



Increased theft causes concern, alert on campus

■ Break-ins and opportunity thefts have targeted laptops specifically

By Devin Ternus
THE DAILY BAROMETER

There has been an unusual amount of building break-ins and thefts around campus. This ongoing problem has caused campus security to be on high alert.

Since late January break-ins and thefts of items such as digital cameras, wallets, hard drives and laptops have seen a staggering increase. Some of the break-ins have been forced while others have been incidents of opportunity.

Items left unattended during the day and unsecured windows during the night have given thieves an easy chance to get away with merchandise. Most of the cases involved the culprits stealing whatever they can grab that might be worth something.

Sometime after 9 p.m., thieves climbed onto the roof of the north end of the Women's Building and entered through an open window. They then proceeded to search rooms for various items. Only an autographed poster and a digital camera have been reported missing at this time.

More disturbing than wallets and cameras has been the excessive amount of laptops that have come up missing. On Feb. 22 two Dell laptops valued at \$4,800 were stolen from the USDA research center.

A suspect entering through a large mail box at Batcheller Hall got away with six Dell laptops, a docking station, and a scanner totaling up to a loss of around \$10,800.

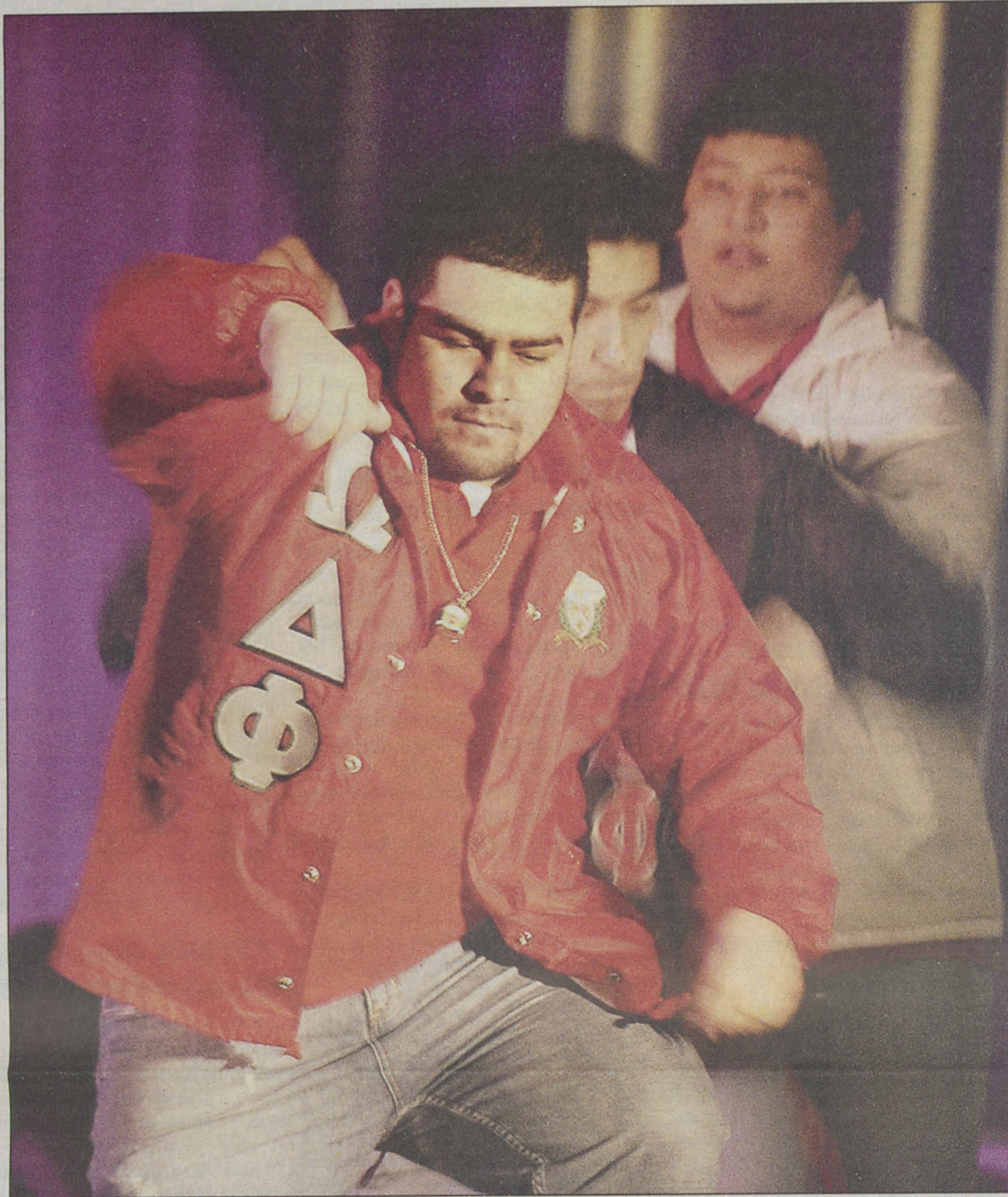
Not only is the cost value loss of these computers regrettable but also the loss of research and personal data that is stored within them. It's possible for thieves to use this data to commit further criminal acts such as identity theft.

Building security varies between different buildings. "Some buildings have alarms, some buildings have video, and some don't," said OSP Station Commander Phillip Zerzan. New buildings like the library are much more secure than some of the older buildings.

Oregon State Police are actively working on solving the cases of the unusual thievery. An OSP detective has been working in collaboration

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Luis Palacios dances on the catwalk at the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Black History Month fashion show Sunday, Feb. 26 in the MU ballroom. Palacios is a member of the Omega Delta Phi fraternity, the only Latino fraternity in Oregon.

Firin' up to great heights

■ Student balances school, is involved as an outspoken member of several campus groups

By Susie Bafico
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Breaking into the 'real world' of college from a sheltered upbringing can scare some students, but Luis Palacios had a different reaction.

Palacios, a junior in forest engineering, is a strong cultural representative and advocate on the OSU campus.

Palacios grew up in Milton-Freewater, Ore., in a single parent home with his mom and siblings. "(Milton-Freewater) is very conservative and my

mom was busy working a lot, so I grew up kind of ignorant," Palacios said.

When he arrived at OSU, Palacios said he witnessed a "brutal reality." This realization, however, only sparked his interest in social justice issues. Palacios jumped head first into active roles on campus.

"I met Luis as a freshman," said Javier Cervantes, Casa Educational Coordinator in the Minority Education Office. "He got involved right away, he didn't waste any time."

His freshman year, Palacios became an office assistant at the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez and

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Burning the B-20 bio-diesel

■ City of Corvallis the first in Oregon to make shift

by Andrew Miner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The city of Corvallis is promoting an eco-friendly mentality in all facets of its government.

One way to promote this is switching public transportation vehicles to bio-diesel.

As of Nov. 1, the city council announced a new agenda to promote a general environmental consciousness. Their most recent endeavor is to use 20 percent bio-diesel blend in the Corvallis Transportation System.

"Our system was the first in the state to use B-20 bio-diesel," said Michelle Rhoads, City of Corvallis transit coordinator, in referring to its use in the public bus system. "We went 100 percent B-20 bio-diesel that day."

It has been an ongoing process for almost two years, beginning with a switch to bio-diesel for all public works vehicles.

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Tuesday Market offers opportunity and delight

■ Back after a year of planning, the local market brings a variety of wares to campus

By Angela Ajootian
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Something was happening just outside the OSU Bookstore on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The first Tuesday Market ventured forth this week, and will return every Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m. Another easy way to find it is to simply follow the music dancing its way through the spring rain.

It was a small but hard earned beginning for the market. The three man band, Future Roots, generated many smiles with their blend of guitar and banjo. There were art prints, squash and wood crafts up for sale. Passers-by seemed very receptive to

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Failing power leaves researchers, students in Cordley in the cold

■ Cordley Hall researchers face lost data when the lights go out

By Lauren Dillard
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Two recent power outages at OSU's Cordley Hall have left researchers frustrated and without answers.

"I cannot do my research in this building," said Joey Spatafora, associate professor of botany and plant pathology.

Professor Spatafora is studying the evolutionary biology of fungi, and his work is becoming increasingly difficult as Cordley Hall loses power.

"And we can't even keep the lights on in this building," said Spatafora.

The Jan. 25 power outage lost three and a half weeks of research for Spatafora and his team. This power outage was caused by a bad insulator on the 25th Street substation,

according to Pacific Power Spokesperson Bekki Witt.

"If you have to blame anyone, blame mother nature," said Witt.

Exposure to the elements leaves substations, units used to step-down the level of power brought out on each line, at risk.

"High voltage power comes into substations by power lines, it's stepped down and distributed out of the substations to various feeders," said Witt.

Another power outage, on Feb. 9, left visitors from Poland in the dark.

These "international collaborators" were collecting fly tissues that were being spun to separate the different elements of solution, when the power went out.

This process is speed and time sensitive. It will take weeks to recover the amount of preparation lost, according to associate professor Jaga Geibultowicz, of the zoology

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Recent power outages in Cordley Hall have left researchers in the building frustrated. The Pacific Power-owned grid has been affected by weather and age, leaving students and staff in the dark.

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- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 6-7:30pm, Reser Stadium. Come play with us! No experience necessary!
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room.
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Come experience God with us!
Educational Activities Committee, 5:15-7:45pm, MU 213. Budget request hearings for student fee funded organizations under EDACT.
Student Incidental Fee Committee, 7-9pm, MU 211. SIFC open hearing. Opportunity to speak upon all SIFC proposed fee levels.
OSU Horticulture Club, 5:15pm, ALS 4009. Club meeting. Come see what we're up to!
Gerontological Student Association, 5pm, 319b. Discuss community service projects, opportunities in aging at OSU and careers in aging. Refreshments provided.

- Speakers**
Social Change Conference, 7-9pm, MU Leadership Lounge. Interactive discussion — National Coordinator of United Students Against Sweatshops and Worker's Rights Consortium and Sweatshop "Fashion" Show
Horning Lecture Series, 4pm, MU 206. Miriam Reumann, University of Rhode Island, "In Consideration of Our Social Problems: Alfred Kinsey, Sexual Behavior, and the Postwar American Family"

- Events**
Catholic Campus Ministry, 8:30pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Praise & Worship — Celebrate God's love for us through song.
Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Evening Mass — A great thirsty Thursday alternative.

Friday, Mar. 3

- Meetings**
OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, Peavy Field. Come play with us! No experience necessary!
Events
Dept. of Rec. Sports, 5-10pm, Langton Wrestling Room. Wrestling Tournament — weigh ins from 9am to 1pm Friday morning.
Native American Longhouse, 6pm, MU Lounge. Polynesian movies — "UTU." Free Hawaiian pizza and popcorn.

Saturday, Mar. 4

- Events**
Dept. of Rec. Sports, 9:30am, Dixon Pool. Swim Meet — Free event for all students, faculty and staff with a Dixon membership.

Monday, Mar. 6

- Meetings**
Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Weekly meeting of OSU's LGBTQI and ally social group.
Pagan Student Association, 5-7pm, MU 212. PSA Group Meetings. Walk-ins welcome.
ASOSU Graduate Affairs Task Force, 5-6pm, 149 MU East. Everyone welcome!
ASOSU Multicultural Affairs Task Force, 4-5pm, Native American Longhouse. Everyone welcome!

Bush says U.S. will stick by Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Bush, on an unannounced visit to Afghanistan, vowed Wednesday to stand by this emerging democracy and not "cut and run" in the face of rising violence. He also predicted Osama bin Laden would be captured despite a futile five-year hunt.

"I'm confident he will be brought to justice," Bush said, standing alongside Afghan President Hamid Karzai outside the presidential palace.

Bush also rallied U.S. troops and expressed solidarity with Karzai's U.S.-backed government in a surprise visit of just over four hours at the onset of a South Asia trip.

He later flew to New Delhi, India, where tens of thousands of Indians demonstrated Wednesday against his visit, and was visiting Pakistan later in the week.

Bush pledged that bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader, and other planners of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks would be caught.

"It's not a matter of if they're captured and brought to justice, it's when they're brought to justice," Bush said.

It was the first presidential visit to Afghanistan since the United States routed the Taliban and began a thus far fruitless five-year search for bin Laden in the region.

Bin Laden is believed to be hiding out somewhere along the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

Bush held a working lunch with Karzai and other Afghan leaders, attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the U.S. embassy in Kabul and spoke to U.S. troops at Bagram Air Base.

"People all over the world are watching the experience here in Afghanistan," Bush said, praising Karzai as "a friend and an ally."

Karzai took power after U.S.-led forces overthrew the Taliban regime. But Taliban insurgents and al-Qaida militants have been increasing attacks within Afghanistan in recent months.

The director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples, told a congressional hearing in Washington on Tuesday that the insurgency was still growing and posed a greater threat to Karzai's government "than at any point since late 2001."

Karzai greeted Bush as "our great friend, our great supporter, a man who helped us liberate."

Strike virtually shuts down Mexico's mining industry

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's mining industry virtually shut down Wednesday when thousands of miners went on strike to support their union boss, who may be ousted amid accusations he responded poorly to a mining tragedy that left 65 coal miners dead.

Mexico's Mining and Metal workers union asked their 250,000 members to halt work indefinitely in coal, steel, copper and other mines throughout Mexico, in support of union president Napoleon

Gomez Urrutia. Striking miners also are demanding better working conditions.

The full extent of the strike wasn't clear Wednesday, although a number of major companies confirmed work stoppages — including Penoles, the world's biggest silver producer.

The mining tragedy has turned into a finger-pointing scandal with the miners union embroiled in an internal power struggle and federal and state government officials accusing each other of using the disaster for political gain.

In a statement, the union denied its officials had signed documents supporting a leadership change, and it accused labor authorities of interfering in the union's business.

Gomez Urrutia, who took over the helm from his late father in 2002, is being challenged by Elias Morales, a union dissident who now claims to be the new leader.

Gomez Urrutia's leadership came under fire by relatives of the 65 coal miners who were killed Feb. 19 in an underground gas explosion. The union leader waited more than a week after the tragedy before visiting the Pasta de Conchos mine, 85 miles southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Bush, Chertoff clearly warned before Katrina struck

WASHINGTON (AP) — In dramatic and sometimes agonizing terms, federal disaster officials warned President Bush and his homeland security chief before Hurricane Katrina struck that the storm could breach levees, put lives at risk in New Orleans' Superdome and overwhelm rescuers, according to confidential video footage.

Bush didn't ask a single question during the final briefing before Katrina struck on Aug. 29, but he assured soon-to-be-battered state officials: "We are fully prepared."

The footage — along with seven days of transcripts of briefings obtained by The Associated Press — show in excruciating detail that while federal officials anticipated the tragedy that unfolded in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, they were fatally slow to realize they had not mustered enough resources to deal with the unprecedented disaster.

Linked by secure video, Bush expressed a confidence on Aug. 28 that starkly contrasted with the dire warnings his disaster chief and numerous federal, state and local officials provided during the four days before the storm.

A top hurricane expert voiced "grave concerns" about the levees and then-Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown told the president and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff that he feared there weren't enough disaster teams to help evacuees at the Superdome.

"I'm concerned about ... their ability to respond to a catastrophe within a catastrophe," Brown told his bosses the afternoon before Katrina made landfall. The White House and Homeland

Security Department urged the public Wednesday not to read too much into the video footage.

"I hope people don't draw conclusions from the president getting a single briefing," presidential spokesman Trent Duffy said, citing a variety of orders and disaster declarations Bush signed before the storm made landfall. "He received multiple briefings from multiple officials, and he was completely engaged at all times."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said his department would not release the full set of videotaped briefings, saying most transcripts — though not the videotapes — from the sessions were provided to congressional investigators months ago.

"There's nothing new or insightful on these tapes," Knocke said. "We actively participated in the lessons-learned review and we continue to participate in the Senate's review and are working with them on their recommendation."

NYC police alarmed, baffled over grad student's slaying

NEW YORK (AP) — She was a young graduate student who died in a gruesome way: raped, strangled and left on the side of a remote road in Brooklyn. Beige-colored packing tape masked her entire face. A sock was stuffed in her mouth.

The stark contrast between the promising life of 24-year-old Imette St. Guillen and her ghastly slaying last weekend — and the mystery surrounding her final hours — perplexed and alarmed investigators, who fear her killer may strike again.

St. Guillen had been set to graduate this semester from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. She graduated with honors from George Washington University in Washington.

"She was kind, she was loving and she wouldn't hurt anyone," her mother, Maureen, said Tuesday outside her home.

Investigators theorize the killer may have abducted St. Guillen, who witnesses said appeared to be alone when she left The Falls, the lower Manhattan bar where she was last seen early Saturday. But no suspects have been identified.

Later Saturday, authorities received an anonymous 911 call from a man who gave the location of St. Guillen's body — and nothing more. Police traced the call to a public phone at a diner about a mile from where the body was discovered in a patch of weeds, and six miles from where she was last seen alive.

State Police would like to add more than 100 officers

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's top cop would like to see his force inch back to what it was 25 years ago.

Oregon State Police Superintendent Ron Ruecker says his goal is to restore enough troopers to resume 24-hour highway patrols statewide.

That would mean 120 to 140 officers in addition to the current 322 patrol

troopers. The extra cost would be about \$30 million for a two-year budget cycle.

That still would leave the force below the 665 highway troopers on patrol in 1979-81.

Ruecker has met with more than three-dozen opinion leaders, legislators, interest-group heads, county sheriffs and others to review his agency's 10-year "strategic business plan."

"We're trying to figure out a different approach," he said.

But one leader he's met with, former Oregon House Speaker Lynn Lundquist, said there's too much competition for state dollars for the patrol to make much progress.

"We talk about it. We have it on our agenda," said Lundquist, who heads the Oregon Business Association, an industry group. "But to put it at the top, to go to war for it? It just doesn't seem to happen."

The slide in State Police funding started in 1980, when voters approved a measure dedicating all money in the highway trust fund, once the source of money for State Police, to building and maintaining roads and bridges.

Last year, some state lawmakers even wanted to study the idea of getting the State Police out of the highway patrol business altogether and giving that function to counties.

Two key House Republicans, Majority Leader Wayne Scott of Canby and Rep. Andy Olson of Albany criticized the department's leadership and demanded a state audit of spending and budgetary practices. Olson, a former State Police lieutenant, was among those at Ruecker's planning meeting and called the new campaign a good start.

Counties are likely to resist the idea of taking over all traffic enforcement.

PERS board cuts reserves, reducing employer contributions

SALEM (AP) — The board of Oregon's public employee pension system is redistributing its reserves, which will reduce the payments due from state government, cities, counties and school districts.

The decision would save Oregon's public sector more than \$100 million a year starting in 2007, said officials of the Public Employees Retirement System. The PERS board will meet March 31 to make the decision final. Late last month, it voted 3-2 in favor of the idea.

The majority on the PERS board and staff members said the system's finances have stabilized after a round of reforms in 2003 and two 2005 Oregon Supreme Court rulings on challenges to those reforms.

The board voted to shrink its all-purpose contingency reserve from \$1.4 billion to \$250 million and to empty its \$450 million capital-preservation reserve.

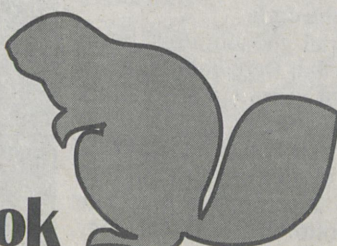
Some money will be shifted into a third reserve as insurance in case PERS investments don't earn enough to pay the 8 percent annual increase guaranteed for veteran workers' pension accounts. That reserve will grow from \$311 million to \$968 million, said Dale Orr, a PERS finance manager.

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POLACIOS: While focusing on experiences, involvement Palacios has learned to balance all with academics, plans to graduate in 2007

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pledged to the fraternity Omega Delta Phi, which "is the first and only Latino fraternity in Oregon," Palacios said.

He also stepped up to become president of Sackett Hall midway through the year. "The opportunity presented itself when I was a hall representative and I went for it," Palacios said.

Palacios' commitment to the cultural center has been growing, and this past year he has presided as the internal coordinator. He has been in charge of over viewing all paper work, reservations, staff duties and looking over the center's budget.

Palacios is active on the advisory board for the center along with Cervantes.

"Luis is not afraid to share his opinions, and his opinions are heard and valued by the board," Cervantes said.

Palacios said he wants to leave positions open for more students to get involved.

"Next year I won't be working at the center, but I will still be actively involved," he said.

A proud member of the Omega Delta Phi fraternity, Palacios said the group works under principles of unity, honesty, integrity and leadership.

"We are a tight knit brotherhood that is less based on social events, like partying, and more focused on community service and school," Palacios said. The focus on schoolwork, Palacios explained, includes "study tables to do homework and get help, and members have to keep a GPA of 2.5."

The major community service activity the fraternity participates in is a mentoring program with Benton County's juvenile department. Palacios said the members of the club bring the students, usually high school age, to OSU. "We try to give them a new hope about going to college," Palacios said.

Palacios said the fraternity would help out any group that asks for help. Last weekend the members helped out at the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's annual fashion show.

Presently Palacios is the philanthropy chair of the fraternity, but he is also the president elect of the club. He was chosen at the national conference last July and has been through one year of training for his position.

"I'm really excited," Palacios said of beginning his role as president of the fraternity.

"He is really proud to be representing Latinos and he has really grown," Cervantes said.

This coming July at the national conference in Austin, Texas, Palacios will officially transition to become president. Palacios is especially excited to be hosting the Pacific Northwest conference at OSU next year, which consists of the fraternities from University of Washington and Washington State University.

Leo Ruiz, one of the founding fathers of Omega Delta Phi, has known Luis for years. He said Luis is a great role model because he helps out mentoring whenever he can. "He is the first person to call and he will help anyone out," Ruiz said.

Now studying forest engineering, Palacios originally was interested in pharmacy. "For some odd reason, I was really interested in pharmacy when I was younger," Palacios said. He started in pharmacy at OSU, but he said the interest was not there any more.

However, Palacios said he began his interest in forest engineering at the age of 16. Palacios had a summer job working in the fields, which he said "got (his) foot in the door for camp growth maintenance."

Palacios is a regular type 2 firefighter, but he wants to become a type 1 firefighter so he can do repelling into forest fires. Pala-

cios feels there is one catch: "I guess I'm a walking paradox because I'm deathly afraid of heights."

Palacios does not need to worry though — he already has a starting point ready for him after graduation. After an internship with the Bureau of Land Management in Coos Bay, Palacios was offered a scholarship for the rest of his schooling as well as a job after he graduates.

Even with all his commitments, Palacios hopes to join forestry clubs on campus and become even more involved in his major. He even makes time to tutor students in math, his other concentration of study.

"(Luis) is assertive but very respectful, and he has an easy, lighthearted side," Cervantes said.

Palacios has taken on many activities in his career, but he also knew when to cut back on commitments to succeed in school, "I really want to graduate," Palacios said.

He will be graduating in 2007 and may come back to school for graduate work, but right now his focus is on experience.

"He is very driven, focusing on his tasks and future," Cervantes said. "There is nothing to deviate him right now."

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THEFTS: OSP station commander suspects crimes were driven by methamphetamine

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with Corvallis law enforcement in order to help solve the crimes.

At this time four of the stolen computers have been recovered, two search warrants have been issued, and OSP has identified other suspects that may be related to the crimes.

"Ninety percent of property crimes in Oregon are methamphetamine driven and these crimes are no different," said Zerzan. All identified suspects in the laptop cases have been unaffiliated with OSU and are known to use methamphetamine.

On Feb. 10 the Department of Public Safety and the Oregon State Police issued a security alert in reaction to the thefts of laptops in the university buildings. The alert gives several tips to avoid burglary such as securing entry-ways and not leaving laptops unattended and unsecured.

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BIO-DIESEL: With new fuel system frequent filter changes have been the biggest difference in system maintenance

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"We felt using bio-diesel was in line with the city councils plan for sustainability," said public works director Steve Rogers.

The CTS system needs frequent filter changes, two to three times as many, other than that, there have not been any maintenance issues.

"We would not have switched if it would negatively affect the buses," said Rhoads.

"Bio-deisel was seven cents a gallon cheaper than diesel at the time, now it is 12 cents a gallon more" said Rogers.

"The cost differential of rate changes between low sulfur and bio-diesel on a cost per gallon basis tends to fluctuate with the economy," said Rhoads.

"The city of Corvallis' decision was

based on the city's goals for sustainability and environment," said Rhoads.

Rogers believes that the most recent city council is taking a more active role in an ongoing process to promote environmental consciousness in Corvallis.

"This city council sat down to complete a list of goals ... they created a sustainability policy that includes a sustainability coordinator," said Rogers. In July, the council will have a permanent official whose expertise will monitor and manage the sustainability program.

Rogers says environmental awareness in Corvallis has been an issue of increasing concern in the past 10 years. "We have switched most of the traf-

fic signals from illuminent bulbs to LED's," said Rogers. By using low wattage, long lasting bulbs, Public Works has decreased their energy expenditure from those traffic signals that have been switched by 40 percent.

"We are spending less on electricity than five years ago for traffic signals even though there are 50 percent more traffic signals," said Rogers.

Rogers says Public Works is taking the eco-friendly mentality to the office.

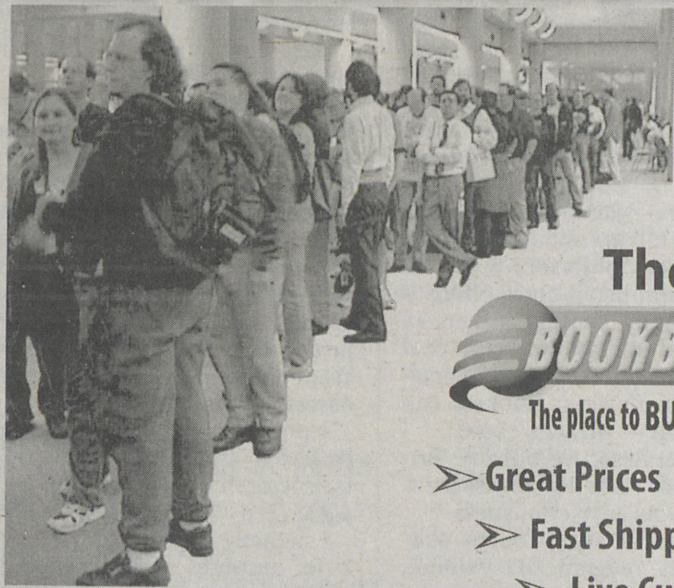
"In the past three or four months our automatic default printer has been printing on both sides," said Rogers.

"Sustainability is about decision-making and driving the issue of it to all 114 employees," said Rogers.

"They need to consider sustainability in all they do," said Rogers.

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Editorial

Presidential DUII

On Friday morning shortly after 1 a.m., ASOSU President Dan McCarthy made a pretty big mistake — he went out for some drinks at a bar downtown and then got behind the wheel.

His blood alcohol level was .13, more than the legal limit of .08 for driving in Oregon. The police caught him near Sixth Street as he was making his way home.

McCarthy went public on Friday with the news. He called a Barometer editor, wanting to get the information out there as soon as he could. He says that he also informed everyone he works with closely in the student government and the administration.

He should be applauded for coming forward with the news so quickly. As a public figure, he was aware that it would go beyond a blurb in the Barometer's Police Beat.

And because he's a public figure, McCarthy rightfully is facing the wrath of more than the criminal justice system. In addition to the embarrassment of a public mistake, he was grilled Tuesday night at a meeting of the Undergraduate Senate.

Most senators offered support for McCarthy — not for what he did, but for his leadership abilities. Most said impeachment would be too far. He left the meeting with a censure, amounting to nothing more than a formal slap on the wrist.

More could come. Some in the senate think the censure option is too light. The idea of a vote of no confidence — essentially a formal request for resignation — was discussed Tuesday.

The senate was right to act as a check to the executive. While a censure does come off as little more than a scolding in writing, anything else would be an attempt to boot McCarthy from office, which we believe is not the best way to deal with this problem.

After all, McCarthy has already pledged to be sober for the rest of his term in office. In addition, he has volunteered to perform community service on issues related to alcohol.

Meanwhile, as many senators pointed out Tuesday, he remains capable of leading the student government.

His mistake was a big one. He could have hurt himself or others if he'd been in an accident. Thankfully, he was caught by police. Now he's paying the price in a variety of ways.

While this mark on his record could lead some to believe that he is not fit for office, we believe he has owned up to his mistake and can successfully finish his term in office.

McCarthy did a terrible thing on Friday morning, but he has shown that he has the ability to learn from the mistake in a mature manner.

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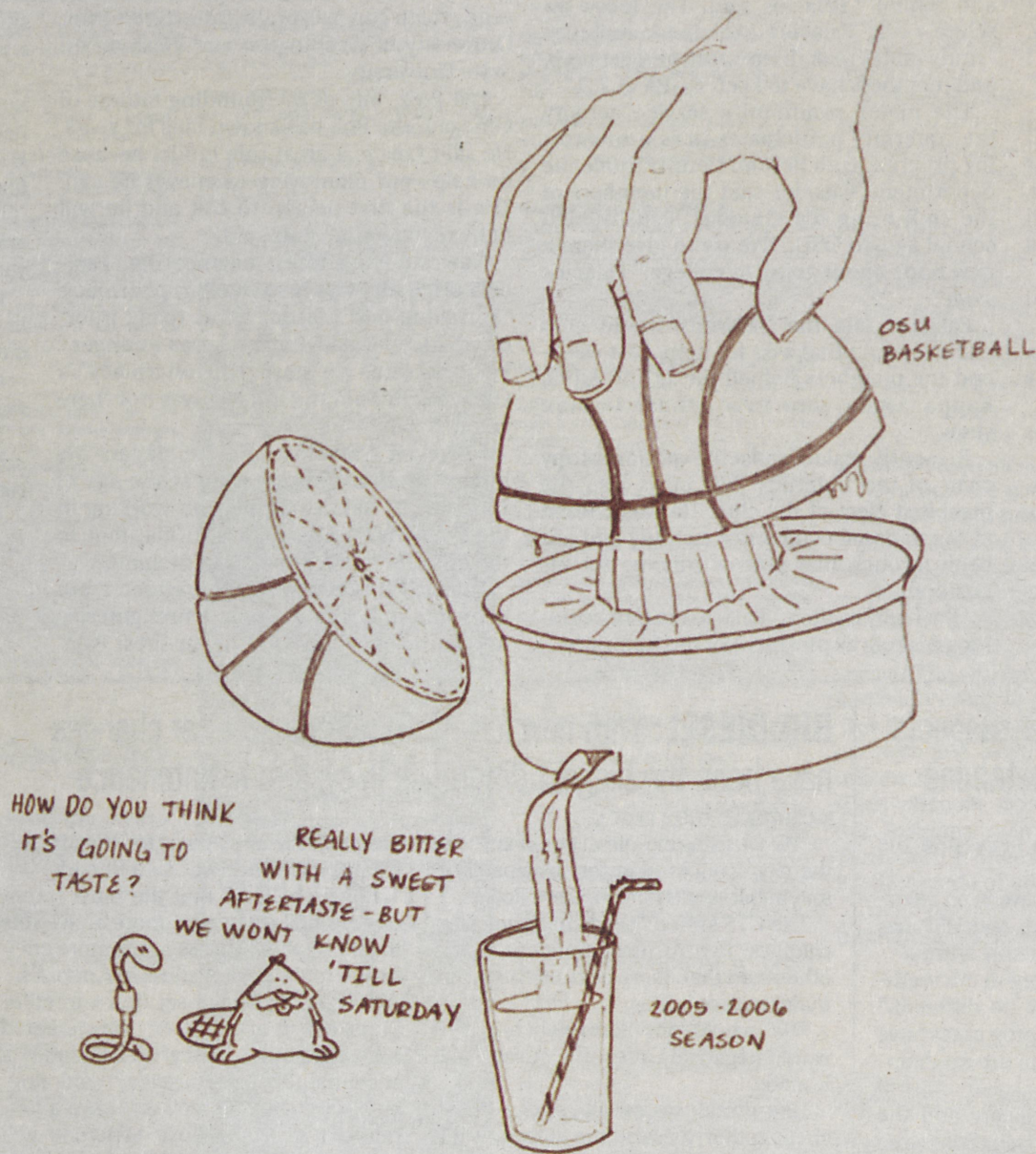
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Dealing with turtles and love ovens

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Dear Eric and Leslie
I broke up with my boyfriend awhile ago and have just now gotten over him. I am ready to join the dating pool but I have one small problem: I can't flirt. It has been so long that I just don't know how to do it. How do you guys do it?

— Awkward Turtle.

Dear Turtle,
Being out of commission in the dating world can be challenging.

When executed correctly, flirting can earn you a fun filled night. Done badly, however, and you could be slapped with one of those cute sexual harassment lawsuits, or even better: a restraining order. Nothing puts salt in your game like having to maintain a 50-yard distance from your target.

There's a certain level of innuendo involved in a good flirt session. Too much and you'll sound like a porn star, too little and you'll come off as a devout Mormon. It's a fine balance that can only be determined through experience. Just like masturbation and cocaine, it's all about practice, practice, practice.

Eric and Leslie have turned the simple act of flirting into something larger than life, an art unto itself. Thusly, we have concocted 10 tips to turn your C average into pure A game.

1. Identify your goal — Before even talking to "the mark," determine what you want out of it. Is this

person someone you'd be interested in dating? A soulmate? A 15 minute fling against the dumpster behind the bar? Going in with a gameplan can help. Why do you think they call it "game" anyway?

2. Maintain Eye Contact — It seems like a given, but people get turned off when you check out their hot friend. Eyes are generally located directly below the forehead. Rarely are they in the chestal region.

3. Smile a lot — mix your smiling with laughter and you might even come off as a half-decent human being with a soul.

4. Pretend like you care — the keyword here is "pretend." Even if they are talking about the intrinsic value of George Hegel's philosophy (which is little more than obscurantist pseudo-philosophy, by the way), just smile, nod and ask an occasional question to keep conversation flowing. Hookers can do it — why can't you?

5. Assertive but mysterious — but not too assertive or too mysterious. Assert your mysteriousness.

6. Maintain Ambivalence — avoid touchy subjects like abortion, politics, religion, this column, pornography, prostitution, drugs or anything else that depicts what you do in your off time.

7. Keep conversation light and on the other person — This isn't about you, it's about them. Nothing is worse than the self-disclosing flirter who won't shut their freaking trap.

8. Physical contact — an occasional pat on the shoulder is okay, but a slap across the ass is generally frowned upon.

9. Read signs, count your losses and move on — unless you go by the time tested philosophy of "no means no", which really means "yes please, harder".

10. Always, ALWAYS ask politely before you touch the vagina and/or penis.

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The Blind Leading the Blind

Eric Feigner
Leslie Davis



Matt Lewis

I Mean, Seriously

Who is the real Matt Lewis?

I know many of you were probably distraught when you opened up the paper on Tuesday and didn't see my face smiling back at you. But fear not! I am still here.

In order to make up for my absence I have decided to give you ... Super Matt Fun-tastic Mid-week Replacement Column!

So, here's the deal. On this campus there are two Matt Lewises (I think that's how you make a plural out of my last name, although the Latin for it might be Lewii — who knows). Basing all of my judgements purely on our majors — mine is English, his is business — and his lack of a Facebook profile, I would have to say that we are complete opposites.

At least once a week I have to tell someone, "No, that's not my e-mail address, that's the other Matt Lewis' e-mail." He probably gets way more of my messages than I do, and when you think about it, it's kind of sad that my friends can't even remember my ONID account name.

But instead of blaming my friends, I started blaming him. I'm not going to lie, I started to resent this other Matt Lewis. It was like he was stealing my friends. And why? Because his middle name comes before mine when put in alphabetical order.

I thought maybe my friends didn't even care, but then I just shrugged it off. He was probably just doing it to spite me because I was more popular. And he wasn't actually real.

Have I mentioned that I have an over-active imagination?

It's probably for the best, though, that there is only one 'real' Matt Lewis on this campus. I don't know if you could all take more than one. I mean, could you really handle more than one person who turns his French class into a verb-conjugating showdown of unbelievable proportions? I don't think so. And neither does my French verb squad, Team Muffin, or as the French say, Associer le Muffin.

I probably got that wrong, and I'd like to apologize to my French instructor. It's not your fault. I just suck.

I actually e-mailed Matt Lewis 2 (for purposes of clarification, it's probably best that I differentiate between the two of us ... and I get to be Matt Lewis 1 ... because I'm better), and he brought up a good point: How do we know which of us is the actual Matt Lewis and who is Bizarro world Matt Lewis?

Because of this, I have devised a simple four-step plan to tell which one of us is real and which one of us is not. I like to think of it as the Jenny Craig version of differentiation.

Step 1: Find out which one has

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Bush: Most liberal president of our time

George W. Bush, current president of the United States, is one of the most extreme liberals we have seen in a very long time in this country.

Now hang on a second, put down that phone. Don't call anyone to take me away just yet. Hear me out.

The terms 'liberal' and 'conservative,' as used by the talking heads on our televisions, seem to indicate social viewpoints. Liberals are supposed to be tree-hugging hippies that kill babies and destroy traditional families, while conservatives are supposed to be gun-toting hicks that hate gays and shoot their friends after mistaking them for quail.

As far as legal process is concerned, however, 'liberal' and 'conservative' have very distinct meanings: a liberal believes in large amounts of federal, centralized power, while a conservative believes that power should be left to individual communities. You might even say that, inside the United States, a legal conservative believes in moral (and economic and social and cultural) relativism.

So now, when I say that Bush is a liberal, it should make a bit more sense. Through most of his years in office, Bush has made grabs for more power than this country has seen in a very long time.

Oregonians, especially, should be intimately aware of Bush's attempts to squash states' rights under his heel. The Oregon Death With Dignity Act has only recently emerged from an assault by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and his successor, Alberto Gonzalez. The



United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 this January that Oregon's law was valid, and that the attorney general far overstepped his bounds in trying to prevent Oregon doctors from doing their jobs.

Even those who aren't familiar with Oregon's battle with the executive branch should easily be able to recognize this administration's love for federal power. Between the USA PATRIOT Act and the more recent wiretapping scandal, more and more of our rights seem to be pushed aside by grabs for power.

Of course, Gonzalez doesn't see it that way. According to him, Bush is simply one of many presidents to enact this sort of widespread electronic surveillance, and that "President Washington, President Lincoln, President Wilson and President Roosevelt have all authorized electronic surveillance, and on a far broader scale." Really? Washington, huh? I guess I'll have to take your word on that, Alberto.

So in between reading all of my rants and raves about powerful people saying and doing absurdly stupid things, you may have wondered, "So what? If Bush is a legal liberal, then why does that matter?" A very good question.

It matters because conservatives are supposed to be responsible spenders,

and Bush is anything but responsible. By labeling himself a conservative, through the sponsorship of the Republican Party, his professed love for the values of marriage, and one of the most ill-advised tax cuts in recent history, he has managed to snatch up a very large portion of the middle to low income bracket of voters.

Yet the label doesn't fit. Bush is more of a hardcore Statist than anything else; he values governmental control over all else. The only time he talks about the people's rights are when he's taking them away, and the only time he champions a free economy is when he's handing the rich fistfuls of money in the form of tax breaks.

At this point, there's not really much we can do about it anymore. Bush has his second term to enact all the plans he has for the country, and the Republican-controlled Congress is willing to hand more and more power to his administration. It seems ironic, but the only thing keeping Bush in check at this point is the Supreme Court.

When our time comes, voters need to make a stand. We've seen what this president can and will do if he can get away with it. I'm not asking people to vote Democrat; I know that's wishful thinking. I'm just asking people to make sure that if they vote Republican, they at least vote for a real conservative.

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BLIND: Learn how to seduce that special someone who just so happens to live with you

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In the end, even if you're rocking the .000 average, always maintain your pubic region, because that one time you don't - you'll get lucky. We promise.

Dear Eric and Leslie,
 I live with a girl. I'm a boy. I've been trying to get in her pants since day one. I'm making progress, but don't know whether to seal the deal or to avoid an awkward situation. What's your take?

— Hot to Trot

Dear Trot,
 Man up and stop looking at your roommate as your roommate, but rather as a live-in sexual entertainment device ... remote not included.

Blow up dolls from the local porn store were fun when you were a freshman, but now you have an actual

woman equipped with real breasts and a love oven waiting to be pre-heated. It's time to capitalize on the unclaimed real estate.

First, determine what time she wakes up and allot yourself ample time to get pretty. Seriously dude, we've seen you in the morning - you look like a train wreck. Not to mention your poster boy-status for the dreaded morning-breath.

If you're really looking to get in her good graces, put the seat down. Shoot, put a bow on it to really drive your point home. Nothing says romance like little gestures of love such as this one. Women eat that stuff up. And if you play your cards right, perhaps you'll be included as well.

The next step is to simply spend more time together,

something we like to call a "covert roommate date." Go grab some coffee, study together, go for a walk, all under the guise of a being roommates. It's just like a date, but she'll be none the wiser.

If you're feeling adventurous, plant a seed. The best way that we've found is to casually mention an "odd" sex dream staring your roommate. Not only can you gauge their interest, but it might spark some interesting conversation. See above question for tips on flirting.

If you've made it this far, you're doing great. Now it's time for the two-stage moneyshot.

Stage one: schedule a weekly roommate "movie night." Start off with some light comedies, but after a few sessions, start easing into the "romance" genre. Prior to watching the movie, turn the thermostat down

a few degrees and strategically position a blanket somewhere in the vicinity of where you will be watching the film.

The blanket is the key. Follow the logic: the room is chilly, blankets provide warmth, warmth is associated with being comfortable, and being comfortable lends itself to sleep, and sleep usually occurs in a bed, if you can see where we're going with this.

While sharing said blanket, inch your way closer. If you didn't learn what to do next in middle school, give up now. If you can't get some roommate love using our patented blanket method, it's time to switch teams.

Good luck and God speed, soldier.

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LEWIS: Slap fights are just one element in the four-step plan

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an irregular speech pattern. As evident from many Superman comics and cartoons, the Bizarro world version of a person always speaks awkwardly or makes others feel awkward by what they say.

Have you ever stopped conversation with a single comment? Do you talk about awkward body functions in public? Does your smile make babies cry? You might just want to see if you're the Bizarro world

counterpart to anyone else.

Step 2: Who destroys more things? As a person of this world, you obviously have a sensitive nature and respect for other living things. You would never do anything to impress your views onto others. Wait ... that can't be right. I guess whoever causes the most damage wins.

Step 3: Slap fight. Whoever inflicts the most pain without resorting to fingernails or hair pulling wins this match. It's pretty much self explanatory.

Step 4: Who would win at a Haiku showdown? This ancient Japanese form of poetry is an amazing decider if there is a tie between steps one and two. All

you have to do is see who can one-up the other person. The master of the Haiku wars is obviously the 'real' version while the other is the sad, sorry excuse of a Bizarro world imitation.

In closing, I would like to challenge Matt Lewis 2 in order to find out who is the real Matt Lewis. And I will do it in the form of a Haiku:

What are you trying to pull? I am the real Matt Lewis. Bring it, fool.

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MARKET: In second-attempt launch, market is completely student run as ASOSU group

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this new event and many responded favorably to seeing more of the market in the future.

Eric Karbowski, a wood science major who's spearheading the market, is very excited. He custom makes rustic wooden bed frames from locally gathered species. Eric's sample headboard generated much attention and he made two sales just that morning.

Karbowski pointed out that of the appeal of the market is that it caters to makers of customized items as well as offering retail space to inventoried marketers. This varied approach fosters a useful networking environment for artisans and buyers. He estimates that 70 percent of the sales will eventually come from the Corvallis community.

The Tuesday Market is an ASOSU student club that was officially recognized on Jan. 10 of this year.

The market itself is organized into four sectors; crafts/artifacts, food, entertainment and services. Student booths are free with a nominal percentage collection on profits to pay for club expenses like electricity. Community members are also invited to sell their wares and services. Emphasis is placed on generating a sense of community as well as highlighting the area's regional uniqueness and interconnections.

Right now the goal is to provide at least five booths in each area, Karbowski said.

Karbowski said he is looking for "any student who will just show up, eager to learn, and wanting to make a difference — plus needing to make money for themselves. That is the criteria, all backgrounds accepted."

The market is newly reorganized from its first launch last spring. The market ran into some organizational problems and had to work to get recognized as an official ASOSU group. This time around, the market is a completely student run club, overseen and aided by the ASOSU. It is currently looking for officers as well as vendors. The food sector is temporarily in stasis while the details of its administration are being worked out. Positions, such as treasurer, are available Karbowski said. The market is open to students who wish to use it as a resource for class credit or other such internship opportunity.

For more information about the market contact Karbowski at tuesdaymarket@oregonstate.edu.

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POWER: Power infrastructure leased from Pacific Power, bought from company in 1990

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department. The computers that the Spatafora Lab uses have approximately 15 minutes of back-up power. The researchers came back from lunch to find the power source exhausted, said Spatafora.

This outage was caused by the failure of a jumper that connects two lines together, said Vincent Martorello, interim director of Facilities Services.

The infrastructure for the power grid at OSU is owned by Pacific Power and leased by OSU. There are three substations on campus that are currently owned by Pacific Power. They were purchased from OSU in 1990.

These substations are located on 26th Street, 35th Street and underneath Gill Coliseum, Witt said.

"There's a lot of history here, it's a complicated arrangement," said Witt. "The infrastructure is pretty old, and it's been aging over time."

Pacific Power performs preventative maintenance and regular inspections but the infrastructure could use upgrading, said Witt.

For replacement and upgrade of the infrastructure, efforts within OSU and with Pacific Power would need to be coordinated.

At Cordley, there is currently no backup power, but that could be an option in the future.

"There's been some controversy in having backup power come to fruition," said Witt. "Backup supply comes at a cost."

Past brown-outs and complete black-outs have damaged and reduced the life of equipment in Cordley Hall, said Spatafora. "It's just very very frustrating."

Some buildings on campus do have backup power supply but Cordley, the center for biological research on campus, does not.

"There are those that can do their research and there are those whose research has been degraded," Spatafora said.

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will definitely be able to play on Saturday. Regardless of whether or not I'll be able to play for an extended period of time, this game will not be about me nor will it be about our other seniors. It will simply be about beating the Ducks because that's all that really matters within the Corvallis city limits anyway.

I don't think that it has yet to sink in to me that my last game in Gill will be played on Saturday. Reflecting on my past four years, I am greatly appreciative to anyone and everyone who has supported me. All student-athletes want to feel accepted and appreciated by their peers and their fans. As athletes, we hear as many good comments about ourselves as we hear bad comments. We're always scrutinized, and rightfully so. Being constantly critiqued is part of what we do because it's our responsibility to athletically represent our university.

I can certainly attest to being on the receiving end of negative comments regarding my performance, as I'm sure other athletes can agree. However, I have also been on the receiving end of positive criticism, and for that I am grateful.

I can speak for the other three seniors (Nick DeWitz, Jason Fontenet, Chris Stephens) in saying that we will miss Gill Coliseum, we will miss the Beaver Dam and OSU fans, and we will miss being able to represent our university on the basketball court. Thank you for all the support, and please continue to support all OSU student-athletes as we strive to accurately reflect this university within our respective fields of play.

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NASH: Rebounding guard has made an impact on the boards and defensive end

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player," said assistant coach Patrick Harrington. "She can go outside but she can also go down low and bang inside and that's good for our team."

"In high school I was always taught that the more you can do the better you'll be in the future, so I definitely think my versatility is an advantage," Nash added.

And Nash, Wagner and Harrington are looking for Nash to continue her recent improvement and be able to take on a heavier role next year, as she will be one of the few returning players. The Beavers will lose four seniors to graduation this year, and with that, much of the scoring load.

"My vision for her is somebody that will become a leader," Wagner said.

"I hope that this is a foreshadow for next year," Nash said. "I'm going to work really hard in the offseason because I'll be one of the returning players and we need me to step up."

Rebounding and athleticism aside, Nash also brings something to the floor that isn't necessarily found in the box score.

"She's going to wind up being one of the best defensive players to come out of here," Wagner said, noting

Nash's ability to harass players with her long arms. "And she just plays hard all the time."

Off the floor, Nash is a health promotion major who still isn't sure what she wants to do when she leaves Corvallis. She hasn't ruled out the possibility of playing basketball overseas, if the opportunity should arise, and says it's something her and her husband, J.S. Nash, have discussed doing together. J.S., a former OSU men's basketball player, is currently in Russia pursuing dreams of a professional playing career of his own.

"I would love to play in Europe, and J.S. and I have talked about going to the same country, which would be really amazing," Nash said.

But for now, Casey is only focused on one thing—snatching the ball up before anyone else can. While the Pac-10 tournament is a single-elimination format, the Beavers have a chance at gaining a WNIT berth, which would be the first post-season Nash has played in since her high school days.

"We've already had such a great year," she said. "But to go to the post season, that would be really exciting and I'm definitely stoked for that possibility."

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OSU Sports Weekend Schedule

Sport	Loc.	Oppnt.	Date	Time
Softball	Fullerton, CA	Purdue	Mar. 3	11:15 a.m.
Baseball	Corvallis	Nevada	Mar. 3	3 p.m.
Softball	Fullerton, CA	UCSB	Mar. 3	6 p.m.
Women's Hoops	San Jose, CA	Wash. St.	Mar. 3	6 p.m.
Gymnastics	Seattle, Wash.	Wash.	Mar. 3	7 p.m.
XC/Track	Salem, OR	Will. Open	Mar. 4	10:30 a.m.
Baseball	Corvallis	Nevada	Mar. 4	1 p.m.
Softball	Fullerton, CA	Cal St. Full.	Mar. 4	3:45 p.m.
Men's Hoops	Corvallis	Oregon	Mar. 4	5 p.m.
Softball	Fullerton, CA	UC Davis	Mar. 5	11:15 a.m.
Baseball	Corvallis	Nevada	Mar. 5	12 noon
Softball	Fullerton, CA	Loyola Chi.	Mar. 5	1:30 p.m.

GOLF: Men's team has a disappointing finish in Cali

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(76/79) to tie for 59th.

UC Irvine's Selanee' Henderson was the best individual overall, with a 5-under-par 137 (67/70).

OSU's next tournament is in College Station, Texas, where they will play in the "Mo" morial on March 10-12, hosted by Texas A&M.

The Oregon State men's golf team finished in a tie for 13th on Tuesday at the Ashworth Invitational, hosted by USC. The completion of the second round was played on Tuesday morning after play was suspended Monday due to heavy rain and excess water on the course.

The Beavers shot a 919 (307/302/310) for the tournament at the par-71 North Ranch Country Club.

"Tim finished up the second round

well today, shooting 1-over-par. The first two rounds, he really played well." Coach Brian Watts said of Tim Sundseth Tuesday after the tournament. "As a team, we struggled this tournament."

It was a combination of poor ball striking and poor decision making. We have a lot of work to do before our next tournament."

Sundseth had the best finish for OSU, coming in a tie for 27th. Sundseth shot a 222 (74/72/76) for the tournament. Vincent Johnson tied for 59th with a 230 (75/77/78). Tying for 64th was Alex Williams with a three round total of 232 (80/74/78). Jeremiah Oliver finished the tournament with a 236, placing him 71st.

Anthony Kim from Oklahoma was the individual medalist for the tournament after scoring a 4-under-par 204.

The Beavers next tournament is in Auburn, Wash., where they will participate in the Washington Winter Championships on March 6-7.

BASEBALL: Nevada's record doesn't show how dangerous the team may actually be

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two home runs and six runs batted in and Bowman has a .350 average while typically slugging in the cleanup spot.

"Early stats are very misleading," said OSU head coach Pat Casey. "We played them down there (Surprise, Arizona) and saw them beat Arizona State, so we know what they're capable of doing."

"It's hard to tell this early in the season what a team is capable of," added Buck. "We are going to attack them just as we would any other team."

The rotation for the Wolfpack has been the catalyst that has held them in some games. Ryan Rodriguez (Friday's tentative starter) is 2-2 with a 2.45 earned run average and Tim Schoeinger (Saturday's starter) is 1-1 with a 2.88 era. Sophomore Steve Taylor will make his second start of the season on Sunday.

"We go after each team and we're not light on anyone," said Gillespie, who leads the Pac-10 with a .472 batting average and second with a .579 on-base percentage. "We go after every pitcher like he's the Friday ace for a top team in the country, so we're not concerned about stats right now."

The tentative rotation for the Beavers begins with pre-season All-American Dallas Buck on Friday, an unknown starter on Saturday, and another pre-season All-American in Jonah Nickerson pitching the rubber match on Sunday.

"You want to win them all," Casey said of this weekend's series. "We chose to play a pretty good schedule, four of our games were against teams in the top 15. I think we let a couple of games get away from us that we should have won. Baseball is a long season and we have to understand that there are people out there that want to beat us all the time, which means that we have to be the hunters instead of the huntees."

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— Red Sox OF Manny Ramirez after arriving at spring training Wednesday

One game before it's Goodbye to Gill Coliseum

With two day, remaining until senior day and my last Civil War, I can easily say that this is the most injury-plagued basketball season of which I've been a part of.

It all started in summer workouts when Wesley Washington had a minor surgical operation. That was followed by Josh Tarver breaking his foot in pre-season practices. Shortly thereafter, Michael Johnson broke his foot, and then Calvin Hampton had shoulder surgery. Now, Nick DeWitz is out for the season and my

status is still very questionable, if not doubtful.

My coach and my trainer have been very careful in determining what I physically should and should not do. Since my injury, I have yet to go through a practice with my team, and I have been advised by some people to not play in Saturday's game. I understand that I am not physically in a position to help my team as soon as Saturday.

Right now I can jog, but I can't run. I can slide side-to-side, but I cannot move laterally with enough force to

you get the picture. After Saturday, I will never again have the opportunity to do certain things I've been fortunate to do for the last four years. Therefore, Wednesday my coach and I made an agreement heading into Saturday's game. I told him that I want to suit up on Saturday and go through all my team's pre-game warm-ups and get a chance to get back on the court at least one more time. He said he would definitely start me, but here's how my minutes will be determined:

Lamar Hurd



If before the game I'm moving well enough to play at a high level, then he'll play me for an extended period of time.

This means that I have to be moving and feeling absolutely great. But his main concern is that I don't re-injure myself. Therefore, if I am not able to move well enough to play for an extended period of time, he'll play me for only one minute... literally, one minute. And that one minute could be a bit generous. So it could be for an extremely short time, but I

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Golf teams have different outcomes

Women finish in fifth place, but men are not as fortunate

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's golf team got the spring season underway, finishing fifth on Tuesday at the Kitahara Fresno State Invitational.

The Beavers shot a 303 for the first round of play on Monday and a 297 on Tuesday's final round to finish with 600. UC Irvine won the tournament with a two-round total of 571 (285/286).



Ferrante

"We played a lot better today," Rise Lakowske said after the conclusion of the tournament. "It was a good day today. I'm really proud of them. They did a good job at staying in the moment. We're off to a great start for the spring season."



Gebhardt

Jessi Gebhardt, who was playing with limited mobility after tweaking her back Monday night, shot a 4-over-par 148 (76/72) to finish tied for 12th.

Jillian Ferrante also tied for 12th with an identical 148 (76/72). Leah Whiting shot a 75 both rounds to tie for 27th with a 150. Julianna Uhrk finished the tournament with a 155

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Alex Williams holds his follow through and watches the flight of his ball at Trysting Tree Golf Club.



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Junior forward Casey Nash shows her tenacity as senior Karen Vickery looks on in OSU's home win over the rival Oregon Ducks. Nash had 11 rebounds in the game, eight of which were on the offensive end.

Nash-ing teeth and snaring boards

Despite playing guard, Casey Nash has become her team's most formidable rebounding presence

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Casey Nash is waiting, anticipating and reading. A shot has just gone up, and players are scrambling to gain rebounding position, all eyes on the ball. But before anyone else has a chance, here comes Nash from the wing, exploding off the floor and ripping the ball out of the air.

This has become a familiar sight to Beaver fans lately. Nash, a junior guard, has become an increased threat on the glass for OSU, pulling down a little over 10 rebounds per game in the Beavers' last five contests.

"When I first got here they told me I had to rebound the ball if I wanted minutes and I thought, 'hey, I can do that and it can be a big part of my role,'" Nash said.

She took the advice to heart. In her freshman year, Nash pulled down four rebounds per game in just 17 minutes a night. Her sophomore year, in 21 minutes a game, she grabbed five rebounds. Now, in her third year, Nash is averaging just over seven boards a game in 28 minutes of play.

"One of the things we talked about from day one in our program was that we have to rebound the ball,"

said head coach LaVonda Wagner. "Casey does a very good job of getting in there and getting her hands on the basketball. She's got a good nose for it and is a really good offensive rebounder."

Nash's rebounding skills should come in handy this weekend when the women take on Washington State in the first round of the Pac-10 tournament in San Jose. The last time the Beavers met up with the Cougars Nash had a double-double, grabbing 14 rebounds and scoring 13 points. The Beavers won that game 59-50 in Pullman.

"I'm counting on her to be able to get double-digit rebounds in the Pac-10 tournament," Wagner said.

Even as a point guard at Stayton High School in Stayton, Ore. Nash recognized the importance of rebounding. She graduated with 783 rebounds, which was a school record.

"My dad and brothers coached me forever when I was young and they put me at the point early on because they knew I was going to be tall," Nash said.

At 6-foot-1, Nash also poses a match up problem for other teams. Her athleticism allows her to step out and defend players at the three point line, but she also takes advantage of her size to post up a smaller defender.

"Casey has some great instincts and she's a versatile

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Baseball has first home stand

After playing road tournaments, baseball is home for season start

By Steven Masters
THE DAILY BAROMETER

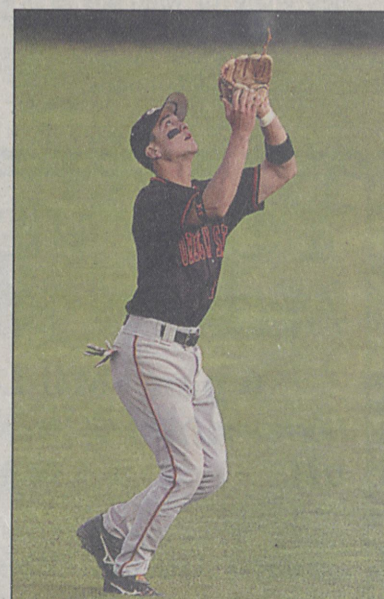
It spent the past month in Arizona and parts of California, and now the Oregon State Men's Baseball team is finally coming home. The Beavers finished their last road trip in California by losing at California-Davis before winning their last two games over Sacramento State and St. Mary's. The Beavers (6-4) need to bring back some sunshine to ensure the games are played as they host the University of Nevada Wolfpack this weekend in a three game series that begins Friday and concludes on Sunday.

The Beavers, who were last seen at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field defeating USC to move on to the College World Series, look to relive the magic this season in front of the newly aligned Goss Stadium at Coleman Field. Stadium capacity has increased from 2,000 to 2,300, with 800 of those tickets allotted to students. However, students have to pick up tickets for a weekend series the day before the first game of the series. Any remaining seats that aren't claimed by students will be sold for reserved seats.

"It should be pretty exciting for everybody," Cole Gillespie said of the first home series. "We have a lot of new guys on the team and a lot of returning players. Our first game at home every season is always very exciting."

The Wolfpack (4-8) has lost three of its past four games and is only hitting .214 as a team. Picking up some of the slack from last year's fourth place finish in the Western Athletic Conference has been right fielder Shawn Scobee and designated hitter Matt Bowman. Scobee leads the team with

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Shortstop Darwin Barney readies for a pop fly in the Beavers' Super Regional win over USC.