



Crash brings tragedy for OSU students

Chinese student association seeks financial aid for two recovering graduate students

By Peter Chee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Two OSU graduate students remain hospitalized after a fatal car crash on March 18. The accident has left the married couple, as a family, wounded and torn.

With medical costs sure to be high, the Chinese Association of OSU has put out a call for help and donations to aid the young family.

According to an Oregon State Police report, Pengcheng Wu, 33, and his wife, Yan Fang, 30, were driving west-bound near the Hoodoo Junction in east Linn County the night of March 18. Also in the car was their 2-year-old son, Julius Fang Wu, and Yan Fang's mother, Ju Fang.

At about 8:10, Wu lost control while negotiating a turn and their 1998 Chevrolet Prism crossed the center line and smashed head-on into an oncoming 2006 GMC Yukon.

Ju Fang (Yan's mother), who was in the left rear passenger seat, was pronounced dead at the scene. The remaining three were transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

The couple riding in the Yukon, Robert and Carol Morris, of Bend, sustained "non-life threatening injuries" and were also taken to St. Charles.

Wu is a doctoral student in computer science and Fang a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

According to a letter posted online by the CAOSU, Wu suffered a broken ankle and bruised eye, neither of which are serious. But CAOSU members say he is still deeply shaken emotionally.

Fang suffered liver damage and bleeding in her brain. She was transferred via LifeFlight to the Intensive Care Unit at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

CAOSU president Tian Qin said Fang was transferred out of the ICU

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Woodworking Beavers



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Melisa Lopez, left, and Kristina Stone, both freshmen at OSU, cut lumber at a worksite in California during spring break while working for the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge.

Spring break builds more than homes

Dean of Student life Jackie Balzer grabs tools to pitch in on a student service trip to California

By Lauren L. Dillard
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For spring break, some OSU students chose tools and hard work over cold drinks and lazy days.

"It seemed to make sense to do something service related," said Caitlin Phillips, OSU sophomore in chemistry. "It was a win-win situation."

As part of Alternative Spring Break — a national campaign to get students to help the community — OSU students traveled to California to build houses as part of the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge.

"I work with students every day, but I don't do the 24/7 very often," said Dean of Student Life Jackie Balzer, referring to the week-long project. "It was certainly a highlight of my career."

East Bay Habitat for Humanity is currently construct-

ing 22 homes for families who are in need of affordable housing.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity is using more than 50 students from California State, San Marcos, Stanford and OSU, according to the Tri-Valley Herald.

"I was working with two girls from UC San Marcos on siding," Phillips said. "It was definitely worth my while." A group of 17 undergraduate students, one graduate student and one staff adviser left Sunday morning at 6 a.m. for Livermore.

The group arrived at the church that they would stay at for the week.

The group had Monday off, which allowed them to tour to San Francisco.

The OSU students were treated to a Golden State Warrior game and visited the campus of UC Berkeley.

"The people involved were a lot of fun," Phillips said. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the students

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Lawmaker alleges bias at College of Forestry

Public records request yields hundreds of pages of internal documents from college's dean

By Dan Traylor
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A state lawmaker said Monday that e-mails to and from OSU College of Forestry dean Hal Salwasser show that the college has an internal bias to "act on behalf of the timber industry."

Sen. Charlie Ringo, D-Beaverton, said his office has already received about 1,500 pages worth of e-mails from Salwasser's inbox following a public records request recently submitted to OSU.

Thousands more pages are expected to be given to the lawmaker later this week, OSU officials said.

Ringo said he requested the documents, both electronic and paper, from Salwasser and others within the college, because he was "disturbed"

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Alternative Shasta show looks for act

SWAC committee works hard to find band to headline concert

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Three weeks after securing funding for the Shasta Weekend Alternative Concert, details are still being finalized for the event.

"Good things are happening," said SWAC committee co-chair Jon Schmierer,

The SWAC committee has decided to make the proposed concert a multi-hour event, dubbing it the Flat Tail Festival. The plan is to have local bands and bands from the Pacific Northwest play in the afternoon and then have one big-name band headline the event.

"The bright side of the event is that it will be a well recognized, big-name act," Schmierer said.

Schmierer would not give the name of the headline act, but said that he is "99 percent sure it will not be Jack Johnson." Johnson's name was discussed frequently early in the planning process, but organizers have stopped focusing on the performer.

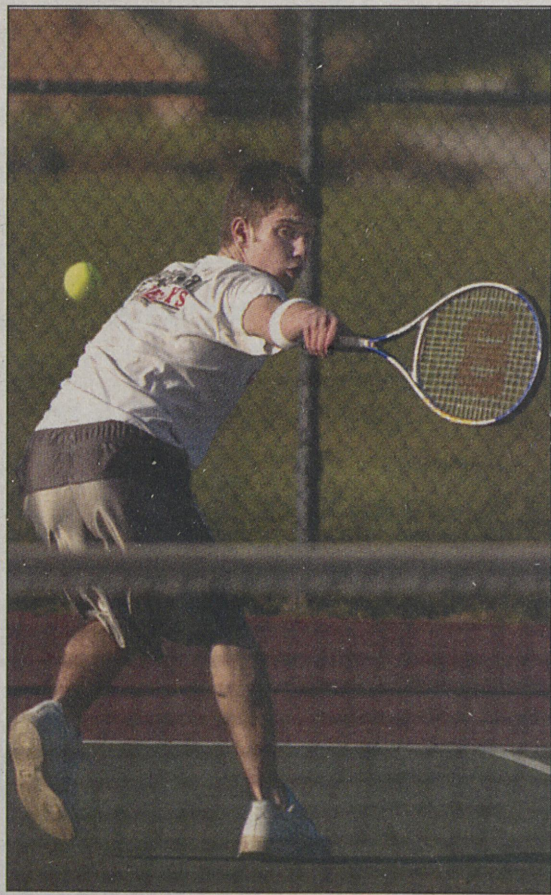
"Production management toured facilities today and that same company is doing the booking, so we're pretty confident we're going to get the act we're going after."

Schmierer and the rest of the SWAC committee hope to have an artist secured by Wednesday or Thursday and want to start selling tickets early next week. The plan is still to sell student tickets at \$20 and general admission tickets at \$35, Schmierer said.

Since news of the alternative weekend became public, Schmierer said they have received an outpouring of

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Spring Swing



Joe Church, a freshman in forestry, reaches to return a volley at the tennis courts adjacent to the IM fields. Students took advantage of the break in weather Monday afternoon, finding time for some entertainment as classes kicked off.

Agreement reached to avoid faculty strike at Western Oregon

Faculty walkout at WOU was scheduled to start Wednesday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONMOUTH — Teachers and administrators at Western Oregon University agreed to contract terms Monday to avert the first faculty walkout in the state's higher education system.

Details of the contract were not immediately released.

Faculty members had scheduled a strike for Wednesday.

Leaders of the faculty local of the American Federation of Teachers said the membership would meet Monday to discuss the contract. But a formal ratification voted was expected to take some days. Union leaders said they were confident the contract would be approved.

Both sides said they were glad there wouldn't be a strike. Although there have been walkouts among non-teaching staff members of the state's higher education system, teachers have never gone on strike, officials said.

"We're pleased we won't have to strike on Wednesday," said Peter Callero, chairman of the faculty bargaining team and a sociology professor.

"It's over. No strike," said the university's spokeswoman, Cheryl Gaston.

President John Minahan said in March that the school was "broke" and couldn't afford to meet faculty requests in the bargaining. In a statement Monday with union leaders, he said the contract proposal was "within the budget."

Callero said that raises that teachers lost during a statewide salary freeze would be made up, and there's a contingency provision that would benefit teachers if student enrollment hits certain targets.

Mediated negotiations ended Friday, but the two sides talked over the weekend, leading to the settlement.

Spring quarter classes resumed Monday.

"We are confident the membership will find this agreement acceptable and we can get back to teaching," said local President Mark Perlman, a philosophy professor.



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

Speakers
Anthropology, 4:15pm, Waldo 240. Yaneth Perez, "War In Columbia: A Woman Speaks" **Speakers**
Horning Lecture Series, 4pm, MU 206. Angus McLaren to speak on, "The Making of Modern Impotence," part of the 2005-06 Horning Lecture series, "Marriage, Reproduction & Sexuality."

Events
The Poetry Interest Group, 8pm, Interzone Cafe, Monroe & 16th Streets. Roger Weaver and friends read poetry for peace. Open mic. Join us to share or listen.

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

Speakers
Carson Lecture - History Dept., 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Auditorium. Annual Carson Lecture by Tony Grafton, Princeton U. "Times Past: Visions of World History in Pre-Modern Europe."

Pentagon releases Guantanamo Bay transcripts

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Zie Ul Shah, a Pakistani accused of being a driver for Afghanistan's former Taliban rulers, said he hated the Americans who imprisoned him at Guantanamo Bay — but softened his views after seeing photographs of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"In the beginning I did not like Americans at all," Shah told members of his tribunal, according to transcripts of detainee hearings released Monday.

"I had never seen Americans. In the beginning when I came here the interrogations were tough and I started hating them more, but then ... someone showed me pictures from 9/11. Then I realized they have a right to be angry. My hate towards Americans was gone," he said.

The 2,733 pages of previously classified transcripts were the second batch of Guantanamo Bay detainee hearings released by the Pentagon in response to a lawsuit by The Associated Press. They identified more of the prisoners who have been secretly held without charges for up to four years while the U.S. military determines how dangerous they may be.

In the latest documents, men

accused of helping terrorist groups or Afghanistan's former Taliban regime pleaded for freedom while U.S. military officers often painstakingly tried to find holes in their stories. Most of the men, including Shah, said they were innocent and would pose no threat if set free.

"My conscience is clear," said Algerian detainee Mohamed Nechla, who was accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia. "If I left this place my only concern would be bread on the table for my wife and children."

Moussaoui eligible for death penalty, jury decides Monday

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible Monday to be executed, linking him directly to the horrific Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and concluding that his lies to FBI agents led to at least one death on that day.

A defiant Moussaoui said, "You'll never get my blood, God curse you all."

After months of hearings and trial testimony — punctuated by Moussaoui's occasional outbursts — he now faces a second phase of the sentencing trial to determine if he actually will be put to death.

That phase begins Thursday morning for the only person to face charges in this country in connection with the nation's worst terrorist assault, the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people as jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Moussaoui sat in his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was read, refusing to join his defense team in standing. His comment came after the hearing.

The jury now will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attacks, should be executed for his role.

Those testifying will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact of the al-Qaida mission. Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Moroccan ancestry.

The trial's first phase, which focused strictly on legal arguments, had seemed Moussaoui's best chance to avoid execution. The jury deciding his fate will now be weighing the emotional impact of nearly 3,000 deaths against Moussaoui's rough childhood and possible evidence of

mental illness.

On the key question before the jurors in phase one, they answered yes that at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui's actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Former Oregon surgeon sued in wrongful death claim

PORTLAND (AP) — The parents of a 3-year-old boy who died after surgery here in 1999 is suing a former Oregon surgeon who is facing possible manslaughter charges in Australia for alleged botched operations there.

Dr. Jayant Patel left Australia about a year ago as accusations against him there arose.

Before he worked in Australia, Patel worked as a surgeon in Oregon, and before that in New York state.

Patel has faced previous lawsuits for alleged botched operations.

The latest one names him in the death of Ian McClellan on Feb. 14, 1999. The lawsuit seeks \$1.5 million, claiming wrongful death and malpractice.

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* If you chose answer B, note that in the NW, "spring" is not synonymous with "warm," and please - the glare from your legs is blinding.



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Growing transnationalism complicates concept of home

SHASTA: Event is slated to take place on May 13

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support from both the student body and businesses in the community.

"The number of people that want to help has grown tremendously and companies and OSU alumni have contacted us wanting to help," Schmierer said. "The support has just gone through the roof."

SWAC was formed to provide an alternative to the many students who travel down to Shasta Lake in California each year over Mother's Day weekend.

In recent years, the trip has made headline news as many alcohol-related deaths have taken place.

Three weeks ago Student Incidental Fees loaned the SWAC committee \$150,000 to jump-start the event which is slated to take place May 13.

"We're just giving people another option instead of going and for those people that already stay here, there will be something to do," Schmierer said. "The benefit of having a festival is that it'll have the ability to carry over for next year and hopefully can continue to grow."

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NEWYORK — Migrating to another country has always been a life-altering act.

But in the past, when there was no easy air travel to get you across the planet in a few hours, no Internet to give you daily updates on your home country, no e-mail to keep in touch with far-flung relatives, it was also a fairly permanent one.

If you got here, you usually stayed here. You may have held onto your cultural traditions, but the day-to-day ties got stretched and often cut over time.

But technological and economic changes have made it easier for some migrants and their progeny to maintain connections, to keep one foot in both the old country and the new. For these, there's a new reality — transnationalism — that can complicate the concept of home.

Just ask Natalia Wilson. She came to the United States as a teenager, maintained citizenship in her native Trinidad, and only recently decided that she wants to become an American citizen. And while the 27-year-old has come to view New York as "home away from home," she hopes she might one day move back

to Trinidad.

Dom Serafini has been an American citizen for three decades, after coming from Italy as a young man almost 40 years ago. But now he's running for elected office — in Italy.

The New Yorker hopes to win a seat in Italy's parliament this month, as the first-ever representative of Italian expatriates in North and Central America. If he wins, he assumes he'll just travel back and forth.

"If you want to be a good American you have to be an ambassador to the world," he said.

His travels in the past year have taken him to Canada, Mexico and all over the United States, visiting Italian communities. The 56-year-old, among a group of about three dozen candidates, wants the job precisely because it is transnational — it's about bringing the perspective of Italian expatriates to the government of Italy.

"Our needs are different from those in Italy," he said, citing the example of the necessity for programs to help expats keep their language skills sharp.

Some see transnationalism helping to cement ties between the countries sending and receiving immigrants.

"The biggest problem in the 20th

and 21st century is nationalism. If you have people who are increasingly more transnational, that could actually ameliorate conflict in the world," said Vincent Gawronski, assistant professor of political science at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama.

Not everyone is so optimistic.

It harder for immigrants to really put down roots, some experts warn, as more countries accept dual citizenship, travel becomes easier, and technology allows people to send money home without a hassle.

"Assimilation is really a psychological process where you come to identify with a new country as yours," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports tighter immigration control.

The number of countries that allow people to hold more than one citizenship has risen to 151, from under 100 just five years ago, said Stanley Renshon, a psychoanalyst and a political science professor at the City University of New York.

The United States doesn't officially recognize dual citizenship, said Chris Bentley, a spokesman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, meaning that any person holding American

citizenship is considered an American first, foremost and overall.

The oath of U.S. citizenship includes the line, "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen."

Nonetheless, Bentley said, "if other countries wish to confer citizenship upon a U.S. citizen, that's between that country and the U.S. citizen."

Transnationalism manifests itself in many ways — political, economic, and cultural:

—The government of Mexico is spending \$26 million to get the estimated 4 million Mexican citizens living abroad, mostly in the United States, to request absentee ballots for the presidential elections being held in July.

—Immigrants send \$240 billion back home each year, according to the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Organization of Migration. Mexico, India, and the Philippines are the top money-getters. The top senders are the U.S., Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, according to the latest available figures.

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were on duty, wielding hammers and screwdrivers.

"By day we were sweating doing service and by night we were playing games, watching movies and cooking for ourselves," Balzer said. "I used a miter saw, I used all sorts of power tools and climbed on scaffolding."

Students met early, starting last term after seeing posters and advertisements.

Each student was interviewed and hand selected. Students completed a challenge course and fundraised together.

After this process in the last academic year,

many students were still wanting to go. Those students were contacted for this year's trip.

The reason behind the Alternative Spring Break program is service, Balzer said. The group of students from OSU were interested in serving their community.

"We (the program) want to provide students with the opportunity to serve the community, whether I am in charge or not," said Josh Dean, graduate student and organizer of the event.

Dean went on to explain that he is unsure of whether or not he will be heading up the program for next year, but the future looks good.

"As dean of student life, I was honored to work with such an incredible group of students," Balzer said. "It made me proud."

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ACCIDENT: Injured graduate student's stipend is family's only monthly income

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on Sunday.

The CAOSU letter cites Wu's \$1,500-a-month scholarship as the family's only income.

"The auto and medical insurance cannot possibly cover all the expenses due to the nature of this serious accident," the letter reads.

Wen Bai, a student in wood science and member of CAOSU, agreed. She said in addition to the emotion-

al trauma of losing a family member, the couple is facing a serious mounting financial crisis.

"It's just not enough," Bai said in an interview Monday.

Right now, Bai said the couple's son, Julius, has been released from the hospital and is in the care of a legal guardian. "(Wu's) son is OK, she said.

CAOSU is currently trying

to set up an account for donations to the family, and Qin said they will try to set up a table in the Memorial Union next week.

Qin said those interested in helping should go to the CAOSU web site at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/china>.

"Our zeal and kindness can dissolve the coldest ice in this world," the letter concludes. "Let us encourage them, help them, give them hope and confidence to live."

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Guest Editorial

Beyond Vision Tests

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — When people get older, their mind, sight — and now their driver's license — might fade. A revision to an existing bill would require all drivers 65 and older to pass a vision test to obtain or renew a license is being supported by local lawmakers Rep. Kevin Ambler and Sen. Victor Crist.

The current law requires drivers 80 and older to get vision tests. According to an article in Tuesday's Tampa Tribune, the revised law would require drivers between the ages 70 and 80 to renew their licenses every three years, drivers between 80 and 90 to renew every two years, and drivers over the age of 90 to get their licenses renewed every year.

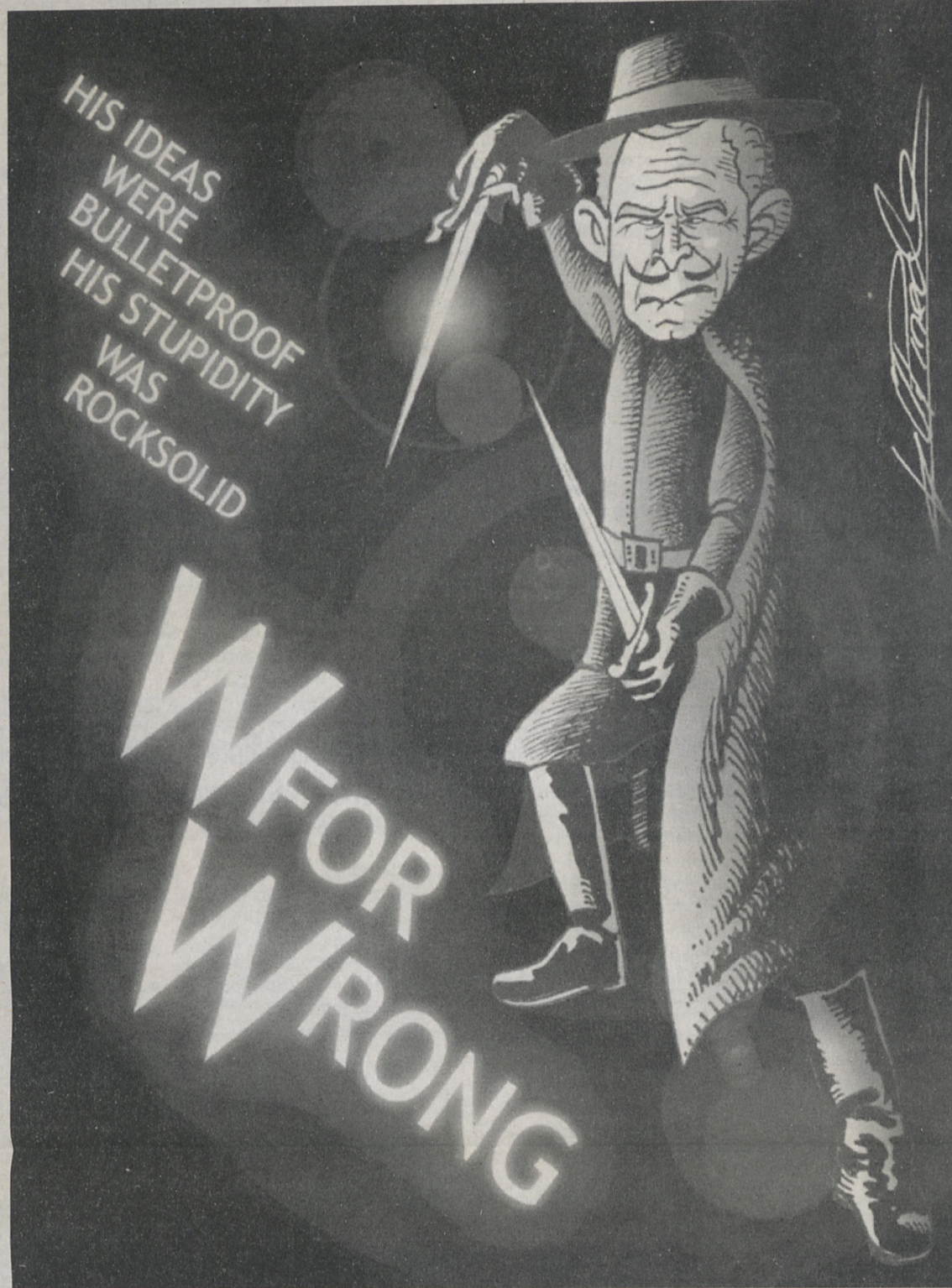
It seems logical to test older drivers' eyesight, since according to research done by Loyola University in 2001, "Of the 200 million registered drivers in the United States, approximately 10 million are over age 75. This age group has more accidents per mile than any other group except teenagers."

While that is an alarming statistic, it probably isn't just eyesight that should be tested; in-person license renewal should be required as well. U.S. News and World Report said a study done by the University of Alabama at Birmingham found that in states that require in-person renewal, the amount of fatal crashes decreased by 17 percent among those 85 and older but that "none of the other specific policies — for example, vision tests — correlated with the death rates of elderly drivers." The magazine also said, "In-person renewal laws are thought to limit accidents because license inspectors can refuse licenses to impaired drivers or insist on a medical evaluation before granting a license."

The article in Tuesday's Tampa Tribune gave a chilling example of elderly driving gone wrong. "In October," the article stated, "a 93-year-old man thought to be suffering from dementia struck a pedestrian in St. Petersburg and did not notice the corpse hanging out his windshield until a toll booth operator stopped him." The scary thing is that the man, Ralph Parker, had his vision tested in 2003 — but it didn't help him notice a corpse in his window.

The numbers prove that Florida should make people come to Department of Motor Vehicles to renew their licenses. It is clear that vision tests alone are not the answer, since it is proven by tests and reality that they do not change the statistics. But if vision tests are coupled with in-person renewals, Florida may actually be able to reduce the number of older drivers involved in fatal crashes.

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What to do when your spring break is a dud

I'm just going to start off by saying that I think we should have an extra day of spring break, not because I think we "deserve" anything like that, but because of that one precious hour that was viciously torn away from us this weekend in the name of Daylight Savings.

Daylight Savings, indeed. What good has saving daylight ever done for us? Nothing, that's what. It has taken away a precious hour of our time when we needed it and given it back to us when we couldn't care less.

I'm now going to follow up my previous statement by saying that I'm so excited that spring break is finally over.

While most of you were off gallivanting around the North American continent, I was holed up here in cow-town watching the tumbleweeds roll through campus.

I'm pretty sure that was part of a dirty, dirty joke played by the College of Forestry. And all I have to say about that is, well played, College of Forestry... but you better be keeping your eyes open because I am not above



retaliation.

But if you think there is nothing to do in Corvallis when classes are in session, try sticking around during spring break. There is absolutely no one here and nothing to do.

Sleeping was the most exciting part of my day, because at least then I could dream. When I was awake I was only reminded of the fact that more than 19,000 other people were having a better break than I was.

It's not really a self-esteem booster. Actually, the most interesting thing that happened to me over the break was an argument I got into with some of my friends. We were sitting around being bored — as people in Corvallis are wont to do — and I said that one of my friends was "a vicious life-sucking bitch from which there was no escape."

It's an actual quote, so don't go getting in a hissy about my dirty mouth; someone who is much more handsomely paid put it in a movie first.

My friend thought the quote was from "Deep Impact." You know, the movie when oceans rise, cities fall, but hope survives? Yeah, the shoot 'em up space movie with a heart.

Well, needless to say, she was wrong. It's from the shoot 'em up space movie where you're only left with the question of, "Can Ben Affleck's teeth be any whiter?"

The answer to that is also no.

I ended up having to pull Armageddon out of my movie closet and play the opening sequence to prove myself. That only took our "discussion" to a whole new level.

What do you think the dinosaurs looked like when they saw the asteroid barreling toward the earth.

After extensive debate, we concluded that it was probably a look of constipation mixed in with the look you get after you've just eaten a really good piece of cheesecake.

That's pretty intense.

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Julien Deveraux
Op-Ed

Former president's assertions inappropriate

I wish to respond to the rather embittered letter sent from former ASOSU president, Kristen Downey regarding the actions of the ASOSU Senate this year.

Ms. Downey, you've been gone now for nearly an entire year, and even while you were here, the charges you make are quite questionable.

I vehemently disagree with your mentality that the ASOSU Undergraduate Senate is at all like you've described this year. From the multitude of feedback we've gotten this year and from the wide variety of feedback sources — faculty, students, the ASOSU Executive Team, OSU Administration and even OSA; it is VERY clear that this year's group of senators is DEEPLY committed to the students they represent and have all worked very hard to fulfill their job duties as best as possible. I remind you that the ASOSU Executives are paid while senators are not. Comparing our hours is at the very least, skewed.

Regardless of this voluntary status of our jobs, I have no doubt in my mind that every senator on staff this year cares about his or her position. I am honored to work with such a concerned group of responsible student leaders who represent not only a vast variety of political stances, viewpoints and student constituencies, but who also manage to hold down full-time student responsibilities and their own personal lives; all without the added benefits of an extra paycheck.

So far in this session, we have passed three bills, and four resolutions. Most Senate sessions in years past have passed an average of 2-to-3 pieces of legislation in an entire year! Additionally, many past senators neglected to fulfill their office hours and COMPLETELY neglected student input on issues of great importance. I can honestly say that this year has seen a vast increase in the amount of senators who have worked together; across many different political spectrums with one common goal — to ensure the students at this university have a voice. A condensed list of what we have done so far should speak volumes on our legitimacy and dedication:

- We have asked the MU to empower students to choose their own menus for events held in the MU.

- We have enforced the OUS Shared Governance policy in relation to the baseball seating — even going so far as to putting our student fee funds to athletics on hold until our contract was satisfied.

- We have taken steps to ease the impact that charging entities have on student accounts (such as Parking Services and Library Fines) and lobbied for student representation on committees that oversee charges.

- We have spent more time ensuring student fees don't become unbearable for students than have MOST of the past Senate sessions; in fact we are

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A failure of control

Winter term coming to a close has ushered in changes around the campus, some more apparent than others. One of those possibly overlooked has been the change in editorial staff here at the Daily Barometer. This upheaval has resulted in me filling the vacancy of the forum editor.

Before I begin influencing all of you who don't have opinions yet, I must come clean of my crimes. The hiring staff here at the media hub of OSU neglected to mention to me if confessionals are part of the job responsibilities, but as some of you may be quick to assume that I am, in fact, a type of Superman (read: black frame glasses, writing for a newspaper, blue spandex), I must tell you that I am simply a man and capable of manifesting my own inner foibles; I was cited for failing to control a traffic control device.

While this may not have been the spring break crescendo I was hoping for, when coupled with the onset of a recent cold, I realized the resulting depression would serve to magnify the approaching sunny days, blooming daffodils and my grades from last term.

I was following a friend out of Corvallis (in a car) when, with her being a woman, I thought that there was no better way to assert my masculinity than to pass her at excessive speeds on Highway 34.

I felt my chest hair growing as I stuck close behind the station wagon separating the two of us. The light at Fifth Street turned yellow, and the wagon sped up, according to traffic law. I promptly followed suit.

But my faithful steed, complete with a four-cylinder engine and 400,000 miles, lacked to wherewithal to cross the intersection before a harsh, blindingly red light blared overhead.

Now this is downtown Corvallis, approximately two blocks from the police station. This realization hit me at the same time I saw the Benton County Sheriff, or CDP officer, I can't remember, sliding up to a silent stop at the very intersection I immorally sped through.

Long story short, I wasn't able to throw him off with my California license plates or my cold-induced truck stop waitress voice. He methodically ran my information, handed me the ticket with my largest fine ever, and left me to my misery.

I probably wrote to tell you this because I needed to fill some space on the page, but also to clear my conscience. Now that it is clear, I can get back to editing, or whatever this job entails.

If you feel so inclined, a citizens arrest may be briefly, yet, charismatically, administered if you recognize my shapely face around the campus. Then again, a simple complaint, sent to the forum e-mail address, may suffice. Thank you.

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Limit dress up age

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE)— Like many of you probably did, I took a trip to the medieval fair this weekend.

I have been once before, so the abundance of strangeness and odd people was not quite as big a shock this year.

But, deep down, when I see the people there a little bit of me wants to grab them by the shoulders, shake them a little and ask, forcefully but with true interest, "What on earth are you thinking?"

I'm not talking about the people in general — not the almost 100 percent Caucasian crowd of families, college kids and skin heads with Rottweilers — I'm talking about the people who don't even work for the fair but come dressed up anyway.

I want to say to these people: "Sir, wearing a big, wooden sword in your belt buckle doesn't make you manlier" and "ma'am, there really is no need to show us quite so much of your cleavage" and "kids, don't let your parents dress you up in wizard and fairy costumes when you're older than 5 or 6."

The medieval thing in America is a bit bizarre to me anyway.

It would seem to me that my fellow Europeans might join me in wondering why Americans, with absolutely no ties to the medieval era, would want to celebrate it.

It's rarely celebrated in Europe and if it is, we don't really take it all that seriously. It would be as strange and questionable as Europeans having fairs for Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July or powwows.

It makes me think that many Americans, in a quest for belonging, feel a need to celebrate their European heritage to feel they have a history.

I've probably written before about how silly I believe it is

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when Americans claim they're Irish and adorn themselves with Irish-themed paraphernalia just because their grandmother's cousin once spent a week at an inn in Dublin before getting on the boat back to America.

In the quest for belonging, some people see the medieval fair as a beacon of light and acceptance.

I can only imagine that a month before the fair they are getting their leather pouches cleaned, sanding down their splintered sword and sewing their costumes with gusto.

There's nothing wrong with enjoying a bit of history and really throwing yourself into it — it's probably a great escape from the realities of life: credit cards, school, family, work, responsibilities, etc.

But there's a part of me that thinks there should be an age limit on dressing up: when you own a house or have spawned children it's time to wake up and face reality.

It's also time to celebrate your true history and not to grasp hold of any vague link to Europe.

America's history is incredible and powerful, and though dotted with some questionable behavior and race problems, there's a lot to be proud of here.

When the medieval fair rolls around next year, by all means go and enjoy it.

But spare some time to think about your true history and whether you're pushing the age boundaries of it being creepy when you dress up.

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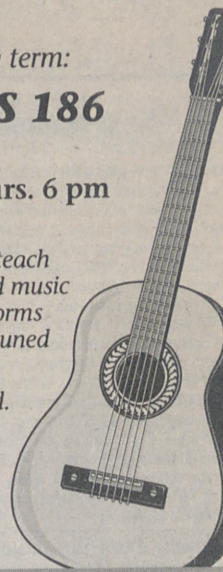
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OP-ED: Current senators prove themselves

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• We brought our president's recent conduct into question — not once — but twice, to ensure that his retention of the position reflected that of the student body's wishes. The senators received a substantial amount of feedback on this issue and ultimately, acted in a way that is in congruence with each of our constituencies.

The majority of us have made

a significant effort to listen to our constituent voices; asking them to respond to issues that concern them and then acting on their behalf — actions that most of our state and even federally elected officials — rarely perform.

Ms. Downey, if these actions are a "mockery" and if these actions make us "a bunch of all-knowing" leaders, then I welcome your suggestions for change — assuming they come from a person who wasn't also censured by the same body she now insults for calling her own past failure to perform her job duties into question.

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LEWIS: Washington, potatoes, and state vehicles; Lewis' recipe for spring break.

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My week ended on a somewhat awkward note. Awkward in that I had to drive for five hours in a state-owned vehicle to Kennewick, Wash. — that shining beacon of metropolitan achievement and intellectual focal point of the East. To those from Eastern Oregon and Washington, it is more than likely known as the only place within 100 miles that has a decent mall.

Oh, the joys of rural living.

Actually, it wasn't that bad. I got to see more of the Columbia River than I ever thought possible, and I learned that cities east of Hood River do in fact have paved roads. Will wonders never cease?

Now it's time for spring term and I'm left with one feeling: If life hands you lemons, you're supposed to make lemonade. So what do you do when life hands you a potato?

My friend says you're supposed to make potato vodka. But that probably isn't very conducive to finishing the term in one piece. Make a note of that.

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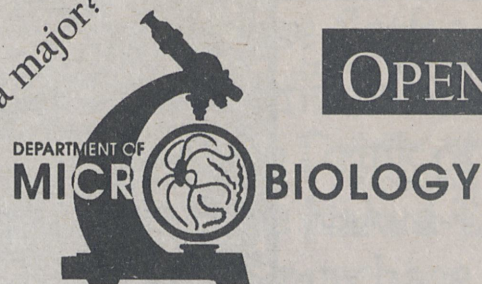
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GYMNASTICS: Pac-10s prepare Beavers for Regionals at Stanford

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in the conference.

However, the night's star performer was Stanford sophomore Tabitha Yim, who won the all-around title at 39.650, the balance beam title (9.975) and placed second on the floor exercise (9.925).

Fellow Cardinal sophomore Liz Tricase, who is ranked No. 1 in the nation on the uneven bars, took the top spot on the bars with 9.925. She also placed second on the vault (9.90) and took home third on the floor exercise (9.90).

UCLA senior and Canadian Olympian Kate Richardson also had a good night, placing second in the all-around with a 39.550. Richardson also went on to tie for second on the balance beam and tie for third on the floor.

Up next for the Beavers is the NCAA West Regional Championship at Stanford, April 8 at 6

p.m., in Maples Pavilion. OSU is the third seed and will go up against top-seed No. 5 Alabama and the second-seed host Stanford. Also, competing is Boise State, Sacramento State and San Jose State.

The top two teams from each of the regional advance to the NCAA championships April 20-22 at Gill Coliseum. The individual event winners at each regional will advance to the national championships as well (in that event only) if the gymnast is not part of a qualifying team or an all-around qualifier.

"I think when we get to regionals the competition is going to be just like this (Pac-10 championship)," Lamun said. "Stanford and UCLA are amazing teams and to have them out on the competition floor at the same time and just all three of us chasing after each other, will be just like regionals.

"I think this was a great prep for regionals," Lamun added. "You learn things from every meet and you keep going."

Denny Burnett, sports writer
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BASEBALL: A busy day yeilds good results as Oregon State sweeps Texax-Pan American

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as OSU had season-highs for runs and hits (17) in the 14-1 triumph.

Kunda's five hits and three doubles tied Oregon State school records that had been accomplished a number of times. On the day, he was 5-for-8 with the three doubles, one run batted in, six runs scored, five walks and a sacrifice. Cole Gillespie was 6-for-14 for the Beavers with one double, one home run and three RBIs and OSU's Darwin Barney had at least one hit in all three games to extend his hitting streak to 17 games.

"To be here for 13 hours and the way they played, I was proud of them and the effort they put out," OSU head coach Pat Casey said of the Beavers, who began arriving at the ballpark at about 9 a.m. "It was a difficult day for everybody involved. Hopefully that will help some of our guys who have been struggling a little bit offensively get going because Arizona's pitching is outstanding."

Kunda got his share of the two records with one swing of the bat, bouncing a double just inside the third base bag as the Beavers scored four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning during the nightcap. Kunda played every inning of all three games along with Gillespie, Barney and McFeely.

"We just knew that we were going to have to grind it out

and play those three games," Kunda said. "I thought everybody did a great job of staying up and staying focused, keeping a lot of energy going throughout the entire day. I mean, we played 11 hours of baseball, and to come out especially in the third game and put together the kind of game we did showed a lot about our character."

In the opener, the Beavers trailed 4-2 going into the bottom of the ninth inning but UTPA closer Tim Haines hit Gillespie and Geoff Wagner with pitches to start the inning. McFeely's laid down a bunt, the Broncs tried to get pinch runner Derek Engelke at second and he was safe, and McFeely was safe at first on the fielder's choice to load the bases with none out.

Mitch Canham pinch hit and drew a bases-loaded walk to force in one run and make it 4-3, then with one out and the bases still loaded Haines bounced a pitch to the backstop and McFeely scored from third to make it 4-4 but the Beavers couldn't plate the game-winner. After Eddie Kunz pitched a scoreless top of the 10th, Bill Rowe led off the bottom of the inning with a double down the left field line; with one out, Ryan Gipson was hit by a pitch and then McFeely singled down the left field line to score Rowe with

the game-winner.

"I think everybody came out realizing, 'Hey, we're going to play a lot of baseball,' and maybe trying to pace ourselves a little bit," Kunda said. "Then it came to the ninth and we were down two, and that's when we really turned it on in that game and the momentum just got us rolling for the rest of the day."

In the first game of the regularly scheduled doubleheader, OSU broke the game open with six runs on four hits in the third inning, including two-run singles by McFeely and Canham; Canham's came on a bunt.

In the final game, the Beavers jumped in front 1-0 in the first inning when Gipson walked with one out and eventually scored on Gillespie's sacrifice fly. Gipson and Gillespie had run-scoring singles and Mike Lissman added a sacrifice fly as the Beavers scored four times in the second, and OSU tacked on two more runs on Erik Ammon's run-scoring single and Lissman's squeeze bunt for a 7-0 lead.

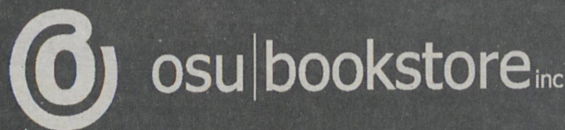
Anton Maxwell had his third consecutive strong home start to get the win and improve to 3-2. He pitched six scoreless innings, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out six.

In addition to Kunda's 5-for-5 performance in the finale, John Wallace came off the bench to deliver a pair of run-scoring singles, Ammon was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs in his first career start, and Gillespie and McFeely were both 2-for-5.

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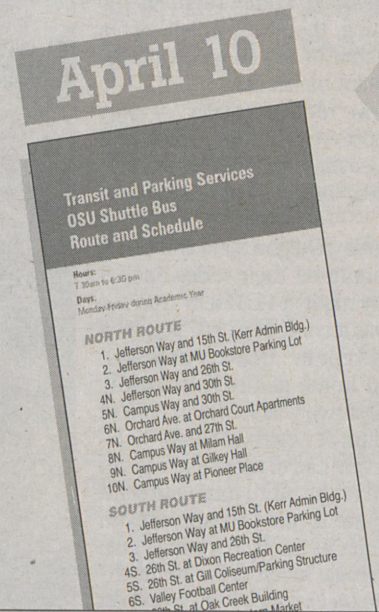
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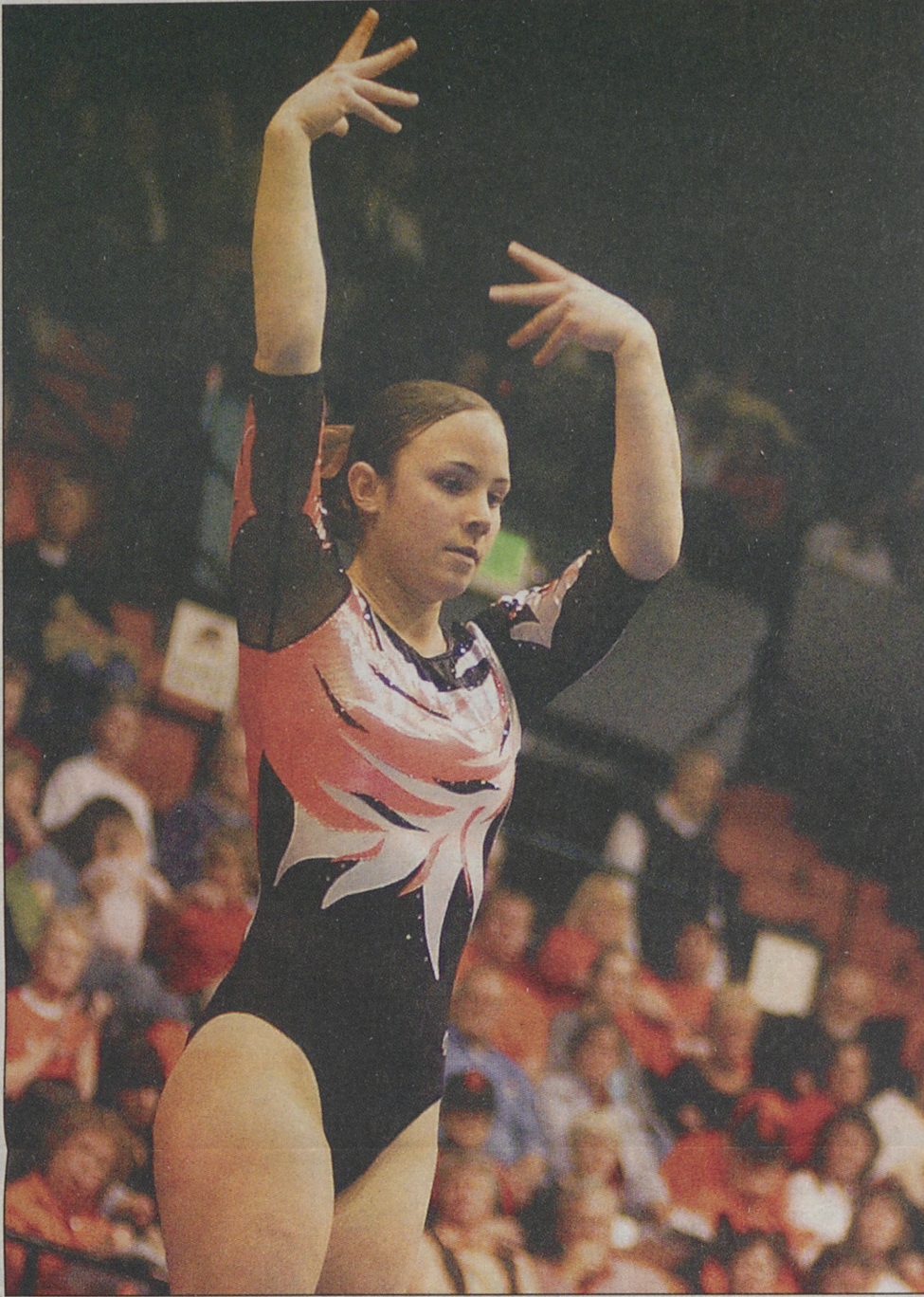
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— Florida forward Joakim Noah after the Gators won the National Championship

Gymnastics finishes third at Pac-10s on home mats

Claire Pierce balances on the beam in Gill Coliseum during the Pac-10 Championships on March 25. Pierce scored 9.825 in what was her only event of the meet. The only Beaver with a better score on the beam was Chrissy Lamun who scored 9.875. Stanford's Tabitha Yim won the event with a 9.975.

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■ Freshmen shine in Pac-10s and help lead Beavers to third place finish in Gill Coliseum March 25

By Denny Burnett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State freshman Tasha Smith has wanted to show people all season what she is capable of, but injuries caused her to be sidelined off-and-on throughout the second half of the gymnastics season.

She finally got her chance at the Pac-10 gymnastics championships March 25 at Gill Coliseum, winning two individual conference titles on the vault (9.925) and the floor exercise (9.950).

"It was really exciting because the whole year I have been hurt," Smith said. "Every time I came back, I got hurt again, so I wanted to show people what I can do and that I can keep up with everybody else, but every time I tried to, I got hurt, so I never got the chance. But tonight I finally got the chance to show people I can keep up with the Olympians and all the really big names out there and I think I added my name to that list."

Smith's conference titles were not enough to elevate the No. 16 Oregon State gymnastics team to the Pac-10 title, as it fell short scoring a 196.400. No. 8 Stanford, who took the Pac-10 title at 197.100, was followed by No. 9 UCLA at 196.800. OSU finished third.

"I'm really proud of our girls," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin. "I think we can learn some things from this competition. There are some things we want to solidify going into regionals, but they did an awesome job during some intense competition."

En route to finishing third, the Beavers scored their highest mark of the season on the uneven bars (49.025) and had second-best scores on both

the vault (49.225) and floor exercise (49.175). The only event that gave the Beavers trouble was the balance beam, where they scored a 48.815.

The Beavers (20-9) were in position to win from the start with Stanford in second place behind OSU after two events. But the Cardinal scored a 49.500 on the beam and after third rotation the Cardinal took the lead over Beavers by .400. It was the seventh and final rotation when Stanford put the meet in the record books, scoring a 49.275 on the floor exercise to take the conference title.

"UCLA and Stanford are two incredibly strong teams," Chaplin said. "We were right there with them until the end, so I'm really proud of our performance."

Smith became the first OSU gymnast in seven years to earn two Pac-10 titles in the same season (Megan Murphy-Barcroft 1999).

OSU freshman Jami Lanz was named Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year after the event, along with UCLA's Ariana Berlin. Lanz becomes the second OSU gymnast to earn Freshman of the Year honors.

"Her Freshman of the Year award is very well deserved," Chaplin said. "She has competed every single meet in the all-around for us and every routine she has done up until now has counted for us, so she's done a phenomenal job all year."

Lanz kept her outstanding inaugural season going, scoring a career second best in the all-around at 39.350, which was good enough for sixth in the conference. Lanz scored 9.8 or higher on all four rotations: T5 on floor (9.875), T8 on vault (9.85), T7 on bars (9.825) and T20 on beam (9.8).

OSU senior Chrissy Lamun had a solid final Pac-10 championship, scoring 9.9 on bars, which tied for second

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Cambria Miranda takes a cut at a pitch in OSU's 2-1 upset home win over the No. 3 Arizona Wildcats.

Softball heads to Eugene

■ Beavers look to edge closer to evening all-time series with Ducks

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The No. 7 Oregon State women's softball team will face the University of Oregon on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Eugene. The Beavers (28-3; 1-1) are looking for their first win since losing to Arizona State on April 1, snapping OSU's 28-game winning streak.

Oregon State swept the season series against the Ducks last year and have won the last four Civil War games. Against Oregon the Beavers are 72-75-1, and boast a 24-16-1 record under head coach Kirk Walker.

OSU enters the game with an impressive nine different players batting above .300. Junior Mia Longfellow leads the squad with a .411 (44-for-

107) clip from the plate, 11 doubles and 21 runs scored. Freshman DeAnn Young is also batting above .400 with a .403 (31-for-77) average. OSU pitcher Brianne McGowan, who boasts a 16-2 record from the circle, is third on the team with a .391 average. The Beavers enter the week with a Pac-10 leading .536 slugging percentage.

Beaver junior pitchers McGowan and Ta'Tyana McElroy (12-1) combined to win 28 consecutive appearances before Oregon State dropped its 3-2 contest against No. 9 ASU. McGowan has amassed 111 strikeouts in 127.0 innings of work.

Oregon State moved up one spot last week to a No. 7 ranking in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25 Poll. Seven Pac-10 Conference squads are currently ranked in the Top 25.

Baseball wins three weekend games

■ Baseball rolls in three non-conference games to record sweep of Texas-Pan American

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Oregon State's Chris Kunda tied the Beavers' record for hits and doubles in a game, going 5-for-5 with three doubles as No. 15 ranked OSU beat Texas-Pan American 14-1 to sweep a three-game non-conference baseball series Saturday night at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.

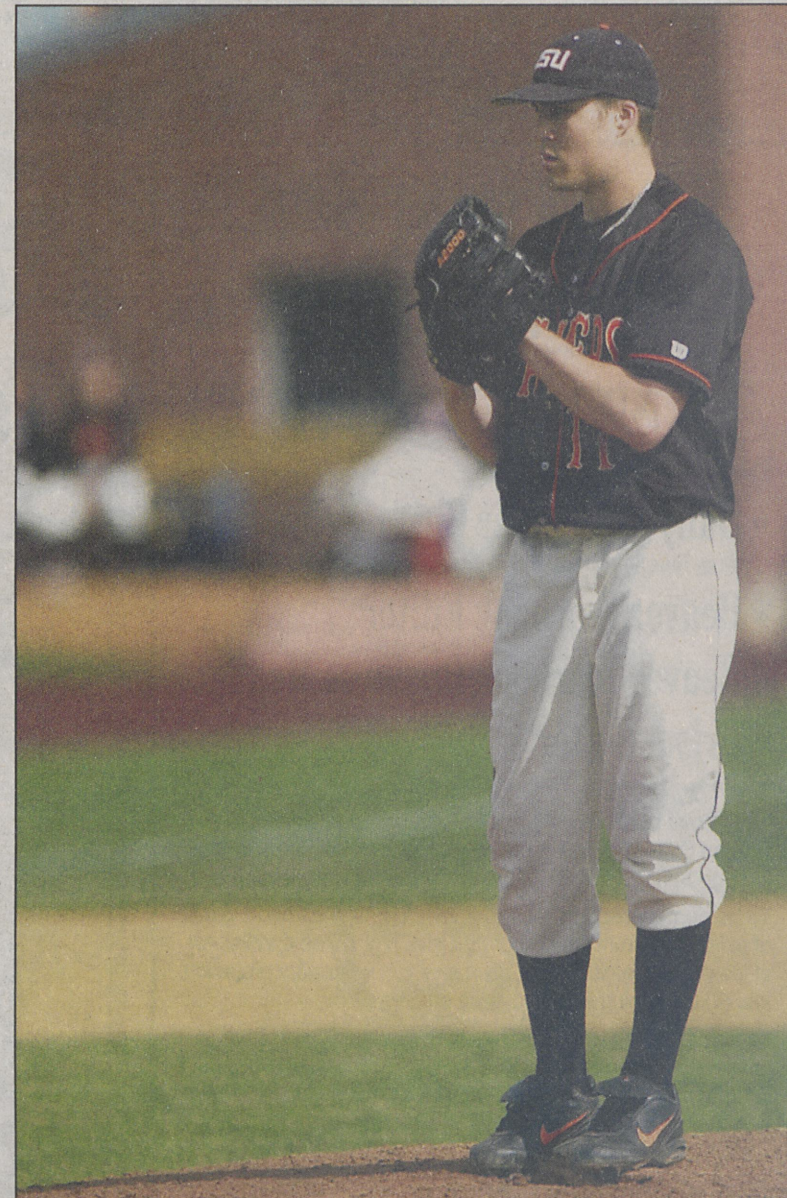
Oregon State (19-8 overall, 1-2 Pacific-10) had beaten the Broncs 5-4 in 10 innings to wrap up a game that had been suspended Friday night in the fourth inning, then took a 9-1 win in the first game of Saturday's regularly-scheduled doubleheader.

OSU now returns to Pac-10 play when it hosts Arizona on Friday at 5 p.m.; the Beavers and Wildcats will also play Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

On Saturday, Oregon State and UTPA (15-20) continued their series-opener from Friday night at 11:34 a.m. and the final out was recorded at 10:07 p.m. The three wins kept the Beavers unbeaten in their 10 home games this season; over the past two years, OSU is 36-5 at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.

The Beavers had to score two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to send the first game of the series into extra innings. Then in the 10th inning, Shea McFeely's single to left drove in pinch-runner Jake McCormick to give Oregon State the 5-4 win. In the second game, OSU took control with a six-run third inning and cruised to the 9-1 victory; in the finale, the Beavers led 7-0 after three innings and then added seven more runs in their final two at-bats

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Anton Maxwell looks to the plate in OSU's home win over Nevada on March 5 at Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.