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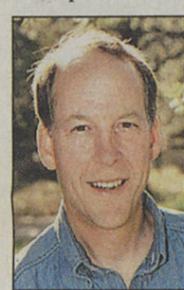
## Hearing set for logging study flap

■ Congressman wants author of study and critics to weigh in on controversial logging study

By Matthew Daly  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Oregon Rep. Greg Walden said Monday he will hold a hearing in Medford next week to examine a controversial study by Oregon State University researchers that suggests salvage logging is harmful to the recovery of burned forests.

Walden, a Republican who chairs the House Resources forestry subcommittee, said he called the hearing in response to a request from Rep.



Greg Walden

Tom Udall of New Mexico, the panel's ranking Democrat.

Walden, who has co-sponsored a bill to make salvage logging easier after large fires, said the Feb. 24 meeting should allow the author of the study —

and some of his critics — to weigh in. The three-year study by OSU graduate student Daniel Donato made headlines, and a federal agency suspended funding for study's final year, further inflaming a debate over how to treat the millions of acres of national forest that burn each year.

The Bureau of Land Management said Feb. 6 that Donato had violated provisions of a \$300,000 federal fire research grant that prohibits using any of the funds to lobby Congress, and requires that a BLM scientist be consulted before the research is published.

The agency relented the next day, following criticism from Democratic lawmakers that the Bush administration was trying to manipulate science for political ends. Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., called on the Interior Department. See **LOGGING** / page 3

## Leading Lederhosen — Olé!



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Helmut Plant, a retired German professor from UO, and Tara Ridinger, a freshman in nutrition and food management, lead people around the dance floor Monday evening at a folk dancing event. About 30 students from German classes and the European Student Association attended the event. This is the second time Plant has visited OSU to introduce students to folk dancing, which included European dances as well as those from other parts of the world.

## Figuring out the FAFSA can be tricky

■ OSU's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship gives tips for filling out federal aid forms

By Susie Bafico  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students need to be thinking about their funds more than usual this time of year. Filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form on time can mean a big return in aid for the next school year.

"Any student who wants to be considered for financial aid needs to file a FAFSA," said Patty Winder, program coordinator at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Winder said submitting a FAFSA by Feb. 28 meets OSU's priority deadline for financial aid consideration. She said applications received after the priority deadline will have decreased chances of receiving some grants and federal or state funds, as well as work-study.

Winder recommended every student file a FAFSA as "a good rule of thumb, because (students) never know when they may have some unexpected need and need to rely on a loan." She said students often forget that loans are part of financial aid.

Students can go to the FAFSA Web site to file electronically, or they can pick up a paper application at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship in the Kerr Administration Building.

Students will need important financial information from their tax returns, as well as their parents if they are a dependent. If students have not yet filed their taxes, Winder said that students should estimate the best they can. Winder said that if students apply electronically they can go back and make corrections once the student files taxes and the Financial Aid office will receive the updated information.

To make the application process faster, students and their parents can apply for a PIN, which is an electronic signature for the online application, according to OSU's financial aid Web site.

Most students are eligible for some aid, Winder said, and the FAFSA determines the student's eligibility.

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## It's poker night in Corvallis

■ Some local poker fanatics share their love of the popular game

By Andrew Miner  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A glass of ice cold Diet Dr. Pepper, "Damn it feels good to be a gangster" blaring in the background and a room devoted to gambling can make even the most introverted outsider feel welcome.

It was poker night.

Ty Christler and Brian Reeder, both seniors in international business, opened their home on 1435 Kings Boulevard and their refrigerator on Friday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m. to friends, lovers and those interested in making a buck.

"We usually get a big crowd," said Christler, hoping for nine and disappointed that some had gone home for the weekend.

His furnished wood poker table,

a creation which took every night for two weeks to build by Nate McChesney, is a representation of the dedication this group has to the game.

"I went to Home Depot," said McChesney.

These poker addicts involve themselves in all levels of the game: partypoker.com, Spirit Mountain and pick up games to name a few. Many of these avid players also read books on Texas Hold 'Em to enhance their understanding of the game.

"I read Doyle Breason's "Super System,"" said Reeder, a book considered in the poker world as "the Bible of Poker."

Yet the poker players made it clear that the game was not one for professionals.

"We are not trying to profit, we

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## 'Energy Challenge' aims to put a stop to waste

■ Residence halls compete to save energy in month-long contest

By Ryan Blake  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

If it's yellow, let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down — a familiar phrase to anyone who attended grade school. But now that phrase is appearing on the walls of bathroom stalls campus-wide.

February is Energy Challenge Month at Oregon State, sponsored by University Housing and Dining Services. It is also the national "Recycle Mania" competition from Jan. 29 to April 29.

Justin Flemming, the Recycling Program Manager for Campus Recycling, said the program has been running for 3 years. The outcome has always been successful.

"The Energy Challenge and Recy-

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Shannon Taylor, right, a freshman in environmental science, and Angela Ragan, a junior in environmental engineering, wait for volunteers to help with a waste audit outside McNary Hall Monday. Waste audits continue through Thursday across campus as part of Energy Challenge Month, sponsored by University Housing and Dining Services.



Tuesday, Feb. 14

## Meetings

**OSU Women's Rugby**, 5-7pm, 14th & Jefferson. Come play with us! No experience necessary!

## Speakers

**Career Services**, Noon, Career Services. Internships: The way to avoid hearing "You don't have any experience."

**International Programs**, 12-12:50pm, Kelley Engineering Bldg., Room 1003. Lecture: The Effect of Mali's Natural Resource Management on Indigenous Peoples by Dr. Larry Becker, Dept. of Geosciences.

## Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch: Come & go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

**Career Services**, 11am-2pm, MU Quad. "Cupid in the Quad!" Free candy and \$15 coupons. Happy Valentines Day from Career Services.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe. Bible Study - Gather with others to reflect on Sunday's Gospel.

**Women's Center**, 8pm, Women's Center. Voices: Women in Music Film Festival showing "The Righteous Babes"

**Native American Longhouse**, 2-5pm, Native American Longhouse. Valentine's Day crafts. Card making and cookie decorating (all supplies provided). Free and open to the public.

## Wednesday, Feb. 15

## Meetings

**United Campus Ministry**, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Gathering - Join us for a home-cooked meal, conversation-oriented Bible Study and worshipful singing.

**Student-Musician Advisory Board**, 7pm, Benton Hall 106. Open Hearing 2006-07 Music Ensembles Budget. All are invited to give their input.

**Pre-Veterinary Club**, 7pm, Magruder 102, College of Veterinary Medicine. Special Wednesday night meeting! Come see owls and hear about wild-life rehabilitation.

## Speakers

**Career Services**, 5:30pm, Career Services. "This is the True Story": OSU Alums share their real world transition experiences.

**Career Services**, 4pm, Career Services. "Don't Let 'Em See You Sweat." Interviewing strategies.

## Events

**United Campus Ministry**, 9:30-11am, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Coffee and Conversation - You are welcome to stop in for a warm up with coffee, tea or cocoa and conversation in the front lounge.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**, 12:10pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Noon Mass - Take a pause with faculty and staff for mid-week Mass.

**UCPS**, 12-1pm, MU 211. Relax: Learn Stress Management. Stressed Out? Learn how to chill out!

**ASOSU Peer Mediation Center**, 7-9pm, Women's Center. "Say What?" A couple's communication workshop that describes sources of conflict in relationships and how to resolve them.

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**Holocaust cartoon contest draws entries from around the world**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An Iranian newspaper's contest for cartoons about the Holocaust, launched Monday in response to a series of caricatures about the Prophet Muhammad, has already drawn at least one entry, the paper said.

Hamshahri, one of Iran's top five newspapers, said its contest was a test of the Western world's readiness to print cartoons about the Nazi slaughter of 6 million Jews in World War II. It called for cartoons under the title: "What is the Limit of Western Freedom of Expression?"

The caricatures of the prophet, which first appeared in a Danish newspaper and were reprinted in several European newspapers that cited freedom of expression, have outraged Muslims and generated protests worldwide.

The first entry in the Iranian contest depicts a man smoking a cigarette and wearing a blue and white striped prison uniform, with a tall wall and guard tower in the background.

The man, with a mustache and several days growth of beard, is wearing a white keffiyeh and is holding his right hand over his forehead and eyes.

On his chest is a red Muslim crescent with a letter "P." Below that is the number 7256, the significance of which was not immediately clear, although Israel is said to be holding about 8,000 Palestinian prisoners.

**Protests erupt in Haitian capital; at least one dead**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Supporters of Haitian presidential candidate Rene Preval erected smoldering roadblocks across the capital and occupied a luxury hotel Monday. At least one protester was killed, but U.N. peacekeepers denied witness accounts that they had shot him.

As Port-au-Prince descended into chaos, Preval returned to the capital for the first time since the election Tuesday. He was the clear winner with about 90 percent of the votes counted, but supporters claimed electoral officials were tampering with results to prevent him from getting the majority he needs to avoid a runoff.

Barricades made of old tires were ablaze across the capital, sending plumes of acrid black smoke into the sky. Protesters let only journalists and Red Cross

vehicles pass.

"If they don't give us the final results, we're going to burn this country down!" a protester screamed.

The election will replace an interim government installed after former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a bloody rebellion two years ago. A popularly elected government with a clear mandate from the voters is seen as crucial to avoiding a political and economic meltdown in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. Gangs have gone on kidnapping sprees and factories have closed for lack of security.

Preval arrived in the capital aboard a U.N. helicopter from his rural home in north Haiti.

"We have questions about the electoral process," he told reporters after meeting with the top U.N. official in Haiti and ambassadors from the United States, France, Canada and Brazil. "We want to see how we can save the process."

**Experts: Cheney violated cardinal rule of hunting**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney apparently broke the No. 1 rule of hunting: Be sure of what you're shooting at. He also violated Texas game law by failing to buy a hunting stamp.

Cheney wounded fellow hunter Harry Whittington in the face, neck and chest Saturday, apparently because he didn't see Whittington approaching as he fired on a covey of quail in Texas.

Hunting safety experts interviewed Monday agreed it would have been a good idea for Whittington to announce himself — something he apparently didn't do, according to a witness. But they stressed that the shooter is responsible for avoiding other people.

"It's incumbent upon the shooter to assess the situation and make sure it's a safe shot," said Mark Birkhauser, president-elect of the International Hunter Education Association and hunter education coordinator in New Mexico. "Once you squeeze that trigger, you can't bring that shot back."

The Parks and Wildlife Department said Cheney and Whittington will be given warning citations for violating game law by not having an upland game bird stamp, a requirement that went into effect in September. Cheney had a \$125 nonresident hunting license, the vice president's office said Monday night in a statement, and has sent a \$7 check to cover the cost of the stamp.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has

not commented publicly about the accident. He avoided reporters by leaving an Oval Office meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan before the press was escorted in.

President Bush was told about Cheney's involvement in the accident shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday — about an hour after it occurred — but the White House did not disclose the accident until Sunday afternoon, and then only in response to press questions. Press secretary Scott McClellan said he did not know until Sunday morning that Cheney had shot someone.

Facing a press corps upset that news had been withheld, McClellan said, "I think you can always look back at these issues and look at how to do a better job."

**White House defends federal Katrina role amid criticism**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Monday pushed back hard against Katrina-response criticism leveled by ex-disaster agency chief Michael Brown and congressional investigators.

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," said White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff "unequivocally and strongly" rejected suggestions that his agency was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of preparing for natural disasters.

Both spoke at a conference of state emergency management directors in suburban Alexandria, Va.

Their rebuttal came as a Republican-written House report blamed government-wide ineptitude for mishandling Hurricane Katrina relief. A report by Congress' investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, reached similar conclusions and singled out Chertoff for delays.

Both Townsend and Chertoff took swipes at Brown, who resigned under pressure in September as head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"There is no place for a lone ranger in emergency management," said Chertoff, whose Department of Homeland Security is FEMA's parent agency.

Brown testified before a Senate committee last week that he issued repeated warnings to the White House and DHS the day the hurricane struck, Aug. 29,

that levees had failed and New Orleans was seriously flooding.

He suggested that the White House and DHS had dragged their feet. Bush and other federal officials have said they did not know until the next day, Aug. 30, that levees had been breached.

On Monday, Brown defended his performance.

"For Secretary Chertoff to claim that I failed to keep him informed belies the numerous telephone calls and e-mails between me and him prior to, during and after landfall" of the storm, Brown said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

**Plaintiffs ask for \$66 million to start claims fund**

PORTLAND (AP) — Lawyers for sex abuse victims asked a bankruptcy court judge Monday to have the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland put up \$66 million to start a trust fund to pay claims.

The archdiocese had offered \$42 million.

The two sides disputed the terms of the counteroffer.

Albert Kennedy, a lawyer for those who have filed sex abuse claims, said the church wouldn't have to sell churches or schools to pay the claims, even if those claims eventually reached as high as \$110 million.

Kennedy said the archdiocese has significant assets, such as commercial buildings, parking lots and property it is holding for development.

"They're (the archdiocese) fostering fear on the part of their parishioners," despite knowing there's no risk that churches or schools would be sold as part of a settlement, Kennedy said.

Nevertheless, said Howard Levine, attorney for the archdiocese, Kennedy's proposal would require the church to put deeds to all its real estate into a trust fund, which means they could be sold if required. The archdiocese has resisted the potential sale of church buildings or schools.

It said Monday that it "cannot support a plan that fails to take into account the needs of innocent parishioners, who have generously donated money, property, time and labor to build churches and schools in order to provide places of religious worship and for the education of their children."

The two sides were to meet Tuesday in a court hearing on the archdiocese's bankruptcy filing.

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# Northeast digs out from record snowstorm

By Roger Petterson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drivers shoveled out their cars, marooned travelers waited impatiently for trains and planes to get back to full service, and utility crews struggled to restore power Monday after a record-breaking weekend snowstorm across the Northeast.

Most highways were in good shape in time for the morning commute, though many city streets and sidewalks were still snow-packed and slippery.

Hundreds of schools canceled classes from West Virginia to Massachusetts, but youngsters did not get a holiday in New York City, where subways continued running and major streets had been plowed despite a record-breaking 26.9-inch snowfall.

"I never want to see snow again," Laura Guerra, 27, of Miami, said after spending the night on a cot at New York's LaGuardia Airport. She said she had not seen snow since she was 4, "but I got it out of my system."

The storm blanketed the East Coast from Maine to the mountains of western North Carolina, where Robbinsville get 20 inches of snow and a scenic highway remained closed Monday by 6-foot drifts. Unlike most of the Northeast,



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A Rhode Island Dept. of Transportation snowplow turns round in front of the Statehouse after clearing snow on Route 44 in Providence, R.I., Sunday, Feb. 12. The Northeast's first major storm of the year dumped more than a foot of snow and shut down airline flights from Washington to Boston.

where the storm died down Sunday afternoon, light snow continued falling in western North Carolina on Monday.

Airlines worked to catch up after canceling hundreds of weekend flights at major airports from Washington to Boston, stranding travelers across the country.

All three major New York-area airports — Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark — had reopened with limited service by Monday morning.

Amtrak still had numerous storm-related schedule changes.

Some passengers were

stranded Sunday on the Long Island Rail Road east of New York City, where trains got stuck on snow-covered tracks. One train was marooned for five hours. Limited LIRR service into Manhattan resumed on Monday morning, but one branch on Long Island still sat idle.

"Usually the trains never stop. It's never been like this," Rebecca Karpus said Monday as she waited to return home on the LIRR after being marooned at Penn Station since 6:30 p.m. Sunday. "It's really paralyzed us.

## FAFSA: Communication is key to success in filing for federal aid

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ity for grants, loans and work-study based on Expected Family Contribution.

Winder said receiving loans through the FAFSA can be need or non-need based with lower interest rates than students would get from a bank or alternative loan.

Winder emphasized that turning in the FAFSA as soon as possible starting Jan. 1 is important.

"The funds are limited, work-study funds in particular are very limited, and some of our early applicants may even miss out on those as we move from the January applicants to the February applicants."

However, Winder said that the Financial Aid office hopes to be able to fund all early applicants who have need for the various programs.

The office is offering help in filing the FAFSA form for the month of February, Winder said. She said there will be people to answer questions and review the form before students submit it. All students need to bring is their tax return, or if they are estimating, a return from last year.

"Communication is key to success with financial aid because there are many rules and regulations," Winder said.

Students in need of financial aid need to file a FAFSA each year, starting Jan. 1. There is no fee for filing a form. The FAFSA Web site is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

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## RECYCLING: Resident assistant says keeping urine in the bowl isn't bad for your health

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cle Mania are great awareness building events," Flemming said. "They're both excellent opportunities to work with students living in residence halls or co-ops who will benefit from knowing more about conservation."

Residence halls are competing to see who can save the most energy and conserve water by recycling, shutting off the lights in halls and bathrooms, and not leaving the water running when shaving and brushing teeth.

Leaving the toilet unflushed after urinating is also encouraged.

According to Stephanie

Anderson, a Resident Assistant at Callahan Hall and the East Side Green Team Coordinator, participation in "Fewer Flush February" doesn't affect your overall health.

"People overlook the abilities they have to make a difference without altering their lifestyle," Anderson said. "Participation is totally voluntary. You run no risk of contracting disease by not flushing your urine."

Slogans such as "February isn't about hearts and candy... it's about being Febru-Hairy!" and similar quips, can be seen hanging up around residence halls, encouraging residence

to save as much energy as they can.

Halls are judged in three categories: reduction of kilowatt-hours per student, significant change in recycling and trash and best overall program. The external audits are conducted by Resource Conservation Management Program Area Intern Coordinators. The winning hall will receive \$200 to use at the RCM online store.

Waste audits are being held today through Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Volunteers can meet today in the West dining center courtyard, Wednesday at the Country Store near Finley, and Thursday in front of Avery Lodge.

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## LOGGING: Walden went out of his way to express support for independent research; looks forward to hearing from authors

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ment's inspector general to investigate whether the administration tried to quash research that ran counter to White House policy.

Walden went out of his way Monday to express support for independent research and noted that his subcommittee has held seven hearings on forest management in recent months.

"I look forward to hearing from the authors of this study about their findings on this issue as well," Walden said in a news release. "The more we can learn from researchers, the better our decisions regarding policy and legislation will be."

Walden said he also looks forward to hosting fellow members of Congress and others interested in forest health, noting that southern Oregon is "all too familiar with the devastation

catastrophic wildfire can inflict."

Udall, in a Jan. 26 letter to Walden requesting the hearing, said the OSU study had concluded that logging in the wake of the 2002 Biscuit Fire "reduced regeneration (of the forest) by 71 percent and increased short-term fire risk."

The OSU study, which was published in the journal *Science*, "is an example of peer-reviewed science that should be carefully considered by our subcommittee as we continue to debate post-fire logging," Udall wrote.

Walden, in his response, said he and Reps. Brian Baird, D-Wash., and Stephanie Herseth, D-S.D., — who co-sponsored the logging bill — were "ardent supporters of both scientific research and academic freedom."

The hearing is scheduled Feb. 24 at Medford City Hall.

## POKER: Computer program tracks history of poker hands

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are basically exchanging money," said Christler, who added that the only one who plays to win, is Grant Kropf, a senior business major who enjoys '80s music after a match.

"Phil Collins — he is good post game music to listen to," Kropf said.

Kropf has made thousands through online poker, and informed the group that much of his earnings came from his use of a Windows-based program that analyzes hand history data called Poker Tracker.

"It is the Homeland Security of Party Poker," said Kropf, saying it counts the percentage of times the player wins with a certain hand which helps to make the user a more confident player.

PartyPoker.com is the world's largest poker room and began in 2001. It is regulated by the government of Gibraltar, a British colony situated on a cape jutting from the Iberian Peninsula into the Mediterranean Sea.

Partypoker.com uses a Pay-Pro Cashier System, a fee based third party payment processor that charges to the member's account since Party Poker cannot legally deposit funds directly.

"It's bullshit that people can do lottery, play machines and can gamble publicly in bars like Headline, but it's illegal in the U.S. to gamble online," said Christler, who used to play at Headline until it closed. Christler hopes Endzone, the new bar where Headline once was, will provide an area for public gambling.

The group thinks that gambling is fun to play, either winning or losing, but sometimes it can have lasting effects on careers and families.

"The majority of people who win the lottery go into debt because they have to make financial payments on the stuff they buy," said Christler. "The people who deserve it, hold onto the money," Kropf said.

As the game began and people shuffled into the formidable entertainment room, Reeder took a plaque off the wall titled "The Reply of The Century," an e-mail they had received from Barry Greenstein. One of the most well known poker players in the world, Greenstein donates his winnings to Children Inc., an organization devoted to charity to provide clothing, food and educational needs to children in 21 countries and the United States.

Yet the conversations were not tied just to poker. Discussions about amphetamine usage in Thailand, people chiming in about their devotion to Tabasco Sauce, and discourse about the number of mullets in Greece provided ample evidence that this game would not include the usual psych-out tactics.

As Kropf shuffled the cards after a few had been knocked out by his poker expertise, he leaned back and sniffed the cards.

"Wow, it's a fresh deck of cards," he said. "It feels good."

Hunkered around the table, as the game entered its second hour, Kropf dabbed his forehead wiping the beads of sweat from his brow. His anxiety from playing someone new and the possibility of losing \$5 made his mind react in a split-second, defining him as a poker professional than as a man who knows he's beaten. The newcomer showed his superior hand and went all in.

"Well ... I'll gamble," said Kropf. The flop showed a seven of hearts, an ace of diamonds and a 10 of spades. His gamble and the flop gave him two pairs, better than the visitors pocket jack's. Kropf had ended the lengthy match in bluff-less gambling style.

Driving home after receiving his winnings, Kropf ran his fingers through his hair as he explained how playing the game for years has changed him.

"I have learned to read people better," said Kropf. "It improves your bullshit detector."

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## Editorial

### Vaginas' voices

As another V-Day arrives on our doorstep, on-campus groups begin to get riled up about the vagina. What? You thought V-Day stood for Valentine's Day? Well it does, and probably always will, however V-Day carries with it another meaning: victory over violence against women.

Since 1998 across the country and the world, the critically acclaimed Eve Ensler play "The Vagina Monologues" has been performed on Feb. 14 to raise money against violence toward women. V-Day began when Ensler saw and heard first hand the destructive personal, social, political and economic consequences violence against women has for many nations. According to the V-Day online mission statement, the purpose for V-Day is not a complex one: It demands that the violence ends.

You will notice that V-Day's purposes do not include sabotaging Valentine's Day, demonizing men and objectifying women. These are the purposes on-campus groups such as V-Day Unveiled attribute to the play. And they couldn't be more wrong.

According to the V-Day Unveiled's Facebook Web site, the group wishes to "Celebrate the love and happiness of Valentine's Day — while the lunatics ramble on about how 'The Vagina Monologues' empowers' women by characterizing them merely by their body parts." One might ask if these individuals have ever seen the play, because if they had, they may have a different take on this so-called "vulgar" piece of theatre.

"The Vagina Monologues" seeks to bring women and women's issues of sexuality out of the shadows. People have a hard time saying "vagina" and Ensler chooses to shout it. The vagina is where we all came from. It is the source of all life. Why do people have such a hard time accepting a play that celebrates it?

Are these on-campus groups afraid of self-sufficient women who can achieve an orgasm without a man? Women who are in control of their sexuality? Women who are helping other women escape violence?

The monologues can be crude. They can be funny. They can be shocking and heart-shattering. They are meant to catch your attention. They are not meant to be polite and demure.

The idea of taking a woman's sexual organ and writing a play around it is a rebellion against a society that objectifies women's bodies. Rather than sitting back in silence and letting the media exploit women's bodies, Ensler has given those bodies a voice. The women who perform the monologues are not being reduced to a physical organ; they are simply celebrating that they possess something with a great deal of power: their femininity.

Since it appears these on-campus groups haven't seen the play or may have missed the message the first time, The Daily Barometer would like to extend an invitation to join us tonight at "The Vagina Monologues." We will bring the popcorn if you bring an open mind.

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

## Whose double standard — a response on Islam, Muslims

Aly Mohamed  
Op-Ed

It is quite sad to see The Daily Barometer follow our less than civil European media outlets. It does not come as a surprise to me that so many "unbiased" Western news sources carry extremely resentful outlooks regarding Islam.

There is a lack of distinction between orthodox Islamic values and the actions of a minority of Muslims. Western media outlets frequently present a correlation between these two classifications and often interpret Islam out of context. Unfortunately when it comes to reporting Islam, a lack of understanding, quoting sources out of context, and ethnocentric viewpoints seem to be trademarks.

It is somewhat ironic that although Islam's Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is considered to be the most influential person who has ever lived (Michael Hart), and Islam is the fastest growing religion, that it is still misrepresented. The Islamic faith is by and large understood in the West on a level that resembles the ignorance incurred by such groups as the KKK and the Nazis.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, negative views regarding Islam have materialized rapidly and have become more concerted in their propagation. There is no room for empathy, and I know it's a Western dilemma because I have often witnessed Arab Christians stand in elegant defense of Islam. They understand the difference between the Islamic religion and a Muslim; the former can never be represented by the latter in the same way that abortion clinic bombers do not represent Christianity.

The vilification of Islamic teachings is rampant in the West. Islam is negatively represented by large

social institutions such as the media and the government, which work cooperatively to instill negative representations into other social institutions such as the family. This, unfortunately, is how non-target groups (those whose customs in society are valued) incongruously maintain their moral high ground. I have come across numerous people who say "moderate Muslims" are not speaking up loud enough. The fact is Muslims who have educated viewpoints don't control the media; their voices are dissipated.

Today, there is not a single country in this world that comes close to fitting the profile of a true "Islamic Society." This is especially true regarding the treatment of women. Thus, all societies today where Islam predominates are "Muslim societies," not to be considered representing Islam.

Contemporary Muslim societies have regularly failed in the implementation of women's rights. It is no surprise Muslims are seen as a type of people who believe in a faith which is inherently oppressive and enshrouded in misogyny.

Credibility must be given to Western media outlets for reporting abuses against women in Muslim societies; yet they also must be blamed for misconstruing the context of the abuses as being "Islamic." The failure of Muslim societies to recognize the undeniable significance of women, and understand their completeness is therefore not a result of teachings that stem from Islam; rather it results from a

lack thereof. Below is a small sample of teachings a true Islamic society would promote.

• "And among His signs is that He has created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquility with them; and He has put love and mercy between you. Verily in these are signs for those who reflect." Quran, (30:21)

• "O you who believe! You are forbidden to inherit women against their will. Nor should you treat them with harshness [...] On the contrary live with them on a footing of kindness and equity. If you take a disliking to them, it may be that you dislike something and Allah will bring about through it a great deal of good." (4:19)

• "... O People, it is true that you have certain right with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. [...] to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat you women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers..." From the Prophets Muhammad's (pbuh) last sermon.

Yet many fail to see the point. Like a cloth that blinds society in a growing fervor of ignorance, the banners under which we base our understanding of Muslim societies and Islamic theology are nothing but uninformed stereotypes that carry naught but destruction, anarchy, and suffering on a grand scale.

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## Keeping the ball in the air and allowing ideas to blossom

I managed to get out of my office and enjoy the sunny atmosphere in the MU Quad for a bit on Friday. While I was there a group of guys were kicking a soccer ball around their circle, sort of like the hacky sack circles from high school.

The game reminded me of the analogy that a conversation is like a game of catch where each participant must say something to keep the conversation going, except this game was much bigger than just catch.

Each player had a different style, a different technique he used to pass the ball — some headed the ball; some just used the classic instep kick; others caught the ball on their toe, hiked it up to their knee or would let it roll over their shoulder before catching it with a heel behind the back to pass it across the circle. Each of the players brought something different to the field.

This reminded me more of the market place of ideas, which our First Amendment works to support.

Recently, The Daily Barometer published a column critical of the Islamic religion, and we have received some criticism for it. I feel the OSU campus deserves to hear how I made the decision to print this and other columns.

I am standing behind the decision to run Nathanael Blake's column, "The Islamic double-standard," as well as Nathanael's right to write it. I'm also standing behind everyone's right to disagree or agree with the column and have printed several letters on both ends since Wednesday.

In the last couple of days, inboxes, voicemails and offices here have received messages from people disturbed and hurt by this column. People have wondered why OSU puts such insensitive ideas to print, if it's the Barometer's policy to print slanderous material and if I believe it is



DD Bixby  
Letter from the Editor

okay to print material, which alienates a minority community here.

I will answer each of these questions respectively: Historically, the power of the press has belonged to the press owner. While the State of Oregon and OSU has rightful ownership of the Barometer, they have, for about 100 years, delegated authority and responsibility to a board of faculty, students and staff who make up the OSU Student Media Committee.

The committee does the hiring for my position and has, for numerous years, taken a hands-off approach to governing and monitoring the newspaper. So, through two delegating bodies, the 'yea' or 'nay' vote on everything the Barometer prints has been placed in my hands. This is a daunting task for a 22-year-old and I do not take it lightly.

Some have asked about student fees

going to support the Barometer. Here's the skinny: The Daily Barometer falls under Educational Activities and is eligible for student fees; however, we don't ask for much. The space we are given, the electricity to run our operation, custodial services and repairs and advisers shared with the rest of Student Media are the services the paper doesn't pay for itself. All other operating expenses, which include two full-time production managers, are covered by monies earned from advertising. We are a more than \$400,000 a year operation and we just barley break even each year.

The legal term for defamatory publication is called "libel," "slander" is generally reserved for spoken defamation. And, no it is not our policy to print libelous material. I have fired students for this offense since taking office. Nathanael's column was a personal interpretation of an institution, not defamatory or malicious in any sense — it's not libelous material.

Each week, editors log somewhere between 40 and 60 hours each making sure all the information we print is correct and soundly reported. The

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### Professional responses regarding the Danish cartoon controversy:

"Muhammad cartoons create editor dilemma," Mike Arrieta-Walden, The Oregonian; [http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/public\\_editor/index.ssf?/base/editorial/113960851216650.xml&coll=7](http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/public_editor/index.ssf?/base/editorial/113960851216650.xml&coll=7)

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## Letters to the Editor

### Blake Column

#### Utilize argument models

I'd like to invite some of my former students who write for the Barometer to a quick review session of the rhetorical analysis skills from my classes. Let's begin with the Toulmin model, which consists of three components used to analyze or construct an argument: Claim – the thesis, Support – evidence, and Warrant – assumptions, usually unstated because they are considered "self-evident."

When you formulate a claim like "Christianity grew on the blood of its martyrs; Islam grew on the blood of enemies," keep in mind there needs to be some historical support for it. Otherwise, you risk engaging in reductionism of the worst kind. Without substantial support, the claim remains decontextualized and becomes what I call a "bumpersim" (or bumper sticker, the intellectual equivalent of a drive-by shooting).

If your support for this historical claim consists of recent media coverage, you then leave yourself vulnerable at the warrant level; this is usually where opponents of your argument raise questions regarding your claim and/or support. For example, do recent news items sufficiently address the origins and ethos of a faith that is 1,400 (or, in the case of Christianity, 2,000) years old? Was the foundation of Christianity bloodless

but for its own martyrs (see historical accounts of the Crusades and the Inquisition)? Are all Muslims of the same mind and do they all follow the same tenets? Are all Christians of the same mind (consider Pat Robertson versus Martin Luther King, Jr.)?

By employing the rules of argumentation, we can raise the level of intellectual engagement. "Argument" comes from the Latin for silver, like a mirror (to clarify or shed light on a topic). When we argue we present a mirror to others, who in turn present one to us. Let's present the mirror rather than smashing it over each others' heads.

ERIC HILL  
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### Blake Column

#### Don't argue from faith

The recent medieval protests over depicting mythological figures in cartoons should remind us that faith is remarkably flimsy. The notion that we should respect people's belief systems just because they say we must needs to be challenged with every resource at our disposal. If these belief systems had any intellectual merit they wouldn't require faith. The cultural war that is threatening all of us is a direct result of people operating on principles that have no basis in fact. As long as people keep insisting that we grant equal respect to all ideas

regardless of any demonstrability, then there is little hope for humanity. How 2,000 years of religious wars doesn't drive that point home is completely incomprehensible. Some people are bright enough to understand (not believe) that they should act morally. It simply stands to reason that one should treat others as they themselves want to be treated, if they're at all interested in living in peace. Requiring a fairy tale to understand that is pathetic and unbecoming of the only animal on this planet with a brain that allows them to seriously impact this planet, and the responsibility that comes with that (particularly pathetic when it comes from so-called academic intellectuals). I invite any readers to challenge these beliefs of mine, call me pathetic, whatever, but if you resort to anything less than demonstrability your opinion will be happily disregarded, as I would want my opinion disregarded had I argued from faith.

LARRY WILHELM  
graduate student, microbiology

### Staff Editorial

#### Shared governance is key

I am not part of the executive branch of ASOSU, but I am an ASOSU senator that was supportive of the executive branch's decision to protest the seating. I agree with the editorial, "you can't have it both ways," but we

must implement change for the correct way. There is a shared governance doctrine here at OSU, and it states "We must assure that the student voice is included in and influences decisions made relative to the educational process – this includes academic matters, issues related to student life, services, and other issues that affect Oregon State University and students." Moving the baseball seats without any involvement of the students is in clear violation of this doctrine, and to let athletics brush this document aside could set an ugly precedent for future student governance here at OSU. I don't know what will happen in response to ASOSU's actions regarding the baseball seats, but I do know that the administration will pay attention to this document in their future decisions, and that is a victory for the students.

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### Baseball Seating

#### The lines have been drawn

The rumble on campus yesterday (Thursday, Feb. 9) was not an earthquake. But the students did make the ground shake.

The ASOSU has taken a stand against OSU, the Athletics Department and shady, behind-the-scenes, big-money deals. Students pay their share to Athletics

and always will in both tough times and winning times, they do not deserve displacement just because donors are catching World Series fever.

The Athletics Department has blatantly disregarded not only the students will, but even the students voice. Not once before last week did they mention the fact that after stadium expansion students would be permanently relocated from the grandstands to temporary bleachers.

But this uproar is about more than baseball; it's about values. What does OSU value more, the 19,000+ students who ensure the university's existence each and every year or the fair-weather fans who've found their checkbooks?

The Athletics Department is not self-sufficient; they are still accountable to the students and the greater OSU community. OSU Vice President Mark McCambridge, who has the power to reverse the Athletics Department's decision and give students their seats back, will soon be making the call on this play and expressing where OSU stands.

The teams have been made and Mr. McCambridge has a choice to make as to whom he works and plays for. Will he stand up for the students or Athletics? Will his jersey be black and orange or cash-green?

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## BIXBY: Right to be offended must be met with freedom, not more censorship; varying ideas, view points are part of university experience

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lines become blurred when we step into Forum territory or editorial comment.

In the news sections, the ideas presented in articles are not those of the reporter, but of the subject or sources covered and we do our utmost to recognize our own biases and not allow them to influence the final product. In columns, it is a columnist's job to present their own ideas, however "unpopular" or "backwards" these ideas seem.

As for the question on alienating material, it doesn't matter what I personally think about Nathanael Blake's, Molly Gray's, Christy Williams' or any other columnist's opinions. I have been hired to manage a paper, which includes a section students can freely voice their opinions. All opinions.

Phrases like "journalistically irresponsible" have drifted into my office. I have worked at the Barometer for four years, held three professional newspaper internships and freelanced for several professional papers, and I can tell you truthfully that most newspapers' opinion sections reflect that region's majority political demographics. This paper is blessed in that it isn't driven by its bottom line, allowing us almost more freedom than professional papers to print a variety of differing and incongruous views.

As stated in the staff editorial Thursday, we strive to line our Forum section with a variety of voices, ideologies and angles. For me, it would be "journalistically irresponsible" to only print columns with which no one disagreed. If I were to do that, the Forum section would be filled with Matt Lewis' and my own stories about

embarrassing family moments and imaginary dramatic scenarios, which have thus far drawn no dispute.

It is not responsible for me to dismiss ideas because they're not accepted campus-wide. It is not responsible for me to allow this campus to think it lives in a bubble where only certain ideas exist.

There are those who believe Nathanael Blake has his head stuck in the sand and belongs back in a Victorian era. There are also some who can't believe Elizabeth Meyers puts on her shoes and comes out of the kitchen to spout her ideas. Does that mean these ideas should be censored, ignored, squelched. No.

You have the right to be offended by absolutely everything around you, including everything I print. And, because of this country's commitment to free speech, you have the right, the privilege and, yes, the responsibility to express it.

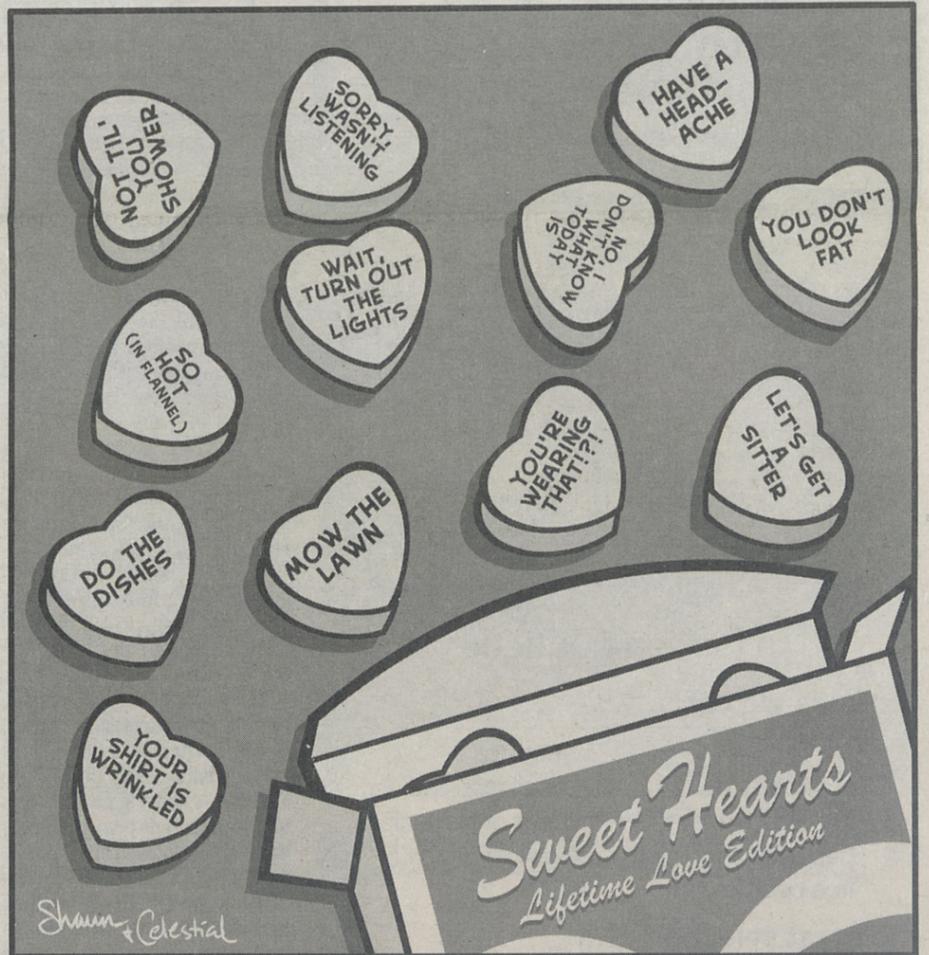
The ball has to be passed around for the game to continue. If people are too afraid of colliding when they come at each other full force from opposite ends, then the ball falls to the ground and the game dies. It's the same with ideas. The only way an idea can progress and be explored is if it's allowed to live, be tossed around and discussed. This is what the university experience is all about.

Come join in.

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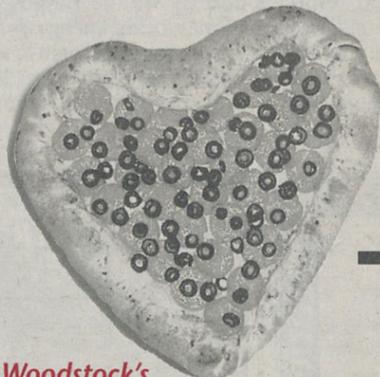
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## Rebelling against an unjust movement

Have you ever had anything that you just felt completely ambivalent about? You honestly couldn't care less what happened to or about it? Well, that's what Valentine's Day is for me.

I go to a restaurant and see people there acting all love-struck and sappy ... I don't care. I also co-wrote an article about "How to ruin Valentine's Day for everyone." It was funny, but I'm not really attached to it otherwise.

There aren't many things I'm ambivalent about. I'm usually pro or con on basically anything. But I just can't seem to get enough motivation to actually care about it one way or the other. I guess my feeling on it is that if I cared, that would give some kind of worth to the holiday ... and we all know there isn't any worth to Valentine's Day.

My outlook on the big V-Day changed a little bit this year, though. I do have a date tonight. It's with my roommate from freshman year. Before any of you ask, no, we're not going to see "Brokeback Mountain."

We've already seen it. It was sad. Going out on a date seemed like the most prudent thing to do seeing as how our "relationship" is now Facebook official. And we know everything on the Facebook is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Even though we may not be able to handle the truth.

Well, I guess Tom Cruise is still good for something.

We talked about getting one of those awesome heart-shaped pizzas for tomorrow evening, and I agreed to it, but only if there were heart-shaped pepperoni's to go on top of it. It's important for me to be

Matt  
Lewis

I Mean, Seriously

treated exactly as I want on this most hal-  
lowed of days.

I also didn't get him a gift, but I am  
expecting one — an expensive one.

He probably thinks he's going to get a  
little play after the date, but I'm virtuous.

He'll have to spend at least \$50 on the  
evening, not including the gift, in order to  
get anything out of me.

I'm classy like that.

For those of you who still have immense  
hatred for this holiday, fear not. I have  
devised a plan to help you.

I don't understand why people put so  
much meaning on a holiday that was  
thought up by the evil corporate powers  
that be at Hallmark and other sappy greet-  
ing companies. I could probably make up  
a holiday, and as long as I said that people  
would be getting lucky that evening, I would  
have more followers than Jesus.

All you really have to do is find an area  
of the human psyche that has yet to be  
exploited, and use it for all it's worth. People  
have a need for love. Not having a date on  
Valentine's Day means you are not loved,  
and therefore less of a person.

By making people think that we judge  
them based on their ability to get love  
we make it easier to control them. And  
that's really what Valentine's Day is all

about: control.

It's more than likely a vast conspiracy. It's  
how women really control society. Men are  
always looking for the approval of women,  
or their attention — at the very least a  
close look at their cleavage. Valentine's Day  
provides ample opportunity for women to  
either grant or restrict this kind of access.

As a kind of rebellion, I think men should  
not skip out on the day, that's the easy way  
out. No, we must rail against the system,  
and the best way to do that is to get on the  
inside and make the system implode.

Here is a very cheap way to do that:

1. Get a cheap card with a pie on the front  
cover.

2. Write something along the lines of "you  
make better pie than my last girlfriend"  
or "I'm glad you do my laundry so I don't  
have to."

3. Give it to your girlfriend and then pat  
her on the head as you walk to the living  
room with a beer in your hand.

Either way you look at it, Valentine's Day  
is a lose-lose situation. You might as well  
have a little fun with it. Of course, if you're  
a wimp, and after following my rules to a  
successful V-Day liberation, you — in the  
vein of the very misguided proponents of  
the rhythm method — pull out early, just  
pretend like it was a joke.

But be sure to have a back-up plan,  
because I'll be damned if I'm taking the rap  
for your misguided attempt at humor.

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## Sick of women whining; Monologues a step back

Last weekend, I was in  
Nashville participating  
in a series of discus-  
sions with a small group of stu-  
dents from around the country. The official subject of the orga-  
nized discussions was "Liberty  
and the Rise and Decline of Civ-  
ilizations," but casual conversa-  
tion ranged from medieval liter-  
ature to philosophy, and from  
theology to politics.

The hotel where we stayed  
was magnificent, and as I mean-  
dered about the grounds dur-  
ing one of my free hours, I came  
upon a placard with some brief  
historical background of the  
place; apparently, as Tennessee  
was in the process of casting  
the deciding vote on women's  
suffrage, activists on both sides  
of the issue used the Hermitage  
Hotel as their headquarters.

I looked through old photo-  
graphs of the forbears of femi-  
nism, and began to reflect upon  
the female members of our little  
conference.

They were an impressive  
bunch, far outclassing myself. These women understood and  
cited Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke  
and many other great thinkers  
to support their own opinions;  
they aptly spoke their minds,  
and asked incisive questions  
of their peers. Their obvious  
knowledge and struggle to  
understand the issues at hand  
commanded my admiration.

These ladies had no need to  
demand stature and respect —  
their demeanor and intelli-  
gence left no doubt that they  
deserve it. And this was clear-  
ly evident by the natural way

like it?

Unfortunately, "The Vagina  
Monologues" are rife with  
embarrassing examples of  
immaturity and irrational-  
ity. The primary trouble is in its  
child-like fascination with geni-  
talia. As I listen to the women  
on stage in one scene shout  
the word "cunt" or hear the  
choral repetition of "vagina," I  
can't help but think of Nirvana's  
"Smells like Teen Spirit" — "Oh  
no, I know a dirty word."

"The Monologues" seems  
to embody the issue of social  
equality in the statement that  
the word "penis" is used more  
often and more positively than  
the word "vagina". Yet, unless  
we've suddenly reduced the  
measure of social equality to  
a simple tally sheet, I don't see  
how chanting a word out of  
context is effective, or for that  
matter, any different than a  
young child repeating a bad  
word he heard at school.

Also I'm hard pressed to  
understand how a discussion  
on how one's sexual organs  
would dress could be consid-  
ered a mature attempt to work  
through the issues women face;  
we certainly wouldn't afford  
much respect to a man who  
went about telling people "my  
penis would wear a pink boa!"

Yet the most ridiculous aspect  
of the play is its presentation  
of the vagina as the defining  
aspect of women. Not their intelligence  
or their character — no, women  
are their sexual organs. The  
offensiveness of that aside, it is  
an entirely inconsistent point  
coming from a sect of society

that frequently complains that  
women are viewed as nothing  
more than sex objects.

The inherent silliness of  
efforts such as "The Vagina  
Monologues" leads me to sym-  
pathize with the sentiments of  
author Florence King:

"We conservatives have a  
tendency to box ourselves in  
with Aristotelian formalism and  
a Jesuitical approach to argu-  
ment, but when the subject  
is feminism the best thing to  
do is get right down there with  
Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Bill  
Clinton and just let it come. I'm  
sick of women. I'm sick of their  
wombs, I'm sick of their breast  
tissue, I'm sick of their lawsuits,  
I'm sick of their glass ceilings,  
and I'm sick of those made-for-  
TV female-victim movies about  
stalkers, anonymous callers,  
and buried memories of child-  
hood incest."

In short, I'm sick of "The  
Vagina Monologues." The  
highly intelligent and accom-  
plished women at last week's  
conference proved to me that  
what we actually need are  
female role models who work  
to better themselves by think-  
ing before speaking. If we truly  
desire respect and equality then  
we need to demonstrate that  
we deserve it. We can do better  
than "The Vagina Monologues,"  
and we should do better, other-  
wise we do nothing but under-  
mine our cause.

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# At school for comics, the students take the funnies seriously

■ School boasts graduates who've worked for MTV

By Geoff Mulvihill  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOVER, N.J. — Most college students don't first learn about their school the way Jessie Desmond learned about hers: In an advertisement in an "X-Men" comic book.

But then, most colleges aren't remotely like the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art, Inc., which opened 30 years ago and has ever since been churning out artists for the ever-growing comic industry.

What other school boasts of alumni who went to work for the old MTV claymation series "Celebrity Deathmatch" or faculty who have worked for Mad magazine?

Just because doodling in class is required and a women's bathroom is marked by a larger-than-life painting of Wonder Woman on the door, though, don't think that the school is all fun and games. Housed in the former Dover High School, a stately building with creaky wooden floors, the mood is that of a music conservatory, where sleepy-eyed students are fully immersed in their craft.

"This is kind of like a boot camp," said Desmond, 23, who dropped out of the University of Alaska three years ago to attend the Kubert

school and pursue a career in animation.

Kubert, a comic-book legend perhaps best known for drawing Sgt. Rock, a fictitious World War II hero, has a rigorous curriculum. He says that while art and design schools offer some cartoon classes, his school is the only accredited one made specifically for cartoonists.

Paul Levitz, the president and publisher at DC Comics, said Kubert's school has given more people a way into the comics industry.

"To some degree, comics have always worked like the old Medieval guilds," said Levitz, who is publishing Kubert's forthcoming "Sgt. Rock" books. Aspiring artists had to meet experienced artists on their own and learn at their sides, Levitz said. "This has been the first solid path that broke that."

The school has meant people with different personalities and people from far-flung places have had a better chance in the business, said Levitz, who sits on an advisory board for the school.

Kubert, 79, got his start when he sold "Volton" a five-page comic book, for \$5 a page. That was when he was 12. Now, he's working on graphic novels of the sort that attract college-age readers as much as the traditional preteen comics fans.

Some aspiring cartoonists



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Joe Kubert, life-long cartoonist and founder of the Joe Kubert School of Cartooning and Graphic Art, talks while seated at his drawing table at the school in Dover, N.J., Monday, Feb. 6. Kubert, famous for drawing Sgt. Rock comic books, was 12 in 1938 when he sold "Volton," his first comic book. He now runs the school to teach others how to get jobs in the commercial art industry.

don't seek formal training. Kubert says his three-year program is a quick way to learn about the business.

Each semester, students take 10 classes, dealing with everything from the business of cartooning to how to draw backgrounds. Each meets once a week and each requires plenty of work. Which means students are always on deadline — just

like professional cartoonists.

Kubert said more than 90 percent of his school's graduates go into the cartooning world, working on comic books, animating movies, designing video-game characters or other jobs.

Earning a certificate is not easy. Kubert expects students to draw about eight hours a day six or seven days

a week.

Alexio Gessa, an 18-year-old student fresh from high school, said he spends close to 16 or 17 hours a day drawing, even doodling as he can on his train rides to and from his family's home in Hawthorne.

"I don't really get a lot of sleep," he explained as he painted a fantasy scene of a sword-wielding hero on a

rugged landscape.

Those who aren't dedicated enough are quickly kicked out. Kubert said he doesn't want to take tuition (this year's is \$14,500 and financial aid is available) from students who aren't serious.

The school has about 140 students and attracts them from all over the world. Some of the students live in three houses he owns around Dover, a Morris County town 35 miles west of New York. Others rent their own places; a few live at home.

Faculty members are all part-timers who are also professional artists themselves.

Last week, artist June Brigman, who draws the Brenda Starr comic strip, was explaining to students in one class how to draw a horse's proportions correctly. Doug Baron, who self-publishes a comic book called "Jumpback Adventures," was helping students design 3-D pictures. Students in another room were tediously filming a claymation movie.

Baron looked around his classroom, where students listened to MP3 players as they drew and where the walls were covered with sketches and movie posters.

"What a great atmosphere for creating," he said.

## Police fire tear gas at 7,000 students protesting cartoons in northwestern Pakistan

■ Protesters marched to a university, threw stones; Turkey stages peaceful protest

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Police fired tear gas at about 7,000 students protesting the Prophet Muhammad cartoons Monday in northwestern Pakistan.

The students marched to one Christian university, where they threw stones breaking windows and causing other damage.

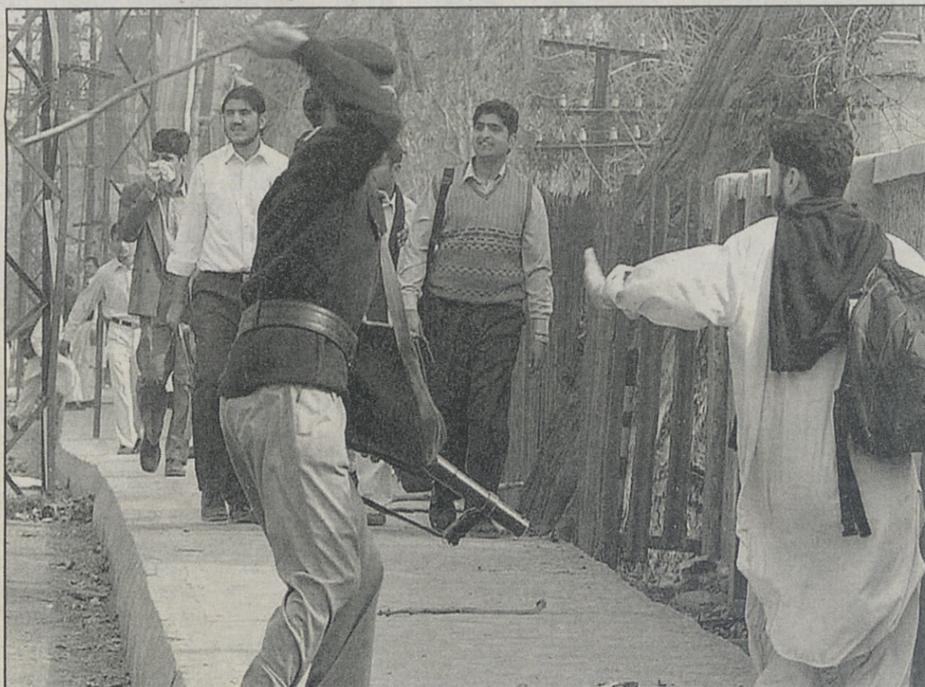
Police shot the protesters with tear gas and hit them with batons when they tried to march on the provincial governor's residence.

In southeast Turkey on Sunday, at least 30,000 people denounced the cartoons in a peaceful rally. In Istanbul, however, ultra-nationalists

chanted "vengeance" and pelted the French consulate with eggs. In another protest, crowds shouted "Down with the USA," "Down with Israel" and "Down with Denmark."

The publication of cartoons in Europe depicting Islam's prophet have enraged much of the Islamic world and set off protests from Canada to Indonesia. Some of the protests have been violent, and the tension has noticeably increased anti-Western dialogue in the Muslim world.

The cartoons first appeared in a Danish newspaper. In one, Muhammad was depicted wearing a turban shaped like a bomb. Muslims do not believe in showing the face of the prophet.



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Pakistani police officer beats a student during a rally to condemn the publication of cartoons depicting Islamic Prophet Muhammad, Monday, Feb 13, in Peshawar, Pakistan.

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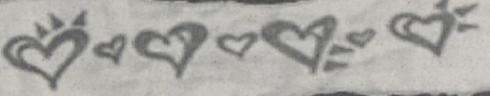
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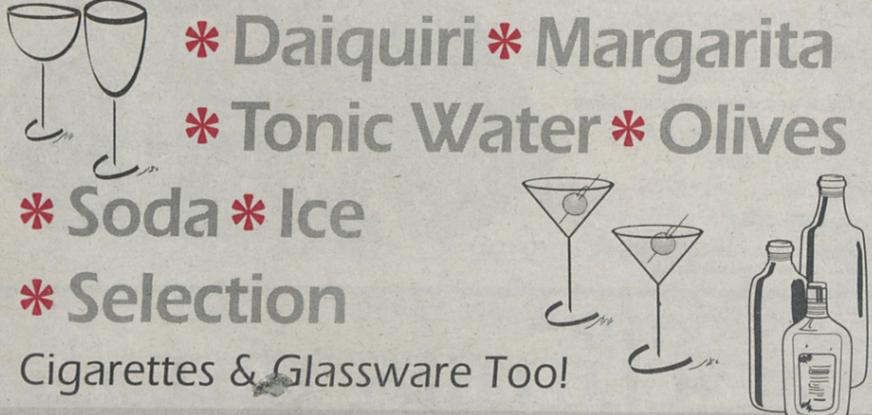
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# Retired U.S. professor trains journalists with Al-Jazeera

COLUMBIA, Missouri (AP) — A retired journalism professor who has been helping train journalists for the Arab news satellite television network Al-Jazeera knows his work might have its critics.

But Roger Gafke, a professor emeritus of the University of Missouri, believes the two 10-day workshops he conducted in November and last month to train supervisors of Al-Jazeera's news and sports channels, and its Web site, will help bridge a communication gap between the news agency and Western media.

"I would hope that we would have other faculty members to go there and put on workshops, too," Gafke said. "It's important work. The more bridges we build, the better understanding we have of them and the better understanding they have of us."

Launched in 1996, Al-Jazeera has more than 30 bureaus around the world. It's often the first news organization to receive communication from terror organizations and, in particular, Osama bin Laden.

Al-Jazeera plans to launch an English-language channel in April, and has been recruiting English-speaking journalists.

The Bush administration has accused the agency of false and inflammatory reporting, and the U.S.-backed government in Iraq banned Al-Jazeera in August from reporting there.

Mark Hughes, a 1987 graduate of the Missouri journalism

school and current spokesman for state Treasurer Sarah Steelman, called Gafke's work with Al-Jazeera potentially controversial.

"The use of faculty and staff affiliated with the University of Missouri School of Journalism to train journalists or alleged journalists in a media agency like Al-Jazeera is questionable and merits public awareness and debate," Hughes said.

Gafke, who was connected with Al-Jazeera through a colleague he met in Egypt four years ago, said the journalism school knows about his workshops, but has not been involved in them.

"I have undertaken the workshops as a personal activity from my position as a retired member of the faculty — something like a private contractor," he said. "Of course, given the channel's prominence in the Arabic-speaking parts of the world, it seems reasonable to me to explore where there are areas in which our interests coincide."

Gafke said the Al-Jazeera journalists he has trained share the same journalistic standards and values he has seen in the United States.

"It has been a wonderful experience to see those values at work in another part of the world in which covering and presenting the news is far more complex and hazardous than in our country," he said.

## A look at U.S. military deaths in Iraq

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As of Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at least 2,269 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes six military civilians. At least 1,779 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is one less than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 101 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 2,130 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,670 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

— Marine Pfc. Javier Chavez Jr., 19, Cutler, Calif.; and Marine Cpl. Ross A. Smith, 21, Wyoming, Mich.; killed Thursday by an explosive near Fallujah, Iraq; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

## Saddam back in courtroom, lashes out at Bush, judge

By Hamza Hendawi  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Prosecutors produced documents and put former aides to Saddam Hussein on the stand Monday as they made their strongest attempt yet to link him directly to torture and executions.

The ousted president, who looked disheveled and appeared in his slippers, shouted "Down with Bush!"

Saddam's half brother, Barzan Ibrahim — dressed only in an undershirt and long underwear — struggled with guards as he was pulled into the courtroom. Ibrahim, the former chief of intelligence, then sat on the floor with his back to the judge in protest for much of the session.

The defendants have rejected court-appointed attorneys named to replace their own lawyers who walked out of the trial last month, and are demanding the removal of chief judge Rouf Abdel-Rahman. In Jordan, Saddam's chief defense lawyer said there were no plans to end the boycott and denounced the court for forcing the former leader to attend.

"This is a cheap attitude," Khaled al-Dulaimi told The Associated Press.

After the raucous start, prosecutors tried to prove Saddam's role in a wave of arrests and executions that followed a 1982 attempt on his life in the Shiite village of Dujail.

Twenty-six prosecution witnesses have testified since the Saddam trial began Oct. 19, many providing accounts of torture and imprisonment in the crackdown, but they could not directly pin them on Saddam.

For the first time, the prosecution introduced documents and put two former members of Saddam's regime on the stand. The witnesses included one of his closest aides, Ahmed Hussein Khudayer al-Samarrai, head of Saddam's presidential office from 1984 to 1991 and then again from 1995 until Saddam's ouster in 2003.

Screens in the courtroom, including the press gallery, showed a document in Arabic dated to 1984 allegedly written and signed by Saddam in which he ratified "the execution of the Dujail criminals." A handwritten note at the bottom was allegedly by al-Samarrai.

Asked if the note was his handwriting, al-Samarrai, 62, said he could not be sure.

"I don't remember," he said. "I don't remember anything at all."

Another document shown in the court was a 1987 memo from the presidential office's legal department saying two people sentenced to

death in connection with Dujail had not been executed and suggesting that they be released because of old age and that those responsible for the "oversight" should be investigated.

A note written in the margin at the bottom, allegedly in Saddam's handwriting, approved the investigation but says the two people should be spared execution "because we cannot allow luck to be more compassionate than us even when compassion here goes to the undeserving."

Prosecutors have said that they had documents showing that Saddam was closely following the crackdown. Asked if he recognized the handwriting on the memo, al-Samarrai replied, "Mr. President." That sparked a swift and angry correction from chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi and Abdel-Rahman, the chief judge. "Defendant Saddam Hussein," they shot back.

Al-Samarrai insisted he knew nothing about the events in Dujail except what he said he had heard on foreign radio broadcasts.

"I am not fit to be a witness in this case," he pleaded with Abdel-Rahman and al-Moussawi. "I don't want to be a witness."

Both al-Samarrai and the second witness, former intelligence official Hassan al-Obeidi, complained they too had been brought to the court against their will. Both are in custody in connection with other cases, according to al-Moussawi.

In Monday's session, two judges sitting on each side of Abdel-Rahman read affidavits of 23 prosecution witnesses, with further accounts of imprisonment and torture in the crackdown.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants are on trial in the killing of nearly 150 Shiite Muslims in Dujail. If convicted, they could face the death penalty by hanging.

Abdel-Rahman, who took over last month as chief judge, rode out the hearing's initial chaos by being both tough and accommodating, allowing Saddam and Ibrahim to talk, but interrupting them when they steered away from case-related matters or if they spoke too long.

Ibrahim was physically forced into the room Monday, shouting and struggling with guards holding him by the arms. Saddam and the other defendants walked in freely, apparently having decided to comply with the judge's order rather than risk getting the same treatment as Ibrahim.

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**TO MY MATTY,** Thank you for an amazing year! I love you, your Stephy

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY BRANDON BENSTON!** Guess what comes out today? Saw II Mua ha ha! Always, Turbo!

**NATE - HAPPY VALENTINES DAY.** The last nine months have been amazing. I love you -K

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY** to my loving wife Carina from her loving husband Shane!

**TERESA ANN B, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BABE!** You are beautiful and intelligent, hold your head high you have much to be proud of. I am very in love with you and proud to be your BF. XXXOOO Love, Chris S.

**MIEL,** You are my rock. I am still falling in love with you. You are beautiful because of your compassion, faith, spirit, and love. I am excited that we fit together. Cheeky

**HAPPY V-DAY KIM,** Even though I am in Sydney, I miss you and am always thinking of you. Love, Kevin

## Valentines

**FOR MY FAVORITE,** forever is far away, love your little miss.

**KIRA,** Everyday with you is the best day of my life! Happy Valentines Day Baby! Love, Tyler

**YOUR EVERYTHING** I came back for. I'm yours for as long as you want. Love Andy

**TRM,** I love you more than anything. You are amazing. Happy Valentines Day. Love KCM

**JEN,** thanks for another perfect year. Happy Valentines Day! Love always, Scooty Holm. I love you too Nate.

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**KT MAE,** Happy Valentines Day! Thank you for being so good to me, I love you! Manny

**I LOVE MY PANKEY FAMILY!** Love your fellow pankster AES

**KARA** - If you like finding buried treasure, find some under playground pleasure. (Not a peeter-potter)

**HONEY IF YOU WANT** to be romantic, set my mind at ease and meet me in the MU Lounge across from Bites from 10-2 to get info on where we can get tested at the Responsible Sexuality Fair.

**POO FACE, I LOVE YOU** so much. My heart skips a beat every time I see you. Love, your old man bartender.

**TO OSU CHEER** From Johnny D. Congrats on all. Sorry no CD this year, but for sure a private concert's in the works. Happy Valentines!

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**I WANTED TO SAY** thanks to all who helped me my 1st two terms at OSU! Danny, Andy, Alex, Matt, Kate, Briana, Bre, Advisor Mr. Kerr, the Craft Center, Tiffany, my academic coach, Jo, notetakers, Karolyn, and of course my family that supports me in all that I do. Love, Elliott Mair

**TO OSU MB** From Johnny D. Oregon State @??. Yeah. Thanks for the great year and another great year to come.

**TO ELIZABETH** From Johnny D. Thanks for a crazy way to end last year. Leaving my watch meant I could always come back.

**TO PATTY AND LIZ.** From Johnny D. Cuz'es thanks for always being there even if it's just for a ride. Love you guys. Happy Valentines!

## Valentines

**TO ANY AND ALL I MAY HAVE MISSED.** From Johnny D. Even though you name isn't here doesn't mean I forgot you. Happy Valentine's Day. Ah sket, sket, sket.

**TO VIRGINIA** From Johnny D. If I had a shot gun you know what I'd do, I'd point that straight to the sky and shoot heaven on down to you.

**TO THE BAD FISH BAND** From Johnny D. Thanks guys for the past year and the greatest time of my life. Ah sket sket...sket sket

**TO SHAUNA SMITH** From Johnny D. I talk to you...clap once or twice. I couldn't ask for a better partner in crime. Your the best.

**OTILIA - I WANTED TO** do something for you that I should have before, so... I love you and I'm happy we're together. Jake

**TO EMILY HATCHER** From Johnny D. Talking online was fun (I'm a dork). Maybe sometime I'll meet you in person. Happy Valentine's Day!

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**TO THE DANCE TEAM** From Johnny D. You know I love you all, but what was that one in a million thing about. Happy Valentines Ladies!

**TO MY FAVORITE PEOPLE** in the world! Kris, Donna, Marcus, Rick, Erin, Caitlin, Whitney, Mary, Sarah and Cindy! Much SOAR love!

**LESLIE DAVIS:** Love of my life, apple of my eye, cream in my coffee. I love you more than Peabo and Luther combined. Please be my valentine!

**TO JOYCE** from Johnny D Thanks for all the help, good times and the back massage. Happy Valentines Day.

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# Softball's winning streak continues

■ After losing the first two games of season, Beavers bounce back with three straight wins

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Senior outfielder Adrienne Alo drove in a pair of runs as the No. 15 ranked Oregon State softball team upset No. 9 ranked Texas A&M, 2-0, on Sunday in the ASU/Kajikawa Tournament.

The Beavers (3-2) won their third straight game and junior pitcher Brienne McGowan notched her first shutout of the season.

OSU opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Freshman Stefanie Ewing's single up the middle advanced fellow freshman Paige Lowe into scoring position and Lowe crossed the plate when Alo ripped a double to left field.

Alo added her second RBI of the day when she singled up the middle in the bottom of the third

inning and Cambria Miranda rounded the bases to score from second.

"Offensively we did a good job of putting pressure on their pitcher," said OSU head coach Kirk Walker. "Adrienne Alo came through in the clutch for us."

McGowan (2-1) struck out nine batters and gave up just four hits in seven innings.

"Brienne pitched a great game and never allowed them to generate any offense," said Walker. "Our defense made some great plays behind her."

The Beavers had four hits against Texas A&M All-American pitcher Amanda Scarborough — two coming from Alo, while Ewing and Mia Longfellow added one hit each.

Oregon State returns to action on Friday when the Beavers go to the UNLV Tournament in Las Vegas.



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Sophomore Lisa Hill takes a cut at a pitch in OSU's home series win over Washington last season.



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Hawaii native Al Afalava runs down a Washington State receiver during OSU's 44-33 home win on Oct. 1, 2005.

# Football headed to Hawaii Dec. 2

■ Civil War doesn't mark end of season for 2006 team

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State football team has added a 13th game for the upcoming 2006 season, as the Beavers will play at Hawaii on Dec. 2, the two schools announced Monday.

This will be the first time that OSU has played a 13-game regular season (NCAA rules allow teams that travel to Hawaii to play an extra game). The only other 13-game seasons in Beaver history (2002 and 2003)

included bowl games.

"We think it's great that we're adding this game against Hawaii," OSU coach Mike Riley said. "It'll be a real treat to bring all of our Hawaiian players home for a game. It's an important recruiting area for us, so it's great to go and play a game there and let everyone in Hawaii see our football team in person."

The Warriors will make a return trip to Corvallis in either 2007 or 2008.

The last time OSU played at Hawaii was in the 1999 Oahu Bowl, a 23-17 loss to Hawaii.

This will be OSU's seventh trip to Hawaii (three wins and three losses in the previous six).

There were four Hawaiians on the Beaver roster at the end of last season, and OSU signed six high school seniors from Hawaii to letters of intent this year. Mike Cavanaugh, OSU's offensive line coach, held the same position at Hawaii from 1999-2004.

The addition of the Hawaii game means that the Civil War home game against Oregon will be held on Nov. 25 (it was previously listed as Nov. 25 or Dec. 2).

# Track burns up Washington lanes

■ First meet of year is a success for OSU runners

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's track team broke indoor records last set in 1988 at the Washington Indoor Preview on Sunday morning. Eleven of the 16 competitors made it onto the top-10 lists.

"I think the objective was to come up here and break the mid-winter training to see where the ladies were at physically and emotionally," Oregon State head coach Kelly Sullivan said. "Each one should walk away pleased and with a good feeling of where they're at three weeks from the first outdoor meet."

Junior Ashley Younce, sophomores Kaitlin Poggi, Ashley Francis and Nicole Crawford and senior Jaime Fuller all broke into the all-time top 10 indoor lists in the 3,000 meters.

At the meet, Younce and Poggi went two-three in the race falling only to Liza Pasciuto of Colorado. Younce finished with a time of 10:04.24, and Poggi finished in 10:08.23.

Freshman Holly Thomson was the top finisher for the Beavers in the mile, coming in second with a time of 5:06.48. Sophomore Lauren Denfeld came in third, competing in her first race in over a year, with a time of 5:07.27. Sophomore Jean-Marie Peterson finished fourth.

Thomson, Denfeld, Peterson and sophomore Noelle Harer all moved into the all-time top ten in the mile, with Thomson moving into third, Denfeld and Peterson into fourth and fifth and Harer moving to eighth.

Seniors Julie Garcia and Tara Stirewalt finished with times of 2:22.02 and 2:26.43, respectively in the 800. The seniors also moved into the all-time top 10 into fifth and seventh place.

"It's hard to rate since the girls never run indoors," Sullivan said. "I thought Ashley Younce, Kaitlin Poggi, Holly Thomson, Lauren Denfeld and Jean-Marie Peterson all had outstanding days. Overall I'm pleased."

# HALFTIME: National Girls and Women in Sports Day celebrated

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better and we need to recognize the progress," added Amber Griffith, the Stanfield basketball coach. "This encourages young girls to come out and compete."

National Girls and Women In Sports Day was started in 1987 to honor Flo Hyman, an Olympic volleyball player known for her athletic achievements and her fight for equality for women's sports. According to the official Web site, all 50 states now celebrate the day.

"We've always done something and it's been different events throughout the years," Vydra

said. "Sometimes it's around volleyball, sometimes around gymnastics and this year around basketball."

This year's event was held in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of women's NCAA championships.

"It's important for them to come here and know there's a future in athletics and gives them a chance to be on a Division I campus and be in a good environment," said OSU basketball coach LaVonda Wagner. "Athletics teach teamwork, responsibility, accountability and gives girls a chance to have fun and enjoy themselves. It's very important that we put an emphasis on athletics for young girls."

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## WRESTLING: Ducks fall to OSU for seventh straight time

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that last match against them," said OSU head coach Joe Wells. "That is definitely a good thing to see at this point in the season."

"I knew at the beginning of the season we had to deal with some adversity, but the team worked its way through and I can see that we are really working as a team now."

OSU and Oregon (6-7, 4-6) will compete at the Pacific-10 Championships on Feb. 26-27 at Stanford. During Oregon State's current seven-meet winning streak, the Beavers have won 53 of 67 matches wrestled (three were forfeited to OSU); in those 53 wins, the Beavers have scored team bonus points for a pin, technical fall or major decision 25 times.

On Friday, a crowd of 804 saw OSU win its seventh straight in the Civil War, a streak dating back to the 2003 season. Oregon State won the first five matches of the night to take a 21-0 lead.

Beaver 141-pounder Kyle Larson won his 13th straight match, an 8-3 decision over Oregon's Skyler Woods. Kyle Larson is now 23-4 with three pins this season and has won 18 of his last 19 matches. Larson is ranked No. 1 among Pac-10 141-pounders, while Woods is ranked fourth.

Jeremy Larson, ranked 18th nationally in this week's National Wrestling Coaches Association/InterMat poll, won his 12th straight match with a 24-10 major decision over Chet McBee. Jeremy Larson has won 16 of his last 17 matches and is 24-8 with one pin this season.

Hook, ranked 16th nationally, pinned Oregon's Jeremy McLaughlin in 2:02 to improve to 19-7 with five pins this season. The victory moved Hook into

a tie for 40th place on OSU's all-time list of career wins leaders; the senior is now 71-42.

Pfennigs pinned Oregon's Beau Malia in 2:49. Pfennigs has now won all eight of his matches since returning from an injury in mid-January, and he's 13-3 with four pins this season.

OSU 125-pounder Eric Stevenson kept the team lead for wins, beating Ryan Dunn 9-2 to improve to 27-7 this season. Stevenson has won seven straight and 11 of his last 12. Stevenson is ranked third in the Pac-10 while Dunn is ranked fifth.

Beaver heavyweight Ty Watterson, ranked 17th nationally, has also won seven straight and 11 of his last 12 after a 5-2 decision over Oregon's Chris Dearmon. Watterson is 26-7 with a team-high eight pins this season. Watterson is ranked second in the Pac-10, Dearmon is ranked sixth.

Pitsch has now won six of his last seven matches after beating Oregon's Shaun Dee 12-2. OSU also got a victory from 149-pounder Orlando Perez, who took a 9-2 decision over Stewart Bogart.

It was the biggest margin of victory for either team in the Civil War series since OSU's 41-9 win in Corvallis in 1985, and it gave Oregon State a 103-24-2 edge in an all-time series that dates back to 1915.

"This is one more indicator that we are making progress," Wells said. "We are really scoring a lot of points in each individual match and that is really important heading into the postseason."

The Beavers' seven-meet win streak is their longest since they won seven in a row at the end of the 2001 season and the start of the 2002 season, and it's the longest for OSU within a season since a seven-meet streak in 2000. OSU's dual meet winning percentage of .844 for the season was its best since 1992, when the Beavers had an 11-1-1 mark for a winning percentage of .885.

## GYMNASTICS: Sophomore makes triumphant return at home

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competitions, but had scored fairly well, so we knew if she had a solid routine, she was going to score high."

"Anytime you have to jump and lay your head back and look right at the beam, it's pretty tough I guess," said Lamun about her leap the Russian ring lay back.

In only her first time competing on the beam for OSU, sophomore Yuki Lamb inspired everyone in the building, as she covered the entire length of the beam and scored a 9.800. Lamb dislocated her left elbow in November and was a last minute addition to the lineup due to Smith's injury.

"I wasn't really expecting to be in the lineup," Lamb said. "It was a last minute change, it happened, and I really felt confident, all the girls before me hit, so there was not really any pressure on me going up there."

"She proved herself as a fighter tonight," said Lanz about Lamb's beam performance. "She did so well and we are all so proud of her."

The Beavers strong performance on the beam cut the Wildcats' lead to 146.200 to 146.575.

While Arizona was on the beam, the Beavers took to the floor exercise. OSU's leaps covered impressive distances, but its score was far from its best at 48.725.

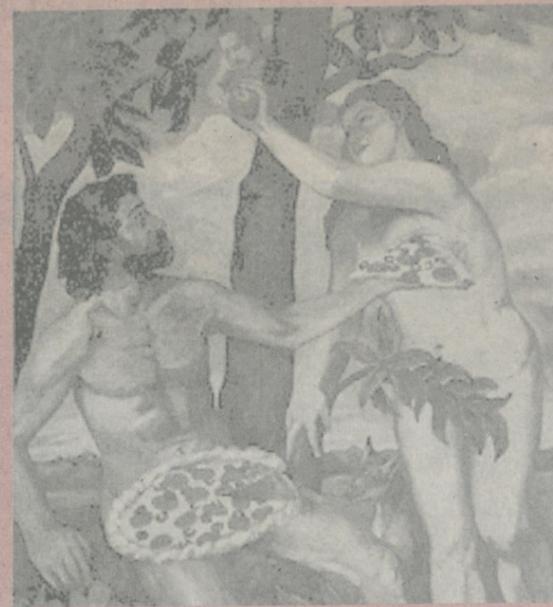
Lanz came through solid as usual with a 9.850, which led all Beavers, but OSU really missed Smith's routine. Arizona sophomore Karin Wurm took the top spot with a mark of 9.875.

"That was a brand new routine, I only learned it a week ago," Lanz said about her floor routine. "I was a little nervous about it, because some parts of it are not perfected yet, so I just went out there and had fun with it."

Lanz finished second in the all-round with a personal best of 39.200. Arizona's Taylor took the title with a mark of 39.250.

All in all, if a score of 194.925 is a bad night for OSU, then it has nothing to worry about as it continues its march to national championships.

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## WOMEN'S HOOPS: Weekend split shows team's weakness

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the Sun Devils tallied only 13 points from their half-court offense. The rest came from offensive rebounds, turnovers and points from the foul line.

The Beavers bounced back on Saturday and took care of business against the University of Arizona with a 91-83 win. Oregon State out rebounded its opponent in this one, 38-33. When looking at the entire spectrum of Division I women's basketball teams, it is easy to understand why Wagner and the rest of the Beavers hold rebounding in such high regard. The top 30 teams in D-I regarding rebounding margin have a combined record of 445-155 — a winning percentage of 75%.

On average, the Beavers are being out rebounded by nearly three boards per game. Even with the hot shooting, it is hard to overcome the rebounding edge.

Still, it seemed like if the Arizona State game had gone on for four more minutes, OSU might have come out with a victory. The Sun Devils grabbed a 20-point lead late in the second half after the Beavers cut it to a two-point deficit right after intermission. A final comeback attempt by the Beavs — Kim Butler's layup put OSU down nine with 1:30 left — started a little too late and OSU simply ran out of time.

The Wildcats might have felt the same way on Saturday against OSU. Arizona cut a 30-point OSU lead to six with more than two minutes left in the game before the Beavers regained their composure and hit 11-of-14 free throws to seal the

win. The game against Arizona saw a total of 18 points scored between the two teams in the first 11 minutes before both defenses switched to relax mode, resulting in 124 points scored in the second half.

While the Cats game was an up-and-down affair of runs and droughts — and even sloppy at times — it could provide for an entertaining first-round match-up in the Pac-10 Tournament where, if the season ended today, the Beavers and Wildcats would meet in the 8 vs. 9 game. But OSU could realistically finish as high as sixth depending on what happens in the next few weeks. It starts with a trip to Pullman on Thursday to face Washington State.

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Chryssy Lamun concentrates on the beam while inverted during her routine against Arizona Friday night. Lamun won the overall beam title with a score of 9.900.

## Injury limits gymnastics Friday night

■ No. 19 gymnastics team unable to upset Arizona after injury claims freshman star

By Denny Burnett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Despite season highs on the uneven bars and balance beam, the No. 19 Oregon State gymnastics team was hit with a tough loss to No. 14 Arizona, 194.925 to 195.400, Friday night.

A crowd of 3,537 filled Gill Coliseum to show support for not only the Beavers, but for cancer survivors everywhere. It was OSU's first ever "Pink Meet" to raise awareness for breast and cervical cancer. The Beavers wore pink leotards and special pink name cards were made for both teams.

"It's so nice to be able to use an event for another cause and I think that's what it was all about, celebrating life," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin. "It was neat to have all the survivors here."

The Beavers had to compete without freshman Tasha Smith, who aggravated her toe during warm-

ups. The loss of Smith was detrimental to team, because she is having a stellar season thus far and competes in all four rotations.

"There is a lot excitement around Tasha, especially on the floor, so having her go down was pretty difficult," said sophomore Yuki Lamb. "But at the same time, she was doing a good job just having her presence there and her cheering us on and encouraging us was very helpful."

The theme of the night was pink, but the Beavers operated in the red on the vault to start things off. OSU's team score of 48.100 on vault was the lowest of season and made the chances of winning slim from the beginning, as it trailed by .925. Arizona sophomore Rachele Silberg exploded off the springboard to take the overall title at 9.775.

"Vault was a little bit of a slow start, but this whole season we have been struggling on it a little bit," Lamb said. "It's tough when all our vaulters are suffering from injuries and people are coming in and out of the lineup, so it's been really difficult. But I

expect we'll pick it up by the end of the season."

"We kind of had a rough time on vault, but it was only the first event and we knew we had to pick it up," said freshman Jami Lanz.

The Beavers picked it up on the uneven bars, scoring a season high of 49.025. Lanz continued her sensational freshman season scoring 9.900, good enough to share the individual title with Arizona junior Audrey Taylor. OSU senior Chryssy Lamun flowed from one movement to the next for a share of third place at 9.825.

The Beavers charged into the next rotation. The balance beam is always a nail biter to watch, but the Beavers showed rhythm and control on their way to another season high of 49.075.

Lamun made the crowd forget she was performing on a strip four inches wide when she scored a 9.900 to take the overall beam title.

"Chrissy's a beautiful gymnast on beam," Chaplin said. "She's had some wobbles in the past few

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OSU 157 pounder Tony Hook locks horns with a Northern Colorado wrestler on Jan. 28 during OSU's 33-12 home win.

## Wrestling pins down Ducks

■ Beavers continue to roll with win over in-state rival Oregon, raising winning streak to an impressive seven straight and four on the road

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Oregon State 133-pounder Bobby Pfennigs and 157-pounder Tony Hook recorded pins as the Beavers beat Oregon 32-7 in Pacific-10 wrestling Friday night at McArthur Court. OSU (13-2-1 overall, 8-1 Pacific-10) also got major decisions from 174-pounder Jeremy Larson and 197-pounder Dan Pitsch as the Beavers wrapped up the regular season with their seventh straight dual meet win.

"I think it is an indication that we have gotten better and steadier since

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## Women's basketball keeps shooting well

■ Hot shooting Beavers just need to improve rebounding margin

By Travis Ball  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's basketball team shot a combined 56 percent from the field this weekend in its two games with the Arizona schools at Gill Coliseum.

To put it in perspective: Duke, ranked No.1 in the latest AP Poll and the top-shooting Division I school in the nation, is shooting 52.3 percent for the year. Stanford, the leader in the Pac-10 with an 18-5 record, is hitting at a mark of 47.3 percent.

The sharp-shooting that the Beavers displayed this weekend boosted their field-goal percentage to an average of 44 for the year, one percentage point away from being a top-20 shooting team in the nation.

So how did OSU end up 1-1 over the weekend?

In Thursday's 77-67 loss against now No. 15 Arizona State, the Sun Devils controlled a 37-24 rebounding advantage, which includes ASU grabbing 20 boards on the offensive end.

"They were able to get some offensive rebounds and that's really the name of the game," OSU head coach LaVonda Wagner said. She added that

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Oregon State leading scorer Kim Butler elevates for a jumper over an Arizona State defender in Thursday night's home loss. Butler has averaged all 22 games for the Beavers this year and is averaging 18.5 points per contest while shooting over 50 percent.

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## Oregon girls get recognition

■ Women's basketball game halftime used to inspire female athletes

By Lindsay Schnell  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior high and high school female athletes from around the state converged on OSU's Ralph Miller Court Saturday night to be honored at halftime of the women's basketball game for the National Girls and Women In Sport Day. They came in all heights and ages, dressed in basketball jerseys, T-shirts and sweatshirts displaying their team name.

The event, organized by the OSU sports marketing department, began earlier in the day when more than 200 female athletes met with OSU volleyball, soccer and golf athletes and coaches to participate in a skills clinic. After that, the girls attended the game and came out on the floor at halftime where Marianne Vydra, the senior woman administrator, praised them for being involved in athletics.

"You're going to change the world, every single one of you," Vydra said to the girls as the crowd listened. "I commend you for being involved in sports — good job."

After Vydra finished, OSU Hall of Fame basketball player Carol Menken-Schautd took the mic and talked about the importance of having young girls involved in athletics.

"I was the second female to ever receive an athletic scholarship at OSU," she told them. "But that was then and this is now. Girls can't walk into a Division I program right now and get a scholarship. Girls are bigger, stronger and faster. There's a whole lot more opportunity for girls in athletics now. So keep up the good work."

The girls returned to their seats as the crowd gave them a standing ovation and watched the Beavers survive a late rally from Arizona and win 91-83.

"Being out on the court was really cool," said Jackie Caldera, a senior basketball player at Stanfield High School. "It's really neat to see all these girls playing all these sports."

"It's important for girls to be recognized because we've come a long way and the level of play is getting so much

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