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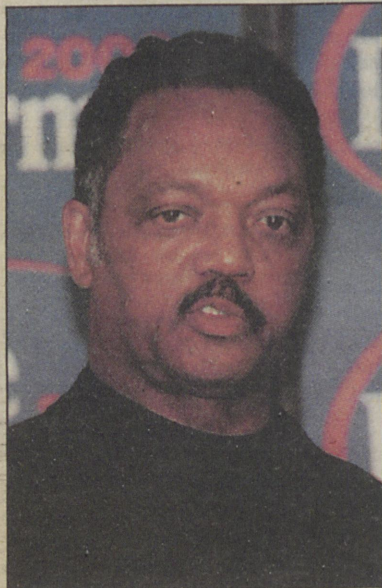


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Jackson

Jackson addresses packed MU lounge

► Reverend Jesse Jackson makes a visit to OSU to discuss the election, a woman's right to choose and the military

By JUSTIN HORNER
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Oregon State University was treated a surprise guest Monday night with the Reverend Jesse Jackson. The affair, held in the Memorial Union lounge, gave students and area residents a chance to hear and interact with a living political and social legend.

Rev. Jackson, a long time political and human rights activist, drew in an

estimated 700 people for his speech that emphasized the importance of next weeks election.

His Oregon State visit was his fourth campaign stop Monday. Jackson talked before crowds in Florida and the University of Oregon before heading north to Corvallis and then Seattle.

Focusing mainly on his endorsement of the Democratic presidential ticket of Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman, Jackson touched on issues that could be decided in next weeks election of a new commander in Chief, such as reproductive freedoms and economic policy.

"The stakes in this campaign are real high," Jackson said.

"The first thing to note is that this is not a four-year deal, it is a 40-year deal in the Supreme Court."

Jackson left no question who he felt should lead the country into the next four years, as well as potentially appoint up to four Supreme Court Justices.

"I would hope that those who hear me tonight vote for the Gore-Lieberman ticket and make a commitment to making a president, not a point," Jackson said.

"His message in Oregon, both in Corvallis and in Eugene, was very well received. Not only is he addressing the issues raised by Ralph Nader's candidacy but he has also clearly identified

the differences between the Democrats and the Republicans" said Kathy McShea, spokesperson for Forward Oregon, the Democratic Party of Oregon's campaign coordinator.

The viability of a third party candidate such as Green party hopeful Ralph Nader was called into question many times throughout the night by Jackson.

"I have seen in my lifetime protests that have gotten desired consequences and those that got undesired consequences. No one should cut down Gore without realizing it will elevate Bush, Cheney, Strom Thur-

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Prepare for a Scare

Sackett set for annual fright-fest

► In addition to a haunting tour of the catacombs, the hall will serve as home to the residence hall carnival

By TARA MOORE
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

Joining a group that is about to leave for the catacombs, wary students anticipating a fright follow the tour guide down the stairs and are met by the musty scent of warm, old earth. The sound of a creaking door and chains rattling in the distance raises the heart rate of everyone in the party.

You are just in time for Halloween in Sackett's Haunted Catacombs.

For as long as most can remember, residents of Sackett have had their yearly Haunted Catacombs, located in the basement of Sackett Hall, a residence hall on Jefferson Way. This year, the Haunted Catacombs will also be joined by a residence hall carnival, which will be located on the floor above the catacombs in Sackett.

Many residence halls will have booths set up for activities, such as bobbing for apples, face painting or fishing for candy.

In addition to catacombs and the carnival, there will also be trick-or-treating throughout Sackett.

"It's a real neat and exciting cooperative effort," said Dianne Finklein, a second-year graduate student and Sackett's Residence Hall Director.

"The catacombs are a reason for people from the campus and Corvallis to come together and be part of the coolness of Sackett," said sen-



SEAN HANRAHAN | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Mark Gardner, the philanthropy chair for Phi Gamma Delta, shows off one of the many rooms that people of all ages will be walking through tonight. Fijis are holding a haunted house with Chi Omega sorority and collecting canned food for Linn-Benton Food Share.

Fijis, Chi Omega team to host haunted house

► For the third-straight year, the two houses join to put on event to aid Linn-Benton Food Share

By CHRISTEN MCCURDY
BAROMETER CITY EDITOR

Tonight, the house at 348 N.W. 25th St. will host a dinner for a family of corpses and will be the site of a projected 700 electrocutions.

Phi Gamma Delta's OSU chapter house,

where the haunting will happen, is cosponsoring a haunted house with Chi Omega sorority. The cost of admission is one canned-food item or a cash donation benefiting Linn-Benton Food Share. The house opens at 6 p.m. and closes at midnight.

This is the third year Fiji has hosted a haunted house. The first year, the turnout was close to 700 and the fraternity garnered about 3,000 pounds of food for Linn-Benton Food Share, said Mark Gardner, the house's philanthropy chair.

Last year, the house was not as well adver-

tised, Gardner said, and turnout was poor. This year the Fijis have marketed heavily in nearby elementary schools and hope for a turnout of about 700 to 1,000 people.

Most visitors to the haunted house have been elementary school students, but Gardner said the fraternity sees a number of college students as well.

"We want as much support as we can get from the OSU community," he added. "The hardest thing about this whole process is

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Halloween 2000
Sackett Haunted Catacombs:
Tonight, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
for young audiences,
9 to 11 p.m. for adults,
Sackett Hall

Fiji/Chi Omega
Haunted House:
Tonight, 6 p.m. to midnight,
348 N.W. 25th St.

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WORLD

Judge rejects appeal to consider OSU grad's health

MOSCOW (AP) — A judge again rejected an appeal Monday to consider the health of a U.S. businessman accused of espionage, a decision the defense attorney said violated Russian law.

Judge Nina Barkina refused to accept U.S. medical documents relating to Edmond Pope's health as evidence on the grounds that they were in English, defense lawyer Pavel Astakhov said.

The decision "contradicts a Russian law that states that it is a defendant's right to provide documents in his or her native language," Astakhov said outside the courtroom. Prosecutors have refused to talk to reporters.

Pope, 54, a retired naval officer from State College, Pa., was arrested April 3 on charges of trying to buy classified plans for a high-speed torpedo used by the Russian navy. He has pleaded innocent, and supporters have said the plans were for technology that has already been sold abroad.

Laos turns over remains of presumed American MIAs

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Laos has given the United States what are believed to be the remains of four Americans listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War, the state news agency reported Monday.

The remains were handed over to U.S. officials Saturday in a ceremony at Wattay Airport in the Laotian capital, Vientiane, the KPL news agency said. They will be taken to the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for forensic tests.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Defense Department said 1,992 Americans were listed as missing in Southeast

Asia from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975. It said 421 of those were listed as missing in Laos, more than half of them Air Force personnel.

Three killed by car bomb; Basque separatists blamed

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A car bomb exploded in the Spanish capital Monday, killing a Supreme Court judge, his driver and his police escort and wounding 35 in the bloodiest attack blamed on Basque separatists since they ended a cease-fire last December.

The 44-pound bomb hurled jagged glass and metal around an upper-middle class neighborhood of northeastern Madrid, shattering windows for blocks. The driver of a passing bus suffered severe injuries and 34 other bystanders were cut, scorched or bruised. Several cars were gutted.

Blazing debris billowed white smoke, limiting visibility just after the attack as dozens of ambulances, police cars and fire trucks struggled to set up an emergency medical tent, douse flames and search for the killers.

NATION

Texas Baptists approve partial break with their denomination

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Texas' 2.7 million Baptists dealt a severe blow to the Southern Baptist Convention on Monday, withdrawing \$5 million in funding on the grounds that the denomination is becoming too conservative.

After a brief, civil debate, the 6,000 representatives of the Texas Baptists approved the move by a sizable majority by holding up voting cards.

The vote is considered a watershed by both sides in the doctrinal conflict that has long roiled the nation's largest Protestant denomination, with 15.8 million members.

Texas accounts for 17 percent of the members and 13 percent of the money that supports Southern Baptist Convention programs.

Pentagon sued for taking back enlistment bonuses

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Thousands of former military men and women kicked out of the armed forces for being too fat or out of shape can sue the Pentagon for taking back their enlistment bonuses.

A federal judge ruled last week that a lawsuit filed by three people who say the Pentagon illegally took back their bonuses can be expanded to a class-action suit.

Many of the 20,000 people discharged for obesity from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force between 1992 and 1995 lost all or part of the money they received when they signed up, plaintiffs' lawyer Michael Feldman said.

STATE

Clinton signs bills for rural schools, roads and Steens

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Monday signed two bills that were among the top priorities of Oregon lawmakers this year — measures to fund rural schools and protect an area of southeastern Oregon known as Steens Mountain.

The schools proposal changes the formula for distributing aid to counties that have tax-exempt federal forest land within county boundaries and provides an additional \$1 billion over five years for schools and roads.

Oregon would be the biggest beneficiary, receiving about \$260 million, followed by California with \$65 million, Washington state with \$44 million and Idaho with nearly \$23 million.

"This is a great day for Oregonians,"

said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. "Finally annual federal payments to counties — set at historically high rates — has become law of the land."

Newsletter hopes to curb prostitution by printing names

EUGENE (AP) — A neighborhood newsletter plans to publish the names of prostitutes in hopes of reducing their presence on city streets.

"Publication is an additional deterrent and we didn't have any other option but doing it locally," said Jeanine Parisi, a member of the city's prostitution task force.

Two months ago, the City Council passed a package of ordinances to ban prostitutes from the neighborhood, deter cruising and impose tougher penalties for convicted prostitutes, pimps and "johns."

UNIVERSITIES

Ohio University hosts relatively tame Halloween

ATHENS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — With a strong showing of cross dressers, flashers, feather boas and shaved chests, Athens, Ohio University and their frolickers survived another round of the annual Halloween fray.

And the range of costumes and behaviors was varied, too.

The 18-foot Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man costume, designed by OU senior and industrial engineering major Adam Sheets, warranted responses. The monster spewed shaving cream from its frame of foam, pipe and flashing lights. Eight people helped operate the costume.

Another student dressed as a stereo — which blasted dance music. The crowd surrounded him as he traveled down the street.

— The Post (Ohio U.)

Meetings

OSU Rotaract, 6:30pm MU Steps. We are a service organization. If you are interested stop by and join us.
Collegiate 4-H, 7pm MU 213. General meeting, discuss Nov. Activity & more.
Lutheran Student Movement, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 211 NW 23rd St. You're invited to lunch! Join us for home-cooked lunch and good conversation. All welcome.

Volunteers

United Campus Ministry, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Stone Soup — free meal for in need, served from 5:30-6:30 pm Tues.. Volunteers needed, 2 shifts, 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm. Call 753-2242.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

Meetings

Campus Crusade for Christ, 7pm MU East Snell Hall Intrnl Forum. Fun, Student led fellowship, skits, speakers, & praise!
Prism, 6:30pm 126A Snell. Informational meeting for anyone interested in judging or event planning for the upcoming edition of Prism. Open to all majors.
More info: osu_prism@yahoo.com

Psychology Society, 6pm Moreland 206. The Psychology Society is having a speaker from Career Services talking on career options for Liberal Arts majors.

Vegetarian Resource Network, 5pm Women's Center. Join us and learn about vegetarianism/veganism, animal rights and environmental issues.

Real Issues, 7pm 440 SW 9th & Washington. Combines music, drama, socializing, & a tangible message that addresses the many challenges & choices that our generation faces. Topic: DECISION (S).

College of Science, 7pm Kidd 108 (MLC) New Science & Math Education club! Anyone interested in teaching math or science in elementary, middle, or high school is invited.

Crop Science Club Meeting, 5pm ALS 3006. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Events

Pre-Therapy Club, 2-4:30pm MU Student Lounge (across from convenience store). Representative from Pacific University will be available to talk to students interested in physical & occupational therapy, physician assistant & optometry programs.

OSU Chess Club, 7pm Upstairs MU by MLK Congerence Room. Weekly meeting, all skill levels welcome. Questions contact gilleni@ucs.orst.edu

Lutheran Student Movement, 5:15 pm, 211 NW 23rd St. Join us for informal weekly worship at Luther House. Service is 30-45 min. long and weekly eucharist is offered.

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WOODSTOCK'S

PIZZA PARLOR

All's abuzz: The Cut makes waves at MU

Former OSU student Brad Thompson says his business is booming after just one week

By KATIE HILGEMANN
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

Brad Thompson has the looks of an OSU defensive lineman for the football team, but you won't find him at Reser Stadium with the rest of the team. Instead, Thompson can be found at the entrance of the MU, styling hair in his salon, The Cut.

The Cut is the new hair salon that is attracting a steady stream of customers and creating quite a buzz throughout campus. Thompson and Erin Lee, a partnering stylist, opened up the salon a week ago and have had anywhere from 10 to 20 new customers a day.

"So far this place has far exceeded my expectations," Thompson said. "I set goals before opening, and every day since we opened those goals have been surpassed."

Thompson's mother is a beautician in Texas, and Thompson said this influenced his decision to begin the business. He started cutting hair at a young age when his mother handed him a pair of clippers and told him to go at it. After that, he learned how to cut hair through trial and error.

"At first, I gave a lot of awful hair cuts, but the guys kept coming back to me because I was free, and that practice is what taught me the basics of cutting hair," Thompson said.

When Thompson got to Oregon State, he kept his techniques sharp by cutting his fellow teammates' hair as well as his other friends around campus. Last year, Thompson attended the Student Day of Success, a Northwest contest where students show their talents, and entered in a barbering competition. He won first place, which was a \$250 pair of clippers, a large assortment of styling products and \$50.

Last summer, he decided to take it to another level and completed nine months at Phagan's Beauty College. One of his instructors saw his natu-



SEAN HARRAHAN | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Brad Thompson, one of The Cut's two hairstylists, gives an afternoon haircut to freshman Karl McShane. Erin Lee is the other hairstylist at the campus salon.

ral talent and decided to seize the opportunity. That instructor was Lee.

"When Brad came to the beauty school, he really did not need any instruction. He already had a great talent," Lee said. "He was talking about starting a salon but I never thought about working with him until I heard that he had a spot in the MU, and I knew with Brad that it was going to be a success."

Now, after only a week in business, the duo is already planning on adding a third stylist as well as making the salon by appointment only.

Other than the great location of the salon, the atmosphere and the quality of the haircuts may be what has made The Cut so popular.

The mood is not that of the typical salon. There is music blasting and the talk is always of a joking nature.

"Brad and I are never short of things to say," Lee said.

The Cut

Monday through Friday:
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday:
Available by appointment
Cost:
\$15 for clipper haircut
\$20 for regular haircut

at the Peacock and Tailgaters, and next term is opening a dance club for 18 and over that will be located on Fourth Street.

The salon is also developing a reputation for getting a great, inexpensive haircut. For \$15 you can get a clipper cut, or for \$20 a regular haircut that Thompson says is the same quality as salons that charge up to \$40.

"The difference is in the details, like straight necklines and making sure that the bangs complement the face. Anyone can cut hair, but the difference is whether you can tailor the hair to fit that person," he said.

The Cut services males and females, both young and old. It offers haircuts, dyes, perms, relaxers, weaves and up-dos, as well as facial waxing. Lee specializes in chemical treatments, such as colors and perms, while Thompson focuses mainly on cutting hair.

"We can service anyone who walks through the door. No matter what type of hair we are dealing with, we always make sure that the client leaves here with exactly what they came for," Lee said. "No one will ever be turned away. Our clientele is very diverse here and it's fun to have a professor in one chair and a student in the other. It's important for everyone to know that they're welcome in our shop."

The Cut is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and available by appointment only on Saturday. Thompson and Lee are accepting walk-ins, but appointments are available.

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to a packed house in the MU Monday night encouraging students to vote for the Gore-Lieberman ticket in the election, Nov. 4.

Jackson: Fears right wing

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ground, Jesse Helms and a right-wing Supreme court," Jackson added.

"What we must determine is the right wing, one that believes in states' rights and upholds the confederate flag, is defeating them your top priority," Jackson said.

His hour long speech drove home the idea that the pendulum of social reform could swing the other way in the upcoming election.

"All of the entire infrastructure built in the last 45 years could go to the window in one session of a Bush-Cheney Supreme Court," he added.

He also wasted no time cutting through the media attention around the candidates as people.

"There's a lot of arguing on whether Gore's personality is wooden and Bush's is flexible, but what dos that have to do with public policy?" he questioned.

Jackson also answered questions from audience members ranging from projected defense spending under a Gore administration to his personal stance on the Middle East peace process.

"I thought a lot of intelligent questions were asked," said ASOSU Federal task force director Justin Geddis about Jackson's appearance. "I think it will definitely improve voter turnout."

"I was just in awe. Hearing Rev. Jackson actually speak was amazing. You could hear a pin drop most of the time he was talking," ASOSU President Justin Roach said.

"Although I was already planning on voting for Gore, I feel much more justified in that decision after hearing Jesse Jackson speak," said Rachel Spencer, a Junior in Art at OSU.

The event was rescheduled from an Oct. 16 date that Jackson was unable to attend due to the month long transit strike in Los Angeles.

Justin Homer covers student government and the 2000 election. He can be reached at hornerjw@email.com.

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EDITORIAL

Keeping options wide open

For those of us registered to vote in Benton County, the Nov. 7 election is a time to determine what happens in our own community — not just the state and the nation.

And like all local initiatives, Measure 02-94 impacts everyone.

If passed, Measure 02-94 would allow the city of Corvallis to purchase five land parcels — a total of 450 acres — for open space.

Open space, by definition, is undeveloped public or private land primarily existing in its natural state in or around an urban area.

Measure 02-94 asks voters to approve the purchase of five separate open-space sites: Caldwell, Frager, Herbert, Owens Farm and Timberhill.

The sites would provide wildlife habitat and passive recreation opportunities (like hiking and nature watching), in addition to preserving stream areas, wetlands, oak savannahs, historic buildings and so-called viewsheds — scenic views surrounding the city.

Consider what a great research opportunity these five sites would provide for OSU scientists and students, not to mention nature lovers everywhere.

And truly, open space is the ideal use for these sites. Large portions of the land parcels are situated on floodplains and confluence areas. It would be foolish to build or develop in these areas — why not put the sites to better use as nature preserves?

A healthy community is judged by how it cares for its land.

The cost of Measure 02-94 is \$7.9 million in general obligation bonds.

That boils down to an estimated tax rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For instance, a \$150,000 home would garner a \$37.50 tax increase.

In addition, the Trust for Public Land and the Greenbelt Land Trust will share the costs of acquiring open space.

Let's create a legacy of unadulterated open spaces that future generations can treasure and enjoy.

Vote yes on Measure 02-94. We have so little to lose. And so much to gain.

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



Suck on this

As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a vampire.

Sure I knew it could get messy, but such is the price one must pay for eternal life, eternal youth and a really cool, John Travolta-style widow's peak.

Not everyone gets to order from the Honored Citizens menu at Shari's. So what if I don't get into the movies for the senior price? I'm boycotting those bastards anyway.

When you come right down to it, the advantages of being Nosferatu far outweigh the hazards. I mean, what's an angry mob

every now and then compared with getting to dress like Liberace every night for the rest of your life?

And sucking blood? Sure it might sound unappetizing at first, but just think about all of the times you've cut your lip throughout your life, and had to swallow gulp after gulp of the thick, salty fluid. Eventually it actually tastes kind of good, therapeutic if you will.

OK, so maybe it's just my blood that tastes so severely salty. I guess that's what happens when you consume more sodium in a day than all the smokers in Virginia put together.

But regardless, living off blood can't be any worse for me than all of the Ruby Red Squirt I dump down my gullet. Not that I'm implying that Ruby Red Squirt's heavenly combination of citric acid, caffeine, sugar and Red No. 5 isn't as healthy as hummus on a slice of wheat toast, but it certainly stains as savagely as any bodily fluid.

But all of this is pure speculation. It doesn't truly matter. For all intents and purposes, I already am a vampire. Call me Count Jake-ula.

For I never rise until the sun has set, except when I have an early dentist appointment. When you're a blood-sucker, your teeth simply must come first. And despite what "Schoolhouse Rock" might have taught me, exercising your choppers only goes so far toward preventing tooth decay.

Also, I really enjoyed The Vampire Chroni-

cles, or at least the first three, in a guilty pleasure, Dino DeLaurentis production of "Flash Gordon" kind of way. That alone makes me a candidate for eternal damnation, doesn't it?

Garlic doesn't seem to faze me, except when applied in the amount that American Dream puts on their "Herbivore." And to me, *Holy Water* is simply a really awful album by Bad Company. Although, if you put it on when I'm around, chances are it will have the same effect as true holy water on an actual vampire. I probably won't melt, but I'll wish that I could.

Besides the sun, the only known vampire deterrent that really seems to have any effect on me is the crucifix. In fact, there are these strange buildings all over Corvallis (though there seem to be more of them in Junction City) that bear the image of the crucifix, which I avoid like a Dixie Chicks album. I think they're called churches, but again, I'm not really sure.

As a child, which really wasn't that specific a period in my life, I was scared poopless (I can get away with a lot in these columns, but a line has to be drawn at the seven deadly words) by the story of Dracula. The way he attacked in the night when we're all most vulnerable. The way he took the souls of his victims. The way his victims then became the undead as well.

I guess that stuff just doesn't pack the same fearsome punch as it used to. First of all, I'm white as the inside of a Mars bar, which means that I've got about as much soul as Barry Manilow doing Frank Sinatra covers. And you can't lose what you don't have.

Secondly, I have a ridiculously high noise and light threshold when I'm conscious, and when I'm sleeping you could tap dance on my butt crack and I'd be none the wiser. So do your worst, all you lady vamps, and see if I don't sleep right through it.

Lastly, I have absolutely no fear of becoming a member of the undead community. After all, either I become a suave mack-daddy pimp of a blood-sucker, like Blacula, or I turn into one of the clumsy, slow-moving zombies of the "Dawn of the Dead" variety, in which

case my agility would remain virtually unaffected. For the subtlety-impaired, that translates to the fact that I'm less graceful than Jack Tripper with a hang-over.

But really, where is all this mental masturbation heading? Nowhere I suppose, other than the pumpkin patch where Charlie Brown sits, anxiously awaiting The Great Pumpkin. And while he waits, I'm realizing the dream of living Halloween every day of the year.

For what is our bastardized version of the Day of the Dead if not an excuse to liberate the children we keep locked inside of us the other 364 days? The parents among us may celebrate vicariously through their children, but for the rest of us, this is our one legitimate chance to let the dark sides of our personalities manifest themselves in costume, and the dark sides of our appetites manifest themselves in bite-size Snickers bars.

So who cares if it's Tuesday? Your teachers will expect you to come to class tomorrow looking like refried roadkill and smelling of Appalachian moonshine shacks. And since not all of us can afford to practice Jello Biafra's ideal of living out our Halloween fantasies every day, the least we can do is get supremely freaky on Oct. 31.

However, if anyone out there knows of a real life vampire (and I mean in the immortal sense, not those Goth kids who start believing the voices in their heads), let them know that they're invited into my house any time, and tell them to bite me.

Because, while I might do a killer vampire impersonation night-in and night-out, I still can't walk by a mirror without reflecting, which, the night after any respectable Halloween party, is truly an asset.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Everclear Appearance

Clearly a disappointment

Looking past the presidential election signs and bare-breasted women, I had to double check that Everclear did, in fact, show up. If the Bush/Cheney fans had been able to prevent the concert, I might still consider paying \$30 or more to see the band. After seeing today's display of born-again drug addicts trying to perform hard rock songs, I would more likely pay to see Pavarotti than watch Everclear for free. In three albums, Art Alexakis has run from his heroin past, complained about his runaway father — but don't worry because everything is wonderful now. Rehab got the band off drugs, but it also managed to take away their aggressiveness, not to mention their sanity. I'm surprised that Art wasn't stabbed with the neck of a Fender Stratocaster for attempting to play Santa Monica with a 12-string guitar. And I was impressed with that wall of sound! I'm pretty sure that I checked my ears several times for ear-wax that might cause me to believe the guitars weren't even plugged in. Am I the only one whose innocence is forever lost from hearing a song about heroin? There should be some kind of age-verification check before a band as filthy as that plays in the MU Quad. Yes, I wish I could go back in time too, Everclear. Back to a time when your music used to make me feel like a whore.

JASON KREBS
Freshman in English

Pumpkin Theft

Stealing not OK

Recently on a Saturday afternoon, a friend and I drove to a pumpkin patch at a local farm. While there, we picked four pumpkins: two weighing more than 20 pounds. At the farm, it began pouring down rain (as it will in Corvallis) and of course, we did not have raincoats with us. We were covered in mud and sopping wet, but we were happy. We felt we had somehow earned those pumpkins.

We brought the pumpkins home and proudly displayed them next to my front door. It being mid-term time, we were waiting until we all had enough time to carve them.

As I lay in bed this morning, hitting my snooze button more times than I care to remember, I thought to myself, "Tonight will be a great night to carve pumpkins." I stumbled blindly downstairs to make coffee, and as I glanced out the front window, NO orange gourds caught my eye. Grumpy and lacking caffeine, I opened the front door and our pumpkins were gone!

I am all for Halloween fun, but this is stealing. They were not even carved and it is not yet Halloween. We earned those pumpkins and paid for them. Whoever stole our pumpkins did not earn them nor pay for them. And to whoever took our lawn chairs last summer, this goes for you too!

I want you to ask yourselves, what if those pumpkins had belonged to a 4-year-old who had picked those pumpkins herself? Imagine her parents attempting to explain to her that her pumpkins were stolen.

I hope whoever stole our uncarved pumpkins before Halloween feels incredibly bad. When you think of committing a Halloween prank, think of the people you may hurt in the process. It is not OK to steal.

TERESA L. ASHFORD BRUGATO
Masters student in human development and family science

Measure 9

Financial ramifications do exist

I am terribly concerned that your article regarding Measure 9 in [the Wednesday, Oct. 25] Barometer ("Ralliers urge defeat of Measure 9") provides a falsely benign picture of this initiative. You state that there are no financial ramifications in the measure but the language of Measure 9 specifically states that schools found out of compliance may receive state funding. There are serious financial ramifications embedded in Measure 9.

While this measure has no impact on four-year institutions, the effect on the K-12 and community college systems would be far-reaching. At the state level, new positions and procedures would have to be put in place to monitor the curriculum in every public school and community college in the state. Schools would be forced to rewrite curricula for diversity training, health education and other programs that don't teach intolerance. This is a process that will cost both time and money. Schools continuing to use existing materials for diversity or health education could be found in violation and lose necessary funding. Schools in which teachers or counselors teach tolerance rather than hostility could suffer funding cuts. Funding cuts also mean programming cuts.

The students who attend those schools (all the students, not just those perceived to be homosexuals) will suffer the loss of educational opportunities. The financial cost of what they miss will show up when they are adults, as lower salaries throughout. A lifetime of lowered earning potential means less money for home buying, recreation, child rearing, education and ultimately, retirement.

Unlike the OCA's previous ballot measures,

this one is a funding measure and the impact will be on all students, not just those whose sexuality offends the OCA.

I hope the voters were not swayed to believe this measure would have little impact by the mistaken information presented in your article.

CHERYL E. ALLISON
Corvallis resident No on 9 campaign volunteer

Same-sex Parenting

Say no to DeAnn Welker

I agree with DeAnn Welker's opinion that children should come first. I do NOT however agree with her idea that same-sex couples should refuse the right to be loving parents because their children might be teased.

So I suppose that if you have some sort of physical deformity or disability, you should also "spare" a child and refuse having or adopting any, right Ms. Welker? I also suppose that parents should not adopt children of a different race, right? I mean my parents must be selfish idiots for adopting two Asian children. I mean, they got teased at school because of their ethnicity. That's my parents' selfish fault right? How dare they adopt anything but white children in a primarily white community. Wait! We can't stop there!

What about obese parents? What if some parents can't afford to buy their children nice clothing? Selfish jerks! I mean if love doesn't make a family ... they should know they are only doing harm. Right?

Guess what Welker, kids will tease and be teased for any reason imaginable. This isn't a new phenomenon. It's been going on for quite some time really.

Catering to ignorance is not the answer but teaching acceptance is.

So yes, children should come first, and if a same-sex couple out there has enough love to offer a child then I'd say that child is damn fortunate. There are many children out there longing for someone to care about them. Like children, loving parents are a wonderful thing. No matter what kind of couple they may be.

ANGELENE HORLYK
Senior in psychology

Same-sex Parenting

Welker is narrow-minded

OK, so by DeAnn Welker's reasoning in "Say no to having children" (Oct. 23), mixed-race couples shouldn't have children because those kids might be called "Mulatto" or something like that, people whose native language is other than English shouldn't have children because their kids

would be at a disadvantage and might pronounce some words differently, poor people shouldn't have kids because they obviously can't offer the same perks as rich parents. I got poked fun at because my parents listened to classical music, but I don't blame my parents for being selfish in having me.

She says she firmly believes same-sex couples should have the right to have children, she just implies that they would be bad, bad and selfish, to desire to instill their love, ethics and understanding of the joys life can bring on a little child because someone from an ignorant viewpoint might make fun of the kid. All Ms. Welker is really doing is giving those narrow-minded people another voice, and another excuse to say "There ought to be a law preventing those wackos from procreating/adopting/justifying their lives in any way."

MARTIN MAIN
Sophomore in computer science

Measure 9

Answer does NOT lie in the Bible

I was shocked and appalled after reading J.H. Johnson's letter in Thursday's paper ("Letters," Oct. 26). The Bible is not even close to a rational argument for a yes vote on Measure 9. What Johnson cited as why we should incorporate Measure 9 into our public school curriculum was really a narrow-minded, fundamentally founded excuse to form prejudices in the minds of children, rather than lay out the facts of life to them in an educational environment. I am going to go out on a limb and say that the Bible states that homosexuality is "wrong" simply because people did not understand it at the time the Bible was written. If I'm not mistaken, the Bible's main purpose is, in theory, to encourage love and acceptance of all people, not hatred and criticism for differences. If children do not learn about homosexuality in school, they will surely learn about it elsewhere, and most likely receive false information. Educating children is NOT "offending" them in any way, whether they believe in the Bible or not. And please, there is no such thing as gay-recruitment. Some people are gay, some are not. Children need to be educated to understand that, not misled into believing that homosexuality doesn't exist, or is somehow wrong. Schools are "bad" not because homosexuality is taught there, but because of narrow-minded people who teach their children how not to be accepting, kind individuals.

Vote NO on Measure 9.

MAGENTA SINGER
Albany resident

Clinton says he has 'concerns' about assisted suicide proposal

By JOHN HUGHES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Monday he opposes assisted suicide but has concerns about a bill that would make Oregon's landmark law allowing physician-assisted suicide difficult — if not impossible — to use.

"My concern, frankly, right now is whether the bill as written would have a chilling effect on doctors writing medication for pain relief on terminally ill patients," Clinton said. "And I'm concerned, therefore, about the way it's worded."

The comments came in response to a reporter's question as Clinton discussed his efforts to reach a budget deal with Congress.

But Clinton made no comment as to whether he would sign or veto the suicide legislation.

"And I know Sen. (Ron) Wyden's filibustering the bill and maybe we'll work that out too, before this is over," Clinton said. "I hope we can."

Wyden, D-Ore., has twice prevented the Senate from considering a \$240 billion tax bill that includes language barring doctors from using federally controlled substances such as barbiturates to deliberately cause a patient's death.

All 43 people who died under Oregon's Death With Dignity Act since the law took effect in late 1997 used controlled substances to end their lives.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the author of the suicide proposal, had the measure inserted in the tax bill with the hope of avoiding a Wyden roadblock. Wyden has said all year that he would filibuster any bill he believed would block Oregon's law allowing terminally ill patients to take their own lives.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has been working on a way to bring the tax bill up but said he has failed to reach an agreement with Wyden.

At a bill signing session at the White House on Monday,

Wyden gave Clinton a memo outlining the senator's concerns about the assisted suicide bill. Clinton and Wyden also discussed the issue by telephone Monday after Clinton read the memo, Wyden said.

Wyden said he is not disappointed that Clinton has not taken a position on whether he would sign or veto the tax bill over the suicide issue because the president does not know what the final bill will look like.

"But what I was glad to hear," Wyden said, "was that the president of the United States is thinking about the voters of Oregon and the suffering the Nickles bill would cause in every community in the United States."

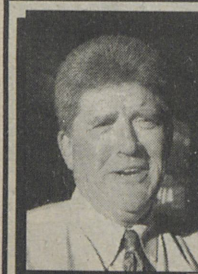
Clinton said in his comments to reporters, "Whatever your opinions about assisted suicide, and whether the people ought to have a right to vote on it in a given state, we certainly don't want to do anything that would in any way undermine the willingness of physicians to write pain relief medication for fear they'll later be prosecuted if the patient dies."

Clinton has threatened to veto the tax bill for reasons unrelated to assisted suicide.

The subject of assisted suicide also came up at the White House Press Secretary Jake Siewert's daily briefing on Monday.

"We've made it clear that we have some concerns about the Oregon law, but we think those ought to be discussed separately and that those ought to be discussed in some other context," Siewert said.

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Former OSU dean passes

PORTLAND — Gordon Gilkey, curator of the Portland Art Museum's prints and drawings collection, died Saturday at Providence Portland Medical Center after a long illness. He was 88.

Gilkey founded the museum's Vivian Center for the Graphic Arts, and was considered one of Oregon's leading cultural experts.

"He was utterly inspiring," said Sally Lawrence, president of the Pacific Northwest College of Art, where Gilkey was an artist in residence. "He taught his students not only about art, but about a generosity of spirit," she said.

During World War II, Gilkey told the U.S. Army Air Corps which monuments should be spared from bombing and he was one of the first to return art stolen by the Nazis.

Gilkey was a professor of art for 50 years, an illustrations adviser to Winston Churchill and a knight in six countries.

He also made, traded and collected prints. His personal collection totaled 14,000 prints that dated from the Renaissance to the modern day.

His prints included pieces by Durer, Rembrandt, Goya and Picasso.

"He knew prints, he knew a vast number of the artists who made them and he never forgot the name of someone he met," said Peter Parshall, curator of Old Master prints at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Gilkey was born in 1912 in Linn County. He attended Albany College and the University of Oregon, where he received a master of fine arts degree in printmaking.

In 1947, Gilkey became a professor — and eventually the dean — in the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University. In 1978, a year after retiring, he donated his collection of art to the Portland Art Museum in return for a new study center.

Haunted house

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dealing with the fire code. Our first priority is to be safe, but we also want to have fun and get scared."

Because of the fire code, Gardner said the fraternity has had to create effects using lighting and actors in costumes rather than potentially dangerous decorations.

Some of the skits will be performed differently for different age groups as they tour the house. And organizers have made a concerted effort to get away from blood and gore-oriented sketches, favoring subtler psychological horror.

"We want to scare them, but we don't want to scar them for life," Gardner said.

"I appreciate their attention to details," said Amy Lindquist, fire prevention officer for the Corvallis Fire Department. "Halloween is kind of a scary time anyway — kids are wearing masks and may not be able to see clearly. The guys will be guiding them through with flashlights, and they have an emergency plan, but I don't think they'll need to use it."

Roughly 80 students — members of either Fiji or Chi Omega — worked on the haunted house. Some will volunteer in the house tonight, where others assisted with decorating or marketing in the early stages.

"We have people coming from all over the valley," Gardner said. "People that have come through have really enjoyed it, and have appreciated the opportunity to give to a good cause right before the holiday season."

The haunted house is Fiji's main philanthropy of the year, and helps individual members achieve their goal of 50 community service hours annually. The fraternity has been planning the haunted house since June, and members started organizing at the beginning of the school year.

The house was built in 1928 for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and reopened in 1997.

"It's a creepy old house," Gardner said. "When we reopened, there were 10 guys living on the second floor, and it felt like you could hear stuff walking around on the third floor."

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Catacombs: Creepy legends a draw

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ior Mitch McCann, Sackett's Assistant Residence Hall Director.

By looking around once more, the party realizes that the dark marks on the wall are not dirt after all, but blood prints, and the word "HELP" is smeared on the wall in what appears to be blood.

A message on the wall reads, "LOOK BEHIND YOU."

The sound of someone further back running into a tin foil streamer startles everyone, especially those making their way past "Ted's Room" — a room that is shrouded in mystery and is reported to have something to do with the infamous Ted Bundy.

"Downstairs in the catacombs there's a lot of dark areas, there's a lot of doors," Finklein said. "It's historic. There's obviously a whole other part that residents never see, due to that darkness. It's now something that we open up to the public and utilize for celebrative purposes."

"We invite people to come down, but safety is our fundamental concern."

Then, almost as quickly as it began, the tour is over and the world makes sense once more.

"It's a creepy area of Sackett — the catacombs — where a lot of people like to go down there and weird themselves out," McCann said. "In Sackett, there are twists and turns and you can get lost in there. There's cool old cooler doors and just creepy old weird things."

Sackett Hall has been working with the Corvallis Fire Department and

Oregon State Police to make sure that the Haunted Catacombs and the residence hall fair are as safe as they can possibly be — and that they are able to open their doors on time.

The event sustained a setback Friday when the catacombs did not pass the first fire inspection.

The work over the past three days paid off Monday morning when the fire inspector gave Sackett the requirements.

Between 7 and 8:30 p.m., Sackett will scale down its Haunted Catacombs, removing scenes of death and murder for younger audiences.

"We're celebrating the haunted Halloween spirit," Finklein said. "(It) gives us the opportunity to see the kids and have them be a little spooked, but then have fun with it."

The Haunted Catacombs will close down until 9 p.m., then reopen for adults, and will remain open until 11 p.m.

Sackett Hall Council has set a price of \$1 or two cans of food to enter the event. The canned food and profits will be donated to charity.

The Sackett basketball court, on Jefferson Way, will serve as the main entrance into the Haunted Catacombs and the residence hall carnival.

There are still volunteer opportunities open for tour guides as well as carnival positions. For more information call Mitch McCann at 713-7148.

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Washington safety still in hospital

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. — The two teams huddling on their respective sidelines in the pouring rain weren't discussing strategy. They were saying a quick prayer for Curtis Williams, who was lying unconscious on the field.

In No. 8 Washington's 31-28 victory over Stanford on Saturday, the final quarter following that tragic moment featured five touchdowns. The lead changed hands twice in the final minute, and Washington beat Stanford for the 14th time in 15 meetings on Justin Robbins' 22-yard touchdown catch with 17 seconds left.

It was one of the more thrilling afternoons in the Huskies' 1,000 games of football history, but the players — many who cried openly as they boarded their bus to the airport — won't remember much more than Williams being removed from the field on a stretcher.

"It's the most frightening thing that can hap-

pen," said Washington coach Rick Neuheisel, who stayed overnight with Williams. "It's frightening because you're dealing with the rest of the person's life."

Williams remained in intensive care with a spinal cord injury Sunday. An MRI revealed the injury, but its exact nature might not be known for several days, said Dave Burton, Washington associate athletic director of sports medicine. Further tests were planned.

The Huskies found the strength to go on — and in doing so, they may have found a way to play up to their potential in a strange season. Washington came from behind to win for the sixth time in seven games this year.

With a 4-1 record in the Pac-10, Washington (7-1) is tied with Oregon State and a game behind the Oregon Ducks, who lead at 5-0 and beat the Huskies earlier this year. But if the Beavers beat Oregon in the annual Civil War, Washington will hold the tiebreaker over both Oregon schools.

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mind being 7-1 instead of 3-5 right now.

So turn that frown upside down, Trojan media, and look at the bright side.

You can still claim such distinguished alumni as The Juice ... err, OK, maybe you should look elsewhere for that bright side, that is, if you can see through the smog without choking.

But seriously, some day you'll probably return to your winning ways, but as for this year, well, you pretty much suck.

So here's your tissue, your group hug and our

many condolences, USC ... but you'll have to come get them when we're in southern California again.

Whether in Los Angeles or San Diego near New Year's time, you can come and pout and we'll feel your pain. You can take a nice relaxing day, think about your season and watch the Beavers play in a bowl game.

Maybe that will cheer you up.

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able psychological edge, not to mention an early lead in the race for home-court advantage.

"We all know that when it's all said and done, there's a very good chance that these two teams are going to have an impact on what the other does in terms of the playoffs," Anthony said. "Based on what happened last year and what both teams did in the off-season, a lot of people are expecting these two

teams to be there at the end."

O'Neal said the Blazers, with a payroll that soared from about \$73 million to around \$90 million, will have something to prove Tuesday night. But the reigning league and NBA Finals MVP played down the significance.

"It's going to be a very intense game, but whatever happens tomorrow is not going to make or break anybody's season," he said. "Somebody's going to be 1-0 and somebody's going to be 0-1."

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than an October morning at the Oregon Coast is what bowl game is most likely.

In order for the Beavers to earn an invitation to Pasadena, two simple things need to happen: Washington must lose a second conference game, and the Beavers must win out. Assuming Oregon State and Oregon can win out up until the Civil War game Nov. 18, the Civil War will determine who represents the Pac-10 in Pasadena.

If Washington wins out and the Beavers take the Ducks, Washington will play in Pasadena having won the head-to-head match against the Beavers.

Should the Ducks manage to win out, they will own the rights to the Rose Bowl.

The Pac-10's second team in the standings is assigned to the Culligan Holiday Bowl in San Diego, Calif. Third place travels to El Paso, Texas for the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl.

Arizona, coming off of back-to-back losses to Oregon and UCLA, can still play a major role in the conference and hasn't been mathematically eliminated from the Rose Bowl race. The Cats must now travel to Husky Stadium for a key match up with Washington and then return home for the Beavers.

The conference's fourth- and fifth-place teams will play in either the Jeep Oahu or Aloha Bowl on Christmas day.

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Beavers climb to 11th in latest BCS poll

► Oregon State is recognized as an official top-15 team for the first time, in Bowl Championship Series

By RYAN GABRIEL

BAROMETER ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Fresh off the heels of arguably its most dominating performance of the season, Oregon State now finds itself ranked among the nation's official elite.

The Beavers pounded Washington State Saturday, out-rushing the Cougars by more than 200 yards on their way to a 38-9 victory. Sunday the Beavers were awarded a No. 14 ranking by the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and the Associated Press poll. Monday, the Bowl Championship Series Rankings took notice as well, placing the Beavers at No. 11.

While it's unlikely that Oregon State could

find itself in a BCS bowl other than the Rose Bowl, the possibility remains.

The BCS is comprised of the Rose, Fiesta, Sugar and Orange Bowl and is designed to determine an outright national champion each year. Each year, one BCS bowl will host the national championship game featuring teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the poll. The others will usually feature teams ranked in the top eight of the poll.

The Rose Bowl is the only exception.

Prior to joining the Bowl Championship Series, the Rose Bowl retained its rights to feature the champions of the Pac-10 and the Big-10 every year it's not hosting the national championship game.

It's no secret that Oregon State is in contention for a Pac-10 championship and an appearance in the Rose Bowl. What is foggier

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Erickson to get new contract

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart announced Monday that a new contract is in the works for head football coach Dennis Erickson.

Erickson is currently in the first year of a new five-year contract he signed in January of this year. A new contract for Erickson, with an extension and renegotiated salary, should be completed prior to the end of the current season, according to Barnhart.

"We are very appreciative of the outstanding efforts of this football coaching staff, led by head coach Dennis Erickson,"

Barnhart said. "A lot of wonderful things have happened to our football program over the last two years, culminating in two winning seasons, and quite probably a second bowl berth."

"Our current football success gives our overall athletic department the ability to move forward. We certainly want to recognize those efforts in an appropriate fashion."

"As we continue to complete our facility projects, Coach Erickson's leadership of the Oregon State football program will cement our further athletic growth."

Let the lottery begin



OSU STUDENTS WAIT in line outside of Gill Coliseum to pick up their ticket vouchers for the Civil War. Because of the high demand for tickets this year, the athletic department opted to give away student tickets using a voucher system. Those students whose vouchers are chosen randomly are the ones that will receive tickets to the game.

Blazers try, but fail, to put aside memories of L.A. collapse

By LANDON HALL

AP SPORTS WRITER

PORTLAND — Damon Stoudamire thought he had put the events of June 4 behind him when the memories all came rushing back, beamed at him by NBA.com TV.

On Sunday night, the cable channel showed clips from Game 7 of the Western Conference finals between Stoudamire's team, the Portland Trail Blazers, and the Los Angeles Lakers. It was the first time Stoudamire had seen any videotape of what stands as possibly the greatest pratfall in the history of playoff basketball.

It was just as Stoudamire had remembered: The Blazers led by 13 at the start of the fourth quarter, on their way to the Finals for the first time since 1992. The lead stretched to 75-60 with 10:28 left to play before everything fell apart. Portland missed 13 straight shots, and

the Lakers went on a 15-0 run and ended up winning 89-85.

"You watch it and just wonder what could have been," Stoudamire said Monday, 31 hours before the Blazers were to open the new season against the defending champion Lakers.

The Blazers know that if even one of those missed shots during that awful stretch had fallen, they probably would be receiving their championship rings Tuesday night at the sold-out Rose Garden. But they already seem bored with the topic and say they're ready to move on.

"That season's over," Scottie Pippen said. "Hopefully, we can use that as fuel. It's definitely in the past for us, but we have to realize that they are the world champs and they still have to defend themselves as the champs, so we want to measure ourselves and see where we are against the best."

The Lakers aren't so sure the Blazers have forgotten that easily.

"I'm sure it's been on their minds all summer and most of the preseason, in terms of knowing that this was the first game they were going to play," forward Rick Fox said Monday. "Seeing us again and knowing that we came out the victors, it probably left a bad taste in their mouths."

Although both teams acquired new high-profile players in the off-season, the Lakers appear to have improved themselves more. Horace Grant is 35, but should provide some of the offense at power forward that A.C. Green lacked. And the Lakers hope Isaiah Rider can stay out of trouble long enough to make up for the loss of shooting guard Glen Rice and his 15.9 points per game last season.

The Blazers, thinking specifically about stopping Shaquille O'Neal, got Shawn Kemp, Dale Davis and

Will Perdue, all 6-foot-10 or taller. But Portland won't have center Arvydas Sabonis, who is out at least the next few weeks with an injured left knee. Backup point guard Greg Anthony also is recovering from off-season surgery on both ankles.

"We don't know where we are yet, quite honestly, because it's been kind of a slow process for us in the preseason with the injuries and the new guys," Anthony said.

The Lakers also will be short-handed. Backup forward Robert Horry, a key role player during the title run, will miss the first two games — including Wednesday night's home opener against Utah, at which the Lakers will receive their championship rings — to attend his grandmother's funeral in Alabama.

How much is one game worth? It depends on the team, and who wins. The Blazers can gain a valu-

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Sam Schwartz



SCHWARTZ ON SPORTS

Here's a tissue, USC

Poor USC. I feel so bad for them. They've lost five in a row, they won't be going to a bowl game for the second year in a row and all their fans can talk about is who will replace Paul Hackett.

Too bad. I think that we as an OSU community, who know what losing is like, should give USC a giant group hug ... after all, it was OSU's defeat of USC that sent them reeling into the Pac-10 gutter.

The Beavers destroyed their hopes for an undefeated season (yes, they were talking about a national championship). They took them out of the Rose Bowl race (the champion will likely be undefeated in the conference). In fact, the Beavers ripped their hearts out. They made Carson Palmer whine like a baby.

Said Palmer after their defeat in Corvallis: "They're not a team (OSU) that's going to win out in the conference, so we know we can still win the conference."

The Beavers did end up losing to the Huskies the next week. But then they went on to win three straight.

USC? They lost their next four, including two at home. The only race they're in now is to see how fast the season can end.

Poor Trojans. Here's a tissue. I would even like to offer a tissue to those nice reporters from The Daily Trojan who were so confident in their team, but so dejected after their loss in Corvallis. It must have been a long ride home.

Looking at all of the players on OSU's team that hail from California, one reporter observed: "They're just a bunch of guys who couldn't get into USC."

Maybe so. Many people probably couldn't get into the most elitist school on the West Coast. They're not called the University of Spoiled Children for nothing.

But I'm also sure that there are many USC players that wouldn't

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