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Out of funds, Escape Hunger bows out for the term

The popular Club Escape free-lunch program will return in the spring with a new director

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With no more funds available, ASOSU's Escape Hunger program has officially ended for winter term. The successful program, which provides free lunch to students three days a week, will return next term under new management.

Adam Renon the new Director of Social Resources for ASOSU, will head the program. Renon is excited about the opportunity to provide resources to students and is currently working to secure funding for the program.

To date, the program has been funded by private donations and an allocation from the vice provost's

"I am beginning to approach local businesses and even the OSU Foundation to try and raise money," Renon said. "Currently, it is not the greatest situation in terms of funding, but we're working

ASOSU's executive director of committees, Michael Olson, who managed the program this year, said ASOSU is working to make Escape Hunger a sustainable program that will be around for years to come.

"More than ever we are seeing a lot of support and that is a success in itself," Olson said. "We are constantly attempting to structure the program into something sustainable.'

Escape Hunger is completely staffed by volun-

teers and feeds about 200 students every day.

"We want to see these numbers improve," said Olson. "I hope the program will feed 400 on a daily

Olson and Renon also hope to see the program expand to five days a week in the spring.

"Currently I am focusing on a solution to the funding problems, but I want to recruit more volunteers and work on informing students that this service exists," Renon said.

Olson hopes to add depth to the program by incorporating an informational campaign.

'We are hoping to incorporate resources about food stamps and emergency housing into the program," Olson said. "The need is here and the program will continue."

Facilities staff looks to solve power problems

Facilities Services will meet with Cordley researchers this month

By Lauren Dillard

After two power outages this year at Cordley Hall, Oregon State's Facilities Services is looking into improving the infrastructure on campus.

Bill Morris, associate director of site operations for Facilities Services, said several options have been examined. The options include adding backup power services and updating the infrastructure.

There is currently a request submitted to Pacific Power to the provide power to Cordley Hall through a different substation. A problem at a substation has been pinpointed by the company as the source of the

Facilities Services will meet with the researchers in Cordley on March 15 to discuss the issue.

'We have to have a commitment from the administration of this university," said Associate Professor Joey Spatafora, a Cordley researcher. "This is the center for biological research on campus and we can't even keep the lights on.'

OSU is considering purchasing the power infrastructure back from Pacific Power, which was sold to the company for \$1 in 1990. The sale was made under the agreement that Pacific Power would provide ongoing upgrades to the infrastructure.

The new parking structure, Gill Coliseum, Reser Stadium and the Hazardous Waste Facility all have backup power supply, said Facilities Services employee Mac McGuire, who works on issues related to backup power.

Most of the generators are outside getting rained on, McGuire said. The generators for the radiation center and the physical heat plant are indoors.

We can't put in a big enough generator to power an entire building,"

The power can only be channelled to a central core of Cordley Hall. According to Morris, the researchers are reluctant to move their labs and offices to different locations. The researchers may end up having an ffice on a different floor than thei

After the March 15 meeting of Cordley Hall and Facilities Services, Morris plans on sitting down with Vincent Martorello, interim director of Facilities Services, and Mark McCambridge, OSU vice president for finance and administration to discuss plans for the future.

Somebody needs to step up to the plate," said Morse.

Lauren Dillard, staff writer

Mulder 142 offers more than just art John Mulder's art aims to invoke emotion and stimulate thought By Ryan Blake THE DAILY BAROMETER

A space-age robot riding a bicycle through the peaceful countryside. A boy running through his front yard in a suburban neighborhood with a revolver in his left hand. Such are the works of art found in the Brownsville, Ore., Neotomic studio of John Mulder — aka Mulder142.

On his Web site, www.mulder142. com, Mulder says his paintings as intended to stimulate thought and evoke emotion. Working mainly with acrylics, he depicts the robots and toys of yesteryear through his

The 40-year-old Mulder said he picked up the love of robot painting at an art show in Virginia. He was sick of his usual palette and wanted to experiment with new ideas. His freshly formed works of art sold out at that show in Virginia, which he did not expect.

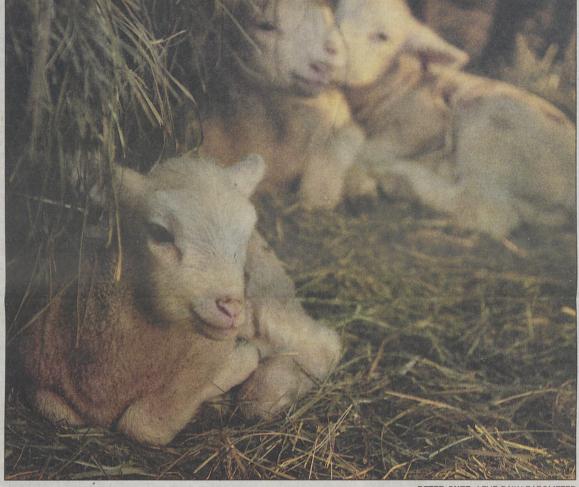
"I discovered that the most important thing in art is to paint and draw what you like," Mulder said. "It's all about true passion. It just makes your work better."

Mulder's studio showcases some of his most recent pieces, allowing visitors to get a taste of what he does, as well as see him in action.

He is a self-taught painter from a family of artists. Because he has been surrounded by art since childhood, he has had a jump start into the world of art.

In my childhood, humanity's future seemed so bright; the only boundaries were the ever expanding limits of our imaginations," Mulder explained. "With my art, I hope to recapture the spirit and hope and

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About 500 lambs will be born at the OSU Sheep Center, located west of campus, during lambing season this year. Visitors are allowed at the facility to view the newborns through March 25th. The center has welcomed visitors from campus and beyond for decades.

Term goes out with the lambs

Annual event at OSU's sheep center attracts visitors and provides a unique experience

By Holly Strassner THE DAILY BAROMETER

Amid falling rain and golden lighting, a family circus was playing out Wednesday morning at the Oregon State University sheep center.

It's lambing season now at the sheep center, and visitors are braving late winter rains and frigid winds to observe an everyday miracle of nature

Charlotte Vickroy, 2, bounded vivaciously up and down the hay-littered aisles, pointing earnestly at the ewes inside their holding pens.

A grin spread across her face as one ewe stuck her head out between the bars to nibble at a hay bale. Nearby, a newborn lamb gave a bleat as it walked around its enclosure. The curious newborn eyed Charlotte, who in turn laughed in delight.

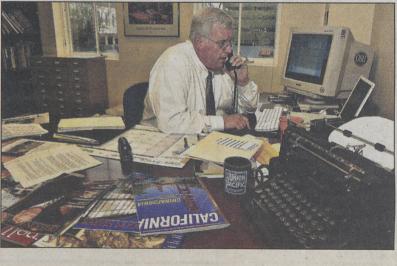
The Vickroys, who live in Salem, were visiting the center for the first time. For Bill Vickroy, Charlotte's father, the visit was more than a family road trip it was a trip back in time conjuring memories from his own childhood.

"I grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington and we raised cattle," Vickroy said as he kept a close eye on his daughter as she scurried about. "My wife and I try to introduce Charlotte to as much natural environment as possible.'

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Kevin Miller, the newly-appointed editor of OSU's alumni magazine, returned to Corvallis after 24 years at the Eugene Register-Guard. The magazine, is sent to about 22,000 alumni around the world.

PETER STRONG THE DAILY BAROMETER



IMPRINTS

A life in print, from OSU and back

Kevin Miller, a former OSU student, returns to campus as editor of alumni magazine

By Ashley Slocki THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the original typewriter from his days as editor of The Daily Barometer in 1978 on his desk, Kevin Miller answers another call from one of his teenaged daughters.

On Feb. 1, Miller took over as editor of the Oregon State alumni magazine.

"We are thrilled to have Kevin editing the Oregon Stater," said Ben Danley, director of marketing for the OSU Alumni Association.

Coming to OSU from an airforce family and moving between 12 different schools during his primary education, Miller came upon journalism by chance.

"I thought I wanted to be a doctor or maybe a lawyer," Miller said. "I think if they had a candle stick major I would have tried it."

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Gunmen storm Iraqi security company offices, abduct 50

March 9, 2006

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen wearing commando uniforms of the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry on Wednesday stormed an Iraqi security company that relied heavily on Sunni ex-military men from the Saddam regime, spiriting away 50 hostages. The ministry denied involvement and called the operation a "terrorist act."

Police and the U.S. military, meanwhile, reported finding the bodies of 24 men garroted or shot in the head, most of them in an abandoned bus in a tough Baghdad Sunni neighborhood.

They also reported the deaths of at least 13 others across Iraq, including a U.S. soldier and a Marine.

The Sunni minority, which was dominant in the country under Saddam Hussein, has complained bitterly that it is under attack from death squads associated with the Interior Ministry, in charge of Iraq's police. And, over the past two weeks — since the bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra — violence has become increasingly sectarian. Nearly 600 people have been killed since Feb. 22

Many of the dead in that period were Sunnis, killed at close range after apparently being captured by overwhelming numbers of attackers. The nature of the killings suggested that a well-armed and organized force carried out the attacks.

State of emegency declared as Soldiers clash with oil workers

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Soldiers fired tear gas to disperse rock-throwing oil workers Wednesday, hours after President Alfredo Palacio declared a state of emergency in three jungle provinces to quell a strike and regain control of oil installations.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries and local media reported that Ecuador's military had largely retaken control of state-run Petroecuador's five largest oil fields.

Company technicians, accompanied by soldiers, started to inspect some of the 414 oil wells and facilities to assess possible damage, Petroecuador said Wednesday in a statement.

As of Wednesday, Petroecuador reported lost production of 197,545 barrels, costing the company \$9.8 mil-

Palacio's decree late Tuesday suspended constitutional rights in Orellana, Sucumbios and Napo provinces after a strike by about 4,000 workers from companies contracted by staterun Petroecuador.

Police Gen. Jose Vinueza told Chanover to military authorities, accused of of entry should be American." 'attacking oil production."

camps to press their demands as part of a 48-hour strike.

But another leader of the oil workers, David Medranda, told The Associated Press the strike would continue "indefinitely" because of the government's refusal to negotiate.

Venezuelan Congress OKs new flag backed by Chavez

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez has pulled Venezuela steadily to the left, and now he's even got the horse on the national flag running that way.

Venezuela's solidly pro-Chavez National Assembly gave final approval Tuesday to changes in the flag proposed by the socialist president: an eighth star and a turnabout of the horse that until now has galloped to

The move clears the way for Chavez to unfurl the new national banner on Flag Day on Sunday.

The changed direction for the horse in the coat of arms, which appears in the official flag's upper left corner, is a not-so-subtle metaphor for Chavez's politics.

The president has acknowledged the political symbolism only vaguely but has said the horse looked odd running. to the right while craning its neck back the opposite direction.

He says historical drawings show the national image was intended to have a horse that "trotted freely to the left."

The congress initially approved the new flag design in January, and the latest vote confirmed the move. Venezuela's vellow, blue and red flag has had seven stars since 1863, representing the original seven provinces that rose up against Spain.

Chavez suggested the eighth star to represent the early 19th-century eastern province of Guayana, which was initially loyal to Spain but then joined an independent Venezuela.



WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has spent more than three weeks trying to calm bipartisan outrage in the House and Senate over a Dubai-owned company's efforts to operate some U.S.

But opposition to DP World's plan has not just persisted — it has grown.

Defying President Bush, the GOPrun House Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to block the United Arab Emirates-based firm from holding leases or contracts at American

"One of the most vulnerable situnel 4 television that Remigio Sornoza, ations facing America is our ports president of the oil workers federa- of entry," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla. tion, had been arrested and handed "Whoever's responsible for those ports

The panel acted without awaiting The subcontracted oil workers the outcome of a 45-day review of the walked off the job Monday, and on DP World takeover's potential security Tuesday several hundred seized the oil risks, which the administration had

agreed to undertake in hopes of extinguishing a political furor.

Across the Capitol, Democrats maneuvered for a vote in the GOP-led

"We believe an overwhelming majority will vote to end the deal," said Democrat Charles Schumer of New York, whose attempt to force the issue to the floor brought the Senate to a late-afternoon standstill.

Congressional supporters of the deal "are few and far between," conceded Sen. John Warner, R-Va., an administration supporter.

Google agrees to pay up to \$90 million for 'click fraud'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. has agreed to pay up to \$90 million to settle a lawsuit alleging the online search engine leader overcharged thousands of advertisers who paid for bogus sales referrals generated through a ruse known as "click fraud."

The proposed settlement, announced by the company Wednesday, would apply to all advertisers in Google's network during the past four years. Any Web site showing improper charges dating back to 2002 will be eligible for an account credit that could be used toward future ads distributed by Google.

The total value of the credits available to advertisers will be lower than \$90 million because part of that amount will be used to cover the fees of lawyers who filed the case last year in Arkansas state court. The proposed settlement still requires final court approval.

The lawsuit, filed by Lane's Gifts and Collectibles on behalf of all Google advertisers, revolves around one of the most sensitive subjects facing Google and Yahoo Inc., which runs the Internet's second largest marketing network.

Yahoo, which is also named in the suit, said Wednesday that it intends to fight the lawsuit's allegations.

Mountain View, Calif.-based Google makes virtually all of its money from text-based advertising links that trigger commissions each time they are clicked on. Besides enriching Google, the system has been a boon for advertisers, whose sales have been boosted by an increased traffic from prospective buyers.

But sometimes mischief makers and scam artists repeatedly click on specific advertising links even though they have no intentions of buying anything. The motives for the malicious activity known as click fraud vary widely, but the net effect is the same: advertisers end up paying for fruitless Web traffic.

DEQ issues two fines against chemical disposal company

PORTLAND (AP) — The state fined the company working on chemical monitoring emissions.

The Department of Environmental Quality said Wednesday the fines covered two violations:

utes in September without an auto-

hours in August without proper monitoring because a technician failed to reconnect a line. The unit processes waste from the incinerators' air pollution scrubbers, said Dan Duso, senior hazardous waste compliance officer for the DEQ.

In both cases, the company was able to submit documents from backup equipment that showed there was no chemical agent in the emissions, Duso

The DEO said in a statement that the company reported the violations in September. Under state rules, it has

The company and the U.S. Army use incinerators to dispose of chemical weapons from the nearby Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in

a total of \$84,000 in fines have been paid in Umatilla cases dating to 1999. In several cases, fines levied by the agency were later reduced.

Three districts step up to sue over Oregon school funding

PORTLAND (AP) — Three Oregon school districts have signed on as plaintiffs in an impending lawsuit over the adequacy of state school funding, and nearly 20 more are weighing the possibility, lawsuit supporters said Wednesday.

So far, Pendleton, Eugene and Crow-Applegate-Lorane are the only districts to join the lawsuit, which is expected to be filed in the next few weeks.

But the large number of districts considering joining — about 10 percent of the 198 school districts statewide — suggests that the lawsuit has generated plenty of interest in a state where battles over school spending are a perennial feature of legislative sessions.

Similar lawsuits seeking to force legway, and nine are still pending.

early 2000s, school funding was pared so much that some districts closed their doors early, saying they couldn't afford to finish the school year.

Things have since stabilized, but education advocates still contend that the \$5.24 billion set aside for schools in the current two-year budget is below pre-recession levels.

The suit's backers have approached weapons disposal in Eastern Oregon a mix of rural, suburban and urban disa total of \$8,800 for violating rules for tricts, from both sides of the Cascades, said Kathryn Firestone, who heads the Oregon School Funding Defense Foundation, a nonprofit group created to focus on the lawsuit.

Running incinerators for 16 min-

matic air monitoring system. Operating a waste unit for 14

until March 23 to appeal the penalties.

Figures from the DEQ show that

islators to allocate more money for schools have been filed in 37 states. In 21 cases, the plaintiffs have come out on top. Seven have gone the state's

Almost half of income tax-dependent Oregon's budget each year goes to schools, leaving school funding exposed to the ups and downs of the economy. During the recession of the

Meetings

Thursday, Mar. 9

OSU Women's Rugby, 6-7:30pm, Reser Stadium. Come play with us! No experi-

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College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Ethnic Studies Dept., 5:30pm, Strand Ag., 2nd floor, Ethnic Studies Dept. Open forum for all students/staff to talk about

starting an Ethnic Studies Club. Pizza and

Speakers

Women's Center, 8pm, MU Ballroom. Kate Bornstein shares her thoughts on the construction of gender.

Events

Catholic Campus Ministry, 8:30pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Praise & Worship — Celebrate Gods' love for us through song Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, New-

man Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe.

Evening Mass - A great thirsty Thursday Women's Center, various times and loca-

tions. Conference on Gender & Culture: The Culture of Gender Day.

Friday, Mar. 10

Meetings

OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, Peavy Field. Come play! No experience necessary!

Women's Center, 6-10pm, Women's Center. Conference on Gender & Culture: Feminist Film Festival.

Sunday, Mar. 12 **Events**

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st – corner of Kings & Harrison. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

Monday, Mar. 13 Meetings

Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Weekly meeting of OSU's LGBTQQI and ally social group. Pagan Student Association, 5-7pm,

MU 212. PSA Group Meetings. Walk-ins

ASOSU Graduate Affairs Task Force, 5-6pm, 149 MU East. All welcome **ASOSU Multicultural Affairs Task**

Force, 4-5pm, Native American Longhouse. Everyone welcome! Pre-Medical Society, 5-6pm, Stag 203.

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Tuesday, Mar. 14 Meetings

OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, 14th & Jefferson. Come play with us! No experience ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 4:30-

5:30pm, 149 MU East. Everyone welcome! **ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task**

Operations Center. Everyone welcome! **ASOSU Federal and State Affairs Task** Force, 7-8pm, 149 MU East. Everyone

ASOSU Community and Women's Affairs Task Force, 5-6pm, 149 MU East. **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

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 "Punk Pretty: The Riot Grrl Docu-

Ethnic Studies, 4-5:30pm, Willamette Studies Colloquium Series, "Race and Ethnicity in the Americas," Professor Dwaine Plaza will present a lecture, "Transnationa Remittances among Caribbean Immigrants





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LAMBS: Visitors have come to the center for decades

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The exposure seems to be working. Charlotte pointed at each lamb, laughing and smiling as the animals looked her way. Her mother, Anita Vickroy, was videotaping the interaction, stopping once and awhile to pick up and spin her daughter around in her arms.

Charlotte and her parents are one of many families that visit the OSU Sheep Center during lambing season. Located on the Wilson Farm four miles west of campus, the sheep center allows visitor traffic from March 5 to March

"We get a lot of preschool and elementary school children, senior citizens, and then families coming to visit the center also," said Helen Chesbrough, an employee with the Department of Animal Sciences. "The barn is set up especially for public viewing during this time.'

Chesbrough explained that the cenand utilization of genetic variation to increase the efficiency of commercial

Charlotte

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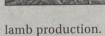
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first time. They

the OSU sheep

Vickroy and her family, who live in Salem, were



The sheep center's 600 acres provide a home to 475 ewes and houses a field laboratory.

According to Tom Nichols, manager of the sheep center, the lambing season has attracted visitors every year for a long time.

'This is my eighth year at the sheep ter's primary focus is the exploration center, and there have been visitors probably 20 years before that," he

Visitors are free to explore the center and observe the mothers and babies interacting. For safety and health reasons, touching of the animals is not permitted. However, the chance to see a newborn lamb nuzzling its mother makes the visit worthwhile.

'We are going to have around 450-500 lambs born this time around," Nichols said.

It isn't uncommon to see a live birth during a visit to the sheep center.

During the Vickroys' visit, one female went into the early stages of

A newborn lamb

climbs on top of its mother in

their enclosure at the OSU

sheep center on

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Wednesday.

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"Pretty much all sheep at the university are research animals," Nichols said. "We have basic animal care, and we follow protocol (during a birth). The ewes are in the barn and have hay and grain.

As the Vickroys' visit drew to a close and it was time to move on, it seemed hard to tell who had more fun, Charlotte, or the curious lambs.

But after seeing the toddler's eyes a glow, the answer was clear.

Holly Strassner, staff writer



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ART: During several years in the U.S. Army Mulder visited 28 different countries

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 optimism of those days.'

Mulder was born in Southern California. After a later move to Sutter Creek in Northern California, he decided to join the service in 1983 and spent 17 years in the Army. During his time abroad, he traveled to 28 different countries. Because of his years with the Army, he was able to see the world in a new light, as well as receive a full ride to college.

After his explorations were complete, he returned to Brownsville to settle down.

where I wasn't just another address on the street," Mulder said.

He decided to enroll in Oregon State University under the fine arts program. Here he has been able to spend much of his time continuing to develop his "contemporary representational pop art"

style, which mainly entails his fascination with robots.

But robot art is not the only thing you will find in the Neotomic studio. In the section labled "Variety," he strays from the robot theme.

In "Lust, Love's Voracious "I wanted to find a place Appetite," a cougar with its mouth agape, looking hungry, is shown next to the bold lettered "lust," in circus-themed text. Or as in his piece titled "Left Handed Toy," he portrays how violence is often viewed and portrayed as a

casual thing in our society. Still his fascination with robots is his main focus.

"I just liked the 1940s look that came along with the robots," Mulder said.

To see a robot smoking, or fighting another robot, or any ordinary thing is a trait of Mulder's robot pieces.

All of his work portrays a retro flair, whether robotthemed or not.

"When I look at how antiquated this group of robots appear compared to the technology of today, it makes me wonder how truly amazing out future will be," he

Ryan Blake, staff writer

MILLER: After graduation, Miller worked for city paper

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Miller had never given much thought about writing until one of his professors put him on the road to journalism.

"I took to it," Miller said. "I can be shy, but I love to communicate through writing. You either succeed or fail in public.'

Now that he's back at OSU, Miller tries to take time each day to walk around campus, which can often bring back old memories.

"I remember falling asleep in the couches of the MU," Miller said.

These days, things are different.

"It took me a while to figure out what was so different about campus, but I finally realized it was much more quiet because of iPods."

After graduating, Miller worked for the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

graduated on a Sunday afternoon and went to work at the Gazette-Times Monday morning," Miller said.

After working with the paper for a year, Miller moved to Montana to work for another daily, owned by the same company. But he soon returned to Cor-

After bouncing back and forth from Montana to Oregon a few more times, Miller ended up back in Oregon working

"The newspaper industry will miss him," said Dave Baker, managing editor of The Register-Guard. "Kevin Miller was a huge loss for us."

Miller decided to look for a new career last summer.

"It just became obvious to me that I wanted to do something else before retiring, and even though I loved my job didn't want to do it for 12 more years," Miller said.

all OSU's journalism graduates informing them about the job opening.

'I immediately deleted the e-mail," Miller said.

Miller went home and talked to his wife about the e-mail. She encouraged him to look into it.

'It is exciting that he get this opportunity to put his skills to work," said Katie Willson, Miller's stepdaughter. "Instead of managing other's editing.'

Willson — a former section editor at the Barometer who is currently a reporter for the McMinnville News-Register said her stepfather was the deciding factor in her decision to go into journalism.

Currently Miller is working with the former editor of the Oregon Stater, George Edmonston Jr., for the April issue of the magazine.

"I've been very impressed with how easy he is to work with," said Edmonston.

for Eugene's Register-Guard — which he He added that he was also impressed with "the quickness with which he has transitioned from newspaper to magazine.

> "It's been fun to watch two journalists as talented as Kevin and George working together," said Danely. "We are excited about the future of the magazine.'

> Miller is also excited about the future of the magazine and the changes he will bring — such as integrating what is going on campus into the publication.

"I think it is something they will be Miller said an e-mail was sent out to interested in," Miller said. "I want to try and present issues that alumni are talking about — whether it's positive or negative they should be able to read about it.'

> Miller also said he is excited about his opportunity because "nothing is broken so nothing needs to be fixed"

> "If I didn't think I could do well with the resources, I wouldn't have taken the job," he said.

> Miller has full support on his career

"He is brilliant," Willson said, adding that she still gets Miller to edit some of her work whether it's a job application or a resume

"I'm looking forward to the years ahead and watching the Stater grow under his watchful eye," Edmonston said.

> Ashley Slocki, staff writer campus@dailybarometer.com, 737-2232

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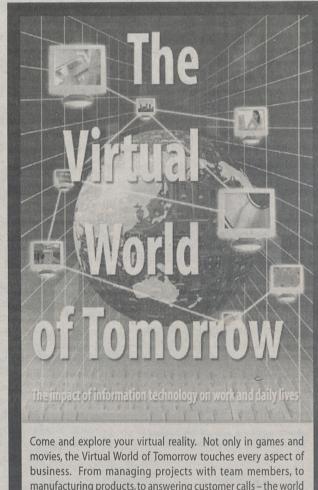
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Guest Editorial

'Ma Bell' is back

USCALOOSA, Ala. (U-WIRE) - As a general rule, corporate mergers are not something we really care about. So HP and Compaq merged. Big deal. Chevron and Texaco? Gas is still too expensive. A merger between AT&T and Bell-South, however, caught our attention as it signals a return to a centralized telecommunications industry at a time when we need more, not less, marketplace competition.

In 1984, federal regulators broke up AT&T's old Ma Bell phone company into seven Baby Bells. These companies then evolved into the ones we know today with names like SBC, Verizon, Qwest, BellSouth and a smaller AT&T. When cell phones came into the picture, it set off a wave of mergers and acquisitions, culminating with the merger between SBC (the old Southwest Bell) and AT&T last year.

And then came Sunday's announcement.

AT&T and BellSouth, if the merger goes through, would have 70 million hardline subscribers, 54.1 million wireless customers and almost 10 million broadband Internet users. The combined company would own Cingular, a 60/40 joint venture between AT&T and BellSouth, and employ more than 316,000 people even after a likely 10,000 layoffs.

So what does this mean for the average consumer? Aside from the launch of new advertising campaigns to tell us all about the merger, this means a new era of reducing competition because this merger will set off others. To compete with a monolithically reborn AT&T, smaller telecoms will need to combine forces. It's a vicious cycle that ends in fewer choices for consumers and inevitably higher prices.

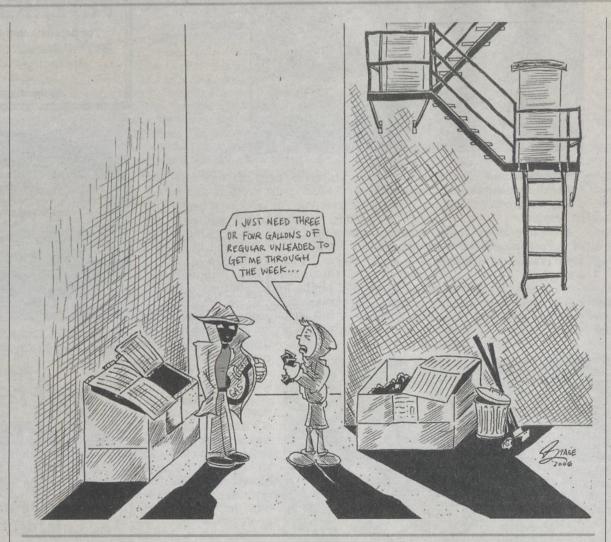
This merger could also bring some benefits, too. With more money and other resources comes better research and development. While the drive for innovation may be squelched by reduced competition, at least this new company will have the resources to better develop new technology.

Of course, federal regulators and the Bush administration could stop this merger right in its tracks.

But they won't. This is the Bush administration, after all, which is one driven by two former oilmen whose pockets are lined with big corporate dollars. There's a reason AT&T and BellSouth are coming together now: The political climate for big business is never going to be as good as it is right now.

Like we said, corporate mergers are not something we usually care about. Companies come and companies go. But when a company that was split apart more than 20 years ago starts to come back together, we take notice.

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Easy steps to throwing a great party

column. Neither Leslie Davis nor Eric Feigner have any degree or professional experience in counseling or dealing with sexual ailments or difficulties. Common sense reigns supreme in this column; glean from it what you will. Questions can be sent to leslieanderic@hotmail.com or dropped off at the forum desk in the Barometer newsroom, 106 MU East. All questions submitted to Leslie and Eric are subject to being answered in their column.

ho loves the rain? We love the rain. Where else can you attend a make-shift wet T-shirt contest on a government owned property?

Dear Eric and Leslie, I have been trying to plan a killer party to celebrate the end of winter term, but I am a little worried because all of my parties end up lame and people leave by 10 p.m. What am I doing wrong?

— Socially Awkward

The Blind Leading the Blind

Eric Feigner

Leslie Davis

Dear Awkward,

First off, you didn't invite the two reigning party starters. Eric and Leslie just happen to be the best thing to hit a party since midgets, Jell-O, white powders and wet T-shirt contests. However, since we are in such

high demand, we have come up with a list of sec ond bests. So put on your party helmet and get

The first step is to get a healthy mixture of both forms of genitalia in attendance. The lack of women is a common misstep among rookie hosts. Sure, that Sausage Festival you attended last summer was both delicious and satisfying, but leave that to the Germans. Too many pork swords and not enough uteri is just asking for guests to abort. And not in the fun way that Roe v. Wade taught us.

Now for the obvious: intoxicants, lots and lots of intoxicants. We know that not everyone needs alcohol or drugs to have fun, but we're talking about real parties, not a youth-group weekend retreat.

Some common supplies: beer, vodka, rum, tequila, whisky, Everclear, marijuana, hash, cocaine,

Editor's Note: This is both a humor and advice mushrooms, LSD, peyote, mescaline, meth, asbestos, crack, Ecstacy, PCP, heroin, steroids, spray paint, amyl nitrite, opium, nitrous oxide and some snack food. We recommend Healthy-Choice White-Chedder Popcorn - you gotta take care of your body.

Combine all of the above (hopefully in one sitting) with a killer theme and you're on the road to

Themes are the best way to lock people in to sticking around. Where else are people going to go at 11 o'clock at night wearing a toga or assless chaps? Excluding La Conga, they are pretty much stuck. When we throw a party, to spice things up we enjoy telling different themes to different people

that way everyone feels stupid. Except for us; we are awesome.

To clench the deal, a solid music catalogue must be prepared. Sure, the latest and greatest hip-hop cuts are always a favorite, but to really get things going, you need songs that everyone knows and can drunkenly sing along to. Old favorites include Journey and old school Michael Jackson. If you can't weasel your way into some girl's pants through

> Steve Perry or some young boy's pants through Michael Jackson, you are beyond our

> Be on guard for the party crashers who will attempt to break up your intricatelyplanned shindig resulting in everything going tits up.

Watch out for the assholes who cleverly remove all the toilet paper from your house and anything that could possibly be used for whipping purposes. Peeing on a couch or in a shampoo bottle may seem like a good idea to these winners, but it's a pain to clean up the next day. We don't care what Martha Stewart says, the smell of urine on a couch is never kosher, but it surprisingly provides a nice healthy gloss to damaged split ends.

If all of these fail-safe components still leave you alone in a toga on Friday night, there is only one explanation: You suck at life.

Until next time faithful readers ... peace out.

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Appeal to greed

great deal of fuss has been made in recent years over Lthe issue of piracy. Apparently, we do it a lot, and some people aren't very happy about that. Most of us have seen those pre-movie advertisements, where John Doe the unnamed cameraman/stunt double implores us all to not download movies, because doing so obviously, directly harms the little guys (who are paid on a salary before production ends), not the rich directors and actors (who are paid based on movie profits). I think Jon Stewart said it best during the Academy Awards when he jokingly appealed to the actresses in the audience, noting that "they can barely afford enough dress to cover their breasts."

Of course, protesting the relative wealth of our victims hardly makes us noble, file-sharing versions of Robin Hood. Generally, piracy is done for very personal, and often greedy reasons, and it's a difficult practice to excuse. With the advent of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, it's quite clear what Congress

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thinks of Internet piracy. I understand why they enacted this sort of legislation, but I fear that it encourages entirely the wrong type of thinking in the entertainment

industry. There are three rules one can be absolutely sure of when dealing with mass audiences: They are generally lazy, they are generally greedy, and

they are generally impatient. There are, of course, individual exceptions to these rules, but they are far fewer than most would like to

Given these rules, it should be obvious why piracy exists. Consider these two options. Either one can get off one's rear, gather their friends, drive to a theatre and purchase tickets to a movie, or one can simply download the same movie, for free, with a click of the mouse. Legal or not, it should be very clear which option many people will choose.

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act, unfortunately, has guided the media industry's main response to this basic nature. Rather than creatively trying to find new ways to market material that will make legitimate purchase more appealing, most entertainment groups

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Letters to the Editor

Reser Stadium Art is an eyesore

Congratulations!

I wanted to be the first to personally congratulate the Athletics department on its erection of the most hideous eyesore on campus. That's right, I think it's fair to give the award for ugliest excuse for art work to the Athletics department for its "sculpture" in front of Reser Stadium.

For years this award was held by the weird rusting thing on 30th, but this year brought two contenders into the field: The coil in front of Kelley Engineering, and the giant football. Both were equal contenders, the coil because no one could figure out what it was, and the football for its ability to make us ask, why did they put that there?

Finally (Tuesday night), a decision was reached! The addition of LEDs that can be seen for miles, and the consequential destruction of the historical feel of the university pushed the Reser football to win. So keep up the good work guys in Athletics, maybe we'll win next year because the other teams will feel sorry for us after seeing our "sculp-

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Feminism

Myths surrounding movement

Like with any large movement feminism is surrounded by myths. Many people can name the most common ones easily, feminists are angry man-hating lesbians with no sense of humor. Others might not be so obvious, such as feminism as a strictly white middle class movement. These stereotypes are annoying not because there isn't a kernel of truth in them, there may actually be this mythical feminist somewhere that people use to vilify the movement, but because these

myths are limiting.

To boil a whole movement that has done so much down to simple stereotypes is not only unfortunate but also alienating to people that agree with feminist principles. Reserving feminism for the white middle class only serves to separate activists of color from being recognized as feminist. While feminists do get angry at the injustice in the world, this is no reason to vilify us. Calling feminists man hating and lesbians is just another divisive tactic used by people who oppose equality of all to keep the feminist movement from growing.

Like with any stereotype that is deeply held one must break down their own negativity to get to a place of learning and understanding. Start by examining your own perceptions of feminism or by taking a women's studies class.

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Feminism

The F-word

Okay, I'm going to say a word and I want you to tell me the first word that pops into your mind ... Okay, here it is: Feminist.

I am willing to bet that I wouldn't like at least two-thirds of the words being blurted out across campus. Not necessarily because they would be wrong, but because it is impossible to describe all feminists in one

Most feminists would agree that the status of women sucks, but each school of feminist thought would offer different reasons as to why it is this way, how we can change it, and what it should become. Surprising right? But it's true.

So what do feminists believe? Socialist feminists would tell us that the inequality of the sexes stems from capitalism. They would say that through a process of turning and easier to identify with.

women into nothing more then modes of production we have alienated them from their bodies and objectified them to the point that we no longer respect them as humans. Radical feminists would argue that class inequality, and all inequalities, are rooted in gender inequality. For radical feminists, a complete upheaval of the sex/gender system as we know it is the only solution for equality. When it comes to what we should replace it with, radical feminists divide. A liberal feminist believes that change can be made within the system; in fact, she might argue that one could use the system to create desired changes. Eco-feminists will tell us that women have an inherent closeness to nature. This relationship is both the source of our power and our oppression.

These are just a few of the many types of feminism that exist. So next time you hear someone talking about feminism, ask her what she means. You might be surprised.

CHELSEA RUEDIGER senior, social justice

Feminism

Embracing a new definition

The definition of feminism is widely misinterpreted. There are many negative connotations, stereotypes and misconceptions associated with feminism.

The non-feminist population can be broken down into two groups: Those who hold anti-feminist beliefs and those who hold feminists beliefs but are hesitant to identify with the label.

One of the misconceptions of feminism is that its only goal is to end sexism and the oppression of women. If people were presented with a definition of feminism that was accurate, comprehensive and accessible, we feel that the movement would be better understood

Feminism: The movement toward the full social, political and economic equality of all people. We hope the OSU community will embrace this tangible definition of feminism. By inundating our campus with this definition, we hope to force people to face their preconceived notions of feminism, while reconsidering their reasons for not identifying with a movement that works for the equality of

We need to work together to shed the negative image that has overshadowed feminism to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the past, identify the injustices we see today, and make the necessary changes for the future.

In order to recognize each other's goals for the future, we need to work together with an understanding of the movement that can create these changes. We need to have an accurate definition of feminism, in order for many more of to identify with the movement. As soon as we move past the fear of selfidentifying as a "feminist," we can begin to work together, with those of us never before a part of the movement, to create an environment of equality and acceptance.

We hope you will accept this definition and realize that you might already be a feminist.

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Senator Editorial

Not representing student opinion

As a student here at Oregon State University, I would like it to be known that I do not feel represented by a small number of senators and students who believe that the ASOSU Undergraduate Senate's vote to censure President McCarthy was not adequate. I believe, considering the circumstances, that a censure has had a great impact on

Mr. McCarthy, OSU and the Corvallis community.

Additionally, Mr. McCarthy will be punished severely by law. He is human and has made (and will continue to make) mistakes. However, the way in which he handled his mistake was, I believe, extremely brave. One of the hardest virtues to practice is humility. Mr. McCarthy was open and honest from the start, and as far as I can tell, never tried to make excuses for his actions.

I have spoken to other students and faculty here at Oregon State University, to try to gauge how other individuals are feeling. As far as I can tell, students and faculty feel that McCarthy is doing everything in his power to redeem himself, and that he will most likely be a better student, person and president from the experience. Additionally, many of them feel that a very small population of students is blowing this situation out of proportion. He made a bad decision and that decision could have hurt or killed someone. But if all people were constantly judged or punished according to what our actions might have done, none of us would achieve anything in life. It is through our mistakes that we reach new heights in existence.

Having four of the senators attempting to make this situation more of a mess, rather than try to build from a new beginning, is also discouraging. I would like my leaders to represent me, and these four individuals show little compassion or understanding. I'm sorry that they feel that so many students and community members would like to see Mr. McCarthy burned at the stake rather than be a tool to strengthen our community. I would like to be a small voice for the large population that believes

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GREENE: Media industry must properly respond to its audience

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simply try to slam their heads against the proverbial wall by building ever tighter copy protections into their products.

This is where another absolute comes into play: No matter how secure something is, given enough time, someone will break into it. It's often difficult to understand why people don't already know this. For example, iTunes 'revolutionary' m4p file format was broken in a matter of months. Was such extensive security worthwhile? For a period of about half a year, iTunes files could not be converted into other file types, and once someone finally cracked their encryption business continued as normal.

operate in a void, either. Legitimate customers attempting to do perfectly legal things with their purchased music often become frustrated with the overzealous security that speed? accompanies these programs. This frustration, in turn, pushes them to turn to alternative (and often illegal) methods of getting what they want out of their music or videos. The very security designed to prevent piracy ends up encouraging it.

What, then, are media groups to do? It's obvious that they perceive piracy as a major they find a way to solve it without alienating their customers?

The answer is simple. Audiences are driven by greed, laziness and impatience. All one has to do, in these cases, is simply appeal to all three qualities. Consider, for instance, and advertising model.

You can appeal to the customer's greed, because content is paid for by ads, instead of directly from the customer's pocketbook. All you have to do to satisfy someone's laziness is to make it readily available, which by today's standards means that one should be able to access the content with a bag of Cheetos in one hand and a soda in another. Online availability is the obvious choice. This would also alleviate the customer's impatience, since the desired content would be easily available at all times.

Under such a business model, there would These heavy security protections do not be relatively little reason for anyone to pirate software, movies or music. Why download a song you want from Kazaa when you can get the official version, for free, at the same

If the media industry can wake up and learn how to properly respond to their audiences' demands, as some are beginning to, then most of this brouhaha about piracy and its severe ramifications will simply disappear.

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North Korea launches short-range missiles, underscoring dangers of weapons programs

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea test-fired two short-range missiles Wednesday, an unsettling reminder of the reclusive communist regime's ability to cause instability in the region where a standoff persists over its nuclear program.

The development underscored the dangers posed by the country's longer-range missiles and professed nuclear weapons program.

Pyongyang shocked Tokyo and other nations when it test-fired a ballistic missile over northern Japan in 1998. It has since test-fired short-range missiles many times, including one launched into the Sea of Japan in May. In 2003, North Korea testfired short-range land-to-ship missiles at least three times during heightened tensions over its nuclear

Japan's Kyodo News agency gave conflicting details about Wednesday's launches, saying a security source in China told it the missiles were fired by mistake in the direction of China and apparently landed in North Korean territory.

However, the agency also quoted a Western military source as saying the missiles were test-fired from North Korea's eastern coast toward the Sea of Japan. At least one missile landed in the sea about 60 miles northeast of the launch site, Kyodo said, citing a Japanese defense official.

"Indications are that North Korea launched two short-range missiles," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in an e-mail to reporters traveling with President Bush. "We have consistently pointed out that North Korea's missile program is a concern that poses a threat to the region and the larger international community," he said.

The White House said Wednesday's launches demonstrated the importance of six-party negotiations aimed at resolving the crisis over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

"We work closely with our allies in the region on ballistic missile defense and to maintain a strong deterrent against the threat North Korea poses, McClellan said. "We believe the six-party talks remain the way to get North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions and deal with the threat from its missile program and activities.'

North Korea would be extremely hesitant to do anything to offend China, its last major benefactor, and the type of missiles reportedly fired wouldn't pose much of a threat far beyond its borders. Despite remaining technically at war with South Korea, the sides have embarked on reconciliation efforts since

a 2000 summit between their leaders, and many South Koreans don't view the North as a threat.

Pyongyang recently has pursued diplomacy to resolve its nuclear standoff, sending a top diplomat to New York for a briefing Tuesday by U.S. officials on the country's alleged illicit financial activities.

The U.S. last year blacklisted a Macau bank and North Korean companies it said were involved in counterfeiting, money laundering and weapons proliferation — a move that prompted the North to boycott international arms talks. After the New York briefing, the North maintained it won't return to disarmament negotiations but said it has proposed ways to resolve the issue.

"At a time when North Korea is trying to play the diplomatic card, it wouldn't necessarily make sense for them to try and pull out the military card as well," said Jon Wolfstahl, a fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

The commander of the U.S. military in South Korea, Army Gen. B.B. Bell, said Tuesday in Washington that reports indicated the North was "preparing to field a new intermediate-range ballistic missile which could easily reach United States facilities in Okinawa, Guam and possibly Alaska," according to prepared comments.

However, Bell noted the North Koreans had done "very little" in recent years on long-range ballistic missiles. Instead, he said officials have seen increasing work on short-range missiles that could be used on the Korean Peninsula.

Besides producing a large number of weapons, Bell said North Korea also "appears willing to sell to

It isn't known if the North has built a functioning nuclear weapon as it claims, since the country isn't believed to have performed any nuclear tests. Putting a device on a missile is even more complicated, and there's no evidence the North has done that

Still, experts believe the North has extracted enough plutonium from its main nuclear reactor for at least a half-dozen nuclear weapons or more — a concern that has lately been getting less attention due to the intense diplomacy surrounding the Iranian nuclear crisis.

We're getting 24-7 coverage on Iran — which is still likely several years away from being able to produce a single nuclear weapon — and little coverage on North Korea, which any day could shut down its nuclear reactor and obtain the plutonium for what could be its 10th, 11th or 12th nuclear weapon," Wolfstahl said

SPGE prepares to take down nuclear plant cooling tower

RAINIER, Ore. — Portland General Electric said Wednesday it is almost ready to destroy the 499-foot cooling tower at Trojan Nuclear Plant. The hourglass-shaped structure, scheduled for implosion on May 21, is one of the most widely recognized icons of Oregon's only nuclear power

The power plant closed in 1993 after 17 years of operation. Since then, PGE has gradually phased out the facilities at the plant, located roughly 40 miles north of Portland on the Columbia River. Trojan is the first large-scale commercial nuclear plant to be decommissioned in the United States and the cooling tower the largest to

Controlled Demolition, Inc., the Maryland-based contractor handling the implosion, said it will take 8 seconds to bring down the 41,000 tons of cement and steel. The company will place roughly 2,000 tons of explosives at the base of the structure, which is expected to tilt slightly sideways then collapse upon itself.

The structure has already been stripped of all its machinery; radioactive material was never contained in the tower.

PGE sent a letter to area residents and businesses Friday with details of the upcoming event. The company said debris will be primarily contained to the explosion area. Some fine dust may be caught in the wind, but the company said it does not pose a safety risk. The contractor said vibrations will only be felt in the halfmile radius surrounding the building. The explosion is expected to be no louder than a thunderclap.

"It's been done before but never this big," said Mark Loizeaux, president of CDI, which also managed the destruction of the Kingdome in Seattle.

The complete decommissioning of Trojan will not be complete until 2024 but for area residents the most notable step was when the plant closed in 1993.

The plant closed after a crack in the steam tube, which was located in the con-

tainment building, released radioactive gas into the air. PGE and regulators found the price of repairs outweighed the cost of replacing the system.

Surrounding cities lost jobs, businesses and tax revenue after the closure. For them, the tower is a bitter reminder of better times, but many want it to stay.

"I hate to see the waste of money and potential," said Freeman Ryder, 80, who owns an RV Park with his wife one mile south of the plant. "There should be some way to see the facility reused."

Others said it should be left as a piece of history of the plant, which caused enormous controversy between environmentalists and PGE. But most locals simply bemoan the plant's demise.

"No one here cared," said Bob Burns, 68, who grew up in Rainier. "It's all the (people) 60 to 80 miles up the river... Trojan was probably one of the safest things we had around here."

The remaining buildings will be destroyed gradually through 2008. The final step in decommissioning the plant is the removal of the spent fuel rods, which are the only remaining radioactive material at Trojan. The rods are stored in concrete casks that sit above ground there and will be moved to a federal repository. The move has been delayed at the federal level and is now scheduled for 2024.

CDI said the casks will not be affected by the explosion.

PGE, which has primary ownership of the facility and total ownership of the land, said it has not finalized plans for the property. The company said a new power plant could be put there or a public park. The property cannot be sold until the decommissioning process is complete.

There will be no public viewing areas for the demolition. Highways and air space will be temporarily closed. Fog or lightning storms could delay the implosion. No time has been set for the event yet.

PGE has a \$429 million decommissioning budget but would not release the cost of the implosion. By the end of 2005, it has used \$300 million of the budget.

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Gerry McNamara leads Orange to win

It took a running 3-pointer with less than a second left in game for Syracuse to get past Cincinnati Wednesday evening

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NEW YORK — Gerry McNamara has made plenty of big shots for Syracuse. This one might have topped them all.

The senior guard drove the length of the court and hit a 3-pointer with a half-second left, leading Syracuse to a riveting 74-73 victory over Cincinnati on Wednesday in the first round of the Big East tournament. The Orange greatly improved their chances of earning an at-large NCAA berth.

"I think this, with the situation we're in and under the circumstances, is probably the most important to me right now," McNamara said. "This is the most important shot I've hit."

With the Orange (20-11) trailing 73-71 and just more than 6 seconds to go, McNamara dribbled through the Cincinnati defense and hoisted a one-handed shot between the NBA and college 3-point lines.

Official Curtis Shaw immediately ruled the shot a 3, and the play was reviewed and upheld. McNamara was then serenaded by chants of "Gerry! Gerry!" by the Madison Square Garden crowd.

"I wanted to take what I got," McNamara said. "If I'm going to take a runner, I'm not going to step on the line. I made sure I was behind the line."

Jihad Muhammad took a desperation shot from near half court that hit the front of the rim at the buzzer, sealing the win for Syracuse.

"We had our opportunities and we didn't take advantage of them," Bearcats coach Andy Kennedy said. "When you give a team like Syracuse and you let Gerry McNamara have a window of opportunity, unfortunately sometimes you have to live with the feeling we currently have."

The Orange, who lost their previous three games, will play top-ranked Connecticut in the second round Thursday. The Huskies (27-2)

earned a first-round bye.

McNamara finished with 17 points on 6-of-17 shooting, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, for ninth-seeded Syracuse. Terrence Roberts added 16 points and nine rebounds, and Darryl Watkins had 15 points.

McNamara helped the Orange win a national championship when he hit six 3-pointers against Kansas in 2003, and scored 43 points against BYU in an NCAA tournament win the following year. But this shot was something else.

"Every kid dreams of making a shot," McNamara said. "I'm glad I made it. More importantly, we won the game. That's really all that matters here. We move on, and we need to."

Coach Jim Boeheim angrily responded to comments by unidentified assistant coaches in Syracuse-area newspapers that called McNa-rmara overrated.

"Without Gerry McNamara, we wouldn't have won 10 games this year," Boeheim said.

James White scored a career-high 32 points for the eighth-seeded Bearcats (19-12), whose NCAA tournament hopes hinge on the decision of the NCAA selection committee. It's expected the Big East will get at least eight teams into the field of 65.

"I think it is a positive that we have the chance to put ourselves in a position to make the NCAA tournament," White said. "A lot of people said we couldn't. I mean, we're looking for more."

Eric Hicks added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Bearcats, who won three of their last five regular-season games.

Syracuse led 39-34 at the half and jumped ahead 50-36 on a dunk by Watkins. Cincinnati twice drew within four points before Devan Downey's driving layup with 7:55 left made it 62-60.

Watkins hit a layup 25 seconds later to make it a four-point game again. After Hicks sank a free throw to make it 64-61, Eric Devendorf got Syracuse's lead up to five on a drive. Hicks cut it to three on two more free throws, and Muhammad's layup made it 66-65 with 4:39 left.

A minute later, Downey stole the ball from Devendorf and his layup put Cincinnati up 67-66. Demetris Nichols' layup sent Syracuse in front with 2:46 left, but White followed with a 3-pointer for Cincinnati to make it 70-68. Watkins tied it with 1:10 to go on a dunk and Roberts gave the Orange a one-point lead with 30 seconds remaining.

After White's jumper gave the Bearcats a 72-71 lead with 10 seconds left, Downey stole the inbounds pass by Nichols and was fouled. Downey sank the first shot and missed the second, setting up McNamara's heroics.

"He's been our backbone this year," Roberts said. "He's carried us."

The teams split their two regular-season meetings, with Syracuse winning at Cincinnati 77-58 and the Bearcats winning at the Carrier Dome 82-65.

Cincinnati was one of three former Conference USA teams playing in the Big East tournament in their first season in the conference, joining Louisville and Marquette. DePaul and South Florida didn't qualify.

Bad luck of the Irish continues

 Notre Dame gets close again, but is unable to upset No. 23 Georgetown Hoyas in Big East Tournament opener

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Brandon Bowman couldn't keep from breaking into a big smile.

The senior forward was happy about scoring a season-high 25 points in No. 23 Georgetown's 67-63 victory over Notre Dame on Wednesday in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

Then he was asked about the lefthanded drive he made with a defender in his face that gave the Hoyas a 66-63 lead with 22 seconds to play and his face lit up.

"That's 8 minutes of layups before every practice, making them with both hands," the 6-foot-8 right-handed Bowman said. "The coaches preach about making layups. Today we did a good job at that and that's all I did was put it up high off the glass."

When Bowman was done speaking, Hoyas coach John Thompson III offered: "That was a nice layup, wasn't it?"

The fifth-seeded Hoyas (20-8), who missed their first 12 shots from the field, advanced to the quarterfinals and will face fourth-seeded Marquette (20-9) on Thursday.

Bowman, whose previous best this season was 23 points in the Hoyas' victory over then-No. 1 Duke on Jan. 21, scored six of Georgetown's final nine points. The biggest play was the one with 22 seconds left that was the talk of the postgame.

"That shot Bowman hit was a tough shot," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "Torin (Francis) rode him into the cheerleaders and he hit a lefty runner. That's just a talented play. You can't do much better than what he did right there."

Colin Falls hit six 3-pointers and had 21 points for the 12th-seeded Irish (15-13), who managed to qualify for the tournament despite getting off to a 1-8 start in league play and absorbing more than their share of close losses.

"We never wanted to use that as an excuse and we haven't. That would be petty," Brey said. "People hit some tough shots against us all season."

Jon Wallace hit the ninth and last of "but I thought it was going to Georgetown's 3-pointers to break the to game situations like it did."

game's final tie and give the Hoyas a 58

55 lead with 3:57 to play.

Chris Quinn scored on a drive for Notre
Dame, but Bowman then scored four
straight points to make it a five-point

Russell Carter hit the 11th and last of the Irish's 3-pointers to make it 62-60 with 1:38 left. Ashanti Cook took a pass down low from 7-foot-2 Roy Hibbert and scored as he was falling to give Georgetown a 64-60 lead with 1:14 left. Francis' three-point play 20 seconds later made it a one-point game but Bowman sealed it with his left-handed drive.

"I thought Brandon Bowman had a special performance today, not just the points but as I told him in the locker room he made smart plays," Thompson said. "He got in there, threw the right passes, got big rebounds when we needed it. He did a lot of the little things that make you win games."

The Hoyas won the only regular-season meeting between the teams, 85-82 in double overtime.

Cook was 4-for-8 from 3-point range and had 14 points for Georgetown, while Jeff Green had 13 points and nine rebounds. Hibbert had four points and 11 rebounds for the Hoyas, who finished with a 41-31 advantage on the boards.

Carter had 12 points for Notre Dame and Rob Kurz had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Notre Dame, which led the conference this season by shooting 40.1 percent from 3-point range, was 11-for-23 from behind the arc, with Falls going 6-for-11.

Georgetown, which entered the game shooting 36.3 percent on 3s, was 9-for-24 (37.5 percent) against Notre Dame's 2-3 zone.

"That zone spread us out early and we took too many 3s," Thompson said. "We wanted to try and get it inside and we were in position to do that. Our guys made a conscious effort to go after the ball. These guys just went after the ball."

Notre Dame took an 11-0 lead as the Hoyas started cold, finally connecting on a 3 by Wallace 6:26 into the game. Georgetown led the conference in field goal percentage at 47.6 and finished the game at 41.4 (24-for-58).

"I was happy with the start," Brey said, "but I thought it was going to come down to game situations like it did."

SOFTBALL: McGowan leads Beavs as they journey to Fresno

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host Fresno State holds a 17-6 advantage in the all-time series against OSU.

The Beavers have beaten the Bulldogs just once in Fresno (March 18, 1999) when OSU picked up a 1-0 8-inning victory to snap a 36-game home winning streak for No. 3 ranked FSU.

Oregon State picked up just its second win against Fresno State in the last 10 meetings, when the Beavers earned a 15-7 victory over the No. 19 ranked Bulldogs on Feb. 17, 2005 in the Campbell Cartier Classic.

OSU matched the school record for runs scored in a single game with 15 and pounded 14 hits in the contest. First baseman Vanessa Iapala finished with a 4-for-5 effort from the plate with four RBIs and three runs scored. Iapala finished with a double and a two-run home run, and her four hits tied the Oregon State single game record — a feat she accomplished against Utah on Feb. 13, 2004. At the time, five other Beaver players had tallied four hits

in a single game.

The Beavers took an early 5-0 lead in the second inning, helped in part by a two-run home run from junior catcher Lisa Allen. OSU pushed the lead to 10-0 in the top of the fourth when the Beavers added five more runs on five hits.

Thursday's 4 p.m. game between OSU and No. 22 ranked DePaul University marks a rematch of last season's NCAA Regional Tournament championship game.

The Beavers knocked off the Blue Demons by a 7-0 margin, including a grand slam by Lisa Hill, before DePaul recovered to earn an 8-6 victory in the nightcap and advance to the NCAA Super Regional.

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The match-up will be the first of three scheduled meetings between OSU and DePaul on the year, as the Blue Demons will travel to Corvallis for a double-header on March 26.

The other teams will have to contend with junior pitcher Brianne McGowan.

McGowan was named the USA Softball National Player of the Week for Feb. 27-March 6. The hurler helped the Beavers extend their current winning streak to 18 games, by batting .700 from the plate with three home runs, six RBI, five runs scored and a 1.600 slugging percentage.

In the circle, McGowan held a 0.76 ERA while earning three victories in the tournament. She compiled 18 strikeouts in 18 innings of work and improved her overall record to 11-1 on the season — including 11 straight victories. The national honor was the second of McGowan's career.

McGowan isn't the only threat OSU boasts. Oregon State enters the week with an amazing 10 different players batting above .300 McGowan and Mia Longfellow are both hitting above .400 to pace the squad.

McGowan holds a .421 (16-for-38) clip with four home runs, while Longfellow sits at .414 (29-for-70) with five doubles and 15 RBI. Freshman standout DeAnn Young currently ranks fifth on the team with a .354 (17-for-48) batting average and has hit more than .300 throughout the season.

Oregon State opens the 2006 season with 25 consecutive games played outside of the state of Oregon. The Beavers play their first home games on March 18 with a double-header against Portland State University. Over the past seven seasons, Oregon State played an average of 34 consecutive road games to open the season.

BASKETBALL: Despite Kruger's solid effort, Devils fall in L.A.

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scorer Sasa Cuic, to an injured right ankle early in the game against ASU.

Cuic, a 6-foot-10 sophomore forward averaging 13.9 points and 4.6 rebounds, went down in a heap under the Arizona State basket just 4:07 into the game and had to be helped to the dressing room. He scored four of Oregon State's first eight points before being injured.

The Sun Devils, up 10-8 at that point, went on a 10-2 run over the next 4:39 to build a 20-10 lead on Serge Angounou's layup.

Oregon State came back to close within 25-22 on Jason Fontenet's 3-pointer 4:44 before half-time, but the Sun Devils surged away again and held a 38-30 halftime lead.

Kruger led ASU with 13 points, including 3-of-3 from beyond the arc, in the opening half. Jeffers paced Oregon State with 10 first-half points.

The Beavers' DeWitz separated his left shoulder in a Feb. 25 loss to USC. Hurd has been sidelined most of the latter half of the season by a groin injury.

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Out of the shadows and into the spotlight

After watching his brother race, Dan Scholz knew he wanted to row at Oregon State

By Denny Burnett
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Dan Scholz is finally stepping out of his older brother's shadow. This season Scholz is planning to cast his own shadow as a senior varsity oarsman on the Oregon State rowing team.

Nick Scholz, Dan's older brother, may have graduated in 2003, but Dan has had to fill some big shoes over the past four years.

'Dan almost always has his brother's shadow behind him," said head men's rowing coach Fred

The Scholz brothers are just one of the many successful siblings that have come through OSU

"Dan isn't following in anyone's foot-steps, he is making his own, and for that I couldn't be prouder," said Nick Scholz.

The returning letterman got interested in rowing his freshman year after watching Nick compete in the Pac-10 championships that spring.

"I went to watch Nick compete at the Pac-10 championships in Sacramento and when I came home I wanted to row for OSU as well," Dan said

He got introduced to competitive rowing when he signed up for the rowing physical education class at OSU.

"I took the pac-class and got selected to join the team," Scholz said.

Scholz's rowing career at OSU got off to a choppy start. He wanted to quit after taking the pacclass his freshman year, but Kjell Oswald, the men's head coach back then, convinced him to stick to it. He didn't even make the top novice boat at the time and wondered if rowing was something he could do.

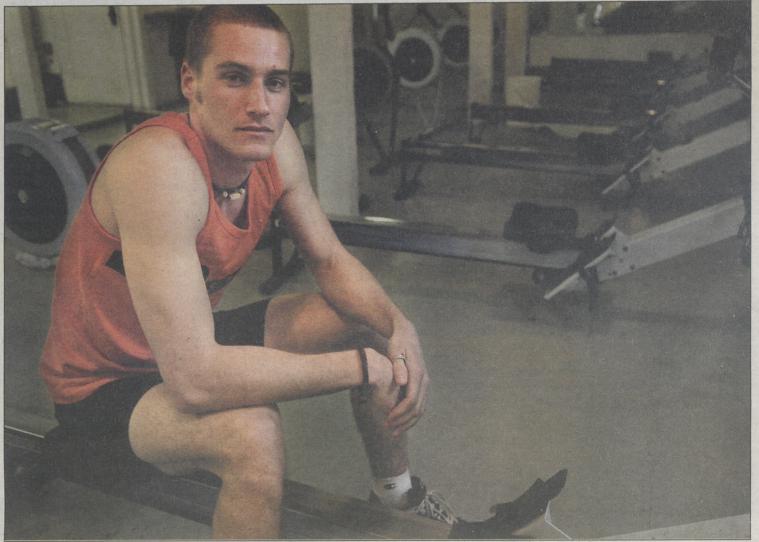
"After I wasn't selected for the top novice boat, I was really disappointed in myself," Dan said. "But I talked to the coaches at the time and they convinced me that if I worked harder I would be successful.

Not being selected for the top novice boat may have just been the wake up call Scholz needed, because a year later as a sophomore he made the JV boat. By his junior year he had made the varsity boat, which was a huge accomplishment for him.

"Dan is not only a great athlete, but a great individual," Nick said. "He has achieved much more than I or anyone else, including himself, thought he could achieve in the sport of rowing.

Team camaraderie is very important to Scholz. He enjoys hanging out with 16 of his best friend's everyday at practice. The OSU rowing team is a very tight group that not only competes together, but hangs out together after practice as well.

Last year Scholz rowed on the varsity eight boat that finished ranked No. 9 in nation. Being able to compete against rowing powerhouses like Har-



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Oregon State rower Dan Scholz was off the river on a rowing machine due to rain Wednesday, but he's used to adversity. His freshman year, Scholz didn't make the top novice boat and nearly quit. Instead he persevered and now is a top athlete at OSU.

vard and Cal is very exciting for guys like Dan, who four years ago had never even rowed.

Being able to compete against teams like Harvard is sweet, but to be competitive with them is amazing," Scholz said. "Those teams have been dominating forever, so to go to the national championships and even lead them in a race is a very cool feeling."

Dan loves to train, which is what sets a successful rower apart from the rest. According to Honebein, Scholz has that attribute. Honebein said is work ethic is second to none and has gotten him to where he is today.

Living in New York and attending graduate school at Syracuse University, Nick follows Dan's career at OSU and helps him out in any

a student athlete," Nick said. "I do give Dan suggestions at times, but they are usually just strategies that helped me when I was rowing. We have always been very competitive both towards each other, as well as in athletics. I understand what makes Dan tick and I occasionally try to tap into that.'

Scholz was a successful athlete in three sports during high school, but rowing was not one of them. He lettered in soccer, golf and swimming. He grew up in Springfield, Ore. and graduated from Springfield High School.

The Scholz brothers' racing times during college and physical feature are almost identical, so both know how hard it is to compete as a lightweight rower. Honebein said Dan's times are almost on the same level as guys "I always am following Dan's progress as that weigh as much a 20 pounds more.

"In rowing, when athletes are Dan's size they have to work twice as hard as everyone else to compete," Nick said. "Dan is underweight and undersized; however that has never stopped him.'

After graduation this spring Scholz plans compete for a seat in the U.S. National Team lightweight eight. He aspires to someday be an Olympian and national champion, but for now he's happy to be on an OSU team that is on its way to a national championship of its own this season.

"He's proven he can pull the scores," Honebein said. "He has the physiology and has the mental aspect to drive him to the next level."

Denny Burnett, sports writer



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Junior pitcher Brianne McGowan winds up in an Oregon State home game against Arizona last year.

Softball readies for a trip to Fresno State with an 18-game winning streak going into it

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No. 3 ranked Oregon State softball heads into the Bulldog Classic hosted by Fresno State University

with an 18-2 record.

The Beavers have posted perfect 5-0 records in their past three tournaments, dating back to mid-February. OSU leads the all-time series against three opponents: San Diego, DePaul and Ball State - and have yet to face Central Florida. Tournament

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Softball heads to Fresno Sasa Cuic falls early in basketball's win

With Cuic out early, Kyle Jeffers picks up scoring load with 20 huge points in OSU's upset win

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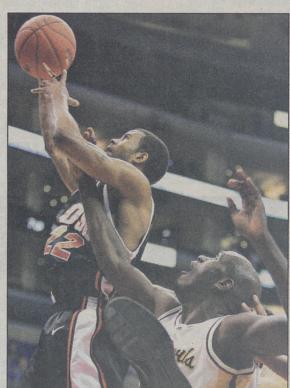
LOS ANGELES — Kyle Jeffers had 20 points and nine rebounds Wednesday night, leading Oregon State to a 71-68 victory over Arizona State in the opening game of the Pac-10 tournament.

Ninth-seeded Oregon State (13-17) faces the regular-season champion and top seed, No. 13 UCLA, in Thursday's quarterfinals.

Arizona State (11-17) had beaten OSU in both their regular-season meetings and was seeded No. 8 in the tournament.

Jeffers, a 6-foot-9 junior center, sparked a second-half comeback when the Beavers rallied from a 15point deficit. Oregon State, which won despite a lineup riddled by injuries, barely held on for the victory.

After going 7:11 without a field goal and falling behind 71-61 with 1:58 to play, the Sun Devils came back to close within three points and had the ball in the closing seconds. But Kevin Kruger, who led ASU with 22 points on 5-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc, threw a pass out of bounds to



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Chris Stephens added 14 points for Oregon State. Bryson Krueger had 16

Already missing the injured Lamar Hurd and Nick DeWitz, the Beavers lost still another key player, leading

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