

## The choice is to speak out

■ Genocide Awareness Project sparks tension in the quad, brings two sides face to face

By Peter Chee  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Memorial Union Quad held two groups on Wednesday, each with equally fierce conviction. Their causes seem straight forward — “pro-life” and “pro-choice” — but nothing surrounding the land-mine topic of abortion is simple, and nothing is straight forward.

The only clear fact in the quad Wednesday was that the sides of “life” and “choice” stood face to face, each standing with passionate belief in their cause — willing to cry out their message in words and images.

The “Genocide Awareness Project,” hosted by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, returned for its annual visit to OSU.

In the quad were large images of aborted fetuses and other images comparing abortion to the Jewish Holocaust, lynch mobs and Cambodian killing fields.

In response to the display, members of on-campus groups including “Pro-choice OSU” and The Family and Medial Act marched in counter-protest, waving signs and holding up white bed sheets to try and block the images.

Chelsea Ruediger, co-president of Pro-Choice OSU, said holding up the sheets was a response to the images, which she said were graphic and inappropriate and were being forced upon students and faculty.

“We’re giving people a choice,” she said of trying to block the images from a distance. She said people wishing to view the images could simply step past them.

Corvallis Police on hand saw the issue differently, at one point asking the student protesters to move.

“The police officers have asked us to move,” she said. “(That) we’re blocking the view and stopping their free speech.”

But Ruediger said in being asked to move, her group’s rights to free speech were being stifled.

“Our sheets would mean nothing over there,” she said pointing

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## IMPRINTS



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OSU applied visual arts professor Muneera Spence stands outside her Corvallis home. She will draw upon her 18 years of graphic design teaching experience while spending the next two years working in the city of Doha as chair of the graphic design department for The Virginia Commonwealth University in

## It starts with home

■ Graphic design professor to teach in Qatar’s capital city of Doha for the next two years

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For Muneera Spence, home is the start of every adventure. Take it from her, she’s had many.

“You wake up, look outside and are delighted,” she said. “Home is not a place to hold you in.”

Spence, an associate professor in applied visual arts at OSU, is poised to embark on yet another globe-trotting experience, this time chairing the graphic design department at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Doha, the capitol city of Qatar, for the next two years.

Her family is Indian, but Spence was born and raised in Uganda. She fled the African nation in 1972 at age 19 amidst political turmoil, immigrating to the United States for a new start.

Spence said she’s curious as to how those in Doha will react to her diverse background.

Will they view her as American? She wonders. Indian? Ugandan? Or as a Muslim?

“How will they navigate these differences?” she asked. Maybe colleagues and students will view her as a combination of all of the above.

“They remain curious, but not dismissive,” she said. People at the University may be curious about her,

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## Shuttle changes irk some riders

■ Planners say changes improve the overall transit network

By Thomas De Vicq  
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As of April 10, Transit and Parking Services began running new routes through OSU.

The main idea behind the change was to establish faster routes that cater to both the OSU shuttle and Corvallis Transit System.

Many students have not favored the decision, saying there are fewer stops than before and longer walking times to pick-up or drop-off locations.

After months of planning and data collection by Transit Services, the decision was made to cut stops that it says will enable a more efficient shuttle system.

“The only spots we are eliminating didn’t have ridership before,” campus sustainability coordinator Brandon Trelstad said. “The goal is to maintain ridership and expand it.”

The shuttle service currently carries only one-third of its previous passengers.

However, this may be because of an adjustment stage, and the fact that spring is now in full swing, prompting people to walk rather than ride.

Prior to the change there was a growing concern from students riding CTS to OSU who said inefficient CTS routes and traffic tangles through campus made them late to class.

With the changes, CTS now merely skims the outskirts of campus, making two stops on Western Boulevard and one on Jefferson Avenue just before 14th Street.

This will create a way for off campus students to ride CTS to campus and then ride the campus shuttle.

Much of the concern coming from students came from those who used the free parking at Reser Stadium and were not close to a transportation stop.

In light of the situation, a slight revision was made to the south shuttle which now includes a route directly through the stadium lot.

The OSU shuttle now takes about 15 minutes to complete a loop, down roughly five minutes from prior to the revisions.

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## Saferide cracks down on transportation system abuse

■ Planned Nightlife Shuttle would focus on needs beyond Saferide

By Ryan Blake  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

What could possibly be better than a free ride to the popular clubs or parties in Corvallis? For some, it might be a ride that could avoid any unwanted brushes with the law.

It sounds like the perfect party dream.

But for OSU’s Saferide program, it’s not exactly a happy dream.

According to Heather James, the ASOSU director of Saferide, the program began in 1987 with a female only volunteer program designed for sexual assault awareness.

Since then it has expanded to a co-ed service with a staff of just less than 30.

The Saferide system provides a safe way for college students to get around

at night after the Corvallis Transit System has closed down for the evening.

Just recently, Saferide has become American’s with Disabilities Act approved, which gives them the ability to provide transportation to those with disabilities.

“We actually own the first ever ADA approved vehicle at OSU,” James said.

But recently, Saferide has been experiencing some abuse from un-rule students.

“A lot of people assume it’s a ‘Drunk Bus,’” James said. “But we really don’t provide home to home transportation. We are not a taxi and we cannot accommodate large groups of intoxicated peoples.”

Jacque Gamble, a Saferide driver, is concerned that party-goers hoping to catch a ride are taking away from those who actually need a safe form of

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## Marchers aim to take back the night

■ OSU students and others speak out on sexual violence

By Katrina R. Machorro  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While the sun was dying down, the Memorial Union Quad was alive with activity.

On Wednesday night, students, faculty and community members marched to “Take Back the Night.”

The march was a collaborative effort between the OSU Women’s Center, the Associated Students of Oregon State University and Saferide.

Take Back the Night is a march that originated in Europe after a series of sexual assaults and murders were committed against women. The purpose of the march is to address the issue of violence against women.

“In the past (the march) was only women, but the past couple of years it has been a coed march — men are victims (of sexual violence) as well,” said

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Saren Call, a sophomore in sociology, makes a sign to hold in the Take Back the Night March on Wednesday night.



## Suicide bombers attack multinational peacekeepers in Sinai

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Two days after a deadly resort bombing, suicide attackers targeted international peacekeepers and police Wednesday in the Sinai, a barren expanse where Bedouin tribesmen eke out a meager existence and tourists luxuriate in seaside hotels.

The largely impoverished region has become fertile ground for terrorists, who have hit the Multinational Force and Observer peacekeepers twice in less than a year — both times after larger and bloodier attacks on Sinai resorts.

Wednesday's attacks were unsophisticated — one bomber was riding a bicycle — and only the militants died.

The death and destruction were far greater Monday, when three bombs shattered a peaceful holiday weekend, killing 21 people in the Dahab resort 190 miles to the south.

Authorities have rounded up dozens of suspects and are studying the dismembered remains of three men to learn if they were suicide bombers in the Dahab attacks. Three detainees were released after questioning Wednesday.

## Iranian top leader warns U.S. against attacking Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's supreme leader warned the United States on Wednesday that his nation would hit back twice as hard if America attacked its nuclear sites.

Even as it threatened to ravage U.S. global interests, Iran sent its top nuclear official to Vienna, Austria, for talks with the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency ahead of a Friday Security Council deadline for Tehran to halt its uranium enrichment activities.

"The Americans should know that if they invade Iran, their interests around the world would be harmed," supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told workers gathered ahead of May Day, the international workers' holiday, state television reported.

"Iran will respond twofold to any attack," Khamenei said.

The United States repeatedly has said it has no plans to attack Iran but all options remain on the table as it pursues a diplomatic solution to Iran's insistence on enriching uranium — a process that can produce fuel for generators or fissile material for nuclear bombs.

Britain on Wednesday ruled out military force against Iran. "This is not Iraq. Nobody is talking about military action," Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said in a speech in London.

But Straw said how the world deals with the standoff over Tehran's nuclear program will be a test for the relevance of international diplomacy.

The Security Council has given Iran until Friday to suspend enrichment. If it does not, the council is likely to

consider punitive measures against the Islamic republic.

Iran has rejected the ultimatum, but senior negotiator Gholamreza Aghazadeh was discussing the issue in talks Wednesday with the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is preparing a report on Iran's compliance with the Security Council demand.



## Bush names Fox host Tony Snow White House spokesman

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave his presidency a facelift Wednesday, tapping a smooth-talking, telegenic conservative commentator as the new White House press secretary.

The appointment of Fox News pundit Tony Snow as Bush's third chief spokesman was intended in part to help improve the White House's frayed relationship with the press corps. Bush paired the announcement of his choice with some friendly jabs at reporters, and a serving of respect for their craft.

"Tony already knows most of you, and he's agreed to take the job anyway," the president said, Snow laughing at his side in the briefing room where he will start holding court in about two weeks. "He understands like I understand that the press is vital to our democracy."

Snow, a 50-year-old Ohio native, plans to take over from current press secretary Scott McClellan the week of May 8. He will hold off conducting the daily press briefings for several days while the two overlap.

The choice of Snow was also part of a White House effort — under the leadership of new chief of staff Joshua Bolten and with Bush at his lowest-ever approval ratings — to reach out to conservatives who made up the base of support for Bush's two presidential victories but have been disaffected by government spending and other issues.

Democrats, though, seized on remarks and writings Snow has produced in nearly 25 years in the media that have been critical of Bush, and often provocative. Snow held several print journalism positions, mostly working for newspaper opinion pages, and lately has been the host of the "Tony Snow Show" on Fox News Radio and "Weekend Live with Tony Snow" on the Fox News Channel.

Though usually aggressively supportive of the president as a GOP pundit, Snow has also shown a confrontational side. In a syndicated column, for instance, Snow has called the president "something of an embarrassment," a leader who has "lost control of the federal budget," the architect of a "listless domestic policy" and a man who has "a habit of singing from the political correctness hymnal."

The Democratic National Committee said Snow's appointment means "truth still snowed in" in the Bush administration.

## Bush favors giving illegal immigrants citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush generally favors plans to give millions of illegal immigrants a chance at U.S. citizenship without leaving the country, but does not want to be more publicly supportive because of opposition among conservative House Republicans, according to senators who attended a recent White House meeting.

Several officials familiar with the meeting also said Democrats protested radio commercials that blamed them for Republican-written legislation that passed the House and would make illegal immigrants vulnerable to felony charges.

Bush said he was unfamiliar with the ads, which were financed by the Republican National Committee, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

At another point, Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada and other members of his party pressed the president about their concern that any Senate-passed bill would be made unpalatable in final talks with the House.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-ranking Democrat, said the lawmaker who would lead House negotiators, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, had been "intractable" in negotiations on other high-profile bills in the past. Bush did not directly respond to the remark, officials said.

The Republican and Democratic officials who described the conversation did so Wednesday on condition of anonymity, saying they had not been authorized to disclose details.

## Supreme Court Justice Riggs announces he will leave post

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon Supreme Court Justice R. William Riggs will leave his position by the end of this year.

Riggs informed Gov. Ted Kulongoski of his decision in a letter Wednesday.

His departure comes as three candidates are vying for a spot on the seven-member court to replace retiring Chief Justice Wallace Carson, and as a ballot measure is circulating to require Supreme Court justices to be elected by geographic district, instead of on a statewide basis.

"I don't intend to retire in the sense of sitting back and watching Oprah in the afternoon," said Riggs, 67. "I think that there will be some good opportunities for me in private life."

Riggs has served on the court since September 1998. He won re-election to a six-year term in 2004. Prior to that, he served on the Oregon Court of Appeals, and as a Multnomah County circuit court judge. Riggs is also a former president of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and founded the Oregon Academy of Family Law Prac-

tioners.

Riggs has served during a tumultuous time for the state's highest court, during which the justices have ruled on assisted suicide, medical marijuana and property rights.

Riggs wrote a unanimous decision upholding the legislative redistricting plan designed by Democratic Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, but dissented from the majority over reforms to the state's pension system.

Riggs told Kulongoski he plans to leave by Dec. 31 but could leave sooner if "a professional opportunity causes me to advance that date somewhat."

That could open the door for Kulongoski to nominate one of the three candidates for Carson's seat: Appeals Court Judge Virginia Linder, Pendleton lawyer Gene Hallman or former Labor Commissioner and gubernatorial candidate Jack Roberts.

Each has campaigned on diversity — Linder would be the only woman in what has been an all-male body since the departure of Susan Leeson in 2003, Hallman would be the only justice to live east of the Cascade Range, and Roberts has cast himself as a candidate with practical experience beyond the state's legal and judicial community.

Kulongoski's last appointment to the Supreme Court came in 2003, when he tapped Justice Rives Kistler, a former Court of Appeals judge.

## Kulongoski says he'll veto any effort to derail payday loan law

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Ted Kulongoski says he will use his veto, if necessary, to thwart any move by the payday loan industry to overturn new regulations that were approved in last week's special legislative session.

The new state law limits annual interest on payday loans to 36 percent, sets minimum loan periods at 31 days and bars lenders from making more than two rollovers or making new loans within seven days of a previous loan.

After the measure won approval last week, payday loan industry representatives said they plan to return to the Legislature next January to try to overturn the law they say will destroy a growing industry that provides a popular service.

That brought a blunt response Wednesday from Kulongoski, who said the new law is needed to protect people who have gotten hopelessly in debt having to pay annual interest rates exceeding 500 percent.

"Predatory lending, which victimizes people who are already skating on thin financial ice, has no place in Oregon," the governor said at a ceremony where he signed the new regulations into law.

Asked whether he would accept any changes in the new law next January, Kulongoski said, "We're not going backwards on this bill."

Thursday, Apr. 27

## Meetings

ASOSU, 5pm, 149 MU East. Environmental Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Come experience God with us!

Ethnic Studies Student Association, 4-5:30pm, MU 209. Update on projects, website and constitution. Please bring ideas and friends.

## Speakers

Dept. of Forest Engineering, 4-5pm, Richardson Hall 107. Lematta Oregon/Global Forestry Issues Seminar Series. Dr. Bruce Shindler: Politics and Public Acceptance of Forest Management... or Why Should we Care About Public Opinion?

## Events

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

Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Evening Mass — A Great Thirsty Thursday alternative.

United Campus Ministry, 9:30-11am, Westminster House. Coffee & conversation. You are welcome to stop in for coffee & conversation in the front lounge.

FMLA, Pro-Choice OSU, 9am-4pm, MU Quad. Protest against the Genocide Awareness Project. Mass, silent protest 12-1pm.

Friday, Apr. 28

## Events

Phi Kappa Psi, 2pm, MU Quad/Brick Mall. Come watch the Phi Psi's tri-cycle tournament around the MU Quad.

Saturday, Apr. 29

## Speakers

Horning Lecture Series, 9am-5pm, MU Joyce Powell Leadership Center. 2006 Horning Conference "Race, Science and Law"

## Events

Dept. of Rec. Sports, 10am-6pm, Tennis Courts or Pavilion. Tennis Doubles Tournament. Please sign up by Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

University Honors College, 8-11pm, MU Ballroom. Free Dance.

Sunday, Apr. 30

## Events

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

Dept. of Rec. Sports, 10am-6pm, Tennis Courts or Pavilion. Tennis Doubles Tournament. Please sign up by Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

Monday, May 1

## Meetings

ASOSU, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Graduate Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

OSU Rifle Club, 7pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. All students welcome.

ASOSU, 4pm, Native American Longhouse. Multicultural Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, May 2

## Meetings

ASOSU, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Community and Women's Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

ASOSU, 7pm, 149 Snell Hall. Federal and State Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

ASOSU, 5:30pm, 120 Snell Hall. Queer Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

Blood Drive Association, 6pm, MLK Room in MU. Plan campus blood drives.

## 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.

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## NIGHT: Event part of OSU's Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Heather James, a junior in human services and pre-nursing and the ASOSU director of Saferide.

Before the evening march, there was plenty of entertainment. At 7:30 the festivities began with live music and a baton dancer. Free hot chocolate and plastic megaphones were on hand.

At 8:30, the march took off from the MU steps and followed a route on 26th Street past greek row, up 25th Street to Monroe Avenue and then downtown to end at the Benton County Courthouse.

After the event, participants were driven back to campus.

"Hopefully we will have a good turnout and pick up some people when on greek row," said James before the march. "Right now we have a lot of people."

"(This is a) march in which people have the chance to support those who have been victim-

ized by sexual assault," said Stacy Thomsen, a junior in political science.

After the march, a "Speak Out" was held which was a time for the participants to speak on the issue of sexual violence.

Linda Anderson, Sexual Assault Support Services coordinator and psychologist at the OSU counseling center, facilitated the Speak Out.

"It's about basic awareness because sexual assault is so common — another thing is to feel power, (victims) do not have to be alone," Anderson said.

The march was the second to last event of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The last event will be held today in the MU Journey Room at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker Rachel Griffen, a victim of sexual assault, will speak out against sexual violence and offer advice on how to cope with sexual assault.

Support services for sexual assault victims is available on campus by calling 541-737-7604.

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## SAFERIDE: Planners say Beaver Bus will not stop directly in front of bars or clubs

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transportation around campus.

"We are primarily an assault prevention program," Gamble said. "People need to respect the policies."

The main focus of Saferide is to help people get around to campus-based activities and academic programs, not to give a ride from party to party.

"It's a sticky situation," James said. "There's no way we would let a female under the influence of alcohol stand on a street corner alone at night. If you're just trying to get home, we're there to help."

Fortunately for the avid night-lifer, ASOSU is planning for the Beaver Bus — a transportation

system focused more on the nightlife of students rather than academic or work-related will begin running fall term of 2006.

Some rules still apply.

"Essentially, the Beaver Bus is just an addition to Saferide, with more focus on prevention of drunk driving," James said. "It will focus more on the nightlife of students."

James said the plan to maintain a feeling of safety on the bus will be the presence of a certified CTS driver as well as a passenger monitor, who can refuse entry to the bus to anyone.

Also, there will be no direct stops in front of bars or clubs. The drop-off and pick-up points

will be in main locations in Corvallis, such as Win-Co Foods and the movie theatres.

The system is set to run from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. It is still up in the air whether or not the Beaver Bus will be available to community members as well.

"The main point is to provide a responsible, alternative ride home for students," James said.

Saferide runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. fall and spring, Sunday through Thursday, and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday through Saturday, with pick up at the Valley Library bike racks. Pick up begins at 6 p.m. during winter.

To schedule a ride, call Saferide at 737-2252, or e-mail asosu.saferide@oregonstate.edu.

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## Corvallis residents escape house fire

■ Woman and nephew woken up by a first-on-the-scene Corvallis police officer after their porch sparks a fire

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A 96-year-old woman and her nephew escaped an early morning house fire on Wednesday on the 1400 block of N.W. Polk Avenue, the fire department said.

The first responder to this fire was a Corvallis Police officer, who woke the sleeping woman to get her out of the house.

When the emergency responders arrived on the scene, the flames were shooting more than 30 feet into the air.

The fire started on the porch of the house. There was minor damage to the kitchen.

The nephew was taken to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center for smoke inhalation. The woman and her nephew reported no other injuries.

The family will be living with a local Corvallis family until the investigation is finished.

The Corvallis Fire Investigation team and the Corvallis Police Department are investigating the cause of the fire.

The home had no smoke detector.

## SHUTTLE: Funding comes from ticket revenue and permit sales

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In addition to reduced times and a more efficient system for both the OSU shuttle and CTS, Trelstad points out a more convenient system for disabled riders.

The OSU shuttle is not funded with tuition or student funds of any kind. Transit and Parking Services is a self-supporting system that relies on parking permit sales and parking violation revenue. The money gained from these elements produces enough income for the shuttle to operate, and provide salaries for employees of Transit and Parking Services.

Despite the outcry of opposition, Trelstad has received some positive feedback, stating that the Albany connection to OSU is more convenient.

Trelstad also expressed the need for patience while people adjust to the new routes.

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## Correction

The friendship bracelet made Saturday was 362 feet in length. An incorrect figure was printed in Monday's issue of The Daily Barometer.

The Daily Barometer staff regrets any misunderstanding or inconveniences caused by this error.

# Rice and Rumsfeld in surprise visit to Iraq as top U.S. commander expresses hopes for withdrawing some troops

By Anne Gearan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Symbolism speaks volumes in the world of diplomacy. So the mere sight of America's top two foreign policy officials calling on Iraq's new leaders sent the message loud and clear — we're behind you and we want your government to succeed.

And in case the subtext of Wednesday's unannounced visit by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was unclear, the top U.S. military commander on the scene spelled it out. Army Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. military commander, said Iraq's success in forming a new government might allow the U.S. to withdraw some of its troops from the war zone later this year.

"We are seeing the situation a little clearer, I'd say," as a result of the latest political progress, Casey told reporters. "And the clearer I see it the better I can make my recommendations" about withdrawals.

"I came away most encouraged," Rumsfeld said after he and Rice spent a day meeting with Iraqi politicians and U.S. military and diplomatic advisers in the capital city. Rice called the priorities and commitment of Iraq's newly selected prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, "refreshing and really heartening."

The double-barreled show of support for Iraq's first permanent democratic government was meant to resonate in Iraq and among Americans, whose frustration with the war effort has helped drive President Bush's poll numbers to new lows.

A four-month political stalemate had sapped support for U.S. involvement in Iraq. The administration remains under election-year pressure from the public and many in Congress to draw down its forces there.

"There is no question but that as the new government is formed and the ministers are in place, that it's appropriate for us to begin discussions with the new government about the conditions on the ground and the pace at which we'll be able to turn over responsibility in the provinces," Rumsfeld said.

After meeting with Rumsfeld, Casey told reporters, "I'm still on my general timeline" for a possible withdrawal.

Casey used no figures. There are about 130,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, and military officials have spoken before of their hopes of reducing that number below 100,000 by the end of the year if the insurgency does not grow worse and if Iraq makes continued progress on political and security fronts.

Casey said breakthrough agreements last weekend to name al-Maliki as prime minister and to fill six other top government posts "certainly is a major step in the process" of reducing troop levels this year. He said more must be done on the political side, particularly filling key government, ministry jobs.

The Pentagon has not said when it expects to make decisions about further troop reductions. Casey had said late last year that he expected to submit his recommendation this

spring.

Bush said last month that U.S. troops would stay in Iraq for years. Administration hopes for a major pullout soon have been tempered by the insurgency and the increase since February in sectarian violence.

"I think we're fairly resolved on the military side to understand that this is going to take time," Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, told reporters Wednesday. He added that political leaders would make the key decisions about how long U.S. troops remain deployed.

Rice said the United States has an obligation to be ready to do what will best help the emerging Iraqi leadership tackle persistent violence and such grinding problems as petty corruption and poor electricity.

The secrecy surrounding the two leaders' visit and the omnipresent security precautions inside the fortified U.S. government complex underscored the dangers and difficulties the Iraqi leaders inherit.

The trip also came after recent calls by a half-dozen retired generals for Rumsfeld, 73, to resign. Asked by a reporter whether this visit — his 12th — would be his last trip to Iraq as Pentagon chief, an unsmiling Rumsfeld replied, "No."

Rice refused to second-guess the course of U.S. involvement in Iraq more than three years into a war that two-thirds of Americans now say the president is handling badly.

"Have we made mistakes? I'm sure we have," Rice told reporters with Rumsfeld beside her. "In a big historical circumstance like this, you're going to do some things well and you're going to do some things not well."

Last month, Rice said the United States had made thousands of tactical errors in Iraq, a remark Rumsfeld said confused him. Their unusual joint appearance was also intended to show the sometimes feuding U.S. diplomatic and military branches engaged side by side.

Al-Maliki was largely unknown outside Iraq before he emerged last week as a compromise candidate to break a four-month political logjam. Neither Rice nor Rumsfeld had met him before Wednesday's session, and Rice met with him a second time privately.

Al-Maliki opposed both Saddam Hussein and the U.S.-led invasion that overthrew the dictator more than three years ago. He has been described as a hardline Shiite partisan and by U.S. officials as an Iraqi patriot who stood up to attempted political meddling by neighboring Iran.

He has a month to form Iraq's first permanent democratic government, and U.S. officials are direct about the high stakes.

"This new Iraqi government must perform on behalf of the Iraqi people, but the new government also gives us a chance to correct our mistakes and do our part to make Iraq work," said Jim Wilkinson, a senior adviser to Rice.

The American ambassador in Baghdad, Zalmay Khalilzad, has said Iraq risks civil war if its political leadership falters.



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## Editorial

# Project misnomer

As many witnessed in the MU Quad Wednesday, the annual "Genocide Awareness Project" was in the midst of its controversial presentation, featuring pictures of aborted fetuses juxtaposed with quarters, dimes and images of lynchings and other historical genocides, like the Holocaust and the events in Cambodia.

We at the Barometer have respect for the right to make a political statement, and even the message that they are trying to convey; however, we do not respect the title of their project or the presentation of concepts behind it.

Merriam-Webster.com defines genocide as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political or cultural group." As far as we know, babies — born or unborn — do not fit into any of these categories.

Yes, when narrowed down to the United States, it could be a national genocide, but the fact that this is taking place worldwide would arguably negate this viewpoint.

Tuesday being Holocaust Memorial Day, and this week being Holocaust Memorial Week, we found the project offensive and insensitive.

Our individual or collective viewpoint on abortions themselves aside, the fact that the producers of this campaign lifted the term "genocide" and would choose to show pictures of aborted fetuses next to Jews killed in the Holocaust or Blacks hanged during era of slavery — trying to convince us that these are one and the same — is ridiculous.

There was also no argument offered that supported the terms of why they call it the "Genocide Project." Apparently some students saw this as well. We observed many asking the simple question, "How can you compare these things to abortion?"

The supporters responded by saying, in effect, that if one sees nothing wrong with the pictures of the Holocaust or the man hanging from a tree, one should see nothing wrong with these pictures of fetuses. But there is a problem with a picture of a fetus when being compared to an actual genocide.

At the very least, fetuses are from all ethnic and racial backgrounds; so how can one nation's policies on abortion constitute a genocide?

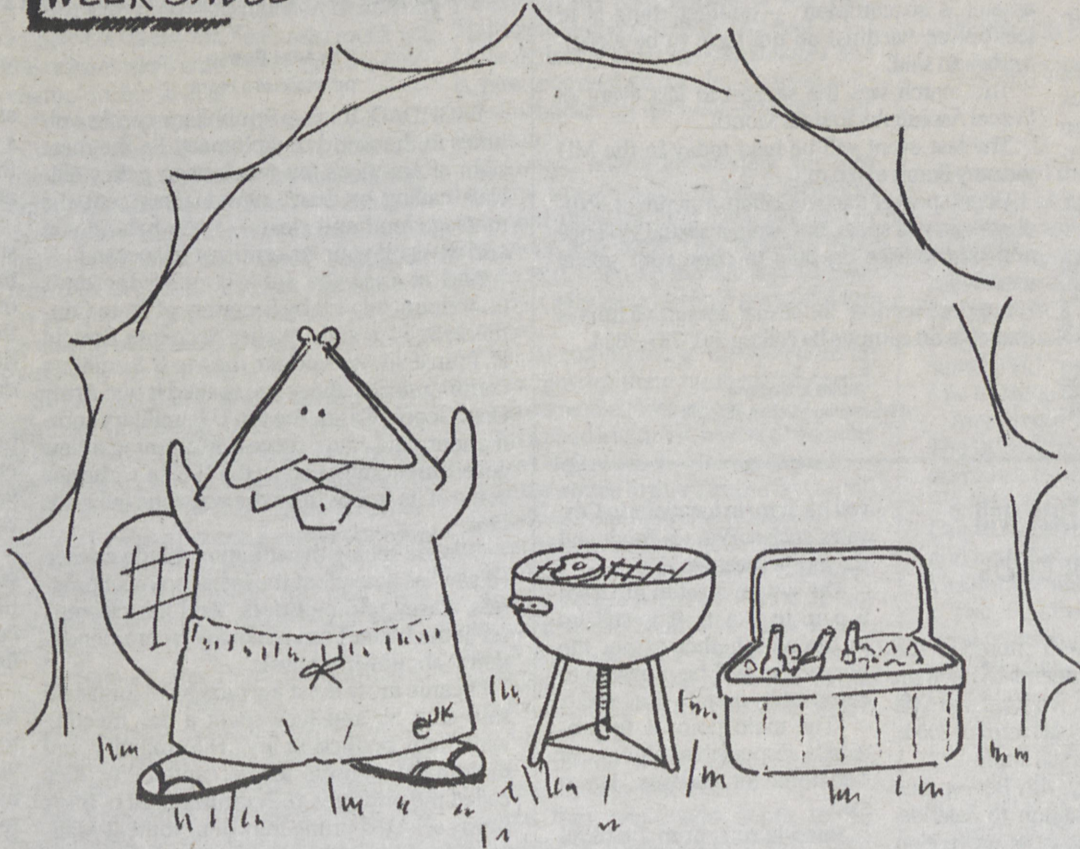
We have all heard the numbers of abortions that happen every year and even every day — but for the females that have to walk through the quad that have had abortions, or those individuals who are pro-choice, is it fair?

Is it fair to compare them to Nazis or to tell them that they are killing off an entire race?

We think not.

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## WEEK SAVCE



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# Behold, the power of silence

"No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow." — Alice Walker

Silence is powerful. As a child interrogated by adults I kept quiet, believing it was more useful to say nothing than to give away a secret in the face of authority. Sometimes I would forget to say something important, hoping that my silence would keep me out of trouble.

I mean, who really needed to know that the reason I came home dripping wet that one time was because I rode my bike into a lake ... on purpose?

As an adult, silence still holds an amazing amount of power. If I don't feel like announcing all those times I've been pulled over while driving (never receiving a ticket, mind you), I can choose not to. And my parents would probably worry to death if I mentioned all those times I went to Canada on a weekend jaunt and "forgot" to tell them.

Since becoming an adult I've also learned the powerful nuances of silence in conversation, especially for those of us living in Western societies. Silence could signal a lull in a lively talk, or it could be a powerful demonstration of acquiescence, withdrawal, anger, surprise, boredom or disappointment — to name but a few emotions represented by our chosen voicelessness. I remember vividly the conversations I've started and stopped with silence.

Indeed, silence can be the most powerful scream. You need not look

Luke Sugie

Queer, Brown and Uppity

farther than the scene in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" when Tippi Hedren and company exit their claustrophobic caged-in house, only to find a sea of birds waiting silently, threateningly.

A moment of silence can be a ritual to mourn a tragic event shared by many. It can also signal a time for reflection when used in prayer. Even in music silence is important. I can't listen to any song with more than 150 beats per minute because, without silence, it sounds like static on the radio.

The silence I like is the silence I choose, not the silence imposed on me through the use of fear, intimidation or systematic discrimination. Silence under these conditions is rooted in the denial of personhood, the denial of the speakers' capacity to deliberate and choose, and the denial of the listeners' capacity to accept perspective and experience different than their own.

The Day of Silence was started by students at the University of Virginia in 1996 aiming to end bullying and harassment of queer folks in schools, and has since ballooned to 500,000 participants in 4,000 schools across the country. This year's Day of Silence was Wednesday, April 26.

On the Day of Silence, participants are instructed to keep silent to protest the forced silence of queer students because of harassment, violence and the threat of violence. Engaging with silence on their own terms, participants reject silence as a tool of oppression and question its use to those around them.

ACT-UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, made famous the slogan "SILENCE = DEATH," a radical call for action in an era of uncomfortable silence by the Reagan Administration on the growing calamity of the AIDS crisis. ACT-UP wished for America to break the silence surrounding AIDS, and face the truth that governmental inaction was directly harming the queer male community.

Even before that, the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam (an anti-war religious organization) used the phrase "a time comes when silence is betrayal" to voice their need to speak out on the soul-sucking conflict America faced in Vietnam. Even under the pressure of patriotism and anti-communist sentiments, the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam found it necessary for America to break the silence on the way we were conducting the war in Vietnam.

Because each new perspective teaches me about myself and the world around me, I understand that I hurt myself by silencing someone else's experience. Even when

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Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

# You're an illegal immigrant, too!

Immigration is the hot button in the nation at this time, taking attention away from our illegal attack of another country, our president's illegal wiretapping, the illegal release of Valerie Plame's identity to the press via the White House's intrepid leader, the continual loss of our best and brightest who are fighting for freedom in Iraq and for the true war against those who attacked us who are now hiding in Afghanistan; all of these true and valid issues. The indictable, impeachable issues are well hidden behind the perceived threat of illegal immigration. How is it that a man who has lied to the entire world so that he can avenge the insult that was cast upon his father can be immune from a federal investigation, yet a man who lies about an affair has millions of tax dollars spent on a useless investigation into his marital infidelity? Is there a man alive who wants to come clean about an affair? If that doesn't make you wonder about the state of our country, nothing will.

Unless it is immigration, now there is a topic that will cast all eyes away from the truth. Because, guess what, we are all immigrants. Except for the indigenous people of this land, we are all immigrants. The vast majority of this country consists of illegal immigrants. Did your great-grandparents have a passport and visa from the Native Nations granting them the right to live here along with an engraved invitation to take our land? Did your ancestors agree to speak the Native languages of this land before they decided that everyone should speak a language from across the sea? How many Native people voted for that? When the government decreed that all Native children had to attend Indian Boarding Schools, mandatory attendance was required for all Native children (it was illegal not to attend) and they were beaten for speaking their Native languages. How many spoke English by choice?

The truth is that we are living in a land that is occupied. It has been occupied for more than 500 years. It is occupied by illegal immigrants and their descendants who now make the laws by which we are all required to abide. Do I think that Mexican people are illegal immigrants? No, I think they are my brothers and sisters from the south; they are also indigenous to this continent. Do I think that anyone will ever pay for the American Holocaust that was wreaked upon, and continues to impact, Native people of this continent? No. We are a nation of immigrants from all races and all walks of life.

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# Apology and explanation for walk-out on Monday

Before beginning, it is necessary to point out that although it was alluded to, racial discrimination was not the issue of the April 24 Women's Studies 399 "walk-out." It was simply a matter of right and wrong.

My apology is owed to those who were affected by the incident on Monday night. I did not intend to take part in the class delay, or escalate the situation. Furthermore, I am convinced that I must give an explanation for my behavior.

It was not acceptable for Ms. Leer to require for all enrolled football players to sit in assigned seating in front of the class. Therefore I objected.

Ms. Leer should have explained beforehand or during the confrontation the content of her intentions. All I asked for was an explanation as to why we were being singled out in front of 500

Brandon Hughes  
Op-Ed

people. If she had said it was an experiment, there would not have been a problem. However, she proceeded to give me two options; I could either take my assigned seat or exit the lecture hall. She threatened to call security if I chose my own seat, which has always been an enjoyed freedom. On top of that, she could have toned the situation down drastically by not sending her TAs to try and force our participation.

I made it clear that I did not want to partake in the experiment. If it was simply an experiment, why was it such a big deal that I did not want to participate? Without any explanation

by Ms. Leer, it appeared to be a disciplinary action. I was embarrassed and felt labeled and my participation should not have been demanded. Again, all she had to do was give me a logical reason for my placement in the assigned seating and I would have happily complied.

Furthermore, how could she volunteer my involvement in an experiment that I never gave consent? Then in my choosing not to participate, she became angry. I did not intend for the situation to reach this magnitude. I simply did not want to be scrutinized on a campus that already has bias views about football players.

Perhaps, a confrontation with Ms. Leer in front of the entire class could have been avoided. I apologize to the entire class. I also apolo-

gize to Ms. Leer and will personally deliver that apology.

We (students) exist on a campus where experiments are taking place daily. However, there are standards that must be followed when one is being conducted. Participants are either informed ahead of time or are oblivious to their participation. Neither of these were the case Monday night.

We were singled out and embarrassed and never informed ahead of time about anything. Simply because of my curiosity, I was given an ultimatum. I saw no other option than to stand up for my beliefs.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Cullen Column

#### Candidness and circumcision

A note of thanks for your candidness. I began speaking against circumcision in 1979, when, as a nursing student, I witnessed a circumcision. I still suffer post-traumatic stress disorder from the experience, and it wasn't even happening to me!

Five years later, I was fired from my job at Marin General Hospital for telling parents what I wished I'd been told before my precious babies were subjected to the knife. I was lied to by the doctor and didn't know enough to protect them (there is no defense for that). I grew up when doctors were gods (the 1940s and 1950s) ... and mine told me circumcision wouldn't hurt, it only took a minute, and would protect my sons from terrible things that would befall them were they to remain intact. My intact 20-year-old husband and I (18 years old) believed the doctor and never questioned his horrific advice. (I've since tried to call him to say how angry I am about his lies, but he's no longer practicing and is probably dead.)

At any rate, once fired, I was unmuzzled, founded NOCIRC (National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers) in 1985, and now there are more than 100 NOCIRC centers in the US and we're in lots of other countries, too. Genital integrity is definitely an idea whose time has come.

Again, thank you for your willingness to stick your head above the horizon ... no easy place when so many are ready to take aim and shoot ... but so important if we are to protect infants and children. For, as Menninger said, "What's done to children, they will do to society" and, as Gandhi said, "If we are ever to have peace, we must begin with the children."

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### Monday Drama

#### Actions should spark reevaluation

This last Monday drama unfolded in WS399. The largest group of men in a class of around 500, the football players, were asked by Professor Leer to come down from the balcony and sit in assigned seats for an experiment. The reaction was mixed; some students complied, a few others left in protest and at least one voiced his objections in front of the class. The request by Leer to move to assigned seats was part of an experiment to see how the class dynamic would change if men

were intermixed with the overwhelmingly female class. Tuesday's article on this event carried quotes from two students who left in protest, feeling that Leer had overstepped her authority as a professor. I personally feel that the actions of the students who refused to leave and refused to comply to Leer's request "interfer[ed] with university or university-sponsored activities, including but not limited to classroom related activities..." which is the very definition put forth by OSU Student Conduct of disruptive behavior. The situation was further complicated by the fact that it involved members of the football team. Students who participate in 'big sports', such as football, are wrongly stereotyped as being above the rules. However, the extreme example created by a minority of students in Leer's class on Monday should force us to reevaluate our social constructions surrounding athletes. Do we elevate our 'big sports' players above other students by giving them privileges not given to other hard working students? If so, is that right? This issue is best shown by the language we use to identify them. They are called "Student Athletes." Read literally this implies they are athletes first students second. How would the meaning change if we were to call them Athletic Students?

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### Budget Funding

#### Information presented incorrectly

In her campaign bio/statement, a candidate for the Undergraduate Senate stated that the Senate recently "cut the budget for all of the cultural centers, making the purpose of our centers harder to achieve." This statement is incorrect. The Undergrad Senate recently voted to not approve some of the budget increases the cultural centers requested because we believed they were not in the best interest of the students this year.

We did not vote to decrease their budget; in fact, we were willing to allow some increase to their budget. The Senate has been very careful in evaluating the budgets with the students' best interest in mind and I hope that if a candidate is going to make a statement about our work, he or she is able to accurately describe it. I do not wish to lend to or take support from a particular candidate, but rather ensure that the student body is well informed as to the work we do as their representatives.

ROBERT WOLFER  
Undergraduate Senator,  
College of Business

the silence that many queer kids face every day at school, but we shouldn't let the scope of the event narrow its applicability. Every day we say and do things that silence others from sharing their lives and experiences with us, bringing pain, harm and a lack of trust for all those involved.

As we recognize the silence members of the queer community face, we should also recognize all the communities we silence by our words and actions. Only then can we hope to transform silence from a negative, person-destroying weapon into a useful tool for real social change.

Silence is powerful, indeed.

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## Blake's actions do not echo his words

Casey Schaufler

Op-Ed

Come this June, Oregon State University can sigh a breath of relief. Nathanael Blake will finally be gone.

For several years I have had to read his columns criticizing ASOSU, Student Fees, the Cultural Centers and anyone in general who does not adhere to reactionary political beliefs under the guise of "traditional American values." This is not an attack on a particular political view or even an attack on Mr. Blake in particular.

This is however, a condemnation of Mr. Blake's uninformed articles and the extreme views, be they left or right, of individuals who do not seek a comprehensive understanding of the entire student body.

In four years serving the Student Fee Committee, a topic which Mr. Blake has written about at length in both the Barometer and the Liberty, have I neither once seen Mr. Blake attend a single Student Fee Committee meeting nor received any kind of input from him in wishing to work to improve the process. All that has been done by Mr. Blake about student fees, something he claims to know and have a passion for, was to publish articles full of erroneous information about where our money goes and how his views are the same held by the vast majority of students.

I do not take issue with Mr. Blake's views on the programs funded and the amount received from student fees. I take issue when Mr. Blake or any other student uses hearsay to argue for or against student fees and ASOSU in general.

Mr. Blake implies that fees are at their level because of a loud minority of students who influenced the Student Fee Committee, while a broad majority is quietly against any and every fee. Mr. Blake, you are the embodiment of a small minded and small minority of students who unreasonably oppose student fees because of its inclusion of what can be interpreted as "controversial" programs. You claim that these programs passed because of slimy politicians participating in a villainous government. You are welcome to this opinion, but Mr. Blake, if you are so righteous and adhere to democratic principles, where were you in

your benevolent quest to right the wrongs?

The fact of the matter is that our student leaders are not slimy, nor villainous, but simply human. Kristen Downey represented student interests in Washington D.C. while also fulfilling her obligations of her political science major. Dan McCarthy made an egregious personal mistake, but represented the broad student interests, a sentiment shared by the ASOSU Senates.

Fees did go up despite disagreements between the ASOSU Senates and the Fee Committee and, yes, errors were made in communication. Nonetheless, student fees were raised to reflect appropriate levels according to OSU Financial Guidelines, inflationary costs, and what were deemed necessary levels for sustaining needed programs on this campus. This was all done according to a democratic process, a process constantly scrutinized to reflect realities and ensure student input.

The majority of student leaders and student organizations work to balance the cost of programs while attempting to maximize the benefits of those programs. This process is subject to a broad range of views, and anyone willing to actively participate in the process knows that I and the Student Fee Committee, the ASOSU Senates, the ASOSU Executive, and organizations from the Student Health Advisory Board to the Asian Pacific Cultural Center, work tirelessly to represent all students. Mr. Blake, you have chosen to speak loudly against things of which you know little. I too was once angry about many things at this university, but actions speak louder than words and I am proud of the things accomplished by this university's leaders.

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## ROMAN NOSE: As immigrants ourselves, we have no business calling anyone "illegal" today

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I see illegal immigrants wherever I go until I reach those pockets of land that were hard fought for by my ancestors, those reservations that we fight to hang on to and, in spite of the problems that we find there, to which we always return. Many of us never leave. I see an illegal immigrant when I look in the mirror thanks to my German great-grandmother hiking across the prairie to Oklahoma, carrying two trunks in the wagon with her that have survived the years, one of which has pride of place in my home; a symbol of my ancestor's courage, tenacity, and strength. I think of this as an opportunity for me to embrace my own multi-cultural heritage. I carry within me the first illegal immigrants and those who fought and died so bravely so that their children could live to fight another day, for the continuity of our people, for the seventh generation. Yes, I identify more with my Native heritage than with my non-Native history, yet I acknowledge both, appreciating the differences as well as the commonalities. Both fought to protect what was theirs, or what they perceived to be theirs, as well as what they wanted to become theirs. Unfortunately, the sheer number of immigrants was our undoing as Native people, along with the vast number of diseases that they

brought with them to our shores and to our people in the disease-infected blankets that they gave us. The very thing that we used as an excuse to attack Iraq, that we blamed on Saddam Hussein, germ warfare, weapons of mass destruction, was used by the U.S. Army and government upon the indigenous people of this land.

Recently, after seeing a white man with an inflammatory shirt which declared "No Amnesty for illegals," I wondered if he thought about our conversation after I talked to him. Sharing my perspective on illegal immigration, his response was, "You lost the war, get over it!" The last time I checked there was no official war declared. There was a genuine effort to exterminate my people, to exterminate many Native people of these Americas. I am sorrowful when I think of how many times it was successful, of how much knowledge was lost to the world through those people who were hunted down like animals all over these United States, even here in Oregon and as near as California where immigrants were especially brutal thanks to the discovery of gold. At least the illegal immigrants of today aren't hunting us down and killing us to steal our land and our resources.

If you want to solve illegal immi-

gration, then enforce employment law. If there are no employers willing to hire people who do not come here through legal means, then there will be no jobs for them. We can also encourage and promote Mexican tourism and business thereby assisting people who are far closer to home than the majority of countries that we are currently helping all over the world. These are better suggestions than calling everyone who appears Mexican an illegal. No human being is illegal. Human beings, like our president, may do illegal things. If we are going to punish someone for breaking the law, shouldn't we start at the top? What does it say about the hypocrisy and racism of our country, that we are willing to march against poorly-educated minority immigrants who come here in desperation, searching for jobs so that they can support their families, while we carry signs that say "Illegal is illegal," and do nothing about the patently obvious illegal actions of our wealthy, Ivy League-educated white president? When will we see through the smokescreen that is being thrown in front of us about immigration reform and do something about White House reform? When will we acknowledge that we are almost all illegal immigrants and work toward a more equitable future for us all?

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## SUGIE: Day of Silence has uses beyond queer community

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that experience isn't something I want to hear, listening still teaches me how I react when faced with the uncomfortable realities of other people's lives.

And acknowledging those experiences creates room for questions to be asked and answered, provided you're really interested in listening. And therein lies another power of silence. If we quiet ourselves and listen to what others are experiencing, we begin to rid ourselves of the notion that someone's experience is less valid than our own, and in doing so we give others the humanity we wish in return.

The Day of Silence focuses on ending



# Communist rebels declare three-month cease-fire in Nepal

By Binaj Gurubacharya  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal's communist rebels declared a three-month cease-fire in attacks Thursday, easing a key burden on the new government poised to take control after weeks of bloody protests forced the king to reinstate Parliament.

The parliament was scheduled to reconvene in Katmandu on Friday and was expected to elect a new prime minister and initiate the process for electing a special assembly that would write a new constitution.

The elusive leader of the Himalayan country's Maoist rebels, Prachanda, said in a statement that his group's fighters would refrain from any assaults to give the country a chance for peace.

"We declare a unilateral cease-fire for three months through this statement to express deep commitment to people's desire for peace," Prachanda said.

Until early this week, the country had been rocked by weeks of bloody anti-monarchy protests organized by the opposition coalition of Nepal's seven main political parties and backed by the rebels. The two groups wanted to force King Gyanendra to relinquish control over the government that he seized early last year.

Security forces killed 15 protesters in clashes before the king announced late Monday that he would meet a key demand of the parties by reinstating Parliament and effectively handing power back to elected politicians.

The parties welcomed the move, but the rebels initially rejected the overture as a ruse for

the king to hold onto his crown and warned the parties that their acceptance of the deal was a betrayal of previous agreements between the rebels and political parties.

Both want a national convention to rewrite the constitution to limit the role of the monarchy — or eliminate it altogether.

By Wednesday the rebels had softened their position — lifting a weeks-long blockade of key highways. The cease-fire announcement clearly reflected a willingness by the rebels to give the country's politicians a chance to set up a constitutional convention.

The declaration followed a conversation between Prachanda and Girija Prasad Koirala, the man chosen by the country's political parties to be the next interim prime minister.

The conversation helped ease misunderstandings between the two groups, said Koirala, a former prime minister.

The rebels had declared a cease-fire in September 2005 that lasted four months. They pulled out earlier this year, accusing the royalist government of failing to show any initiatives to resolve the conflict peacefully.

Soon after that, the rebels escalated attacks against government targets and troops.

The rebels, who claim to be inspired by Chinese revolutionary Mao Zedong, began their violent campaign to replace the monarchy with a communist state in 1996. The insurgency has left more than 13,000 dead.

Matrika Yadav, the highest-ranking Maoist leader imprisoned by the government, insisted Wednesday that the rebels were not giving up on their ultimate goals.

The rebels are for now "being flexible in order to trust the parties" to help overthrow the king, Yadav said, striking a rare conciliatory note in a more than hour-long jailhouse interview with The Associated Press.

But he warned: "If anyone goes against the people, their downfall is inevitable, whether it is the political parties or the monarchy or any force."

In an indication that peace remained elusive, soldiers opened fire Wednesday on a crowd of thousands of villagers angry about the death of a local woman at an army base in southwestern Nepal, killing six and wounding at least 11, officials said.

Kunjan Aryal of the rights group INSEC-Nepal said the villagers were protesting peacefully.

But Bhupendra Poudel, the defense ministry spokesman, said the crowd tore down the camp's barbed wire, sought to snatch soldiers' guns and tried to storm the small base.

Poudel said 11 villagers had been injured, while Aryal put the total at 29.

Norway, which suspended aid to Nepal after Gyanendra seized power 14 months ago, said late Tuesday it would resume its financial assistance because Parliament had been reinstated.

In Washington, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher said the United States would consider renewing military aid to Nepal, but the move would depend on the army supporting the return of multiparty democracy.

Gyanendra seized power in February 2005, saying he needed to restore political order and crush the insurgency.



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An Indian holy man known as a "Sadhu" looks out from his post near Pashupatinath Hindu Shrine in Katmandu, Nepal. Katmandu, which has been rocked by three weeks of violence and mass protest against King Gyanendra, has returned to daily routines however rebel allies are dismissing the king's move as a ploy and are warning of more violence.

# Ukraine looks for ways to restore land contaminated by Chernobyl

By Natasha Lisova  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHERNOBYL, Ukraine — Ukrainians paid homage Wednesday to the victims of the Chernobyl disaster while still grappling for ways to live with the legacy of the world's worst nuclear accident, restore contaminated land and give hope to survivors.

Arriving by helicopter at the shuttered Chernobyl nuclear power plant for commemorations of the catastrophe's 20th anniversary, President Viktor Yushchenko said Chernobyl should be transformed into a beacon of hope, and he urged that nuclear energy not be feared.

"Chernobyl must not be a mourning place; it must become a place of hope," Yushchenko said after laying two red carnations beneath a monument to victims of the 1986 disaster.

That will be difficult in a nation where Chernobyl's emotional wounds remain raw.

There is intense disagreement over the health, environmental and social tolls two decades after the electricity-generating plant's Reactor No. 4 exploded during a pre-dawn test on April 26, 1986, spewing radioactive clouds over the western Soviet Union and northern Europe.

Bringing red carnations and flickering candles to Chernobyl memorials around the country, Ukrainians repeated a common mantra: It can't be allowed to happen again.

"Let God not make our grandsons relive this," Valentyna



SERGEI GRITS / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Opposition demonstrators rally in downtown Minsk Wednesday, April 26, 2006, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The rally's large turnout appeared to be a sign that opposition supporters may be able to keep up momentum in their campaign against President Alexander Lukashenko's authoritarian government.

Mashina, 55, said at a memorial in Chernobyl, a town 11 miles from the plant where 4,000 people still live — but for no more than two weeks at a time, to work in the most highly contaminated zone.

The shattered reactor, which spewed out radioactivity for 10 days, contaminated 77,220 square miles and forced the Soviet government to permanently evacuate more than 300,000 people.

Thirty-one people died with-

in the first two months' from illnesses caused by radioactivity, but there is heated debate over the toll that will be taken over the years.

A report from the U.N. health agency estimated last week that about 9,300 people will die from cancers caused by Chernobyl's radiation. Some groups, such as Greenpeace, insist the toll could be 10 times higher.

Some 5 million people live in areas where radioactive particles fell in Ukraine, Belarus and Rus-

sia, and a U.N. report last year found that many suffer from a deep sense of gloom about the future.

Now, with experts saying radiation levels have fallen significantly in some areas, the United Nations is turning its attention to returning life to the region, saying it is time to overcome a culture of dependency and help transform the population from victims into survivors.

Yushchenko said his government supports this move and

he has called for scientific studies to determine how the land could be used.

Among the ideas is using land to store Ukraine's used nuclear fuel and creating a nature preserve that would take advantage of a wildlife resurgence in the zone that had to be abandoned by humans. Some have also floated the idea of promoting Chernobyl as a tourist destination.

"I see nothing wrong if in Kiev there will emerge a couple of tour excursion companies," Yushchenko told state television in an interview broadcast Wednesday night. "To see Chernobyl villages with their open windows, unlocked doors and overgrown gardens are also lessons, and some people can be more impressed by that than the destroyed reactor."

But before any rehabilitation can begin, the plant first must be secured, Yushchenko said. The concrete-and-steel sarcophagus hastily built to entomb Chernobyl is crumbling and dotted with holes. Birds have found their way inside, and radiation has escaped.

A \$1.1 billion internationally funded project to replace the sarcophagus remains on the drawing board. Construction of a storage shelter for the used fuel from the other reactors has yet to be completed.

"The environment does cleanse itself," said Igor Linge, a Russian atomic energy expert at a conference in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital. "But there are some areas, of course, that will remain

contaminated for hundreds of years, maybe even thousands. It is a geological process and happens on a geological time scale."

Critics contend the damage from Chernobyl is being played down to restore faith in atomic energy at a time when the world is hunting for alternatives to oil.

Yushchenko has expressed interest in nuclear energy as a way to reduce Ukraine's dependence on its former master, Russia, for natural gas supplies. The priority, he told state television, has to be prolonging the 15 reactors that Ukraine already has.

"It sounds paradoxical, but nuclear energy is the world's safest," Yushchenko said. He added, however, that it was too early to talk about new reactors in Ukraine.

Anna Golubovska-Onisimova, head of the Ukrainian environmental group MAMA-86, said at an environmental conference held to coincide with the anniversary that environmentalists would aggressively fight plans for new reactors.

"Ukraine doesn't need nuclear reactors. Hasn't Chernobyl taught us anything?" she asked.

Environmentalists say Ukraine should focus instead on energy-saving technologies.

They argue the country's vast farm lands should be used to produce biofuels — something Yushchenko suggested could be done on land around Chernobyl. Ukraine could also use its wind resources, particularly in the Crimea, to harness natural energy, environmentalists say.

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## SPENCE: Prof will bring her experiences back to OSU

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but not as curious as she is of them and their culture.

She described Qatar, which lies just north of Saudi Arabia, as a nation that has developed at an extraordinary rate because of the wealth of oil in the region.

"In this country, everything is changing," she said.

A generation ago, Spence said Qatar's society was nomadic with travelling shepherds. Now, with the huge influx of money from oil, the nation has advanced by leaps and bounds.

"I want to see," Spence said excitedly. "To be ringside on how this affects culture and family."

Spence said she was recently flown out to Doha for a weekend to see the campus. She described all of the graphic design department's equipment as top notch.

"They have unbelievable technology support," she said. "Money can buy that stuff."

Having earned tenure status at OSU, Spence said she qualified for a sabbatical and grabbed hold of the opportunity.

Sitting on her couch in her living room, Spence said a person's home is where one can feel grounded. "Environment is everything," she said. "It can make you brave."

Spence's home for the past six years in Corvallis has been a beautiful green A-frame, which overlooks the lowlands from its perch in the foothills west of OSU campus.

A sense of complete and utter safety seeps from the rich wood and stone walls inside. Adorning her home are tokens from her various travels.

A massive Komodo dragon from Indonesia carved from teal sits in front of the fire place. Spence calls him KaliMantan.

Opposite the lizard is a heavy wooden hippo she purchased in Kenya.

The list of artwork displayed from around the world goes on: a ceramic dancing woman from Brazil, a sculpture from the Congo, ebony figurines from Zanzibar. High up on the wall hung a painting from Tajikistan.

Spence's excitement about her upcoming teaching abroad was contagious. Although she lamented that she'd have to put all of her belongings in storage while away.

"That chest..." she said pointing to a container resting beneath the stairway. "Is full of stuff!"

On campus, Spence's colleagues are happy for her.

Andrea Marks, assistant professor in applied visual arts, has taught with Spence over the years. She said Spence has a great opportunity in Qatar.

Marks said Spence brings to the department at OSU a broader global viewpoint, one that is less Eurocentric.

"I think that's very important," Marks said. "She has a deep interest in other cultures."

Spence said there will be some differences between the undergraduate students she'll be teaching in Doha compared to those in Oregon.

Graphic design students at OSU are "scrappers" Spence said. She means this in a good way — resourceful, engaged and hard working.

Many of the students in Doha will come from very affluent families, she said. Class sizes are small, averaging about 10 students and courses are taught in English.

"Some students were really searching," she said of those she met on her visit, searching for what they wanted to do most. "Their country's hopes lie in them."

While in Doha, Spence said she hopes to do some travelling, both to Yemen and India.

"I've never been to India," she said beaming. "I'm Indian, I want to go."

When first visiting Qatar, Spence said she was prepared but still struck by how different the small nation was from Oregon.

"What I saw was desert, arid and dry — as opposite from (Corvallis) as you could possibly get," she said.

She'd seen women from Qatar in traditional covered garb in pictures. She described them as appearing stiff — with forms almost made of architectural lines.

But in person, she was stunned by their grace. "They look so flowing and feminine, nothing like a photo could render," she said.

In addition, Spence was impressed to see many women enrolled at the University, outspoken and eager to learn.

After her time in Qatar, Spence said she will be able to bring all of her experience back to Oregon and students at OSU.

"I feel like I'll be able to share my experiences with students," she said. "I'll steep myself in a culture and bring it back. Graphic designers have to think globally."

Muneera Spence has a respected position at OSU, and a beautiful home in Corvallis. But she can't wait to leave — because she knows it will all be here upon her return. It's the lure of new experiences, of adventure.

"I believe in it," she said.

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TZU-YING CHEN / THE DAILY BAROMETER

The "Genocide Awareness Project" displays abortion pictures in the MU Quad on Wednesday noon. The demonstration, as well as protestors, will be back today.

## GENOCIDE: Many students and faculty view the display as being too graphic and inappropriate; Day two of display will see more protests

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a few yards away to where they were asked to move.

On the other side of the metal barriers encircling the display, GAP volunteer Winnie Hardwyck stood holding her 10-month-old son, Garrett. Beside her was her husband Darius, chief organizer of the event, and their other son, 5-year-old Daniel.

Winnie said the display is no stranger to hostility and Darius said the barriers were in place to "keep things civil."

Winnie said having their children at the display strengthens their statement of "pro-life."

"It's a little more impactful this way," she said. "If my child can save a few lives, I'll bring him here."

Daniel walked off to hand out more brochures.

Back on the opposite side, Ruediger said she was offended by the timing of the display, which is visiting campus during Holocaust Memorial Week.

"Their decision shows a very strong disrespect for the Jewish Community," she said.

Nearby, display protester Ben Grimes stood in public wearing only a blue thong. Taped to his back was a note reading "Shock value works for me too!"

Grimes repeated the message on his back out loud.

"Their claim is to start dialogue — in truth it's just shock value," he said.

A part-time nude model, Grimes said he'd readily dance around naked to prove his point if it weren't for Oregon public indecency laws. To add to his display, Grimes also

carried and played a flute as he walked.

"I'm not cold actually," he said. "I'm quite comfortable."

Protesters continued to hold sheets up. And Ruediger said a phone call to OSU's legal advice office assured them of their right to stand in front of the display.

CPD officers stepped back and watched, keeping an eye out to make sure things between both sides stayed under control.

Under the display pictures, Darius spoke with his son, Daniel.

"When I tell (Daniel) 'this is wrong,' he understands that," he said. To illustrate his point, Darius pointed to a picture on a brochure.

"What is that?" he asked. "A dead fetus," Daniel replied. "A baby, it's wrong to kill."

"This is the work I do," Darius said. "He know's Daddy's job is to save babies."

The display will remain up through today. Counter-display organizers say they will be out today as well.

It is unclear if Grimes will reappear in a thong.

Ruediger said she respects the GAP's right to free speech, but also stands firmly for her right to voice the opposing side.

Behind the barrier, Darius said anything dealing with life and death will be hard to deal with.

"It's an emotional issue," he said.

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# Minuteman Project gains mainstream appeal amid immigration debate

By Gillian Flaccus  
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IRVINE, Calif. — Laurie Lisonbee worried about illegal immigration but figured it was somebody else's issue — until she saw hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their supporters marching across her TV screen.

Soon, Lisonbee had recruited several friends to attend a demonstration by the Minuteman Project, a volunteer group that patrols the border to keep out illegal immigrants. Now, the 51-year-old art professor checks the group's Web site daily and plans a summer trip to the Mexican border to help build a fence.

Minuteman organizers say this spring's marches have proved to be an unexpected recruitment tool for Americans who feel uneasy about the burgeoning immigration movement but may have considered the organization a pack of gun-toting vigilantes.

"We're not trying to be more mainstream — mainstream has found us," said Stephen Eichler, the group's executive director. "They're saying, 'These guys actually have teeth, they don't all chew tobacco, they don't all have a gun rack in the back of their truck.' They're saying, 'They believe what I believe,' and they're joining us."

Lisonbee, a registered Republican, said only one issue matters to her now.

"My vote will go to the candidate who's the toughest on immigration, whether they're Democrat or Republican," she said from her home in Orem, Utah. "Before, we were pretty much the types of people who would call our congressmen and not take to the streets. But that's all changed now."

The Minuteman Project first gained attention last year when Orange County resident and former tax accountant Jim Gilchrist helped lead its first 30-day patrol of the border in Arizona. The group has added mainstream political tools, including a network of local chapters and e-mail lobbying campaigns.

In December, Gilchrist, a former Republican, ran as a third-party candidate in a special House election in Orange County, Calif., finished a respectable third with 25 percent of the vote.

Since this spring's huge pro-immigrant rallies, 300 people nationwide have applied to start local chapters, according to Eichler. The group's goal is 500 chapters by December and a membership of 1 million within 1 1/2 years, Eichler said.

Eichler claimed the organization's membership has climbed to more than 200,000.

But Heidi Beirich, deputy director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which monitors the Minuteman Project for racist rhetoric, said that estimate appears to be ridiculously high. She offered no estimate of her own.

"At the border during this last outing, they had maybe 50 people. If they have 200,000 people, it doesn't seem right," she said.

Beirich also questioned the premise that pro-immigrant rallies will help the Minuteman Project. She said many recruits may attend one or two rallies, but leave after they discover what she called the group's extremist attitudes.

"They get in there and they're like, 'My God, I didn't sign on for this,'" she said.

In the coming weeks, the Minuteman Project plans to set out in a caravan from Los Angeles to Washington, with stops in 13 cities, including President Bush's vacation haven of Crawford, Texas. It is also raising money to build a private fence along parts of the California-Mexico border.

Increased security along the border is a popular idea on Capitol Hill, where the immigration debate will soon resume. How to treat the approximately 11 million illegal immigrants now here is where Congress splits — a House bill would criminalize the immigrants, a Senate bill would offer guest worker status and a potential path to citizenship.

David S. Meyer, a professor of sociology and political science at the University of California, Irvine, said the growing Minuteman movement has "stiffened the spine" of conservative politicians who might otherwise be wary of publicly identifying with the organization's views.

He said the recent workplace crackdown at a pallet manufacturer that resulted in 1,100 arrests at 40 U.S. sites was part of an attempt by the Bush administration to appease the Minuteman Project and its congressional supporters. Bush supports a guest worker program.

"The debate has kind of come to them, and they're clever enough politically to realize that," Meyer said. "People in mainstream politics who are not associated with the Minuteman Project are essentially voicing their position, which is a victory itself."

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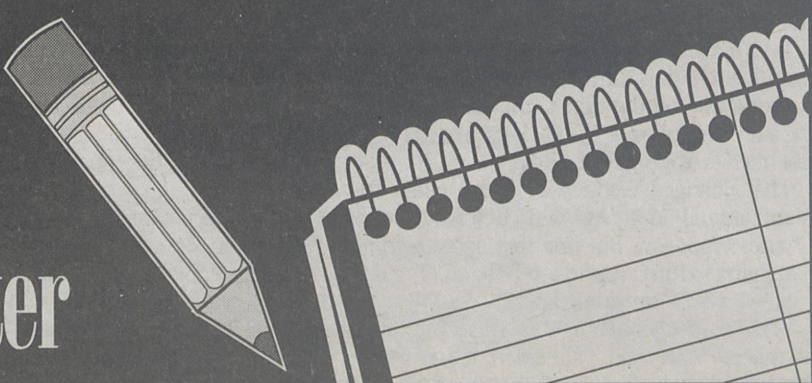
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# Seahawks ready for 'second round' pick

■ Seattle has to wait until 30th pick to make first selection, but Seahawks brass is used to having a late pick

By Gregg Bell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Tim Ruskell tilted his head back and politely waited for the question.

Will it be hard to watch 30 selections before his Seahawks get to pick Saturday in the NFL draft?

"What we like to tell ourselves is that we have the first pick of the second round," Seattle's team president and personnel guru said.

At least Ruskell has experience waiting to make a pick. When he was director of player personnel for the Super Bowl-champion Buccaneers in 2003, Tampa Bay had the No. 32 pick. But that selection was traded the year before to Oakland to get coach Jon Gruden.

So the Bucs' first pick that year came at the end of the second round, at 64th overall.

"What you do is, you make up for a lack of a high first-round pick in free agency," he said.

Ruskell and his staff have been making up for the lowest draft position in Seattle history for the last six weeks.

They signed Julian Peterson from San Francisco to replace injured and ineffective Jamie Sharper at outside linebacker. They brought home Seattle native Nate Burleson from Minnesota to replace Joe Jurevicius at wide receiver, who signed a free-agent contract in Cleveland, his hometown.

And they signed former New Eng-

land Patriot Tom Ashworth as a potential replacement somewhere along the offensive line, after All-Pro left guard Steve Hutchinson left for Minnesota.

Even with those combined \$116 million in new contracts, the Seahawks aren't yet the team Ruskell wants to defend the NFC championship in 2006.

"We still have needs," he said.

The biggest ones are in the defensive backfield. The Seahawks let starting cornerback Andre Dyson leave to the Jets as a free agent. They are also waiting to see if starting free safety Ken Hamlin is ready to return from a fractured skull sustained in an assault last October. Hamlin has been cleared by his doctors to resume his career, but not by the Seahawks.

Seattle has had a steady stream of DB signings (including former Jets reserve safety Oliver Celestin) and re-signings (including nickel back Jordan Babineaux). They also hosted former Pro Bowl cornerback Ty Law as a potential starter opposite returning Marcus Trufant.

But all that hasn't quenched their thirst for cornerbacks and safeties this week-end.

"Fortunately, this draft in particular is deep in those," Ruskell said.

Some experts predict a half-dozen or more could go in the first round. That supply—and the Seahawks' apparent demand—has even Mike Holmgren, coach and mastermind of the NFL's most prolific offense last season, looking to defense.

Holmgren has chosen defense first three times since 1999, the season he arrived as Seattle's coach and, for four seasons, general manager. Two of those top defensive picks have come in the last three drafts: Trufant (11th overall in 2003) and defensive

tackle Marcus Tubbs (23rd overall in '04).

Last year's draft yielded two more key defenders. Second-round pick Lofa Tatu-pu was a Pro Bowl inside linebacker and runner-up for NFL Rookie of the Year. Third-round choice LeRoy Hill had 7 1/2 sacks replacing Sharper after October and is now entrenched as the starting outside linebacker on the weak side, opposite Peterson.

"I know I take a lot of static for how I always say it's going to be a defensive draft and then we draft guys like Shaun Alexander and Steve Hutchinson," Holmgren said, referring to 2000 and '01 first-rounders who have become perennial Pro Bowlers.

"We all committed to always choosing the best guy up there on the draft board. And that's worked well for us."

"But if I had a wish list, it would probably be to get defense first," Holmgren said.

Barring a trade higher into the first round - Ruskell said one Saturday is unlikely - the highest-rated defensive backs figure to be gone when the Seahawks begin choosing.

But two others could be around, if they can catch them. South Carolina's Johnathan Joseph has run a 4.38 40-yard dash. Tye Hill of Clemson has run a 4.35 40, the fastest of the top-rated DBs, but stands only 5-foot-9 1/2.

The Seahawks would also be happy to find Miami's Kelly Jennings.

Later, they could add depth to the defensive line, where Seattle likes to rotate as many as seven players during games. The Seahawks have only one experienced defensive end backing up Grant Wistrom and Bryce Fisher, 50-game veteran Joe Tafoya. Mathias Kiwanuka is a 6-foot-8 menace from Boston College who is rated just below the top prospects at end.

# BCS changes its qualifying standard

■ With addition of a fifth Bowl Championship Series game, committee changes standards for qualifying from finishing season ranked in top 12 to finishing in top 14

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PHOENIX — The Bowl Championship Series on Wednesday lowered the bar for at-large qualifiers.

Instead of having to finish in the top 12 of the final BCS standings, teams finishing in the top 14 will now be eligible for one of the lucrative postseason berths. The change reflects the addition of a fifth BCS bowl, which means there will be 10 BCS slots instead of eight next season.

"There's a lot of logic to that because of the additional two slots," BCS coordinator and SEC commissioner Mike Slive said as three days of meetings ended Wednesday.

Any Division I-A team is eligible for at-large consideration. The BCS did not change its automatic qualifiers — the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the final standings; the champions of the Big East, Big Ten, Southeastern, Pac-10, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conferences; Notre Dame if it finishes in the top eight; and a non-BCS team that finishes in the top 12, or in the top 16 if they're ahead of a BCS champion.

The 11 Division I-A commissioners, athletic directors, bowl representatives and Fox executives made no other substantive changes to the controversial system that determines major college football's national champion.

The BCS will continue to use the Harris Poll, the USA Today coaches poll and six computers for its standings.

"It allows us to say we've got the BCS standings as they were last year," Slive said.

Most of this week's meetings focused on more subtle details — beginning with the identity of the new title game. On Monday, Slive said the game would have a name "before we leave here." But that changed after meetings Tuesday with Fox, which wants to make the announcement.

"We're willing to defer to them," Slive said.

Fox bought rights to four of the five games — the Rose Bowl still belongs to ABC — in a four-year, \$320 million deal.

# Favre returns to Green Bay Packers

■ Brett Favre will join new teammate Charles Woodson on Green Bay's squad for 2006 season, but none thereafter

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MILWAUKEE — Brett Favre certainly isn't the first star quarterback to have a difficult time deciding when the time is right to step aside.

Johnny Unitas and Joe Namath are considered prime examples of NFL legends who held on too long. And Favre's fellow Green Bay Packers icon, Bart Starr, includes himself on that list.

"In hindsight, I should have done it sooner," Starr said of his retirement from the Packers in 1971. "But I have no regrets."

Starr said he kept playing through chronic injuries out of loyalty to new coach Phil Bengtson, who was put in the impossible position of replacing Vince Lombardi.

The sentiment was nice, but the results weren't.

"My performance went downhill," Starr said from his office in Birmingham, Ala.

But Starr isn't drawing a comparison between the way his career ended and Favre's decision to return to the Packers next season, announced by the team Wednesday morning.

Favre is expected to participate in the Packers' first minicamp beginning May 5, general manager Ted Thompson said.

Starr doesn't think Favre, who turns 37 Oct. 10, is making a mistake.

"He's got as many good years left as he wants to," said Starr, who won five NFL championships and two Super Bowls with the Packers.

Favre threw a career-worst 29 interceptions last season, causing some to wonder if his skills were beginning to erode. But Starr said fans shouldn't read too much into the way Favre played last season as the Packers were beset by injuries and free-agent losses.

"Last year, no disrespect to anyone, he just didn't have a team around him," Starr said.

That's perhaps the most confusing part of Favre's decision to return. As he waffled on his football future this offseason, he all but demanded that general manager Ted Thompson improve the team by making a splash in free agency.

But beyond retaining their own key free agents, including running back Ahman Green and defensive end Aaron Kampman, and adding a few role players, the Packers generally had not been active in free agency.

That changed Wednesday night, when the team agreed to terms with defensive back Charles Woodson. But one free agent signing isn't going to turn around a 4-12 team.

So why did Favre come back?

"This is a decision that he and his family have to make," Starr said. "Outsiders can't understand everything that goes into it."

Favre began waffling on his future toward the end of last season, kicking off retirement speculation that is becoming a winter ritual in Wisconsin.

But the so-called "Favre Watch" grew to epic proportions in 2006 as Favre took nearly four months to make a final decision. Team officials were careful not to put public pressure on Favre, but the process wore on fans and the media.

"I've read in the media that people were frustrated with the length of time it took Brett to come to this decision," said former Packers coach Mike Sherman, now an assistant with the Houston Texans. "Last I checked, he hasn't missed any preseason practices or games yet in the 2006 season."

Sherman applauded Favre for his deliberate decision making.

"I'm sure his intent was to validate to himself that by coming back he was doing the right thing for himself, his family, the Packers and the fans," Sherman said in comments distributed by the Texans. "I'm sure he wanted to make with total certainty a commitment to the team physically, mentally, and emotionally. How can you question that process?"

Packers president and CEO Bob Harlan watched the Favre saga unfold on television with everybody else, but as the process dragged on, Harlan said he grew more confident Favre would return.

"Every time I would see him in his television interviews, it just looked to me like he had that desire to play," Harlan said.

"I think he's looking forward to it, and I think he's going to be ready."

Sherman said he spoke to Favre recently and came away convinced he still was committed to playing football.

"He put his heart and soul into this decision," Sherman said. "He wouldn't have decided to come back if he wasn't totally confident in his commitment and his future contribution to the Packers."

It is not immediately clear if Favre's commitment runs beyond this season, although he said in a newspaper interview last month he wouldn't consider playing beyond 2006.

"If I do play this year, it will be my last," Favre told the Biloxi Sun Herald. "There's no doubt about that."

Thompson said he and Favre did not discuss his plans beyond next season.

"We just got past this hurdle," Thompson said.

The message: Fans should enjoy it while they can.

Starr expects them to do just that.

"For someone who has displayed that kind of leadership, enthusiasm, guts and grit, so to speak, I would think that every single one of them is ecstatic," Starr said. "I'm sure they were high-fiving one another and toasting each other in the bars."

# Bush house scandal continues

■ Former Trojan Reggie Bush is being investigated for house his parents lived in

By Bernie Wilson  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — A financial and tax consultant said the man who reportedly tried to land Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush for his startup sports marketing firm didn't have any experience in the business.

David Reyes said he met with Michael C. Michaels and Lloyd Lake before they began courting Bush for New Era Sports & Entertainment LLC. Michaels and Lake, used Reyes' office address on a brochure for New Era Sports.

The two men reportedly also attempted to compel Bush to sign with San Diego agent David Caravantes, who is certified to negotiate NFL contracts. Caravantes represents six players, none of them considered stars, according to NFL Players Association records.

"I know for a fact they never met with Reggie," said Reyes, who advises pro athletes on how they can help minimize taxes on signing bonuses.

"Quite honestly, I was concerned from the beginning with this whole deal with Reggie, as far as getting him," Reyes said. "Most people felt he was going to be a No. 1 pick, and he was going with more of a known entity."

Reyes also said he wasn't aware of Michaels and Lake having any marketing experience.

"This was all from scratch," Reyes said. "They didn't have the credentials."

Bush didn't sign with New Era Sports or Caravantes, who did not return phone messages and e-mails seeking comment Tuesday.

Bush's family lived in a house owned by Michaels for nearly a year. Yahoo.com reported Sunday that the family moved out last weekend after questions over its ownership arose.

The Pac-10 said Sunday that it will investigate whether any NCAA rules were violated when Bush's family, including mother Denise Griffin, stepfather LaMar Griffin and brother Jovan Griffin lived in the house in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley while Bush was still playing for Southern California last season. NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes and their families from receiving extra benefits from agents or their representatives.

In an interview with ESPN on Monday, Bush said his parents leased the house but declined to say who paid the rent.

Also on Tuesday, a powerful Indian tribe said Tuesday it had nothing to do with an attempt by Michaels, who is a member of the tribe, to steer Bush to New Era Sports.

The Sycuan Tribe said it was approached last fall by Michaels.

"There was a request to become partners in this New Era Sports," said Adam Day, Sycuan's assistant tribal manager. "Both the tribal council and the development corporation board of directors refused to join into the business venture."

Michaels is an employee of the tribal development corporation. He didn't immediately return phone calls Tuesday seeking comment.

Also Tuesday, Day disputed unsworn court testimony in which Caravantes linked New Era Sports & Entertainment with Sycuan, which is located in eastern San Diego County and has annual revenue estimated at \$250 million.

During a parole violation hearing earlier this year for Lake, a documented gang member now serving time in prison for a probation violation, Caravantes told the court that he and Lake "got together in October to start a new sports management company with Sycuan. Since October, Lloyd was a viable part of the company, helping recruit players, and in the process of merging this

New Era Sports with Sycuan," according to an account that was confirmed by Lake's former attorney Marc X. Carlos.

"He was trying to help a friend who got sent to prison, and made inaccurate statements about his businesses relationship with us," Day said. "We are going to have our attorney look at the statement and transcript to see what actions we can potentially take."

Michaels, who is also known as Michael Pettiford, was linked to Lake in a lengthy 2002 FBI affidavit filed in support of arrest warrants for Lake and other accused San Diego gang members. FBI agent Allan Vitkosky that Lake's "close relationship" with Michaels allowed Lake to tap a \$10,000 line of credit with a quick phone call when he was running low on money at the casino.

Lake, 32, of El Cajon has a felony record that stretches back more than a decade. Police records identified him as one of 73 documented members of a street gang, according to the 2002 warrant. Lake has arrests and convictions for gun- and drug-related charges, and he is currently serving 12 months in a federal prison in Victorville for beating up his girlfriend while on probation for a drug-related charge.

Lake also started a San Diego-based rap music label, Breakbread Records, which received wire money transfers but never filed a tax return, Vitkosky wrote.

Sycuan has operated a casino for 24 years, but in the last 10 years has diversified beyond gaming. In 2000, Sycuan paid more than \$1.5 million to become the title sponsor of the San Diego Padres' season. Sycuan has had other sponsorship deals with the Padres and invested in a hotel in the redevelopment zone surrounding Petco Park, the Padres' home. Sycuan owns a resort that includes three golf courses, and promotes boxing matches.

# Women's golf finishes eighth at Pac-10s

Leah Whiting breaks an OSU record, but is unable to lift Beavers to a better finish than eighth place

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The Oregon State women's golf team finished in eighth place on Wednesday at the Pac-10 Women's Golf Championships, hosted by Arizona.

The Beavers shot a 315 on Wednesday's final round and a 920 (307/298/315) for the tournament, at the par-72 Oro Valley Country Club. UCLA won the tournament with 879 (291/287/301).

"I think that they'll take a lesson from today. They learned to approach a situation that they're not used to being in, playing in this kind of tournament against these caliber of teams," head coach Rise Lakowske said following

the tournament. "I definitely believe that they're as talented as several of these schools; they just have to go out there and prove it. They were trying to protect their position. You can't do that in golf — you have to be aggressive and tenacious by going after birdies and not trying to save pars. It was a good experience for them."

Senior Leah Whiting broke an OSU record on Tuesday when she recorded no bogeys to shoot a 4-under-par 68. Whiting was the Beavers' best finisher, placing 12th with 224 (75/68/81). Jil-



Julianna Uhrik

lian Ferrante finished the tournament tied for 30th after a final round 79 and a three-round total of 230 (76/73/81). Julianna Uhrik recorded the best round of the day for OSU, shooting a 3-over-par 75, bringing her tournament total to 231 (78/78/75). Uhrik placed 32nd. Jessi Gebhardt shot a 77 on the final round and a 239 (82/79/78) for the tournament to place in a tie for 40th. Freshman Sara Natwick finished the tournament in 46th with 245 (78/83/84).

Paige Mackenzie of Washington won the tournament, shooting a 5-under-par 211 (71/71/69). Arizona State's Alissa Kuczka finished 2nd with a 3-under-par 215 (71/73/71).

Oregon State will find out if they made the NCAA Regionals when they are announced on Monday, May 1. NCAA Regionals run May 11-13.

# Nuggets send Kenyon Martin packing

Limited minutes had Martin aggravated and he was suspended for conduct detrimental to team after Denver's loss

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DENVER — Kenyon Martin was unhappy about his limited playing time in Denver's playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers. Now he won't be suiting up for the Nuggets at all.

The Nuggets suspended their forward indefinitely on Tuesday night for what they called detrimental conduct.

"This is an internal matter that we will deal with in-house," coach George Karl said in a statement.

Martin, who has been bothered by knee tendinitis all season, was dejected over his limited playing time in Game 2 Monday night, when he played sparingly in the first half and sat out the second half of Denver's 98-87 loss to the Clippers.

Martin didn't arrive on the Nuggets bench until several minutes into the third quarter and then sat with a towel over his head. He left the arena without comment, but teammate Ruben Patterson suggested Martin felt he could have played and was frustrated that he had been held out.

Hours before suspending him, Karl seemed miffed that Martin was upset over his benching.

"I will talk to him and see what's happening," Karl said Tuesday afternoon. "He told me and the staff at halftime that he couldn't go. Now, there's stuff filtering out that there's frustration there. We'll see."

Martin apparently banged his bothersome left knee in the first half while going against Elton Brand.

"He's got a heck of a matchup," Karl said. "The guy is a very physical player. I don't think people understand how big that man is. He's 260, maybe 270 pounds. I'm sure he not only hit Martin's knee, but probably hit a lot of other parts of the body."

Besides, "it's been a year of frustration for everybody," said Karl, who watched forward Nene go down for the season with a knee injury in the opener, then had to juggle his lineup all season with injuries to Martin and center Marcus Camby.

"We've always worked through it. We've always picked ourselves up," Karl said. "I trust this team is going to do the same thing on Thursday."

Before deciding to suspend Martin, Karl was asked why he wasn't giving him more minutes.

"Well, it is hard for me to visualize him actually playing 20 minutes of basketball again because he doesn't participate in practice very often. He just wants to play in the games," Karl said. "That philosophically doesn't make any sense to me. I think he has a big-time heart. I think he is a big-time competitor and he did a heck of a job in the second half against Brand for Game 1."

"Right now I evaluate all my players. I think Carmelo is going to go a lot of minutes, Andre (Miller) is going to get a lot of minutes, Marcus is going to get a lot of minutes. After that I have no idea who is going to get the minutes. It's the guy who earns the minutes and who plays the way we want him to play."

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is Thursday night at the Pepsi Center.

Denver is the No. 3 seed, but because the No. 6 Clippers own the better record the first two games of the series were played at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

The Nuggets are accustomed to playing without Martin, who has been bothered all season by his surgically repaired left knee and began regularly sitting out games over the last month in hopes he'd be better for the playoffs, where he has traditionally stepped up his game.

He had six points and two boards in the Nuggets' 111-109 loss in Game 1, and was scoreless with one rebound in just under seven minutes in Denver's loss in Game 2.

# SOFTBALL: Miranda lifts OSU to two wins

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But then came Cambria Miranda to the plate in the top of the sixth with one out and a four-game home run streak.

Make that five games and counting.

Miranda blistered a shot to left field that looked like it was still rising when it went over the left field fence. The ball came down on the other side of the batting cages and OSU went up 2-1 on what proved to be the winning hit.

"I don't know..." Miranda said about her power surge. "I'm not doing anything different. I am doing my usual routine and its working."

Miranda said she waited on a fastball high and tight from Cook and it came — and then went — on the second pitch.

"The last time I was up she jammed me so I was looking for high and in. She threw outside on the first pitch so I thought it would be high and tight on the second and it was."

Lowe's drive in the third, her second of the year, tied the game at one apiece. The Beavers had fewer hits than Oregon in each game but had enough crucial at-bats from several players to secure the sweep. McElroy struck out five and improved to 13-3 on the year.

The Beavers are back in action Friday when they host the University of California at 3 p.m. at the OSU Softball Complex.

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# GOLF: Five strokes keep OSU out of NCAA Regionals

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and tied for 35th. Senior Tim Sundseth, playing in his last tournament as a Beaver, shot a 301 (77/75/72/77) and finished tied for 43rd. Alex Williams tied for 46th with 302 (74/74/75/79). Vincent Johnson finished in a tie for 47th with a 307 (71/75/81/80).

"We just never got anything going today," head coach Brian Watts said after the tournament. "Overall, I'm proud of the guys for how they hung in there, but we just had a bad day. They just didn't play well, and unfortunately it means missing out on the post season. Hopefully we will learn from the mistakes in this tournament and get better from it. Cal made some clutch birdies coming in and we made some bogeys. That proved to be the difference in the tournament. The guys knew what they had to do today and they didn't do it. It's hard to see Tim (Sundseth) end his career this way, but he's been a great asset to this program and he is going to be missed next year."

UCLA's Daniel Im held off Arizona State's Niklas Lemke to win the individual title with a 7-under-par 277. Lemke finished one stroke back with a 6-under-par 278.

Oregon State needed to finish ahead of California to qualify for NCAA Regionals, but finished 5 strokes back.

# TRACK: Competition gives opportunity for fast times

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"The level of competition will be lower, but considering the time of the year, it is just as important as the others," Sullivan said.

"In the next two and a half weeks, I'd like to see them build and keep the momentum going. This meet draws a lot of people, so it will be good preparation for the Pac-10 Championships."

Sullivan will run 21 women this weekend in events ranging from the 400 meters to the open 3,000 meters. Regional qualifier Ashley Younce will take a break from the longer distances and run the 1500 meters. Sophomore Kaitlin Poggi will return to the 1,500 meters after running the 5,000 meters and the steeplechase the past couple meets. She competed in the 1,500 meters last year at the Pac-10 Championships.

For many runners, it will be their final opportunity to race this season.

"We had them taper this week to get ready to run one more time this year," Sullivan said.

"The competition will be good, so it will give them a chance to run a good time."

The meet will also give Sullivan more

of an indication of who will be running at the Pac-10 Championships.

"I'm pretty close to knowing who will be running in what events," Sullivan said.

"I'm still waiting for a jump from a few runners, but I have a general idea of who will be running at the Pac-10s."

The Beavers are coming off an impressive showing at the competitive Oregon Invite last weekend at Hayward Field in Eugene. Sophomore Lauren Denfeld reclaimed her spot at number one in school history in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 11:15.41. Junior Ashley Younce remained consistent with a time of 16:54.67 in the 5,000 meters, which was good for 11th place overall. Despite windy conditions, many Beavers still had season bests and personal records in their events.

"I was disappointed because they ran well but the wind really bit in to their chances of running really fast," Sullivan said. "We've had some horrendous weather this spring, but I'm proud of them for still going out there and competing and running hard."

Running events for this weekend's meet begins at 5 p.m. on Friday with the 3,000 meter steeplechase and will continue through Saturday.

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*"I'm not doing anything different. I'm doing my normal routine and it's working."*

— OSU outfielder Cambria Miranda after hitting two homeruns against the Ducks Wednesday

Senior catcher Lisa Allen and freshman second baseman Paige Lowe jump for joy at home plate following Lowe's second homerun of the season in Wednesday's game two win over the Ducks. In the first game of the double header, OSU was able to get a 4-3 win with junior hurler Brianne McGowan in the circle. Game two was controlled by OSU's Ta'Tyana McElroy who allowed just one run in seven innings of work.

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## Softball sweeps rival Ducks in double-header

■ Beavers beat Oregon twice using Cambria Miranda homeruns in each game to put OSU over top in a pair of one-run ballgames in Corvallis on Wednesday afternoon

By Travis Ball  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team did not want to bore the home crowd with two easy blowouts over rival Oregon on Wednesday, so the Beavers waited until the late innings to seal both games in a doubleheader sweep of the Ducks at the OSU Softball Complex.

The Beavers, who took the first game 4-3 and the second 2-1, improved to 7-4 in the Pac-10 and 35-7 overall. The two losses for the University of Oregon dropped the Ducks to 1-8 in league, 19-18 overall.

Oregon State senior catcher Lisa Allen highlighted the first game with a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to

give the Beavers the 4-3 victory. Allen's line drive to center off Amy Harris brought home DeAnn Young from second. Young's slide to the side of the plate was just enough to beat a strong throw from Oregon's Sari-Jane Jenkins.

"I love facing Amy Harris," Allen said of her final at-bat. "We have been rivals since high school. It is always fun to face her; beating her is even better."

Young led off the seventh with a double, prompting Oregon coach Kathy Arendsen to pull Elise Orange out of the circle and hand the ball over to Harris. Allen took a change-up for a ball, swung and missed on a fastball, and then laced a dropball to center for the win.

"I thought (OSU head coach Kirk Walker) might give me the bunt sign just to move the runner over," Allen said. "I'm always ready to do whatever the team needs."

Oregon State pitcher Brianne McGowan recorded the win to improve her record to 22-4. The junior right-hander tossed a complete game and gave up three runs — one was unearned

— on eight hits. She walked three and struck out eight.

The Beavers tallied seven hits, scoring two runs in the opening inning, one in the fourth to tie the game at 3-3, then the final run in the seventh. Allen had the only multi-hit game for OSU to go with two RBIs.

McGowan and Cambria Miranda also added RBIs for the Beavers. Miranda's was a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning. It was Miranda's fourth consecutive game with a long ball, adding to a fantastic hitting streak that earned her National Player of the Week honors last week. But Miranda was far from finished for the day.

In the great pitching duel that was game two, OSU's Ta'Tyana McElroy and Oregon's Alicia Cook seemed to have complete control of the game from the pitching circle. Through five-and-a-half innings, McElroy had scattered five hits and surrendered just one run. And Cook was even better, allowing the Beavers just one run as well on a solo homer by Paige Lowe in the third.

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## Men's golf season ends

■ Golf team finishes in eighth place at Pac-10 Men's Golf Championships, ending season

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The Oregon State men's golf team fell to eighth place Wednesday at the Pac-10 Men's Golf Championships, hosted by USC. OSU held their standing after the first two days of play, but dropped one place in Wednesday's final round.

The Beavers shot a 382 in the fourth round of play, and a 1484 (361/369/372/382) on the tournament at the par-71 Bighorn Golf Club. UCLA won the tournament with 1420 (349/348/362/361).

Mitch Gillis was OSU's top finisher, tying for 29th with 294 (72/73/74/75). Jeremiah Oliver (70/72/79/76) and Christian Green (74/76/72/75) both recorded 297 for the tournament

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## Track season coming to a close

■ Oregon State runners near end of season and prepare for final stretch with Western Oregon Twilight

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The Oregon State women's track team continues its march to the Pac-10 Championships this weekend with the Western Oregon Twilight on Friday and Saturday in Monmouth.

The meet will be one of their final tuneups before the Pac-10 Championships. The Beavers will travel to the University of Oregon for the Oregon Twilight next weekend before coming back to Eugene for the Pac-10 Championships on May 13-14.

Although this weekend's meet won't be as big as the Oregon Invite last weekend, head coach Kelly Sullivan still believes this meet is very meaningful.

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COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION  
Jeremiah Oliver keeps his eye on an iron shot. Oliver finished Pac-10s tied for 35th.



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Julie Garcia legs it out to the finish line during the Oregon State Beavers Classic on Oct. 22, 2005. Larson and the rest of the runners have just two events before Pac-10 Championships.