



ELECTIONS

Olson wins top spot

Michael Olson and Lindsey Johnson won this week's general election for ASOSU president and vice president with 1,148 votes in their favor. The duo will take office on June 1, taking over for ASOSU President Dan McCarthy, Lauren Smith and Joel Fischer, also in the face, picked up 860 votes in the election, which was held on the Internet on Wednesday and Thursday.

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Olson and Johnson will take office on June 1

By Ashley Stocki
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Michael Olson and Lindsey Johnson will be the next ASOSU president and vice president, taking over duties on June 1. The ticket won this week's general election with 1,148 votes out of a total of 2,082 votes.

Opponents Lauren Smith and Joel Fischer picked up 860 votes.

"This has been a tremendous experience," Olson said. "Lindsey and I look forward to working with Lauren and Joel."

The winners had kind words about their competitors.

"They are both amazing people and put up a heck of a fight, and I hope they continue to be involved in ASOSU and dedicate their time to students," Johnson said.

Current ASOSU President Dan McCarthy, who endorsed Olson and Johnson, was naturally happy with the results. "Experience does really matter, and their heart was in it," he said. "I truly believe that bigger and better things will be made."

"We really look forward to listening to student

concerns and addressing all student concerns and creating a successful ASOSU that deals with student issues," Olson said.

In other races, Julien Deveraux beat Allan Gearlan by nearly 300 votes to become the next chair of the Undergraduate Senate.

Jaimee Colbert and Bruke Getachew will be the next Memorial Union president and vice president. They ran unopposed.

A complete list of winners in all races will be posted on the ASOSU Web site as well as www.dailybarometer.com.

Log on to www.dailybarometer.com late Friday to see the full results

Senate declares 2006 'The Year of Study Abroad'

To increase student participation in study abroad, more programs are being implemented at OSU

By Susie Bafico
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The U.S. Senate has designated 2006 as "The Year of Study Abroad," and the state of Oregon has followed suit.

Senate Resolution 308 was passed Nov. 10, 2005, declaring that studying abroad can help students share U.S. values as well as create good will for the U.S. around the world.

The resolution provides shocking percentages from a National Geographic global literacy survey.

When looking at a world map, 87 percent of students in the United

States, ages 18 to 24, could not locate Iraq on a world map, 83 percent could not find Afghanistan, 58 percent could not find Japan and 11 percent could not even find the United States.

For the state of Oregon, on April 7, Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury signed a proclamation designating 2006 as the Year of Study Abroad in Oregon.

This proclamation explained Oregon's needs for "an educated and globally competent and connected population" to increase economic development.

It also invites all Oregonians "to join in this observance."

Joseph Hoff, international educa-

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Fighting the Wind



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Symphonic Wind Ensemble performer Amanda Herbert uses her shoes to hold her sheet music down from the wind while fellow trombone player Ed Propst gives tips on how to improve their part.

Violent past detailed by moon rocks

OSU discovery might also shed light on the origin of life on Earth

By Mollie Holmes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Recent research on lunar moon rocks indicate that the moon, and therefore the Earth, were bombarded by meteorites 3.9 billion years ago.

And it might say more about when life began on the planet.

The rocks were originally gathered during the 1970s Apollo space missions. Those rocks that have not yet been used for research lay in storage in the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Now, some of these rocks have made it to Corvallis.

These melted lunar fragments, were studied at the noble gas geochronology laboratory at OSU.

A team at OSU led by Robert Duncan, professor and associate dean in the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, used radiometric dating techniques to determine when the rocks had melted.

The collision of meteorites with the moon cause the moon's surface rock to partially melt and turn to glass. At this time the rocks release argon and begin to reaccumulate the argon through potassium decay.

"The formation of the glass from the melting is like starting a clock," Duncan said. "It resets the time for

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As rates rise, borrowers try to lock in

Interest rates for school loans are due to go up as of July 1

By Katrina R. Machorro
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Interest rates on federally guaranteed education loans are expected to rise as of July 1.

This is the second year interest rates will rise on Federal Stafford subsidized and unsubsidized loans and on Federal PLUS loans.

The interest rates are variable and reset annually on July 1 based on the treasury bill and a margin of interest set by federal regulation.

The current Stafford loan interest rate is 4.7 percent while students are still in school and recent graduates who are in the grace and deferment periods. Currently, once borrowers begin to repay their loans, the interest rate is 5.3 percent during repayment for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The interest rate for Stafford loans will never exceed 8.25 percent.

"You can expect a 1.5 to 2 percentage point increase (in interest rates)," said Patricia Scherschel, vice president of loan consolidation at Sallie Mae.

Scherschel said consolidating loans can help student borrowers keep their interest rate down by locking in current rates. A consolidation loan combines all eligible loans into a single,

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Iran lobbies nuclear agency ahead of Security Council report

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A top Iranian official handed information on his country's nuclear program to the International Atomic Energy Agency Thursday in a last-minute move to temper the critical tone of a report to the U.N. Security Council.

The chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog, Mohamed ElBaradei, will issue a report Friday on Iran's nuclear program that diplomats said is expected to conclude that Tehran has failed to meet a deadline for complying with council requests to suspend uranium enrichment.

That would set the stage for a confrontation at the Security Council on what to do in response to Iran's defiance, with the five permanent veto-wielding members sharply divided over the possibility of sanctions.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said it was time for the Security Council to act and suggested a strong response was needed if the world body wished to remain credible.

"The Security Council is the primary and most important institution for the maintenance of peace and stability and security and it cannot have its word and its will simply ignored by a member state," Rice told reporters at a NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Belarus jails opposition leader, draws international outcry

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Belarus' authoritarian government jailed the country's most prominent opposition leader Thursday after a protest rally that attracted thousands, a move that drew swift international condemnation.

The sentences imposed on Alexander Milinkevich and three of his deputies threw into question the ability of activists to gather a substantial crowd at a demonstration planned for Monday in their campaign to drive President Alexander Lukashenko from power.

Milinkevich, who has spearheaded the wave of unprecedented protests since Lukashenko's re-election last month, was sentenced to 15 days in jail. Other opposition leaders received similar sentences in connection with Wednesday evening's rally, which drew about 10,000 people.

Al-Jazeera says its Cairo bureau chief is released

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Jazeera's Cairo bureau chief was released on \$1,745 bail Thursday and charged with propagating lies with his reporting on this week's Sinai resort bombings, the pan-Arab satellite channel reported.

Hussein Abdel Ghani was detained on Wednesday evening in Dahab, the Sinai resort struck by three bombs on Monday that killed 21 people and wounded another 85.

He was transported to the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, questioned by state security prosecutors and accused of "propagating false news that can disturb national security and cause chaos," Al-Jazeera said.

"I'm fine but I have had hardly any sleep for the past 40 hours," Abdel Ghani told viewers in a phone interview with the Al-Jazeera anchorwoman in Qatar.

The bureau chief was completing the paperwork for his release at the prosecutor's offices, colleague Sameer Omar told The Associated Press.

If convicted, Abdel Ghani could face three to five years in prison.

The case is "a flagrant violation of freedom of opinion in Egypt and an insult to a journalist whose only fault was trying to ensure the free flow of information," Al-Jazeera said.

Senators: changes unlikely before hurricane season

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate inquiry into the government's Hurricane Katrina failures ripped the Bush administration anew Thursday and urged the scrapping of the nation's disaster response agency. But with a new hurricane season just weeks away, senators conceded that few if any of their proposals could become reality in time.

The bipartisan investigation into one of the worst natural disasters in the nation's history singled out President Bush and the White House as appearing indifferent to the devastation until two days after the storm hit.

It said the Homeland Security Department either misunderstood federal disaster plans or refused to follow them. And it said New Orleans for years had neglected to prepare for large-scale emergencies.

"The suffering that continued in the days and weeks after the storm passed did not happen in a vacuum; instead, it continued longer that it should have because of — and was in some cases exacerbated by — the failure of government at all levels to plan, prepare for and respond aggressively to the storm," concluded the report.

It was titled "Hurricane Katrina: A Nation Still Unprepared," sober words for the future.

The Senate inquiry is the third major federal report on the government failures exposed by the Aug. 29 storm, which killed more than 1,300 people and which the Senate Budget Committee says has so far cost the federal government \$103 billion.

Construction begins on Freedom Tower at ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — After months of disputes over the future of ground zero, state and city officials finally brought in the heavy equipment and began construction Thursday on the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower that will rise on the site of the World Trade Center.

"It is going to be a symbol of our freedom and independence," Gov. George Pataki said after three yellow construction trucks — driven by workers wearing hard hats emblazoned with the American flag and the words "Freedom Tower, World Trade Center" — rolled down a ramp to applause from politicians.

The project has been held up by bickering between city and state agencies and the project's chief developer, and by objections, mostly from Sept.

11 family members, to the design of the trade center memorial.

But a breakthrough came this week when the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the site, reached an agreement with developer Larry Silverstein, who held the lease on the twin towers.

The agency had been pressing Silverstein to give up control over the \$2.1 billion Freedom Tower, for fear he would not have the financial means to complete the project. Silverman agreed to surrender control of the skyscraper and a second building, but will build three other office towers at ground zero.

The Freedom Tower is scheduled to open in 2011, and officials said Wednesday's deal means all five towers could be built by 2012. Construction has also begun on the memorial.

The project will return millions of square feet of office space, shops and people to downtown's financial district.

"Everybody had a smile on their face and everybody understands — if you're not happy with the design, you had your chance, if you're not happy with the deal, you had your chance," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "We've finally all come together and said what we're going to do, so now we're going to do it."

Prosecutor focuses on Lay's financial merry-go-round

HOUSTON (AP) — The prosecutor painted a picture: Imagine a shareholder in Enron Corp. in 2001, long before the house of cards came down. Someone who had bills to pay, maybe student loans due. Tough financial decisions to make.

That person could have sold Enron shares to raise some cash, federal prosecutor John Hueston suggested Thursday. And they might have looked to company founder Kenneth Lay to decide what to do, for signals about the health of the company.

At the time, Lay was talking up Enron. He told employees Enron shares were at bargain prices, and that he was snapping them up. Public filings showed he was exercising stock options to buy shares.

But all the while, Hueston stressed during a grueling cross-examination of Lay, the company founder was selling Enron stock back to the company — tens of millions of dollars' worth — to pay down lines of credit.

"They did not have the benefit of the information that you had," Hueston told Lay.

"But they certainly had the right to sell their shares to take care of their problems," Lay offered in response.

So it went on the second day of Lay's cross-examination in his fraud and conspiracy trial, as Hueston sought to punch holes in Lay's defense that he believed in Enron to the very end.

Lay and Hueston went back and forth for much of the day about the financial merry-go-round that Lay used heavily in 2001, the year Enron's stock steadily declined before the company collapsed into bankruptcy protection.

It worked like this: Lay owed as much as \$100 million to banks from personal loans, and had put up his own Enron stock as collat-

eral. As the stock price fell, the banks issued margin calls, requiring Lay to pony up more stock or pay down his debt.

Head of OLCC charged with drunken driving, resigns Thursday

PORTLAND (AP) — The administrator of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission resigned Thursday, five days after being arrested and charged with drunken and reckless driving.

Teresa Kaiser, 56, e-mailed her resignation to members of the OLCC board of directors, said Lonn Hoklin, spokesman for Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

A police report said officers responded to a two-car accident on the west end of the Sellwood Bridge Saturday night and smelled "a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage" from inside the vehicle. The report said the driver, Kaiser, had "bloodshot, watery eyes" and slurred speech but was cooperative.

The report said she admitted having two glasses of wine over five hours at the home of friends. A breath test placed her blood alcohol level at 0.16 percent, twice the legal limit for driving in Oregon.

She said she did not believe she should have been driving, according to the report.

The police report said Kaiser agreed to field sobriety tests at the scene of the accident but left her shoes in the car when she got out.

There were no reported injuries from the accident. The report indicated her car, headed downtown, crossed a lane on a curve.

"Due to circumstances that I deeply regret, I am resigning as executive director of the commission," Kaiser's e-mail to the board read. "I will return on May 15th to tie up loose ends and will say my goodbyes at that time. Although my departure is abrupt, I am confident the commission will move forward."

Kaiser assumed the post Sept. 15, 2003, after several years with Maryland's child support enforcement office.

She is a graduate of Portland's Lewis & Clark Law School and worked as an attorney for seven years as well as in liquor enforcement in Colorado and Washington. She was an OLCC inspector from 1981-1982.

Oregon is one of 18 "control" states for liquor, which means the state owns the beverages at some point in the distribution process.

The OLCC director is appointed by the board, which is named by the governor. The OLCC board will hold an emergency meeting on Friday to appoint an acting executive director.

"The governor naturally is very concerned about this. But he has total confidence that the commission will handle this and do the right thing," Hoklin said.

Statewide, liquor sales are on track to reach \$722 million — \$77 million more than projected a year ago — for the two-year period ending in June 2007, according to state estimates.

During Kaiser's tenure, the OLCC began a two-year pilot program to allow sales of distilled spirits in separate areas within supermarkets instead of in traditional state-run outlets. So far, the pilot program has brought in more revenue than expected, the agency has said. But it has upset some liquor agents who say it creates unfair competition.

Friday, Apr. 28

Events
Phi Kappa Psi, 2pm, MU Quad/Brick Mall. Come watch the Phi Psi's tricycle 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 Pavillion. 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 Pavillion. 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.

Wednesday, May 3

Meetings
ASOSU, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Disabled Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.
ASOSU, 4pm, ASC Conference Room. Campus Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

Events
Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, MU Commons. Sign language spoken here. All skill levels welcome.
Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Noon Mass — Take a pause with faculty and staff for mid-week Mass.
United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. University Learning Community — Our book focus is, "When Jesus Came to Harvard" by Harvey Cox. All are welcome.
United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Gathering — Join us for a home-cooked meal, conversation oriented Bible Study & worshipful singing.

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Women's Center honors role models

■ Five women will be honored today with the Women of Achievement Award; Tradition began in 1985

By Hina Rehman
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In correlation with National Women's History Month, the Women's Center is presenting the Women of Achievement Awards — awards that have been given since 1985 — today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Women's Center.

Faculty and students of all ages nominated women who specifically helped other women by being a role model or influential figure for people to look up to.

Some of the criteria to be nominated for an award include work that has had a great impact, being a role model, an active feminist on issues and organizations and work

that is not recognized and/or rewarded often.

There are five women being recognized this year — including Lisa Ede, a professor in OSU's English department; Barb Gartner, a professor in the department of wood science and engineering; Donna Champeau, an associate professor in the department of public health at OSU; Diane Crocker, a band teacher at Philomath Middle School; and Paula Krane, an active member of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

These five women are role models and an inspiration for women as well as men in Oregon, particularly Corvallis and its surrounding communities, organizers say.

Beth Rietveld, the Women's Center coordinator and the organizer of the awards, said they want women who are "not ordinarily recognized."

"It's not just for women who do out-

standing things," Rietveld said. "It's more for people who give from heart."

Rietveld also said that there have been students from OSU who have been honored with this award, but she stressed the fact that the women who are recognized have "lifted other women in the process of their work."

Rietveld said someone asked her if the women nominated have to be feminists and she said, "It really does help because they understand that women really do need to help other women."

Rietveld explains what the award is really for and why the women who receive such an honor are worthy.

"I really do think it's an award of the heart," she said.

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10 states, including Oregon, sue EPA over global warming

■ Latest action is part of an ongoing court battle over pollution from power plants and the wider topic of global warming

By Devlin Barrett
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Oregon and nine other states fired a new legal salvo at the federal government Thursday in a long-running court battle over global warming and pollution from power plants.

The states, joined by environmental groups, sued the Environmental Protection Agency over its decision not to regulate carbon dioxide pollution as a contributor to global warming.

In addition to Oregon, New York, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin filed the lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The states want the government to require tighter pollution controls on the newest generation of power plants.

"We feel it's incumbent on EPA to regulate carbon emissions from those power plants now in order to help us get our arms around global warming," said Marc Violette, a spokesman for New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Also joining the lawsuit are the cities of Washington and New York, as well as Environmental Defense, Natural Resources

Defense Council, and Sierra Club.

New York and other states have fought with the Bush administration for years over carbon dioxide emissions.

In July 2005, a three-judge panel in the same court upheld the EPA's decision not to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from cars and trucks under the Clean Air Act.

The agency argues the law does not authorize them to regulate emissions to reduce global warming, and maintains there is not enough scientific data to support such a move.

The lawsuit was filed largely in response to the 2005 ruling, in the hopes that the courts will rule specifically whether the Clean Air Act can be used to fight global warming.

"We think this is the case that will decide that question," said Natural Resources Defense Council lawyer David Doniger.

An EPA spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment.

Environmentalists say 40 percent of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States come from power plants. Carbon dioxide is believed to be the greatest single contributor to global warming.

A growing number of scientific studies bolster the theory that increased levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other gases are accumulating in the atmosphere, where they trap heat and raise the earth's average temperature.

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federally guaranteed loan — the Federal Consolidation Loan.

This loan has a longer repayment term, up to 30 years, and a single monthly payment.

Anita Gurule, administrative program assistant for the OSU financial aid and scholarship department, urges student to consolidate loans before the rate rises.

"There is no downside for a borrower to consolidate — the interest rates in the past two years have been at the lowest point since the Eisenhower administration," Scherschel said.

Scherschel went on to say that any borrower should be careful which lender they chose to consolidate with. Also, a borrower should stick to a lender that invests in services for student loan borrowers and meets their needs.

"You can be sending (the lender) payments up to 30 years — and that's a long term relationship," Scherschel said.

Scherschel also urges student borrowers to think about the looming deadline. The deadline to get all paperwork in to lock in the current interest rates is June 30 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Coast Time.

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ABROAD: In 2004-05, 438 Oregon State students studied abroad in more than 100 different programs

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tion coordinator and academic coordinator of the International Degree program, offered statistics on OSU's own study abroad programs.

In the 2004-05 year, Hoff said 438 OSU students went abroad and there are now more than 100 programs offered covering every continent.

He said the program offerings would increase in fall 2006 with added outside programs such as field-study programs with the School for Field Studies, the School for International Training and the Council on International Education Exchange.

Hoff said the benefits of studying abroad for students include gaining a global perspective in their academic area as well as the personal experience of living in another culture.

"Students can use their experience for possible careers since most companies today are globalizing," Hoff said.

Hoff mentioned there are also 88 students studying abroad in the International Degree program — a dual degree program that requires students to study a second language and write a thesis in relation to research they do while abroad.

The Senate resolution encourages colleges and universities, secondary schools, businesses and governments to promote and expand study abroad opportunities.

The resolution states that only

1 percent of students in the U.S. study abroad each year.

At the same time, www.internationalstudent.com states that around 600,000 international students are studying in the United States, which is almost 4 percent of all students enrolled in the U.S. universities.

The resolution also stated that a survey done by the Institute for the International Education of Students showed that studying abroad "influences subsequent educational experiences, decisions to expand or change academic majors and decisions to attend graduate school."

It encourages the people of the United States to observe the Year of Study Abroad with "appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities."

Previously Congress addressed the importance of studying abroad when it established the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program in 2004.

The program was designed to create a national program to dramatically increase the number of American students participating in study abroad each year.

Stated in the resolution, the fellowship program had until Dec. 1, 2005, to recommend a national study abroad program.

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MOON: Evidence is difficult to find on Earth due to erosion

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us to determine billions of years later."

Duncan's team studied about 50 different melted lunar fragments. All but a few produced ages close to 3.9 billion years. This signals an influx of meteorite activity.

"The evidence is clear that there was repeated bombardment by meteorites," Duncan said. It is hard to find this type of proof on the Earth due to erosion and the movement of plate tectonics.

"By comparison (to the Earth), the moon is dead, has no atmosphere and provides a record of meteorite bombardment that we can only assume is similar to that on Earth," Duncan said.

"The moon is like a library of what happened on our planet," continued Duncan. "It is a record of geological events present on earth."

What is noticeable, however, is that the date of 3.9 billion years coincides with the date many scientists believe life first began on earth.

"You get this coincidence," Duncan said. "Did life begin with the end of the bombardment, or did it come with the meteorites?"

This information is also very helpful to NASA, which funded the research. In 2015 NASA plans to return to the moon.

"The more we understand about the material we have about the moon, the better we can allocate our limited resources," Duncan said. "We can't go everywhere (on the moon). We need to know what to sample and where to visit."

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New Blackboard feature not ready, OSU warns

■ OSU wants students to avoid losing work on the not-yet-working feature

THE DAILY BAROMETER

A new feature of the online learning portal Blackboard being distributed to OSU students is not yet working on the university's system, OSU officials warned Thursday.

The new feature, called "Backpack" allows students to download assignments or course information, work on the material offline, and then upload the finished material back to Blackboard.

However, the feature requires new software that OSU does not expect to have installed until fall term.

Todd Simmons, OSU assistant vice president for university advancement, said initial work has been done to get the system online, but a new piece of required software will not properly install.


Simmons said OSU's information technology department will work with the Blackboard company to resolve the problem.

Simmons said OSU sounded the alarm to keep students from losing work they attempt with the new feature.

But, he said, once the "Backpack" is online, it will be a useful tool.

"We don't want to give students the impression that this is a bad product or bad software," he said.

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Editorial

Teaching our young

Nay to the Barometer and its inability to be at all places at all times. Nay to cut-off captions, incorrect headlines, mis-attributions and inaccurate figures.

Yea to readers who see every mistake that's printed. Yea to those who make this paper's staff push harder.

In this business, complaints are to be expected. There is strength in truth, there is strength also in hearing criticism with open ears, ears flushed red but still listening. There's only one thing a journalist fears, and readers should fear it as well. Silence.

On a college campus, emotions will always flare from time to time. Happiness is a right provided by the ideological "freedom" that is preached about so much in these times. But in reality, "freedom" also gives the right to voice anger as well. A silent campus is not a peaceful campus, it's a dead one. Visible conflict of ideas is the real-life way to measure the diversity of thought on a campus. The trick is to have conflict, but having it be a face off braced with mutual respect.

Young journalists must understand the inevitability of conflict. In a perfect world, there would be easy lessons here. But this is a fantasy, because reporters of all ages are naturally held to professional standards. It's an honor, but it's also a tough place to grow.

At OSU, groups are drawn together by common interests, homes or political affiliations. But conflict is the unifying factor for a number of them. Sharing a common enemy unites individuals who let their personal differences fall by the way side in order to rise against the greater antagonist. And what better Zeppelin of a target is there than the campus newspaper?

"Don't bash something you don't understand." It's an idealistic rule many journalists try to follow. But an important lesson new reporters learn early on is that non-journalists are not bound by any such rule. A reader has every right to tear apart a printed article because ultimately the effort behind the final product means nothing. All that matters is what the reader holds in front of them. The article is either error free or it is not.

Many members of the Barometer staff, being younger students, are new to journalism. But readers give no quarter for lack of experience when they pick up the paper in the morning. Journalism has no training wheels, and readers don't go through life with gloves on, if they decide to hit, it's with a closed fist. Thus, it is up to veteran editors to help younger ones write as best they can. To not do so, or to themselves turn upon the younglings with criticism is cruel, unfair and shameful. The rules recommend against saying "We" in staff editorials. But maybe this time, we can bend them to be stronger.

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Angie Bergh

Right Wing Wench

Abortion and genocide: remaining relevant

Though I was gearing myself up for the somber sight I expected to encounter, I instead found myself laughing at the edge of the quad yesterday. I had come upon one of those little signs that seems to crop up every time an anti-abortion display comes to town — "77 percent of anti-abortion leaders are male ... 100 percent of them will never be pregnant." As the woman who started the pro-life club on this campus and led it for two years, I'd like to thank these sign makers for continuing to make no significant contribution to the debate whatsoever.

Signs that are so ridiculously irrelevant wouldn't be worth mentioning in any other context. Unfortunately, I've come to realize that such slogans characterize the intent of the entire pro-choice movement — to distract the debate from the real issue.

In the quad, we have pictures of dead fetuses juxtaposed with images of genocide and other evils. The statement made by the Genocide Awareness Project also implies a question: Are they comparable?

Naturally, the pro-choice movement on campus answers by attacking the gender of their opponents. Who cares about whether or not the pro-life message is true if 77 percent of the messengers have male genitals?

The general irrational response was carried further by a Mr. Ben Grimes, who chose to walk about the quad in nothing but a blue thong, playing his flute and proclaiming the "shock value" of the GAP. While effectively providing students with a real reason to avoid walking anywhere near the MU, Grimes, much like his compatriots the sign-makers, adds nothing of substance to the debate.

Now, the larger opposition to the GAP is the claim that they are being insensitive and hijacking a term they have no right to use; in light of our own emotional responses to this gut-wrenching display, this may even seem like a legitimate argument. But ultimately these statements also are beside the point.

The pro-lifers in the quad believe that every fetus killed is a unique human life, which makes the million plus abortions in the United States each year a mass murder of genocidal proportions, if not genocide precisely. Accusing them of insensitivity is about as helpful as walking up to someone demonstrating about Darfur and accusing them of the same — I think we would all risk a little insensitivity if it might end the mass murder of innocent human lives.

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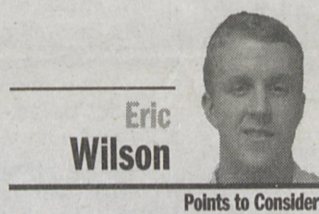
Freedom of speech isn't just one sided

While today marks the end of the Genocide Awareness Project at Oregon State University, it has become apparent that some within our community and on our campus don't value the principles of freedom of speech.

Take for example the student group, Pro-Choice OSU, who decided to hold up sheets as their "response" to the images displayed in the quad. Furthermore, after being asked by police officers to stop blocking the images, Chelsea Ruediger, co-president of Pro Choice OSU, claimed that in being asked to move her group's rights were being "stifled."

Unfortunately for them, censorship on constitutionally free and protected expression is in fact a violation of someone's free speech rights. Sorry Chelsea, but the only rights being stifled were that of the Genocide Awareness Project. According to the university rules and regulations along with freedom of expression, "It is the further intent to ensure the primary educational purpose of the University while promoting debate and the sharing of information." This can include, "leafletting, picketing, speech-making, demonstration, petition circulation, and similar speech-related activities."

Among the other notable protesters was Benjamin Grimes, who decided to sport a blue thong with a sign on his back declaring, "Shock value works for me too."



Eric Wilson

Points to Consider

While Mr. Grimes has every right to embarrass himself in front of 20,000 students in this manner, constitutionally protected free speech is something that should never be infringed upon. In fact, I have a great deal of respect for people on both sides of this issue who participate in civil and free debate. The pro-choice and pro-life camps have every right to state their opinions — as long as one does not try and silence the other. And for an event such as this to happen on a university campus is even more disheartening. In an institution of higher education debate and the exchange of ideas are the bedrock of the university experience. Furthermore, the sad part is that incidents such as these do not stop here.

Take for example the destruction and vandalism of publications such as The Liberty or rules placed in some colleges around the country limiting and prohibiting certain conservative speakers. Either way one looks at it our constitutional rights are under attack not only here at OSU but also at colleges around the United States.

It should be clear to anyone that we are traveling down a dangerous path. While our campuses preach diversity in everything from race

to religion, the one they seem to fall short in is freedom of thought. While officials were quick to stop an infringement on the rights of the Genocide Awareness Project, this incident highlights an even bigger issue. If we lose the diversity of thought on college campuses we will eventually lose the ability to think for ourselves.

If you're not concerned then you're not paying attention no matter what side of the aisle you fall into politically. Both sides have not only the right but also the freedom to express their viewpoints without a fear of them being suppressed.

On this same note, conservatives seem to understand this point more than liberals. I recently attended the MECHA rally, and while I disagree with their position I was respectful of their right to organize and protest. Along with me were a handful of students waving signs of disagreement. However, you may notice many conservative protesters at liberal rallies avoiding activities such as blocking messages, parading in thongs, acts of vandalism and other forms of protest designed to halt ones freedom of expression. While this may not speak true to the majority of liberals on this campus or even nationwide in general, the stereotype that has been ingrained is all too pervasive.

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Everything is like, well ... nearly everything else here

Everyone expects to receive some form of higher education once they begin college. At OSU, students spend thousands of dollars and the equivalent in time lying, sitting in class, standing in line for free lunch and logging on Blackboard all for the sole purpose of trying to gain an edge over the next person applying for the same job once they graduate.

Given this, I expect to learn something here that I would not if I were, say, lying around my house and sweating. Not to suggest that going to college, or OSU, is the only way to learn something, however.

Why, just last month, one of my roommates was fixing my computer (I use the term "fix" in the same fashion parents do when explaining to their children why their beloved Bobo doesn't have kittens any more) and he commented on the fact that his hand on the mouse was very warm. I had noticed this for a while, but thought nothing of it. The warm air billowing over my hand kept the skin soft and supple, which is one of the most important concerns of all hand models, so I didn't really mind. I



Jeremy
Da Rosa

Oh, This Column

said, "I don't know," and he, being the business major he is, got a little antsy and checked the wall heater located beneath my desk. It was on full blast, as it had been for the entire winter, or longer, for all I know.

Through this exchange, I learned why I usually ended up sweating whenever I would lie down for the night, as well as the reason why Pacific Power had sent us a card on Valentine's Day.

But I digress. On the whole, if I learn something common-sensical at the university that I very easily could have learned anywhere else, I am a little disappointed. By the same token, when someone else is subjected to the same fate, I am filled with righteous indignation at their plight and vow to, at the very least, refrain from leaving the general vicinity until they have finished telling me about it.

Here is one example I have run across since I have become this harbinger of truth.

It all started when "Andy," my roommate who repaired my computer, was watching "Memoirs of a Geisha." In one scene, the main character asks a man to explain the rules of Sumo wrestling. The foolhardy man answers that she is only a dancer; that she has no reason to know this. Our main character rebuts with, "Oh, on the contrary, what is Sumo but a dance between two opponents? What is a war but a dance between two warriors?" I don't know what happened next, but I'd wager Texas that the conversation turned into a one-upping contest, much like the scene between William Shatner and Dennis Leary in "Loaded Weapon 1."

To make matters even more ... like something else, "Andy" went to his classes that next week, and was surprised at what he learned. Consider the following (I have omitted the class names so that no one can ever find "Andy"):

Class 1. The professor theorized that all of the students' future wishes and desires are forms of operations,

and that "everything in proper perspective is an operation."

Class 2. This professor explained that a market researcher is aiming to sell eventually everything. Continuing on, he surmised that one is always trying to sell something in everything one does. He finished the thought with, "So in a way, everything we do is marketing in some way or another."

Class 3. The third professor expostulated loudly at the onset of the class that "Life of systems! Look at everything in the right perspective and you'll find a system!"

And finally, ironically enough, "Andy's" own father provided the maraschino cherry for this smorgasbord of scholarly advice.

While delivering some home appliances to the dump, "Andy" and dad witnessed some extra-rowdy employees of the recycling center essentially playing catch with the washing machines as they unloaded them. "Andy" commented that the employees seemed staunchly oblivious to the risk entailed by choosing to play ball with a Maytag® Neptune® Front-load. Dad replied, "Well, you have to look at everything as a

risk assessment. You gotta weigh the risk versus the benefit. Every decision anybody makes is essentially a risk assessment." To defend the recycling employees, I think the benefit of workman's comp is worth the risk of getting smashed by Grandma's rusty Kenmore.

Now why these three OSU professors decided to teach something that could obviously have been learned by a trip to Adair Village is beyond me. But the mere fact that we are being taught that "everything is everything" is enough to shift the earth off its axis. It's like the school is going through puberty and it's getting all over my shoes.

Regardless, I am languishing in this state of uncertainty which I have been thrust into. The very fabric of my universe, our universe, in breaking down now that we have vicariously been told that everything is, indeed, everything. No longer "apples and oranges," it is "oranges." No "and," just oranges.

I leave you with this to consider.

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Not buying gas is the way to go

Albuquerque, N.M. (U-WIRE) — When I first got my 2003 Dodge Neon, I could fill the tank for \$14. The other day, I spent \$25 and only filled it to three-quarters of a tank.

An Exxon executive receives a \$400 million retirement package, and it's been reported that Exxon has more than 1,000 employees who have salaries in excess of \$1 million per year.

All this leaves us little guys with the feeling that the liberals are holding us down with their cost-inflating regulations, while the capitalists are beating the crap out of us with their profit-taking greed.

I once owned a 1981 Volkswagen pickup that gave me 40 miles per gallon in town and more than 50 miles per gallon on the highway, while my Neon only gets 24 miles per gallon after a tuneup — highway or town. The Neon might run cleaner because of more environmentally friendly gadgets that Congress and the left have mandated over the years, but I would guess that the Volkswagen overall would be a more environmentally friendly vehicle than my no-power, gas-guzzling Neon.

With emerging economies such as China and India, the United States is no longer the only customer for crude oil. We can't simply say the price is too high and force them to lower it — as we could when we were the only game in town — because these other countries will pay the high prices. Since liberals don't want us to drill in Alaska or the Gulf of Mexico, we have to face the fact that gasoline will someday be as expensive as bottled drinking water.

The solution does not lie in ugly solar power cells or bird-unfriendly wind turbines, but rather in the free market itself.

Simply quit buying gasoline.

It seems to me this solution takes the teeth out of the problem and accommodates everybody's agenda. Eventually, the drop in demand will force gasoline prices to come down so that we

Andrew Price
The Daily Lobo

can use it for only that which we absolutely need.

These high gasoline prices are a tax on all of us, and although I don't think we should throw the gas into the proverbial Boston Harbor like our forefathers did their tea, I think we should do something to show that we will not stand for it — change your habits and don't buy gasoline.

Notwithstanding small towns, we need a more comprehensive public transport system. Albuquerque has an extensive bike trail system, but it is not unusual to see buses going down the street empty or only half full. Some parts of Albuquerque aren't even covered by the bus system, forcing people to drive. Instead of having a big bus half full, why not have twice as many smaller buses covering the whole town? These smaller buses could then feed the Rapid Ride system.

Al Gore once said gas was too cheap in America, and it would be better for our economy if prices were higher. His assumption was that higher prices would lower demand.

He was wrong — the demand is as high as ever and poor people are biting the bullet and having to decide between things like food or gas. They can't get to work unless they drive — once again we see that the most vulnerable among us are victimized. Gov. Richardson gave us all \$100 to offset these high prices, but the state is making a killing in oil and gas revenues disproportionate to the \$100 given to us.

I say give us comprehensive public transport in all the major cities — especially Albuquerque and Santa Fe — good enough that we can actually use it, ease the burden of high prices, and thumb our noses at the millionaires at Exxon.

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of the most helpless beings in our society?

GAP is, ultimately, an attempt to find a word that reflects the true gravity of a widespread phenomenon; after all, murder is no longer just murder when it occurs on a large scale. Is genocide the correct word? Is choice? Ultimately the answer to this comes down to whether or not the unborn are human — once we determine that, all issues of semantics disappear.

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Too soon for 'United 93' Film?

South Bend, Ind. (U-WIRE) — It's just too soon for this tagline: "September 11, 2001. Four planes were hijacked. Three of them reached their target. This is the story of the fourth."

It's the tagline for "United 93," a movie, told in real-time, about the plane that crashed into a Pennsylvania field on that fateful morning.

Maybe I've watched a little too much cable television over the years, but to me, that sounds an awful lot like the tagline of MTV's hit reality show. You know it — "This is the story of seven strangers, picked to live in a house and have their lives taped, to see what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real."

And while "United 93" is the story of 45 people (many of whom were indeed strangers) who chose to take a plane out of Newark International Airport on a sunny September morning, this story — unlike the one on MTV — is not entertainment. Moreover, unlike MTV's contrived "Real World," this actually was the real world. It still is.

In fact, Osama bin Laden, the orchestrator of the Sept. 11 attacks, is still wandering the deserts of Pakistan. And from wherever he is, he's still making videotapes and threatening more attacks against America. Each time a new tape is released, the al-Qaida leader still makes the front page of American newspapers.

In a United States Federal Courthouse, Zacarias Moussaoui is currently on trial for conspiring with al-Qaida to commit the Sept. 11 attacks. During the past few days, the jury has heard testimony from those who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon, including

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Michael Williams, a man who lost his 24-year-old son in the World Trade Center. Before the attacks, Michael was helping to plan his son's wedding. After the attacks, he helped to plan his funeral.

On Wednesday, the jury will hear similarly gripping stories from the families of Flight 93 victims. Flight 93's cockpit voice recording will be played publicly for the first time. Then on Friday, April 28, a major motion picture will be released. It's just too soon.

But we all love movies about heroes, right? Who didn't love "Batman" or "Indiana Jones?" And the men and women of Flight 93 were undoubtedly heroes. But if this Friday night I ask a friend what movies are playing at the local theater and she lists "United 93" as one of the options, I can't see myself exclaiming, "Oh yes! I really wanted to see that one!" That just wouldn't seem right.

I couldn't buy a greasy tub of popcorn and sit in a cushiony reclining chair to watch something so similar to what jurors are watching (and weeping over) in an Alexandria, Virginia courthouse. I just couldn't do it. The jurors are listening to the testimony in an attempt to decide whether or not to give Moussaoui the death penalty. But it's too soon for me to watch that in a movie theater. It's just not the right time.

So when is the right time? When Sept. 11 stops being news. And that might take a while.

On July 18, 1863, Col. Robert Gould Shaw led the 54th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry, the first all-black regiment, into battle at Fort Wagner. The group experienced cata-

strophic losses. One hundred and twenty-six years later, Tri-Star Pictures released a movie about it.

This movie, "Glory," received much critical acclaim. It grossed more than 25 million dollars. Denzel Washington won an Oscar for his performance. I even watched it in my Civil War class last semester. And I loved it.

But I don't need to watch a movie about Flight 93 in my American History class. I already saw live footage of the Shanksville, Pa., field in my second period AP American History class, back on a September morning when I was a junior in high school.

We don't need a major motion picture about Sept. 11. We can still see footage of it on CNN. Note that CNN is a 24-hour news network, not to be confused with E!, the 24-hour entertainment network.

A film about Sept. 11 will never be viewed as entertainment in the same way that MTV's "The Real World" is. One hundred and twenty-six years from now, the story of Sept. 11 will undoubtedly evoke strong emotions in those who didn't watch two airplanes hit the World Trade Center towers in the middle of their American History class. But for these students, the events of Sept. 11 will no longer be front-page news. For these students, Sept. 11 will truly be American history.

Flight 93 crashed in a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001. It was part of the most devastating attack ever on American soil. Four and a half years later, Universal Studios is releasing a movie about it. That's just too soon.

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BERGH: GAP asks for answers at heart of issue, not morality

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Although I have my own misgivings about the tactics of the Genocide Awareness Project, at least they make a point that addresses the heart of the issue. If, in fact, the unborn are human, what do we make of the thousands of human lives who are legally killed each day in the United States? What does one call the systematic killing

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Illegal journey to U.S. can be trouble for women

By Julie Watson

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOGALES, Mexico—Swaddled in dirt in the inky night, the newborn trembled as a stranger struggled to snip her umbilical cord with nail clippers. A smuggler and other migrants had bolted when the baby's 18-year-old mother screamed with labor pains.

But Lilia Ortiz couldn't just leave them in the harsh Arizona desert. Ortiz, 23, had walked two days straight to get this far. But she knew what it was like to struggle as a mother on her own.

The two women are part of a new wave of migrants. A decade ago, illegal migration was dominated by men. Now more women are making the journey, risking rape and even death to support their families. The increase in women migrants comes as beefed-up border security has funneled migrants through one of the world's most forbidding deserts, and as smugglers adopt increasingly violent tactics.

Some cross with their children. Others leave them behind with relatives. Pregnant women, like Maria Perez, the 18-year-old who gave birth this week, walk for days through the desert in the hope that their children will have a better life as U.S. citizens.

Rape has become so prevalent that many women take birth control pills or shots before setting out to ensure they won't get pregnant. Some consider rape "the price you pay for crossing the border," said Teresa Rodriguez, regional director of the U.N. Development Fund for Women.

If caught by the U.S. Border Patrol, women are often deported to Mexico's violent border towns in the middle of the night, despite a 1996 agreement between the two countries that promised women and children would only be returned in daylight hours, according to directors of migrant shelters along the 2,000-mile border.

Worldwide, nearly half of the estimated 180 million migrants are women, according to a report released in February by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

A study released last week by U.S. and Mexican migration experts, partly funded by the Mexican government, found that nearly half of all Mexican migrants living in the United States are women.

The female migrants are getting younger. Of migrants under 18 deported to Mexico, females accounted for only 2 percent in 1994, when the U.S. started cracking down at the border. Since 2002, they have made up nearly a third each year, said Blanca Villasenor, who recently published a book on Mexico's female migrants.

Central American women face even more danger because they must first cross Mexico, where gangs and even immigration officials have attacked women, said Jesus Aguilar, a migrant rights activist in El Salvador.

"The normal rule, according to women who migrate, is that before leaving their countries they have to take the pill for at least one to three months to ensure that they will not get pregnant after a rape," said Aguilar, of the group Carecen Internacional.

Many Central Americans crossing Mexico hop cargo trains where Aguilar said "there's almost a 99 percent chance that a woman will get raped."

Waiting with a smuggler for darkness in the popular jumping-off point of Sasabe, across the Arizona border, Gisela Anzures fiddled with a purple scrunchie on her wrist Tuesday and said she had heard the horror stories.

"It's very dangerous. The gangs show up and pat you down in a horrible way," said Anzures, a 28-year-old divorced accountant who left her 5-year-old son with her parents in Cuernavaca. "It's no great pleasure to do this, but I'm fed up with the long hours and low pay in Mexico."

Twenty-five miles to the north, a U.S. Border Patrol helicopter had spotted Ortiz, her aunt, Perez and her infant. After being abandoned in the desert by their smuggler, they were glad to be rescued. Ortiz and her aunt were returned by the Border Patrol to Nogales, where they vowed to try again. Perez and her newborn daughter were treated at a hospital in Tucson, Ariz., then returned to Mexico, said Border Patrol agent Daniel McClafferty, who rescued them from the desert. Mother and baby were in good condition.

Border Patrol agents in southern Arizona — the busiest crossing area — come across a birth in the desert about once a year. Last fall, a baby was born in a Border Patrol helicopter as it flew the mother to a hospital.

"It's alarming and concerning seeing a woman in shock and pain after giving birth in this dangerous terrain," McClafferty said.

Collapsed on a bunk bed at a Nogales shelter, Ortiz rubbed her legs, which were covered with cactus thorns. She said she left her abusive husband after Hurricane Stan swept away her family's home in Chiapas last fall, and decided to head north. Friends in Florida had promised to help her get work.

"I have a 6-month-old girl, and I'm a single mother," she said. "I feel sad and desperate. I have no money and haven't been able to get work at home, and now I can't get to the other side."

Ortiz said she would try the crossing again in hopes of a better life for her daughter — who is now staying another aunt.

With a glimmer of envy, she said Perez had been trying to do the same thing.

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Selig: No celebration for Bonds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds will have to wait until he passes Hank Aaron before baseball throws a party for him.

Major League Baseball is not planning any celebration for Bonds if and when he tops Babe Ruth's mark of 714 home runs, commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday.

"Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record," Selig said. "We don't celebrate anybody the second or third time in."

Bonds has been the subject of steroids speculation for several seasons. The recent book "Game of Shadows" detailed allegations against him, and a federal grand jury is investigating whether he committed perjury when he told another grand jury that he had never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds hit his 711th homer Wednesday. His San Francisco Giants were off Thursday, and open a three-game series Friday night at home against Arizona.

Selig does not figure to be in San Francisco — or in Milwaukee or Philadelphia, where the Giants play next week — as Bonds nears Ruth.

"We celebrate new records, that's what we do. We're being consistent," Selig said during the Associated Press Sports Editors annual meeting with league commissioners. "There's nothing to read into that."

Ruth is second on the career home run list, trailing Aaron's total of 755. When Aaron broke Ruth's record in 1974, commissioner Bowie Kuhn was not in attendance. Kuhn's absence ruffled many, including Aaron.

Bonds has been hobbled by bad knees, and missed most of last season.

"He's had a remarkable career. Whatever happens, happens," Selig said. "We're going to let nature take its course. Commissioners don't sit around and say, 'I hope this guy breaks it or not.'"

Selig said he had read "Game of Shadows" but not seen "Bonds on Bonds," the ESPN reality show about the slugger's life.

Selig said the book was among several factors that prompted him to launch a baseball investigation into steroids, headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. There is no timetable for completing the probe.

BASEBALL: Buck moves into tie for seventh place for all-time wins; Gunderson picks up 13th save of season

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base, but they could not score. The scoreless first inning would become a trend for the Beavers as OSU shut out Cal Poly.

The Beavers began the day slow at the plate, scoring no runs on no hits in the first two innings.

"I just wish we could do a little better offensively," said OSU coach Pat Casey. "I give their guy a lot of credit. I thought he was good."

Back-to-back singles in the third inning by John Wallace and Canham finally gave the Beavers hits. After another shutout inning by Buck, the Beavers were on the board.

With one out in the bottom of the fourth, Bill Rowe doubled down the right field line. After Shea McFeely walked, Scott Santschi singled to center field, moving Rowe to third.

Tyler Graham hit a ground ball and reached first base on a fielders choice while knocking in Rowe, putting OSU up 1-0. Second baseman Chris Kunda followed suit with a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring the second run of the game.

The defense held strong for the Beavers in the top of the sixth inning. With a runner on first base, shortstop Darwin Barney dived for a ground ball over the bag at second, stopping the ball with his glove. While lying on his stomach, Barney flipped the ball to Kunda. Kunda then completed the double play, sending the ball to Rowe for the second out of the inning.

In the top of the seventh inning, Canham picked off a Cal Poly runner who had strayed too far off the base at second.

In the bottom of the seventh, Wallace doubled up the middle and was moved to third base on a Canham sacrifice bunt. Barney reached first on an error and Wallace scored the third and final run of the game.

The 3-0 shutout was the third shutout in the last eight games for the Beavers. The win moved the Beavers' home record to 16-2.

Individual feats during the game began with McFeely's walk, which moved him into sole position of

ninth on the all-time walks list. Rowe's double moved him within one of the top 10 for doubles in a season. For the pitchers, Buck moved into a tie with Andrew Checketts for seventh place for all-time wins at Oregon State with 24.

"If I get through the first few innings unscathed then I'm usually pretty well off," Buck said.

Buck also extended his scoreless inning streak to 22. Closer Kevin Gunderson helped secure his position atop the career saves list with the 30th of his career. It was also Gunderson's 13th save of the season, moving him within one of the record he set last year.

The win Thursday was the first of four non-conference games the Beavers will play this weekend. The Mustangs will get a shot at avenging their loss Saturday afternoon in a rematch at 4 p.m.

On Friday and Sunday, OSU will match up with the Lobos of New Mexico for the third and fourth times this season. The first pitch Friday will be thrown at 5 p.m. at Goss Stadium.

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FOOTBALL: Receiver, linebacker and defensive line positions all have holes to fill in spring game

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don't have to freestyle what I do. I feel really comfortable out there."

Jackson will be joined by Anthony Wheat-Brown, Sammy Stroughter, Marcel Love and Brandon Powers as expected impact receivers for OSU.

Receiver isn't the only position with holes to fill. Linebacker and defensive line spots were both question marks coming into spring.

Riley realizes it will be difficult to replace the big men up front, but he feels the team is in a position to do so.

"We lost two good players in Sir Henry Anderson and Alvin

Smith," Riley said. "Ben Siegert has been doing very well (on the line) and is our most established, experienced guy, but Curtis Coker, Pernell Booth, Naman Frank are all playing well on the interior and then on the outside we added Dorian Smith to Joe Rudolph, Jeff Van Orsow and Joe Lemma. So we're going to have good depth and all those guys can have their niche."

The starters on the defensive line will be going up against an experienced offensive line right from the start.

"The foundation is going to be our first string offense on one

team and the first string defense on the other," Riley said of the format for the spring game. "It should be the best way to have competition."

Fans attending the game won't see the same old Beavers. Not only are there new players, but there are new formations and plays as well.

"We have a lot of new faces breaking in so the development of some guys at this stage is very good," Riley said. "We've kind of tweaked some stuff and added a few things offensively and defensively that we want to continue with in the fall."

The fall season kicks off on August 31 when Eastern Washington comes to Corvallis.

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SOFTBALL: OSU can't get into comfort zone vs. Cal

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Miranda.

The Beavers will look to build from Miranda's momentum. Miranda has hit home runs in five consecutive games for OSU and was last week's Pac-10 player of the week.

"We can't have as many strikeouts as last time," said senior first baseman Vanessa Iapala. "I think those games (against Cal and Stanford last time) helped us because you have to lose to learn."

"The key for us is their pitchers," Miranda added. "We struggled against their pitcher when we played them and we didn't hit it and struggled at the plate a little bit. We need to hit the ball hard this time."

The Bears have not played a game since last Sunday, when they defeated Arizona

5-1 in Berkeley.

"In the Pac-10 you can't let your confidence allow you to get in any kind of comfort zone," Walker said. "In this conference everyone is so good we could easily go out and beat a team 8-0 or we could easily go out and lose to a team 8-0."

Saturday and Sunday, the Stanford Cardinal will be in town. The Beavers will try to avenge a 3-2 loss to the Cardinal from earlier this season. Stanford has also not played since last Sunday, when they lost to Arizona State 3-1.

"I know we really want that Stanford game back," Miranda said. "They beat us in the last inning there and we're going to go out and bring it."

Saturday and Sunday's game against Stanford will both start at 1 p.m.

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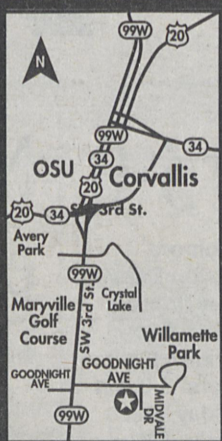
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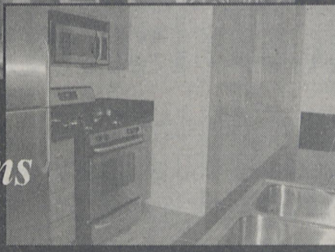
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— MLB Commissioner Bud Selig on how the MLB will not celebrate if Barry Bonds passes Babe Ruth's mark of 714 home runs



Sean Canfield

Quarterback

Matt Moore is still OSU's No. 1, but Sean Canfield moved past Ryan Gunderson into the No. 2 spot. Moore has had a strong spring, but if he encounters the same struggles he did last year, Canfield may get a shot with the first unit. Moore's success in spring has effectively silenced any talk of a QB controversy.

Key Losses:
None

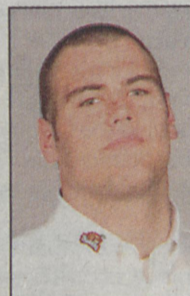


Ruben Jackson

Receivers

Sammie Stroughter, Marcel Love and Ruben Jackson have all had strong springs and could give OSU the potent passing attack Beaver Nation has become familiar with. The return of Joe Newton and emergence of Jason Vandiver at tight end may result in a more successful offense inside the opponents' 20 yard line.

Key Losses:
Mike Hass



Ben Seigert

Defensive Line

Ben Seigert is the experienced run stopper, but Curtis Coker could emerge as a force in the middle after losing 42 pounds since last spring. Defensive ends Joe Lemma, Jeff Van Orsow and Joe Rudolph are returning and junior college transfer Dorian Smith has joined the mix to pressure opposing quarterbacks.

Key Losses:
Alvin Smith, Sir Henry Anderson



Derrick Doggett

Linebackers

Andy Darkins had bicep surgery that has left him unable to play, and his return to the team is up in the air. Derrick Doggett returns to the starting lineup and brings the most experience to a young group after starting for OSU early last season. Darkins replaced him as starter mid-season.

Key Losses:
Trent Bray, Keith Ellison



Keenan Lewis

Secondary

A more experienced group returns with Sabby Piscitelli leading things from his safety position. Brandon Hughes won't be at the spring game, but has joined Piscitelli, Keenan Lewis and Al Afalava as a starter in the secondary. Lewis has shown skills as a receiver and may see limited action on offense as well.

Key Losses:
None

Oregon State Spring Game



Spring football comes to a close Saturday with the spring game held at Reser Stadium starting at 1 p.m.

By Matt Boase
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Finally, a sure thing: Oregon State football is guaranteed a win in Saturday's 1 p.m. game. The fact that the game is OSU against OSU helps. It's the annual spring football game and unlike last year when the game was played in Portland, it will take place at Reser Stadium.

The spring game marks the end of spring practice for the Beavers and for the first time since fall, the players will be on their own on the field.

"There won't be any coaches on the field. The guys can just go out there and play," coach Mike Riley said. "It's like an elevated scrimmage in front of people. That's as good a preparation for a team as anything."

The team needs preparation because there are some big vacancies that were left behind by the graduation seniors. Most notably, Biletnikoff Award winning receiver Mike Hass.

"These guys are excited to step into big shoes," Riley said of the players who will see time at the receiver positions. "The receiving corps at Oregon State through the years has been very productive and I think that if I'm a receiver coming into the year I'm very excited about that."

One guy Riley expects to play a big role in stepping up is senior receiver Ruben Jackson. Jackson is a junior college transfer who joined the team last year, but after spending a year in the system both he and Riley expect big things, thanks in part to Jackson's understanding of the offense.

"Ruben has been a great addition to our team from a year ago and I think that he's got as much ability as any player on our team," Riley said. "I'm looking for big things from him. He's worked very hard in the offseason and had a really good spring."

"And I know my plays," Jackson added with a sly smile. The remark drew laughter from Riley.

Combine the knowledge he now has with his physical attributes and Jackson may be well on his way to taking over as the top receiver.

"I'm small, fast and shifty, and I think I'm a good player," he said. "Last year I didn't know a play. I know all the plays now, so I

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Date: Saturday, April 29
Time: 1 p.m.
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No. 6 baseball shuts out Cal Poly 3-0

Behind strong pitching from Dallas Buck, OSU rebounds from loss earlier in week

By Casey Grogan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It was prime time to rebound for the OSU baseball team as the Beavers took to the diamond against the Cal Poly Mustangs Thursday. Behind strong pitching from Dallas Buck and Kevin Gunderson, No. 6 OSU came out on top with a 3-0 shutout.

The win comes after a 20-13 loss to the University of Portland earlier in the week.

The first batter of the game, Jimmy Gardner, beat out a ground ball deep in the hole at shortstop. On the next pitch — a fastball from Buck — catcher Mitch Canham threw out Gardner, who was trying to steal second base.

Throughout the inning, the Mustangs continued to get runners on. See **BASEBALL** / page A7



Sophomore shortstop Darwin Barney fires a throw to first base in the Beavers' 3-0 win Thursday over Cal-Poly. OSU will match up with Cal-Poly again on Saturday afternoon.

PETER STRONG
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 8 Beavers look to avenge early losses to Cal, Stanford

OSU will look to build off momentum as the Bears and Cardinal come to town

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Revenge is on the mind of the OSU softball team.

In a repeat match up of a game earlier this season, the No. 8 Beavers will meet up with the No. 7 California Bears on Friday at 3 p.m. in Corvallis. The last time OSU and Cal played, Cal walked away with a 2-0 win in both games in Berkeley.

"We're coming in with a little bit of revenge, and a lot of focus," said OSU coach Kirk Walker. "We didn't feel like we played our game or played

confidently or aggressively when we were there. We can control what we bring to the field and hopefully if we do that we'll be able to come out with a win at the end of the day."

The Beavers are coming off double-header victories over the University of Oregon Wednesday, which came after an outstanding weekend on the road. OSU knocked off No. 1 UCLA 2-0 at the Bruins' place on Friday, April 21, and then traveled to Seattle and beat No. 14 Washington 3-2 and 5-0 in two games.

"After this last weekend I know we're all pumped up because we beat the No. 1 team in the nation and we're all excited and trying to carry that momentum over into each game," said sophomore utility player Cambria

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Darkside Cinema provides offbeat entertainment

By **Cindy Richards**
The Daily Barometer

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The theater opened about a year ago following in the footsteps of the Avalon theater, which opened in September 1997.

Currently, the Avalon, also located downtown, is closed for construction.

Paul Turner, the owner, is looking to add a few amenities in addition to the movie theater aspect.

According to Beachley, Turner is "looking to put in a stage for live entertainment, including music and comedy."

Though construction is being done to add other amenities, no plans are set to take out the theater itself.

"From what I understand there will still be movies, they probably won't be the primary thing," Beachley said.

The purpose of opening the Avalon was "to bring in more films and choices of films to customers."

Once the opportunity was available to take over the building the Darkside is

now located in, the owner decided to take advantage of the opportunity and open another theater.

The Avalon Cinema had only one screen while the new Darkside Cinema has four viewing rooms with a total of 50 seats each.

With the Avalon's single screen, fewer movies could be offered.

Beachley, who previously worked for Regal Cinemas for 12 years, said there are advantages to working at an independent theater.

After moving back to Corvallis the projectionist said he "grabbed the chance to work for Paul."

"There isn't nearly the stress levels as other jobs," he began. "There isn't a large corporate feeling around you all the time."

For Beachley, the best part of working at the Darkside is the customers.

"We have a great base for customers. There's quite a variety of people, some come in on a weekly basis," he said.

Since working there he has had the opportunity to get to know some of the regulars.

"The community support is outstanding," Beachley said.

For the customers, however, the main difference is that they don't show the mainstream films that can be found at Regal or Carmike Cinemas.

"We don't show the typical Hollywood type of films. Indie films and foreign films are the main thing," Beachley said.

According to Beachley, Darkside Cinema sees between 200 to 400 customers per week, "depending on how popular the movies are."

"Right after the (Academy) Awards we had 'Walk the Line' and 'Capote' and we sold out every show," he said.

While there are seemingly many benefits to working for an independent theater,



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An employee of The Darkside Cinema waits to serve refreshments to patrons of the quirky, independent cinema.

money can be a problem.

"Working on a low budget (is challenging)," Beachley said.

Though Beachley is not responsible for maintaining the theaters, he assumes that the most challenging element is keeping them clean and presentable.

"A lot of equipment is used or old equipment," he said.

According to the frequently asked questions on Avalon's Web site, the seats in the Avalon came from a theater in Wilsonville that was being torn down.

According to the Web site, four other movie theater owners including Turner showed up with a team of U-hauls to claim the seats.

Turner does a lot of the maintenance himself, Beachley said.

Some films currently playing at the Darkside include Neil Young: Heart of Gold, Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull story and Friends with Money.

Among the films the Darkside would like to show in the future are: I am a Sex Addict, The Devil and Daniel Johnston, and Art School Confidential.

Ticket prices vary from \$6 for students, to \$5 "Cheap Nights," to "\$21.50 if you leave your damn cell phone on in the theater," according to the Web site.

"Cheap Nights" take place every Wednesday nights which are "quite busy." The site advises patrons to arrive a half hour early and hang around in the lobby as "your ticket guarantees you a seat in the auditorium. It doesn't guarantee you what seat."

Aside from the average theater snacks offered at The Darkside, patrons are also welcome to bring their own food.

For more information on The Avalon Cinema and The Darkside Cinema including showtimes and other movie information visit www.avaloncinema.com and www.darksidecinema.com or call (541)752-4161.

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The sign that hangs in the lobby highlights the quirky nature of the employees and overall atmosphere of the theater

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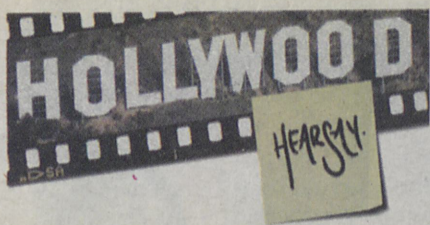
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By Alicia DeCosta
The Daily Barometer

TomKat brings home a kitten

After months of anticipation, Katie Holmes gave birth to a baby girl, Suri, last Tuesday. And the world didn't blow up? Miracle. The name Suri has its origins in Hebrew meaning "princess," or in Persian meaning "red rose."

The birth went so smoothly that Holmes left the hospital within 24 hours. A source close to the Holmes family says Suri "has lots and lots of dark hair and big, blue eyes. She's going to be a beautiful baby." Holmes, 27, and Cruise, 43, have been together since last June and announced the pregnancy in October.

Brooke Shields also gave birth on the same day, in the same hospital, on the same floor, and to a baby girl who weighed the same as TomKat's baby, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Creepy.

What's left of Nick

In a new interview with Rolling Stone, Nick Lachey finally comes clean about what really went down in the

ex-"Newlyweds" breakup. "I'll tell you how I knew my marriage was over: I was told," he says. Lachey was "blind-sided" when Jessica told him after dinner last November: "I think I want a divorce." He tried to convince Jess just to sleep on it, but the next morning she was still convinced that a divorce was what she wanted. With all the tabloid rumors of Jessica's antics, Lachey admits, "I don't know if there were other men. But if she did cheat, it was the result of something bigger, not the reason we didn't work ... Sometimes I think it would be easier if I had just walked in the house and found her in bed with a guy. That would be clear-cut. End of story. I wouldn't have to deal with the uncertainty of adultery." In the interview, Nick also talks about Papa Joe Simpson, "Newlyweds" and how he'd marry Jess all over again. Aw, this makes me feel almost sorry for Lachey, poor guy.

Meanwhile, Jessica has been seen wearing her wedding ring on chain along with 2 crosses. Apparently the necklace symbolizes all of the things that have been important to Jessica. A source close to Simpson says, "Nick will always be an important part of her life."

Britney's prerogative

Britney Spears is allegedly suing the company that made her 6-month-old

son's high chair. The 6-month-old pop star tot fell and hit his head. He slipped from his nanny's arms and fell to the floor as she was lifting him from the high chair and "something snapped in the chair." Good luck Britney! After failing to strap her son in his car seat and speeding off, do you really think you've got a chance?

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Tom Cruise is now the father of a bouncing baby Scientist
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a birth or a funeral and take off with the significant object of the day, the bride, the baby or the body.

Then who's crying alone on the couch?

Dear Amanda,

I'm not from Oregon and I see people walking around in shorts already. It's still freaking cold! I also see everyone wearing socks and sandals, but I'm not even going there. Why are Oregonians so weird?
— Dumbfounded

Dear Californian,

Oregonians aren't weird; we're just superior.

There is a noble beauty in the graceful combination of socks 'n 'stocks. It's like a foot mullet: all the fun and whimsy of a sandal, but underneath lies the security of proper wool insulation against the brisk spring air.

Inappropriate exposure to the elements is how we cull the herd, as it were. The weak eventually sicken and move to Idaho to dwell among the potatoes, leaving in their place, the hardest and most robust of Oregonians to roam free among the fir trees and coffee shops.

Plus, to us, this weather is freaking ideal. Finally, we can trot about in our sandals and not get our socks wet. You'll also notice in the coming weeks a sudden outburst of Frisbees. Those suckers are dangerous when trying to traverse the quad. A Frisbee to the back of the head; silent, but deadly.

In short, yes, sandals and socks may be odd looking to the untrained eye. But give it a shot. Make up for all the umbrella-carrying you did this winter.

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Dear Amanda,

I make plans with my friends all the time and at the last minute they always bail. Is it me or do I just have flaky friends?
— Stuck in Sackett

Dear Friendless,

You either have flaky friends who don't really like you, or sadly, some awkward attachment to people who don't know you. I'm not sure which is more depressing.

Let's just assume for a moment that they really are your friends. First off, they suck. Second, what kind of lame-faces can't pick up the phone to let a person know they are going to be late?
You could take the mature route. Talk to them, openly and honestly about the issue. That would probably be the most effective and responsible solution to your predicament. But when do people ever do the most responsible and effective thing?

You could just ditch them. Find new friends, friends that will make the ones you have now look like the dweebs they are.

Or, if you have any self respect at all, you can store up all their lame-ness now and return it to them when it really counts. Wait till a wedding,

MOVIE REEL

Night Watch
★★★★
Fox Searchlight Pictures
Starring: Konstantin Khabensky, Vladimir Menshov, Valeri Zolotukhin
Runtime: 114 minutes
Run-down: Imported all the way from Russia, this fast-paced thriller is kind of like "Ghostbusters," but with a triple shot of Stoli. Ever since an epic battle between the Light Others and the Dark Others, the forces of light govern the day while the night belongs to the dark. In modern day Moscow a "Night Watch" of light Others, try to control the nightly cravings of the dark Others. This movie is definitely worth seeing for its creepy creatures, badass vampire kung-fu fights and color-saturated cinematography, just don't expect to be able to know what the hell is going on.

American Dreamz
★
Universal Pictures
Starring: Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid, Mandy Moore
Runtime: 107 minutes
Run-down: This movie is confusing. Not just because it doesn't know whether or not it's a comedy or a satire, but because the viewer doesn't know whether it's funny or just downright stupid. With elements taken straight out of real life and transplanted onto the screen with different names, it's almost as if you paid \$8 to see a recap of how your week went. Our advice: Stay at home, put two TVs next to each other and watch "American Idol" and "CNN." It's basically the same thing, only you'll save a lot of money on refreshments.

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SPECIAL STUDENT SHOW

'T's' impress fans with solid album

By Meagan Williams

The Daily Barometer

"Hey There Delilah" has become a fan favorite since the Plain White T's released their first album All That We Needed.

The acoustic version has become a phenomenon within the group's growing number of fans, and many of the female fans identify with Delilah and the love story the song describes.

But, that's not all that this Chicago-born band can bring to the ears of concert-goers. The band's EP "Hey There Delilah" has a new version of the fan favorite along with four new songs that the band members produced with Sean O'Keefe.

The EP has some great new tracks like "Down The Road" and "If I Told You," which are easy to sing along to and very relatable for any students dealing with breakups, longing, and as the band puts it "a freedom born in unity." The EP also comes with an enhanced feature with three music videos.

Coming from humble beginnings in a garage, the band says that they're flattered by fans taking the time to come see them in this summer's Warped Tour.

And the explanation for the band name? It's

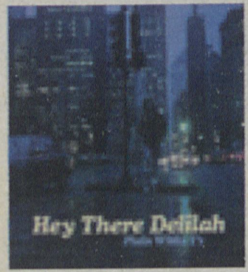
pretty plain. Tom Higgenson (lead vocals) says the guys just picked it off a list of names they liked. They put it on the list after realizing that some of their favorite album covers were guys standing around in plain white T-shirts.

But, if you've heard the T's music, you know that the name fits perfectly. Their music appeals to lots of different ears just like a plain white T-shirt looks good on everyone. Higgenson says "anyone can hear it and enjoy it."

The EP is only 6 tracks long, but the songs are laid back, with great lyrics and rhythm. If you like the T's music, or want a quality sample of their music, I would suggest this EP, or the band's first album All That We Needed, that shot them into the spotlight.

Yet again, the T's impress with great tracks (and a really solid live show I hear), so if you get a chance to check them out on Warped Tour, take it.

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Plain White T's

Hey There Delilah

Fearless Records

Grade: A

Game adaptation proves silver screen worthy

By Josh Williams

The Daily Barometer

To those not familiar with the game, Silent Hill is a twisted town full of demons, darkness and anything that has ever haunted your dreams. Director Christophe Gans, who previously directed "Brotherhood of the Wolf," has brought this creepy nature to the theaters and gore is definitely on the menu.

The movie is mostly about Rose (Radha Mitchell) and the search for her daughter Sharon (Jodelle Ferland). Rose meets up with a cop, Cybil (Laurie Holden), and the two of them join forces to fight the evil that has kept Silent Hill in a death grip. Rose's husband, Christopher (Sean Bean), plays more of a minor role of finding out what really happened in the town of Silent Hill but the county cops keep him far away.

For fans of the video game, all of the little features and creatures are present. The crackling radio, attraction to light and other subtle pieces are noticeable and make the adaptation even better. The infamous Pyramid Head had a few gruesome scenes that are sure to please any horror enthusiast or

the sleazy guy who hopes his date will practically jump into their lap.

There are some choppy music and lame lines in the build-up scenes that seemed to

Silent Hill

★★★

Runtime: 127 minutes

Starring: Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean, Alice Krige

Plot: A creepy, thriller/horror flick based on the popular video game focuses on a mother's search for her daughter in a ghoulish infested ghost town.

throw off some of the more mysterious portions. I just don't see the need to put a country music song in a horror movie.

Personally, Johnny Cash probably didn't intend his music to be an

ironic song for a video game turned movie.

There is also a stronger religious presence in this movie than is led on at first. The strong feelings against the supernatural that the town has gives a Puritan witch hunt twist. The plot sets up at first what seems like a common good versus evil but quickly it turns around and tacks on an ending that unless you've played some of the Silent Hill games, will leave you confused and perhaps ripped off.

Jodelle Ferland, only 11 years old, and a

seasoned pro in the horror films acted out some surprisingly good scenes. Jodelle has done such movies as "They" and playing the devil in a few television series, there wasn't much of a crossover for her. The creepy kid never fails in a scary movie. The vision of an innocent kid being the ultimate evil just screams impiety and therefore perfect for such a movie. I recommend fans of the video game series to indulge in more gore and for everyone else to rent one of the games and watch the movie.

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Dear Famous Person: Kevin Federline

By Meagan Williams

The Daily Barometer

Dearest K. Fed,

Yesterday, during my morning ritual of drinking a Red Bull, picking an outfit, and checking E! Online's latest gossip, I came across an interesting article. It was regarding your new song "America's Most Hated," which you had on your Web site.

As I sat back, looking outside my window at the blue skies and busy sidewalks, my ear caught the words you've waited for the world to hear. "I got 50 mill, I can do whatever I want. I don't need a deal, I can do whatever I want. I just keep it real, I can say whatever I want." You went on to say "I got my name spreadin' faster than crack, and that's just a fact."

That is very true, everyone knows who you are, and lots of people love you. Hell, you're

being featured in The Daily Barometer!

My big question for you is: Why so blue, Panda Bear? I mean, you have more money in your ash tray than I will ever touch in my whole lifetime, you have a bouncing baby boy, a wife that men all over this country would kill to have, let's calm down.

I mean, you're not the MOST hated. I heard you donated your cornrows to charity. That's sweet Kevin, and now the whole world knows you're generous, you've got lots of fans on MySpace. People leave you comments like "You rock!" and "You're hot!" and "Your wife is hot." You almost have as many MySpace friends as that kid who played Hasselhoff's son on Baywatch! That's a big deal, sir.

Let's brainstorm ... who does America hate more than you?

Well, Simon Cowell is a grade-A douchebag, but he's British, so maybe that doesn't count.

So, there's always Tom Cruise. He's not just crazy and offensive, but I'm sure we will come to see that he's a worse father than you.

Nobody likes Maury Povich either. He's always giving paternity tests, which is never a fun activity.

Then there's always Scooter Libby, but I have a feeling you don't know who that is.

The next step in making you happy again is to look at people America loves and see what they're doing right.

Let's start with George Clooney. Why do we love him? He's mysterious, yet kind. He doesn't talk about his sex life openly (which you reportedly have) and he doesn't flip off the camera nearly as much as you do.

Now, Kevin, I understand that the paparazzi can get in your way, but telling a camera guy to "suck it sideways" isn't going to get you any friends in the business. Other rappers that perhaps you aspire to are also much more accommodating to the press. Maybe you should take a hint and do the same?

Kevin, the point is, you're not hated by all of America. Just most of it. So, be nicer to the cameras, give more of your crap to charity, don't get caught smoking pot in your driveway again, and maybe reconsider that whole tank top and trucker hat look. Stick with the Gucci and Armani Britney buys for you. And keep the music coming, Kevin, because I sure get a kick out of it!

PEACE OUT,
Meagan

By Britany Young

Kraftwerk

Minimum-Maximum

Astralwerks

Grade: B

Kraftwerk's Minimum-Maximum is a best of album with a modern twist. It's a live album that features remixes of their most popular songs like ones found on their previous best of, The Mix. Their sound on the album is full and rich when compared to The Mix, due to more modern equipment. This may appeal to folks who



like a newer sound for Kraftwerk, but like much of the same feel of the older versions of the songs. Anyone who likes the older '80s style sound to their instruments may not like the new-fangled synths that they use but, nevertheless, the remixed songs are entertaining, dancy and catchy.

By Jack Link

Come Clarity

In Flames

Ferret Music

Grade: A

In Flames has been breaking boundaries since day one. Unlike most bands, they continue to keep their fans by never shying away from their sole purpose as musicians; to melt your face off and mold it right back together all in one song. The first track, "Take This Life" is a very well written single that shows they can be catchy yet heavy at the same time. Besides a few misses with overused female guest vocals, In Flames puts together a quality album.



There's not much room for error with an attacking rhythm section, beautiful lead riffs, powerful solos and a wide-ranged vocalist.

By Steve Leisy

Blanket Music

The Love

Hush Records

Grade: A-

The latest release from Portland's own, Blanket Music, is divided between two



discs. The first is filled with 12 original tunes, played in their usual oh so Belle and Sebastian style. The second is composed entirely of the band's interpretations of other songs from the Hush records family of artists, the most notable of which is a magnificent rendition of the Decemberists' "Red Right Ankle." Though the first disc is not quite as catchy as their previous effort, "Cultural Norms," the second disc offers an interesting approach to some familiar songs, making the purchase of this album completely necessary.

Corvallis Concert Calendar

Friday, April 28

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Bombs Away Café, 9:30 p.m., \$5

The Turntable Enablers
Platinum, 9 p.m., TBA

Knockout John, Honest to Empire
The Peacock, 9 p.m., \$3

Eleven Eyes
Platinum, 9 p.m., \$5

Saturday, April 29

The Blue James Band
The Peacock, 9:30 p.m., \$3

Tuesday, May 2

The Hounds, Natural Vibrations
Platinum, 8 p.m., \$12

Wednesday, May 3

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