mr. Adams and avoid public scrutiny of the issue.

This was not an offer that Mr. Adams was in the position to refuse, as this is his only source of income. The offer of the freight position put Mr. Adams in a catch-22 situation. If he did not accept, his refusal would have been considered a voluntary resignation and he would not have been eligible for unemployment benefits. If he did accept, it would appear that Mr. Adams fully accepted the terms without hesitation or reservation.

In a broader sense, the forced homogeneity of a community to serve the bottom line of profit not only harms the individual involved, but harms the community as well. Corvallis has demonstrated that it values a diverse community via the collection of over 470 signatures on a petition in favor of Mr. Adams. We would like to thank all those individuals who took the time to express their concern for the diversity of our community by signing the petitions. There will be another opportunity to sign the petition of Friday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the booth in the lounge across from the convenience store in the MU.

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Hockey

### Talk pucks

This is in response to Bret Larson's hockey article printed Apr. 18. I'd like to thank you, Bret. It's nice to hear people talking about hockey out here. I've been a hockey fan since day one and I just don't get enough of it out here. Hockey really is the consummate sport.

I've played every major sport competitively, including soccer, and hockey is by far the most challenging. It combines athleticism with incredible hand-eye coordination. The Stanley Cup is the oldest trophy in pro sports, and the more difficult to win.

And look at the players. They are never on trial for murder (see Ray Lewis), they never have problems with rehab (see Darryl Strawberry), they don't have 6 kids from 4 girls (see NBA), and they don't get paid billions of dollars (see MBL). What's not to like?

Thanks again Bret for the great article, keep it up. Hopefully people will open their eyes and see that hockey really is the greatest sport around. And, if you ever want to talk pucks, look me up.

ERIC MERGEN,  
Sophomore in mechanical engineering

Catholics and Fred Meyer

### Duty to God is clear

I was amazed at these two letters. Victor and Christina, you are right on the money. I am not a Catholic, but I can tell from your letter that more than likely you really love Jesus.

Attention to all Catholics: if you agreed with much of anything Carole said, I have one thing to say for you — on Judgement Day, you will lose. And you will lose big time.

Choose to have intimacy and relationship with God, or choose Hell if you want. Both of these are on the map, I've just decided not to go there. Please choose likewise.

Also, I agree with the Secular Society. If I want church on Sunday, and my boss insists I work on Sunday, either I work on Sunday or find a different job. I cannot insist that my boss work around my Christianity in any way that is essential to my job.

Of course, true Christianity is about submission and respect to authority and to insist on rights that do not belong to me is contrary to scripture. Either I must submit, or find a new job. I wish everybody understood this concept.

SEAN ZLATNIK,  
Junior in computer science

Name Calling

### Tripathi hypocritical

I would like to say that I heartily agree with Mr. Tripathi for once. I think that name calling is childish and does not accomplish much. I, too, agree that it is important for people to use tact in addressing such serious matters as gun control and taxes, and present valid arguments rather than revert to mudslinging. I also feel that being negative with others is not a reasonable way to approach an issue.

If someone purports to have the truth in some matter, they should present logical reasons for their assertion, and in doing so give cause for others to either believe or dismiss them.

I feel that for the most part both the left and the right on a number of different issues agree on the ends, but disagree on the means by which to get there. The vast majority of us want our nation to be prosperous and safe, but disagree on the role to which government should play in such matters.

I would also like to state, though, that Mr. Tripathi has himself used name calling. In his article concerning gun control from last term, he called anyone who owns a firearm for the purposes of "preserving freedom," a "cultist" or a "survivalist nut."

I think that Mr. Tripathi should hesitate to accuse others of name calling, when he himself is guilty. I still do not understand Mr. Tripathi's reasoning behind labeling others and myself under such derogatory terms. I challenge Mr. Tripathi to illuminate all of us on what exactly he meant by those names.

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## Arafat meets with U.S. envoy over standoffs in Ramallah, Bethlehem

► Violence continues in the Middle East with little hope for cease-fire

By GREG MYRE  
Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — While an Israeli army bulldozer crushed cars in the parking lot outside, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with a U.S. envoy in his besieged office Monday to discuss the standoff there and at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

The armed standoffs have persisted for three weeks and neither appears close to a settlement. Until they are resolved, there is little hope for a cease-fire between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Israeli police said 10 international activists, nine from France and one from Brazil, had been arrested after they walked out of Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah on Tuesday.

The 10 were being held in an Israeli detention center, and would be expelled from the country Wednesday, police spokesman Gil Kleiman said. More than 20 activists remained inside.

Heavy gunfire exchanges were heard again Monday at the Church of the Nativity, where an Anglican envoy said the situation was worsening steadily. The shrine is built at the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

In new violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, six Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed Monday.

In the West Bank city of Hebron late Monday, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a car and killed Marwan Zalloum, commander of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade militia in the city, residents said. Another man was also killed. The Israeli military confirmed that helicopters tar-

geted a suspected Palestinian militant.

Israel's army said a unit came under fire between the northern West Bank villages of Talouza and Assira al-Shamaliya. A soldier and two Hamas militants were killed, the army said.

One of the militants was identified as Taher Nasser, 28, a leader of the Hamas military wing in the Nablus area. Israel says he was wanted for direct responsibility in attacks on Israelis, including the Dec. 12 ambush of a bus that killed 10 Israelis.

Less than a mile from Arafat's compound, masked gunmen pulled three suspected Palestinian informers for Israel out of their cars in a downtown square and shot them with automatic rifles. One man later died. The gunmen said they were from Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

In 11/2 years of fighting 1,542 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 470 on the Israeli side. This number does not include Palestinians killed in the Jenin refugee camp during an Israeli offensive to root out what it called a terrorist infrastructure.

Israeli troops have left most Palestinian cities in the West Bank after the incursion lasting more than three weeks. In their wake, however, Palestinian Authority government ministries are in shambles, Palestinians said.

Israeli troops ripped out computer hard drives, seized documents and trashed offices not related to Israel's search for militants, Palestinians said.

Israelis took the medical records of thousands of patients from the Health Ministry, the student database from a computer at the Education Ministry and the car registration list from the Transportation Ministry, Palestinians said.



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An Israeli soldier leads a blindfolded Palestinian detainee into the army-occupied headquarters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Monday April 22. The Palestinians say they won't begin truce talks until Israeli forces have left all Palestinian-run areas in the West Bank.

The troops also blew up a safe in the Education Ministry and took \$8,000 from it, said Salah Soubani, director of information at the Education Ministry.

"Our ministries were nearly completely destroyed," said Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. "This was not done as a mistake in one or two places. This was done in every single ministry."

Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the Education Ministry "is not necessarily where the terrorists will be found, but it was a major source of incitement."

"We had to gather this material for the pur-

pose of exposing the extent and the virulent nature of the incitement," which encouraged suicide bombers, Gissin said.

The American envoy, State Department official William Burns, met Arafat for about two hours at the Palestinian leader's compound, where about 300 aides, security guards and foreign volunteers have been confined to several rooms by Israeli troops since March 29.

As Burns met Arafat, an Israeli bulldozer destroyed several cars parked outside and began building a rampart, said Netta Golan, an Israeli-Canadian activist in the compound. Burns came out to see what was going on before resuming the meeting, she said.

## Microsoft's Gates takes stand for first time

► Founder says antitrust penalties would undermine Windows software

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WASHINGTON — For the first time in Microsoft's four-year antitrust battle, Bill Gates took the witness stand Monday and personally chastised states for seeking penalties he said would cripple the American software giant.

With a mix of computer slideshows and short, calm answers, Gates sought to rebut the arguments of nine states that have asked a court to further punish Microsoft for operating an illegal monopoly that hurt competitors and consumers.

Gates offered no apologies for his company's business practices. Instead, he portrayed Microsoft's flagship Windows software as the epicenter of innovation in America's computer revolution — a revolution that would be stifled by the states' proposed penalties, hurting consumers and the wider industry.

"The (remedies) would turn back the clock on Windows development and effectively freeze it there," Gates testified at one point, delivering in person the warnings that Microsoft has made for months in court documents.

He said the health of the personal computer "ecosystem depends in substantial part upon the continued health of and improvements to Windows."

At one point, he suggested Microsoft might need to lay off half of its 15,000 workers or pull

Windows from the marketplace as fallout from the proposed penalties.

"The practical effect ... would be to cripple Microsoft as a technology company," Gates wrote in 150 pages of written testimony that was submitted along with his appearance.

Gates' performance Monday contrasted sharply from his 1998 videotaped testimony that became a key piece of evidence in the first phase of the antitrust trial. Gates was criticized for appearing fidgety, evasive and combative in that tape.

On Monday, he spurned his customary casual attire for a traditional blue suit and purple tie and brought his wife to the courtroom.

Under intense questioning by states' lawyer Steven Kuney, the Microsoft chairman occasionally chuckled before taking issue with definitions or assumptions. He was to return Tuesday for more questioning.

Gates began his testimony with a computer-generated slideshow. He demonstrated how, if the states successfully persuaded a court to force Microsoft to remove the Internet Explorer Web browser, essential components of Windows would stop working.

"This shows that if you remove this block of code, other functions are degraded in the most extreme way. They no longer work," Gates said, referring to the removal of the Explorer software.

In his written testimony, Gates exhaustively countered every argument the states had made in favor of penalties. During cross examination, the states' lawyers sought to

turn his words to their advantage.

At one point, Kuney challenged Gates' assertion that Microsoft does all it can to disclose technical information so software developers can write programs that work well with Microsoft products.

The lawyer cited an internal memo in which Gates instructed his employees to stop trying to make sure Microsoft Office documents would work with rival Web browsers.

"We have to stop putting any effort into this," he said in the December 1998 e-mail. "Anything else is suicide for our platform. This is a case where Office has to avoid doing something to (destroy) Windows."

Confronted with the memo, Gates said he believed it was inefficient for engineers to spend their time on an effort that was "not making any progress."

Gates' appearance came a little over two years after a court concluded his company operated as an illegal monopoly that thwarted competitors and hurt consumers.

The Justice Department and nine other states settled the case last fall and their deal with Microsoft is awaiting court approval. The nine states remaining in the case want U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly to impose tougher penalties than those in the settlement.

Those penalties include requiring Microsoft to share with competitors technical information and blueprints about how some of its most popular software works and creating a modular version of Windows that could incorporate other software makers' products,

## Slum Fire

► Bad wiring, exploding gas canisters blamed for deadly fire near India's capital

By MONALISA ARTHUR  
Associated Press Writer

NOIDA, India — A short circuit in an Indian shantytown's illegal wiring system triggered cooking gas explosions and a raging fire that left several children dead and 70 people injured Monday, an official said.

Four children were burned to death in the blaze, said fire station officer Kamal Kumar Agarwal in Noida, an industrial town bordering New Delhi.

Most of the 70 injured were also children, apparently left in their huts while their parents worked in factories or houses in Noida.

Thousands of shanty dwellers, many of them illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, live in Noida, working in its factories and homes, police say.

Agarwal said the shantytown was full of illegally strung electrical wires. A short circuit in them caused a cooking gas canisters to explode, setting off about 100 more canisters and starting the fire, he said.

Earlier, Noida police officer Singh Yadav had said at least seven children were killed.

It was not possible to immediately clear up the discrepancy in the number of deaths, as bodies were being taken to the hospital and firefighters were dousing the smoldering ruins of the vast slum.

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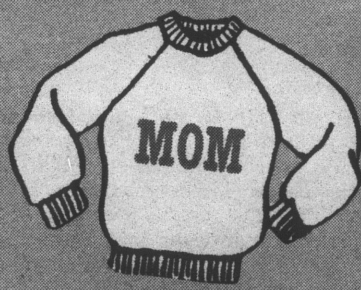
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## Graduation: Questions

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the Registrar's Office looks at students' past records to determine whether they are likely to meet the graduation requirements in time.

"If there is some doubt (that the student will not fulfill their requirements), then we don't give them a diploma," Balz said. Where and when can students pick up their cap and gown?

The OSU Bookstore will be holding the Second Annual Commencement Countdown in the MU ballroom today, tomorrow and Thursday.

According to Bookstore Customer Service Supervisor Trish Parker, this event is "a way for the graduating students to get caps and gowns."

Class rings and Beaver yearbooks will also be available at this time and registrars, career services and alumni association representatives will also be on hand to answer any questions.

"You also get your tickets for graduation there free," Parker said. Each graduating student will receive eight tickets.

Two years ago, before the commencement ceremony was moved from Gill Auditorium to Reser Stadium, students only received four tickets.

"People were paying big money for tickets a few years ago," Parker said.

With more available seating at Reser, graduates are able to invite more guests.

After Thursday, caps and gowns will be available from Customer Service in the OSU Bookstore. They will remain available for pick-up through the morning of Commencement.

What do the cap and gowns cost?

The Bachelor's Degree regalia is \$25 for the entire outfit, which graduates are allowed to keep. Master's Degree and PhDs both cost \$45, but PhD regalia is rented and must be returned.

Commencement will be held Sunday, June 16 at Reser Stadium.

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## Phi Kappa: Fraternity must make new rules, traditions

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directly with Rodriguez' complaint, the eventual decline of the fraternity did.

"The reason we reorganized is that the chapter just fell," said Harsono.

Currently the fraternity is unhoused while they await the renovation of the Pi Kappa Phi house. But they hope to move back in this fall.

In addition to new recruits, Pi Kappa Phi will be required to come up with new rules and traditions.

"With reorganization, the nationals didn't want to bring in old traditions," Harsono said. "(The traditions) weren't working."

They wanted new recruits to start from scratch, they didn't want them to carry any of the history," he said.

Nigel Guisinger, vice president of Pi

Kappa Phi and head of the rush department for the group, said that he is excited about the opportunity to start anew.

"We don't become a full-out chapter right away," he said. The group has to recruit 50 new men, maintain a 2.85 grade point average and maintain a philanthropy.

Reorganization, Guisinger said, is not uncommon among Greek organizations. Delta Tau Delta and Beta Theta Pi are both houses that he said went through reorganization last year.

"It's a common thing," he said.

Although the Rodriguez incident was unfortunate, Guisinger agreed that it was not the main reason for the reorganization.

"I don't think one incident will take down a house," he said. "A fraternity is a business, if they don't make money they can't exist."

Guisinger said that the group has dis-

cussed going dry but has not made any firm decisions. They don't want to be considered a big party house, he said.

As for the group that lived in the house before Guisinger became a member, they are no longer considered a part of the new group.

"We really haven't talked with the old guys," he said. "But we wish all the guys that were there before all the best in all they do."

Harsono, who was recruited to the fraternity by Rodriguez, said he considers it a shame that his former fraternity brother avoids contact with him and the new group.

"I wish that Jason could come back and not be afraid to talk to us," he said.

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## Counties prepare for cattle emergencies

► Planners will prepare for the rarely seen, cattle foot-and-mouth disease in northeastern counties

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA GRANDE (AP) — Union, Wallowa and Baker counties are preparing for a cattle emergency.

Dara Decker, Matthew Mormor and Mark Bennett, the counties' emergency services officers, normally cover contingencies for earthquakes, wildfires and terrorist attacks.

But in northeastern Oregon, an easily

spread, highly contagious cattle disease could be an economic disaster, Decker said.

Decker and other emergency personnel will gather Tuesday to work through what would happen if a case of bovine foot-and-mouth disease is identified in any of the three counties.

Foot-and-mouth disease, which hasn't been seen in the United States since 1929, is described by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a severe, highly communicable viral disease of cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer and other cloven-hoofed ruminants.

The emergency planners have invited law enforcement representatives, county information officers, veterinarians, county commissioners, fish and wildlife officers, Oregon Department of Transportation officers, Union Wallowa Cattle-men, the county fire chiefs and representatives from the public health department and others to the workshop.

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# Cardinals arrive in Rome, determined to take steps needed to calm American opinion

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

VATICAN CITY — American church leaders who arrived in Rome on Monday for meetings with the pope and Vatican officials said they will take whatever steps are needed to assure American Catholics that a sex abuse scandal is under control.

Asked about a report that prelates would push the Vatican to ask Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston to resign, some said they knew of no public effort to force him out.

"If some felt very strongly, they would speak to him privately. I can't see a cabal," said Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington. He said he didn't think Law should step down.

"The trouble began on his watch and he wants to fix it. Give him a chance," McCarrick told reporters gathered near St. Peter's Square.

Bishop Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said if there were any discussions about Law he felt it was "not appropriate" to talk to the media about it.

The cardinals planned to meet privately later in the day with Pope John Paul II before two days of formal talks begin Tuesday.

"I think we'll talk about whatever the cardinals want to talk about because we want to make sure that we handle this and that we are able to say to our people that this is under control, that it won't happen again and we're moving in that direction," McCarrick said.

The spotlight was on Law, the Boston archbishop facing demands that he resign for his handling of cases of sex abuse by priests in his jurisdiction — especially the cases of two known abusers who were moved from parish to parish.

The Los Angeles Times, quoting an unidentified cardinal, reported Monday that several U.S. cardinals will push the Vatican to ask Law to resign.

The cardinal, who spoke to the Times on the condition his name not be used, said other senior prelates had asked him to take the Law case directly to Vatican officials close to the pope. He said he and others would do so Monday during private meetings at the Vatican.

Upon arriving in Rome, Law declined any comment, other than to note his remarks Sunday in Boston when he called the scandal a "wake-up call" for the Catholic Church in the United States and said that it "must spark immediate and decisive changes."

Law made a secret visit to the Vatican earlier this month and issued a statement last Tuesday that he had discussed a possible resignation and that he was encouraged to stay on as archbishop.

Gregory said that "American Catholics are rightfully disturbed but I don't think that people have lost their faith."

He said he hoped the meetings "will lead to a greater security and future that will be safe for all our children."

The Vatican, which has been accused by American Catholics of moving too slowly, called the extraordinary meeting following the visits by Law and Gregory.

The cardinals will be looking to the Vatican for guidance and support on a wide range of issues, foremost among them whether the church should cease reassigning any sex offenders and set about creating a uniform American policy for reporting abuse claims to police.

The meeting could also set off talks on such usually taboo subjects as the celibacy requirement and the ordination of women and gays in the priesthood.

All 13 U.S. cardinals were invited to the meeting, but 81-year-old Cardinal James Hickey, the retired archbishop of Washington, was too frail to make the trip. Gregory and the conference vice president will also attend.

The prelates will sit down in morning and



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Cardinal Bernard Law of the Archdiocese of Boston is pursued by an unidentified American TV cameraman as he arrives in Rome's Fiumicino airport Monday, April 22. American Cardinals arrived in Italy Monday to attend a summit in the presence of Pope John Paul II on April 23-24 at the Vatican on clergy sex abuse.

afternoon sessions, meeting with three top Vatican officials: Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos of the Congregation for the Clergy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re of the Congregation for Bishops.

John Paul will address the Americans at the start of the meeting.

Since revelations began pouring out early this year, the pope's only public reference to the issue

came in a pre-Easter letter to priests March 21. He said a "dark shadow of suspicion" had been cast over priests "by some of our brothers who have betrayed the grace of ordination."

Scandals have cropped up in other countries in recent years, including Austria, Ireland, France and Australia. Last month, an archbishop in John Paul's native Poland was forced to resign, accused of making sexual advances on young seminarians.

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## Peaceful protests take place at Capitol

► Protesters march in support of Palestinians and against U.S. military funding to Colombia

By JENNIFER LOVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — After reciting a pledge against vandalism, violence and even running or swearing, hundreds of protesters marched peacefully to the Capitol on Monday to oppose U.S. funding for the Colombian military.

Four days of demonstrations in the nation's Capitol wrapped up Monday evening with a large pro-Palestinian rally outside the annual convention of a powerful Jewish lobbying group. Though the weekend's protests were organized around the now-ended spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, a wide variety of causes were on display.

Police steered for trouble each day, especially during Monday's unauthorized demonstrations that organizers had said could produce disturbances. But all events were mostly peaceful.

Police officials credited protest leaders for urging nonviolence. A large law enforcement turnout also appeared to dampen any enthusiasm for confrontation.

Protesters gathered before dawn Monday near the Washington Monument to object to U.S. aid to the Colombian military in its anti-guerrilla war and to a U.S. Army school that trains Latin American

soldiers, some of whom have gone on to commit human rights abuses.

"Our money is going to kill people and that terrifies me," said Kristin Kumpf, 26, a St. Louis University student.

Led by an organizer with a bullhorn, demonstrators recited a nonviolence pledge before setting off on the 1.5-mile hike to the Capitol. As they walked, they were flanked by solid lines of police on motorcycles and horseback and in full riot gear.

Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer estimated there were about 1,000 protesters and about 700 police.

Police Chief Charles Ramsey said a quick pace and the early start contributed to city streets that were hardly more snarled than usual. "People are being very peaceful and I appreciate it," he said.

A few dozen activists knelt, hands linked, to block two entrances to the Capitol grounds. Eventually, Capitol Police pulled out plastic handcuffs and arrested 37 people for obstructing traffic. Ramsey thanked some of those who were arrested for being peaceful.

One minor scuffle occurred when police corralled a large group into a Capitol Hill park, producing some shoving and flared tensions. But there were no arrests there and the crowd soon proceeded to an approved celebratory rally in another park across the street.

Later, across town, several hundred people opposed to U.S. military aid to Israel assembled in the street outside a meeting of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. A large number of

police guarded separate cordoned-off areas for pro-Palestinian groups and an expected pro-Israel counter-demonstration, which never happened. A mile-long portion of one of the city's major thoroughfares was closed for several hours to accommodate them.

Some of the pro-Palestinian protesters were unnerved by the arrival of dozens of police in riot gear, but police chief Ramsey said their dress was the result of a misunderstanding and the officers were sent away and told to return in regular uniforms.

Dozens of protesters from the anarchist Black Flag group carried several sections of a chain-link fence onto the street and massed behind it, attracting many of the pro-Palestinian demonstrators.

Police massed on the other side of the fence to keep protesters from pushing down a residential street. The standoff remained peaceful, with Ramsey at one point joking to the protesters, "Next time, we'll let you make our fences for us."

The Palestinian supporters beat drums and chanted "free, free Palestine" and "Israel out of Palestine." They circled around a black coffin, led by young men wearing tee-shirts emblazoned with the word "jihad" and with pictures of rifles.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher defended the administration's Latin American and Mideast policies that were the subject of the protests.

"We'll continue to look carefully at the needs of the people of the world and do what we think we can to help their development," he said.

## Tornado rips through southern Illinois

► At least one person killed, dozens injured by tornado

By SUSAN SKILES LUKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SIMS, Ill. — Huddled in her garage with her family as a tornado roared outside, Jane Bird wrapped her body around her 3-year-old grandson and prayed.

"I thought we were probably going to die," the 49-year-old Bird said Monday as she sat near the slab of concrete where the garage once stood.

The right side of Bird's face was swollen and discolored, but she counted herself

and her family among the lucky. The tornado that ripped through southeastern Illinois killed one person, injured dozens more and flattened homes and businesses Sunday.

The body of Michael D. Watkinson, 47, was found inside his mobile home in a rural area near Wayne City, said coroner Jimmy Taylor.

"You could see the destruction and the path that was made," Taylor said. "It picked the mobile home up, moved it some 30 feet and leveled it."

Five children were injured after a van they were riding in was blown over, authorities said. Two of them were hospi-

talized in critical condition Monday; the other three were in serious condition.

Gov. George Ryan toured the region Monday and declared Wayne County a disaster area to speed recovery efforts.

Utility workers were trying to restore power in Sims and Fairfield, where power lines were damaged. A spokeswoman for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency said most power would likely be restored by late Tuesday.

In Sims, several homes and businesses — including the county's only tavern — were destroyed. A salvage yard was also hit, scattering debris for hundreds of yards and flipping over tractor-trailers.



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# Actor Blake charged with wife's murder

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOS ANGELES — Tough-guy actor Robert Blake was charged Monday with "personally and intentionally" shooting his wife to death after a dinner outing last year in a case that could bring the death penalty.

Besides murder, Blake was charged with solicitation of murder, conspiracy and the special circumstance of lying in wait. Under California law, a special circumstance gives prosecutors the option of seeking a death sentence — a decision they said has not been made in Blake's case.

Blake's bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, 46, was charged with conspiracy to commit murder in what prosecutors said was a plot that began at least three months before the slaying. Among other things, Caldwell was accused of keeping a list of items needed for the hit, including duct tape, lye and shovels.

Both men pleaded innocent, saying nothing in court except when asked for their pleas.

Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, was shot to death last May as she sat in Blake's car outside a Los Angeles restaurant where the couple had just dined.

Blake, who won an Emmy for his portrayal of a detective in the 1970s TV show "Baretta," has said his wife was shot after he returned to the restaurant to retrieve a gun he accidentally left behind.

He was carrying weapon, he said, to protect Bakley from threats she received.

Prosecutors, however, said the 68-year-old actor fired the handgun that killed his wife.

They also say he planned the hit, asked two other people to kill Bakley and considered having her body buried in the desert. Blake allegedly checked out two remote places to kill Bakley — a tiny town outside Sequoia National Park and an Arizona community — in the weeks before the slaying next to a construction site.

In a criminal complaint, prosecutors said Blake drove Bakley to dinner at Vitello's, parking his car behind a trash bin a block away from the restaurant.

When the couple returned to the car, Bakley sat in the passenger seat. Prosecutors say Blake "lowered the windows, got out of the car" holding the keys and shot his wife twice with a 9mm handgun he later tossed in a trash bin.

Before the slaying, Blake asked two people to kill his wife and showed them a gun, the complaint said. In one case, Blake allegedly said that Caldwell "would have already dug holes for burial."

Prosecutors said the bodyguard, at Blake's request, kept a list of items for use in the murder that read: "2 shovels, small sledge, crowbar, 25 auto, 'get blank gun ready,' old rugs, duct tape, Draino, pool acid, lye, plant."

Caldwell also allegedly accompanied Blake and Bakley on a trip in March 2001. The three visited Parker, Ariz., 240 miles east of Los Angeles, and Three Rivers, Calif., 160 miles north of the city.

On that trip, the complaint said without elaboration, "Defendant Caldwell, armed with a handgun, hid in bushes on the banks of a river and jumped out while defendant Blake and Bonny Lee Bakley were together."

Blake and Caldwell were arrested Thursday after a nearly yearlong investigation covering more than 900 items of evidence, more than 150 witnesses and police travel throughout the country.

Should the case go to trial, the defense is expected to focus on Bakley's past.

Blake married her after she gave birth to a child she initially said was fathered either by Blake or Christian Brando. DNA tests showed Blake was the father of the girl, who will turn two in June.

Blake's attorney has suggested there could be many suspects other than the actor because Bakley ran a mail-order business soliciting money from lonely men who answered her ads in magazines and newspapers.

Police contend that Blake had the most motive because he held Bakley in "contempt" and felt "trapped" in the marriage.

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## Talking It Over



Traci Felt (No. 11), Dani Jodoin (No. 32) and pitcher Kristen Hunter talk over strategy in a recent home game.

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## Beavers sign

Former Oregon State University football players Ken Simonton and Vincent Sandoval signed free agent contracts with National Football League franchises Monday. Simonton will attempt to make the roster of the San Francisco 49ers and Sandoval with the New York Giants.

Simonton lettered four years at Oregon State as a running back and left the program as the school's all-time leader in 11 categories, including rushing (5,044 yards), scoring (366 points) and a number of 100-yard plus rushing games (26). The Pittsburg, Cal., native played in 46 career games at OSU and

concluded his career second on the Pacific-10 Conference career rushing list. He was an Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 Conference selection last season.

Sandoval started 23 consecutive games, at right tackle as a senior and left tackle as a junior. The 6-4, 298-pound Palmdale, Cal., native was an Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 Conference selection for the 2001 season. Sandoval is the fifth Beaver lineman to be selected in the NFL Draft or sign as a free agent in the last four years.

Linebacker James Allen was the program's lone draftee for 2002, selected in the third round by the New Orleans Saints.

## Men's crew comes up short against Cal, then wins

► OSU has strong race but loses to top ranked Cal, then edges Stanford

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

The eighth-ranked Oregon State men's crew turned in its best effort of the season on Saturday morning, as the varsity eight finished its race with top-ranked California in 5:47.7 to finish less than seven seconds off Cal's pace of 5:41.4.

The varsity eight shaved roughly two seconds off its margin with Cal since the crews' previous meeting, when OSU placed third and Cal took first in the San Diego Crew Classic Grand Final on April 7.

The varsity eight shrank the 14-second margin from last year's meeting with Cal at Redwood Shores by more than half.

The junior varsity eight race saw Cal extend the margin of victory, finishing in 5:52.2 compared to the Beavers' 6:05.3 on the 2,000-meter Redwood Shores course.

In the freshman eight race, the Beavers fell in a narrow loss with a time of

6:09.9 to Cal's 6:12.4.

"I think that for where we're at, we did some very good racing," eighth-year head coach Dave Reischman said of his crew. "The guys felt this was their best effort down the race course this year."

"Our guys did a good job of fighting every stroke down the race course in all of our races and we stayed as close as we possibly could. I thought the guys did an excellent job."

"Congrats to Cal. There's a reason they're No. 1 in the country and expected to repeat as national champions — they are an exceptional crew."

The Oregon State men's crew showed again why it is ranked among the top-10 in the nation on Sunday, as the eighth-ranked Beavers swept No. 15 Stanford on Sunday at the 2,000-meter Redwood Shores course.

After falling behind by three seats, the varsity eight found its rhythm and kept up a relentless pace over the final 1,500 meters, grabbing a two-seat lead by the halfway point and eventually wearing down Stan-

ford. OSU went on to forge an open-water lead en route to an eight-second win with a time of 5:50.7.

"The varsity eight did a good job today," eighth-year coach Dave Reischman said. "We figured Stanford would crank it out in the first 1,000 and startle us. Even though we didn't have our best first 1,000 meters of the year, I thought the guys did an excellent job of staying confident. Stanford was within 2-3 seats at 1,000 meters, but they couldn't keep up and we stayed persistent."

The effort gave senior Peter Bunce, who rows the three seat, reason to be pleased.

"Stanford got out on us quick in the first 500 meters and got a lead by a couple of seats," Bunce said. "We were able to find our rhythm and work through them in the second 1,000 though. We still have a lot of work to do before Pac-10s."

OSU has roughly three weeks off before its next race, when it takes on Washington at its home course on Lake Vancouver on May 11.

## Women's crew almost wins

► Crew loses to powerhouses No. 8 California and No. 6 Stanford

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State's 20th-ranked women's crew went up against two of the nation's best on Saturday in a showcase of Pac-10 powerhouses, dropping very tight races to No. 8 California in the morning and No. 6 Stanford later in the afternoon.

The JV and novice eights captured wins against both Stanford and Cal, while the varsity four knocked off Stanford.

In the varsity eight races, Cal earned a hard-fought win in the morning by little more than a boat length over the Beavers, as OSU finished in 6:37.50, less than four seconds off Cal's 6:33.90 pace.

Later in the afternoon, OSU was back at it again and facing the nation's No. 6 team, Stanford, along with a stiff headwind. The Cardinal made a move early to open a lead, but OSU closed the gap down the stretch to make the final margin 7:26.04 — 7:28.30 in favor of Stanford.

"The varsity eight rowed very well," 11th-year coach Charlie Owen said. "Cal and Stanford are two top-10 programs. Cal was coming off a loss last week and rowed like they had something to prove, but we were very close with them."

"It's a little frustrating right now. We haven't been able to win a race yet against these top teams, but we're right there."

"There are six crews in the Pac-10 that are very fast and have been competitive throughout the country. We showed we're right there with Stanford and Cal. Crews this strong should make for a very exciting Pac-10 Championship. As we look forward to the NCAA selections, hopefully a lot of crews from our region will be selected because this region is so competitive."

The JV eight earned a down-to-the-wire win over Cal with a time of 6:46.07, edging the Bears by 2.81 seconds. OSU then left little doubt in its afternoon win over Stanford, claiming a 7:40.81 — 7:53.68 win.

"The JV stepped it up and beat very fast Stanford and Cal crews," Owen said. "The novice eight rowed very well today as well; throughout the race they showed they were a very strong crew."

The novice eight swept Cal's 'A' and 'B' boat, winning by more than two seconds with a time of 7:00.62. Stanford suffered a similar fate, as OSU won by several lengths with a time of 7:48.40.

The varsity four, working with a shuffled lineup, rowed to a second-place finish against Cal's 'A' squad with a time of 8:00.55, enough to beat Cal's 'B' boat by 36 seconds.

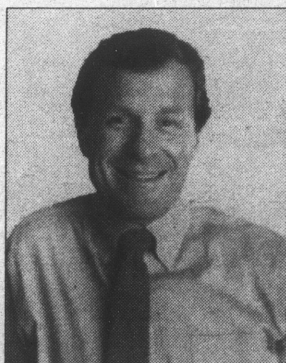
OSU won the afternoon varsity four 'A' race, crossing the line nearly 20 seconds before the Cardinal with a time of 7:48.40. Stanford won the 'B' race by 28 seconds with a time of 8:53.21.

OSU's next action comes Sunday, April 28, when it heads to Clemson, S.C., for a race against Clemson and No. 18 Duke.

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## Trainers: Helping the injured athletes

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hindering a player's performance.

Minor injuries may not make the media reports, but they certainly affect the athlete, and they happen much more often than people may think.

Nakagawa estimates that about two-thirds of the team received treatments last season.

According to Eberlein, last season basketball had 102 injuries, so each player averaged between six and seven injuries.

Despite these high numbers, there were no games missed due to injuries by any player, and only five practices all season were missed.

Athletic trainers treat injuries, but they do much more than that.

They are friends, confidantes and therapists. They accompany players to doctor appointments. They console them when a season is lost due to injury. They develop a relationship that lasts well beyond the athlete's years at Oregon State.

Head athletic trainer Michael "Sandy"

Sandago still hears from basketball players he treated in years past.

So why are these highly important people so often overlooked?

Even Hollywood has the wrong idea about the role athletic trainers play. Movie commonly portray trainers as "the giver of the shot."

Just look at Varsity Blues. The only scene with an athletic trainer involves the trainer giving a player a pain killer shot so he can keep playing.

Sure, the main objective is to get the athlete back on the playing field, but no trainer will compromise the health and safety of an athlete to get him back out there a week early.

Even here at OSU the golden rule of athletic training is, "Do no further harm."

At the next Beaver sporting event, take a minute and think about the people behind the scenes who dedicate their lives to keeping the athletes out there—the athletic trainer.

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## Powell: Know their roles

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sometimes, but he's the best player in the game right now next to Tracy McGrady and he deserves his shots.

Shaq can be criticized for the offensive fouls he commits which are never called and his predictable play. But it's not his fault that he is so big and he's simply playing to his own strengths.

The rest of the roster is filled with players who know their roles and allow Bryant and O'Neal to take most of the spotlight. Except for Rick Fox and his geri curl that he recently shaved off. He spends a lot of time in the media for his acting interests and his marriage to Vanessa Williams.

Robert Horry and Derek Fisher are usually an afterthought on an opponents game plan for the Lakers, but these two players come up with clutch performances time and time again.

Horry's mother is a third grade school teacher and his father is an army veteran so it's hard to root against him as well.

I will not criticize coach Phil Jackson because of how he has earned the respect of every player he has coached. Michael Jordan said that if the Bulls let Phil Jackson leave Chicago that he would retire, which he did. Shaq has also said that if Phil leaves L.A. he will be gone too. Those are two pretty good reasons to believe that Jackson is an excellent coach no matter what his techniques may be.

Besides, anybody who can sleep with the boss' daughter and not get fired is all right with me.

Laker fans are the only thing that will be hard for me to take it easy on. I know plenty of people that have been die-hard Laker fans for their whole lives, and they know who they are. But what makes me mad are the people who start rooting for them once they start winning. All the front-runners know who they are too ...

Anyways, it's really easy for someone to root for a team that they know is going to win. Why not root for an underdog, or a team close to home? I guess those people have nothing better going for them so this is their chance for something good to happen in their lives.

If the Lakers make it through the difficult Western Conference into the NBA finals then they will probably have their third straight championship because of the lack of talent in the East.

I'm not saying that I'll be cheering for them to win, but I will definitely stop rooting for them to lose because it is basically a lost cause. The only thing I'll be looking forward to for the remainder of the season is to see if Mark Madsen will dance again in the Laker's victory parade. For those of you that didn't see him dance last year just picture Richard Simmons wearing a Jason mask and a leopard print thong. Madsen's dancing was probably five times more ridiculous than that.

I definitely don't feel any better about my pathetic weekend now, and I guarantee I failed Ricky Martin's test. The only thing keeping me positive is that I can still turn my underwear inside out and wear them for another four days.

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## Paulson: Stop using people

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WSZ estimates that their imaginary company would have made \$45 million in profits if this laughable event would have taken place. Now WSZ is suing for the full estimated amount.

You have got to be kidding me.

This isn't the kind of money that one of Shawn Kemp's babies' mothers are asking for, this is serious green. And for what?

Did WSZ ever do anything to help out the Williams family in any kind of way? Absolutely not. I mean, at least Kemp got something for that child support, the Williams sisters aren't receiving anything except a court battle and a fight with their over-involved father for trying to make a few bucks of his own on the side.

This happens all the time with athletes, musicians and actors.

People like you and me often wonder why we get brushed off if we ask for an autograph or a picture. It's because they don't need new friends. The average person is a threat to them. That's why rich people hang out with other rich people.

It's not because they are snobs or jerks, it's because they are scared that there is an ulterior motive or scared of getting sued. In Shawn Kemp's case, there was definitely an ulterior motive, but that's to be expected when you spend most of your nights at the Gold Club.

We're coming into an age where drugs, sex and entrapment are at an all time high in the entertainment world. This is causing some stars to come unglued and fly off the handle, or off the wagon in Kemp's case.

Look at the past year alone.

As you read this, former Carolina Panther's receiver Rae Carruth, who was convicted of conspiring to kill his pregnant

girlfriend, is sitting in his cell thinking about how the lifestyle got ahold of him. He should have taken Kemp's advice and just paid the child support.

And you can't overlook Robert Blake. He didn't strap up with the proper equipment and he ended up getting trapped. Then he thought of a way to get untrapped that was not quite as blatant as O.J.

I don't care what you say, no sane person would make these kind of irrational decisions without being absolutely floored on drugs. And I'm not talking about booze and pot. I'm referring to the stuff more suitable for Shawn Kemp.

These so called stars were focused enough to drive themselves all the way to the top, but in the process lost that focus and drive along the way.

No one is successful at every phase in their life and that's inevitable. However, there is always a goal that a person should push for. Everyone talks and dreams about what they want in life, but very few actually go out and do it.

I call these people "Pipe Dreamers."

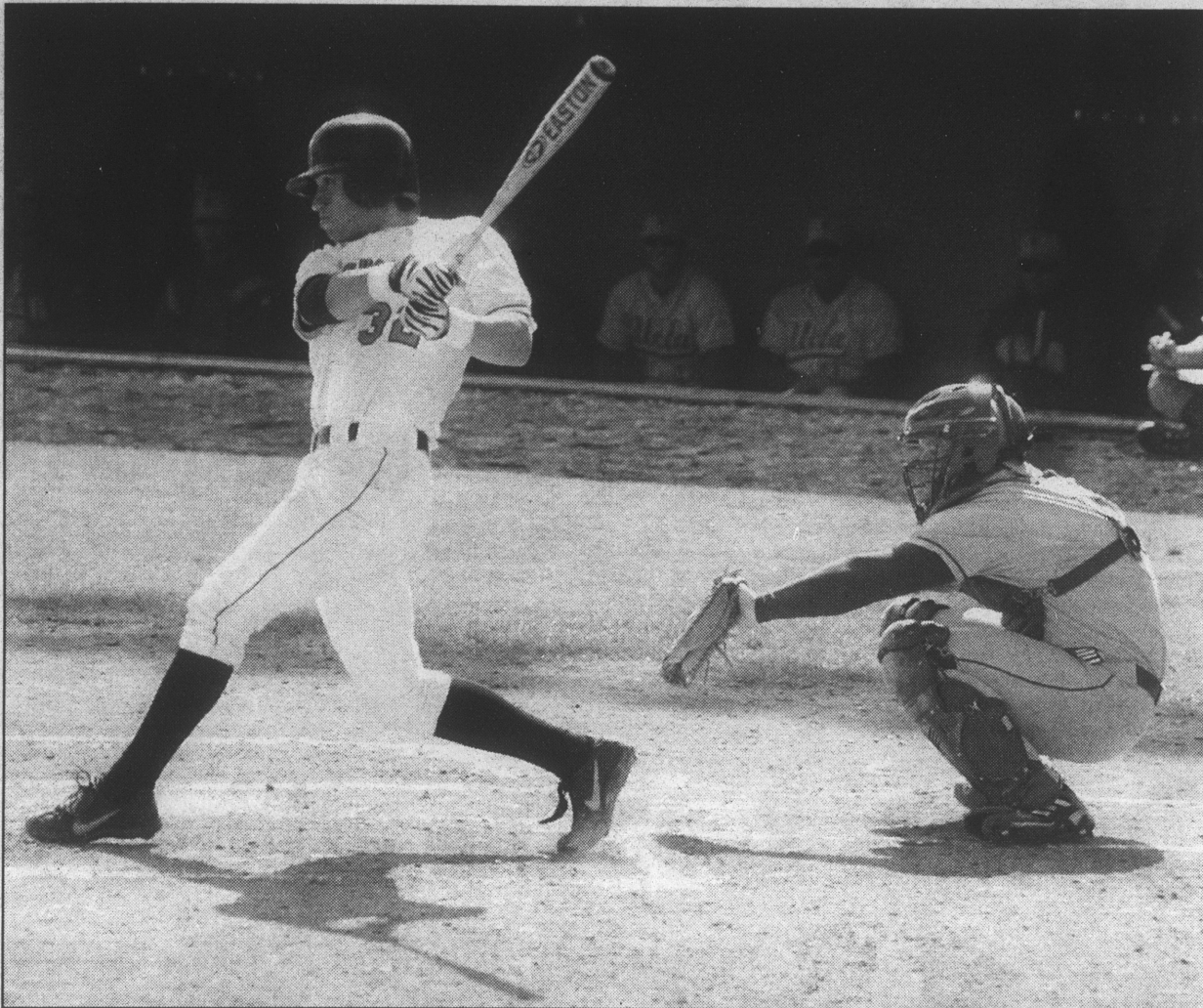
These pipe dreamers talk about what they were and what they are going to be, but they never want to mention where they are at now.

These are the people who are going to eat your food, drink your beer, borrow your money and try to hook up with your girlfriend when you're not looking.

If you want something in life, work for it. Even Kemp had to work hard at some point for all the child support and blow that's going up his nose. Don't depend on someone else's money to make you rich. Make yourself rich.

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## Baseball heads to Portland for a game



MATT HAASE | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Paul Richie, the Beavers' starting catcher, takes a huge cut in Oregon State's weekend series versus UCLA. The Bruins were able to win two of three games.

### ► Beavers looking for a non-conference win against Pilots

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State starts a big week on the baseball diamond on Tuesday with a trip to Portland for a non-league game starting at 3 p.m. at Pilot Stadium. The Beavers (24-14 overall, 4-5 Pacific-10) will wrap up their season series against the Pilots (16-20, 9-9 West Coast) with the game.

OSU has won two of three games over

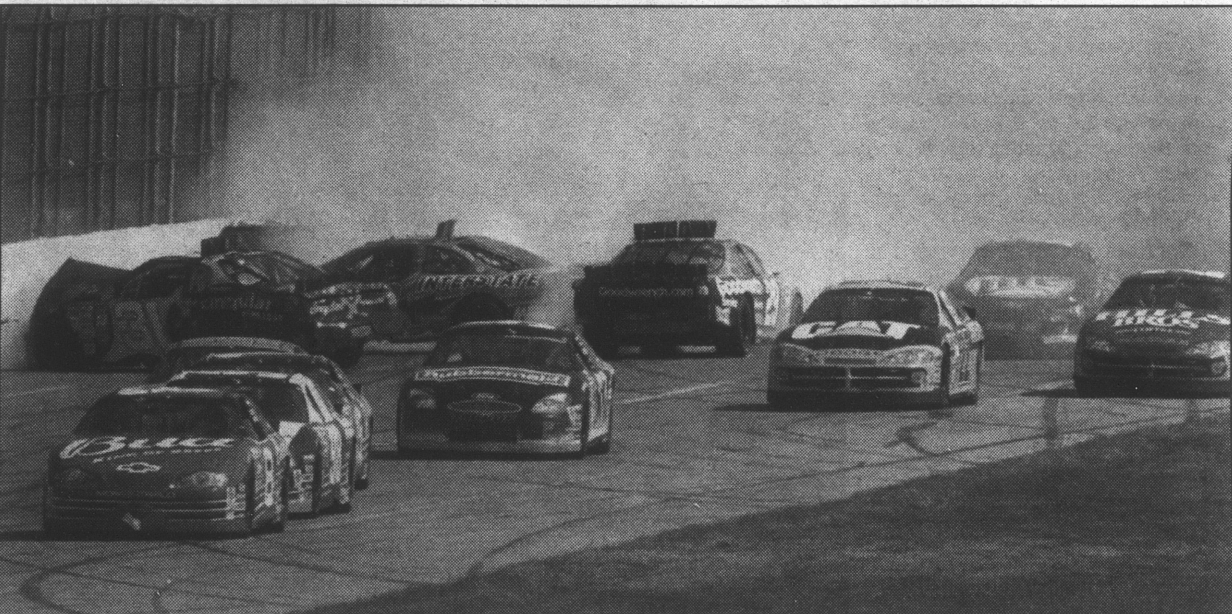
its in-state rival this season, but the home team has won in all three contests. Portland took a 5-4 win on Feb. 19, with Oregon State coming back for victories of 5-2 on March 25 and 11-1 on April 2.

After the trip to Portland, the Beavers return home to make some history on Friday against nationally-ranked Stanford (27-10, 5-4). The opening game of the three game Pacific-10 series will begin at 6 p.m., making it the first night game in the 96-year history of OSU's Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.

The ballpark has been the Beavers' home since the school started varsity baseball in 1907, making it one of the oldest college diamonds in the country. However, the field never had lights until a gift by Bert and Shirley Babb made possible this spring's installation of a system that meets the standards for Class Triple-A professional baseball.

The series continues Saturday at 4 p.m., allowing Beaver fans to watch the OSU Spring Football Game in Reser Stadium at 1 p.m. before going to the baseball game.

## If You Ain't Rubbin'; You Ain't Racin'



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Cars spin out down the backstretch of the Talladega Superspeedway during a multi-car incident involving at least 15 cars during the NASCAR Aaron's 499 race in Talladega, Ala., Sunday, April 21, 2002. Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, avoided the incident and went on to win the race.

### Women's golf brief

Oregon State is in ninth place at the Pac-10 golf Championships.

Teams play 18 holes Tuesday and Wednesday at the Walla Walla Country Club.

Ashlei Pendleton ably handled the blustery conditions, carding a 76 to put herself in a tie for 16th, just five shots out of the lead.

Kelly Ferris continued her steady play this spring with a 78, and is tied for 30th while freshman Alex Lucio carded an 81 to tie for 42nd.

Two of OSU's top golfers, Stacie Ferguson and Laura Skinner, struggled and shot 85s.

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## Beavers travel to PSU in search of a victory

► The No. 14 Oregon State softball team has lost seven of their last eight games

By ERIC POWELL  
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

The toll of Pac-10 conference play is beginning to wear on the Beaver softball team and playing an out-of-conference opponent may be just what OSU needs to get back in the winner's column.

The No. 14 Beavers play at Portland State in a double-header today at Erv Lind Stadium. PSU (16-23) is a member of the Western Athletic Conference and has won five of their last six games.

Portland State is led offensively by sophomore Nichole Ivie, who is batting .324 on the season and leads her team with five home runs and 20 runs batted in. Senior Monica Martell is second on the team with a .298 average while leading with nine stolen bases and 37 hits.

Junior pitcher Morgan Seibert is the ace of the Vikings staff and has an 11-10 record on the year with a 1.76 earned run average. The other two pitchers on the Vikings roster are a combined 5-13.

Oregon State's team batting average is now at .268 when earlier this season it was as high as .285, and in the past three weeks of play the Beavers have been outscored 37-7.

Juniors Clare Burnum and Brynne Guthrie, with their .338 averages on the year, will be key batters if the Beavers are going to beat Portland State. Junior Jessica King has been the only Oregon State player who has hit with consistency of

late, producing three of the ten team hits against Washington last weekend and is now batting .298 for the season.

The OSU pitchers will also be looking forward to facing a lineup free of All-Americans. Although their record may not reflect it, the Beavers pitching staff has performed well lately and has not been helped by the lack of production of the offense. Sophomore Monica Hoffman still has a low 1.15 era, but has seen her record fall to 11-7.

First pitch is at 2 p.m. and the second game begins after the conclusion of game one.

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Hunter: Threw solid this weekend



King: One bright spot for Beavers

Eric Powell

## Lakers gain respect

I can honestly say that I just experienced the most worthless weekend of my entire life. I didn't study for any of my midterms, I spent approximately 45 hours playing a NASCAR video game without winning a single race and I've been wearing the same pair of boxers for about four days now because I'm too lazy to do any laundry.

To make matters worse I had to wake up to the sound of Ricky Martin on Monday morning, not on my stereo, but in my mind.

My Economics 201 teacher is a Russian version of the Latin singer and every day I hear "Shake your Bon-Bon" in my head as I walk to class. Hey 'Ricky', if you used articles (the, a, and) in your lectures we could all understand you more.

Ripping on the Los Angeles Lakers and their front-running fans should allow me to snap out of my worthlessness and push me to get some things accomplished.

But when I started thinking about how much I hate the Lakers I started to realize that I really liked them.

First of all, no sport is fun to watch if their isn't a dominant team the others in the league have to knock off to really earn a championship.

The Diamondbacks beat the Yankees in one of the most exciting World Series in recent history. That victory would have been worth considerably less if they had beaten the A's or the Mariners. The New England Patriots beat the Rams who were favored by more than 14 points in the Super Bowl and had won a title two years earlier.

Every team in the NBA knows that if they are going to win the championship they will have to go through L.A.

It's easy for people to take shots at Kobe and Shaq for the way they play. Sure Kobe can be called a ballhog

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Tim Paulson

## MOOCH!

As I've grown into manhood and realized that I have the whole world figured out at the age of twenty one, I understand more and more each day that everyone in this world wants something for nothing.

Sure, you can make the argument that it's human nature in itself to want to get things the easy way and I won't disagree with you. What I will dispute is the fact that there is always an easy way out.

There is never an easy way out and that's what the creator of Women's Sports Zone Inc. is beginning to find out. I'll give you an overview of WSZ's predicament before I lose you.

WSZ is a southern California based business that is attempting to stage a match with Serena and Venus Williams facing John and Pat McEnroe. The title of the match is to be "Battle of the Sexes II". The first Battle of the Sexes came in 1973 when Billy Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs.

Anyhow, WSZ claims that Venus and Serena's father acted as their agent and signed a contract that guaranteed the match. The sisters never authorized a match and don't plan on playing in one.

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## Trainers keep the athletes going

► The athletes themselves aren't the only ones who are putting in long hours

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Ask any athlete what keeps them playing day in and day out, and the answers are pretty much the same.

I just love playing. I like the thrill of competition. I love the feeling of being on a team.

As true as these answers may be, there is one they are all forgetting—the athletic trainer.

Athletic trainers are directly responsible for keeping an athlete healthy and playing, then once an injury occurs, getting that athlete back in playing condition again.

There are many misconceptions about what an athletic trainer actually does. They are commonly confused with personal trainers as being the ones who set up strength and cardiovascular training programs for athletes.

That is simply untrue. An athletic trainer's responsibilities include administration of first aid to injured athletes, application of injury prevention devices, and treatment and rehabilitation of injuries.

They are the first ones on the scene when an injury occurs. The decision of a trainer greatly affects the severity of an injury. The right decision may shorten the recovery time, while the wrong one can sideline an athlete for weeks longer than if the injury was treated properly.

Here at OSU there are six staff trainers, five graduate assistant trainers as well as 31 student trainers.

These 42 individuals work tirelessly to keep every athlete here on the court, in the boat, on the field, or in the pool.

They arrive in the training room before the athletes, and they go home after them. It is sometimes a 70-hour a week job.

During the season, a typical day for a trainer involves a morning of rehabilitation exercises for injured athletes and an afternoon of practice.

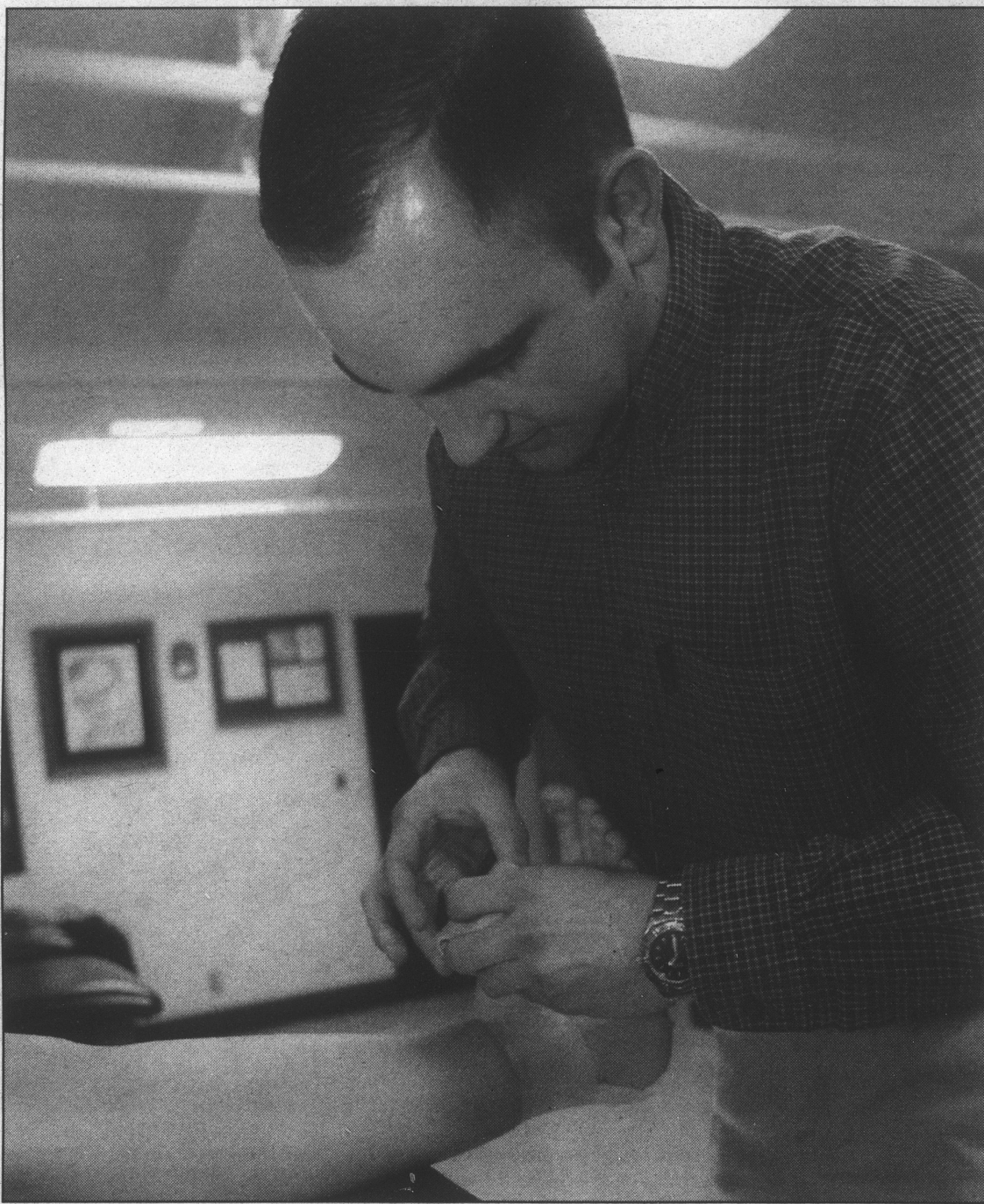
But the day is not over when the coach blows the whistle. After practice it is back down to the training room for any athletes that need additional treatment.

Volleyball trainer Kim Frostad is in Gill at 7 a.m. on mornings the team has practice.

On game days, women's basketball trainer Kelli Eberlein may work 15-hour days. "Sometimes I don't go home until ten o'clock at night."

Graduate assistant Trisha Wade, who works with the softball team, arrives at 10 a.m. for a 2 p.m. game.

It is a tough enough work week



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Trainer Eric Vaught and the rest of the athletic training staff have the job of keeping Oregon State student-athletes healthy and ready for competition.

for a staff athletic trainer, and it is even more difficult for a graduate assistant. These five individuals take twelve credits per term in addition to working near the same number of hours as the staff trainers.

Student trainers put in long hours as well. Senior trainers are assigned to a sport team and follow them all season. That entails arriving before every practice to administer treatment, staying afterwards, and traveling to every game in a season.

Whenever they are not in class, these students are in the training room. For senior Jenn Novello, that amounts to between "30 and 35 hours a week working with swim-

ming and gymnastics, in addition to my other job."

With such a huge time commitment required, some may wonder why these people choose athletic training as a profession.

For Wade, it was simple. "I was always involved in sports, so it just seemed natural that I should work as a trainer."

Lyn Nakagawa, a graduate student who works with women's soccer, shares that sentiment. She adds that she always wanted a job in the medical profession. "I like that there is such a mix. I work part of the time in the training room, which is like a clinical setting, and

the other part is outside."

For some, like students Eric Vaught and Alison Putnam, it is a good way to gain experience for medical school.

Vaught, who aspires to be an orthopedic surgeon, says that "some doctors think that athletes are like the general population, and that's not true."

"When I go to med school I will already have the experience of working directly with patients," Putnam added.

It is the dedication of these trainers that keep the nagging injuries from

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