



## Hearing set for Reser allocation

■ Meeting tonight could result in a tentative recommendation from the student fees committee

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A tentative recommendation regarding how to spend \$2.4 million coming back to students from a 2004 loan to OSU for the "Raising Reser" football stadium expansion could come tonight in a meeting of the student/incidental fees committee.

The committee recently heard from five different proposals vying for a piece of the funds. Tonight's meeting — set for 8 p.m. in MU 213 — is an open hearing welcoming public comment.

In 2004, the student government approved a loan of \$1.2 million to the university to go toward the Reser project. That allocation plus interest will be paid back to students over an eight year period. The original loan also guaranteed prime student seating at the expanded stadium. The first \$350,000 of the payback came to students in the fall and now sits in a special account in the MU.

The debate over how to spend the money began in the fall but was tabled to offer more time for the creation of detailed business plans or the submission of more proposals.

Five groups are asking for funding: —The campus cultural centers are requesting \$200,000 for a two-phase project focused on repairing facilities. The Native American Longhouse, for example, is housed in a temporary Army barrack constructed in the 1940s. The building was only intended for about two years of use, according to the proposal.

—The Board of Recreational Sports is asking for \$750,000 to install two large turf fields and a running surface located in the fields across from Dixon Recreation Center. The Reser money would fund the first of the two fields. The turf fields are being proposed as a method to keep students, intramural and informal sports, playing year

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## IMPRINTS



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Corvallis Police Lt. Ron Noble will move to McMinnville to be the new chief of police. He has served as an officer at CPD for 18 years and began his career wanting to be a paramedic.

## A Noble move

■ Corvallis Police Lt. Ron Noble reflects on 18 years of service and his future as chief in McMinnville

By Peter Chee  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In the eyes of the public, Lt. Ron Noble has been the face and voice of the Corvallis Police Department in recent years. For many, he has been a constant and reassuring voice through both bright and dark times.

After 18 years on the force, Noble is moving up — both in rank and location — by month's end, Noble

will be McMinnville's newest chief of police.

Becoming chief is an incredible advancement, but Noble says he's still sad to leave Corvallis, his home of 20 years.

"It's not easy to leave, but it's a great opportunity," he said.

In the past two years, Noble has served as an investigative spokesperson for CPD, bringing his quiet but authoritative presence to press conferences regarding the disappearance of Brooke Wilberger and the mas-

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## Police issue security alert after bogus job interview

■ A Facebook.com message to an OSU student raises the alert

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The Oregon State Police and the Department of Public Safety at OSU issued a campus-wide security alert Wednesday after an OSU student was contacted about a job offer and asked to meet the prospective employer in a hotel room.

The student, who was contacted through the social networking site

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## Poling fire causes little damage

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A small fire broke out on the fifth floor of Poling Hall Wednesday just before 2 p.m.

A student reported the fire after discovering it near an elevator, the Corvallis Fire Department said.

The small fire in the residence hall, located on the 300 block of Weatherford Place, caused little damage. The department said the fire, involving a small amount of trash, appeared to have been intentionally set.

The fire was extinguished by a student prior to the arrival of fire department, officials said.

Multiple engines responded to the report but most were canceled before arrival. Firefighters ventilated a small amount of smoke at the scene.

Anyone with information pertaining to the fire is asked to contact the fire department at 766-6903 or the Oregon State Police at 737-3010.

## OSU not affected by SAT mistake

■ Grading problems for the October 2005 SAT test affects a large number of college students, but not many from Oregon State

By Susie Bafico  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Graduating high school students concerned with their SATs can erase inaccurate scoring off their list of worries.

In mid March, the College Board announced that of the 495,000 students across the country who took the SAT in October, about 4,000 student's scores were higher than originally reported.

The problem was said to be in part due to excessive moisture that caused the answer sheets to expand before they were scanned.

Michele Sandlin, Office of Admissions director, said that two students at OSU were "affected, but not."

Sandlin explained that while the College Board contacted her directly about the SAT error, the score difference was only a few points.

She added that OSU does not currently require a minimum SAT score to be admitted unless students are applying for the Honors College or awards.

"(The students) probably don't even know about it," Sandlin said.

Pearson Educational Measurement is responsible for scanning the tests at its facility in Texas.

The problem was discovered when two high school seniors asked for their tests to be graded by hand and they received scores significantly higher than reported.

The College Board reported that the score difference for a majority of students was less than 100 points across all three sections of the test.

Sandlin said that some campuses were hit harder with errors in scores,

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## Beer pong in the quad? Just add water

■ Event aims to show students the effects of playing drinking games

By Adam White  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Beer pong and mixed drinks on the way to class — not what one would expect to find on a normal day.

An open bar and drinking games were set up on tables outside a tent in the MU Quad Wednesday, as Peer Advocates for Student Health volunteers were busy educating students about alcohol consumption.

To the disappointment of many alcohol enthusiasts, the liquor bottles were filled with water.

Students were encouraged to mix their own drinks or play drinking games how they would in a normal social setting.

The volunteers from Peer Advocates for Student Health then analyzed the "drinks" to see how much alcohol they would have ingested if they were to use real alcoholic beverages.

The tables in front of the tent had

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OSU Peer Advocate Jackie Weldon points out negative effects of alcohol to Joey Staub, a junior in business, and Derek Maloni, a junior in history.

## Mexican president backs off drug decriminalization bill

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Vicente Fox refused to sign a drug decriminalization bill Wednesday, hours after U.S. officials warned the plan could encourage "drug tourism."

Fox sent the measure back to Congress for changes, but his office did not mention the U.S. criticism.

Fox will ask "Congress to make the needed corrections to make it absolutely clear in our country, the possession of drugs and their consumption are, and will continue to be, a criminal offense," according to a statement from the president's office.

On Tuesday, Fox's spokesman had called the bill "an advance" and pledged the president would sign it. But the measure, passed Friday by Congress, drew a storm of criticism because it eliminates criminal penalties possession of small amounts of heroin, methamphetamines and PCP, as well as marijuana and cocaine.

Earlier in the day, the U.S. government expressed a rare public objection to an internal Mexican political development, saying anyone caught with illegal drugs in Mexico should be prosecuted or given mandatory drug treatment.

"U.S. officials ... urged Mexican representatives to review the legislation urgently, to avoid the perception that drug use would be tolerated in Mexico, and to prevent drug tourism," U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Judith Bryan said.

There are concerns the measure could increase drug use by border visitors and U.S. students who flock to Mexico on vacation.

## Earthquake off Pacific island nation generates tsunami

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (AP) — A powerful earthquake struck near the South Pacific nation of Tonga early Thursday, triggering tsunami warnings for as far away as Fiji and New Zealand. But word of the imminent danger never reached the tiny country closest to the epicenter.

There were no reports of injuries from the magnitude-7.9 temblor, about 95 miles south of Neiafu, Tonga, and 1,340 miles north-northeast of Auckland, New Zealand. Authorities lifted

the warnings within two hours, after recording a wave of less than 2 feet.

But nearly 18 months after an earthquake-driven tsunami in the Indian Ocean left at least 216,000 people dead or missing, sparking international calls for a better warning system, Pacific islanders received little or no notice of Thursday's threat.

A warning issued by the Honolulu-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center first went out 16 minutes after the 4:26 a.m. earthquake, which occurred 34 miles below sea level.

## Moussaoui spared death penalty, gets life in prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui escaped the death penalty Wednesday as a jury decided he deserved life in prison instead for his role in the bloodiest terrorist attack in U.S. history. "America, you lost," Moussaoui taunted.

After seven days of deliberation, the nine men and three women rebuffed the government's appeal for death for the only person charged in this country in the four suicide jetliner hijackings that killed nearly 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

Three jurors said Moussaoui had only limited knowledge of the Sept. 11 plot, and three described his role in the attacks as minor, if he had any role at all.

Moussaoui, as he was led from the courtroom after the 15-minute hearing, said: "America, you lost. ... I won." He clapped his hands as he was escorted away.

Some victims' families said he got what he deserved.

Carie Lemack, whose mother, Judy Larocque, died on hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center, said her mom didn't believe in the death penalty and would have been glad Moussaoui was sentenced to life. "This man was an al-Qaida wannabe who could never put together the 9/11 attacks," Lemack said. "He's a wannabe who deserves to rot in jail."

But Patricia Reilly, who lost her sister Lorraine Lee in the New York attacks, was deflated. "I guess in this country you can kill 3,000 people and not pay with your life," she said. "I feel very much let down by this country."

From the White House, President Bush said the verdict "represents the

end of this case but not an end to the fight against terror." He said Moussaoui got a fair trial and the jury spared his life, "which is something that he evidently wasn't willing to do for innocent American citizens."

The verdict came after four years of legal maneuvering and a six-week trial that put jurors on an emotional roller coaster and gave the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent a platform to needle Americans and mock the pain of the victims' families.

## Sugary sodas will be pulled from nation's schools

NEW YORK (AP) — Children will soon have to wait until school's out to pop the top on sugary soft drinks blamed for much of the rise in childhood obesity.

Non-diet sodas will be yanked from schools, and other drinks will be downsized under a deal announced Wednesday by former President Bill Clinton and the nation's largest beverage distributors.

"This is a truly bold step forward in the struggle to help 35 million young people lead healthier lives," said Clinton, whose foundation has targeted obesity in children for the past year. "This one policy can add years and years and years to the lives of a very large number of young people."

Most elementary schools are already soda-free. But under the new deal, beverage companies agreed to sell only water, unsweetened juice and low-fat and non-fat milk to elementary and middle schools. Diet sodas and sports drinks will remain in high schools.

The agreement, to be phased in over the next three years, was brokered by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a collaboration between the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation and the American Heart Association.

It involves industry leaders Cadbury Schweppes PLC, Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. as well as the American Beverage Association, which together control 87 percent of the public and private school drink market. Officials said they hoped the other 13 percent would follow suit.

"I don't think anyone should underestimate the influence this agreement will have," Susan Neely, president and CEO of the American Beverage Association. "I think other people are going to want to follow this agreement because it just makes sense."

Soda critics applauded the move but

said it doesn't go far enough because of allowances for sugary sports drinks and flavored milk.

## GOP threesome ready for the sprint to the primary finish

PORTLAND (AP) — There are just 12 days left until Oregon's May 16 primary; 12 short days for each of the three Republican gubernatorial hopefuls to make the case that they are the party's best shot to dethrone the Democrats in November, ending the GOP's nearly 20-year shut-out from the Governor's mansion.

The race has remained relatively under-the-radar so far for all but the state's hard-core political junkies, despite the months Portland attorney Ron Saxton, former GOP chairman Kevin Mannix and State Sen. Jason Atkinson have spent criss-crossing the state campaigning. The lack of attention to the race is reflected in the internal polls conducted by the campaigns and in the few publicly released independent polls, which show the largest percentage of voters are still undecided.

Historically, state primaries have drawn low turnouts. In 2002, when the Republicans and Democrats alike boasted hot contests to fill the seat being vacated by former Gov. John Kitzhaber, only 47 percent of Oregonians bothered to cast their mail ballots. This year, the Democratic contest is considerably lower-octane, with Democratic incumbent Ted Kulongoski looking like the clear favorite against challengers Jim Hill and Pete Sorenson.

The three Republican candidates, though, are locked in a more unpredictable race, and doing their best to boost voter interest. In these last weeks of the race, they are unleashing a flurry of TV and radio ads, flooding the in-boxes of likely primary voters with messages from supporters and stuffing mail boxes with glossy brochures.

Part of the reason that the GOP primary may not have caught on yet with the public is that the race has been a relatively genteel one. Candidates have denied the chance to take public swipes at each other, even when presented with the opportunity. For example, during a recent statewide televised debate, Saxton and Atkinson both deflected questions about former GOP chair Mannix's long and complicated campaign finance history.

### Thursday, May 4

#### Meetings

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

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

#### Speakers

**Horning Lecture Series**, 4pm, MU 206. Final lecture of 2005-06 by Elizabeth Lapovsky-Kennedy, University of Arizona. "I was accused of being a bastard": Tensions of Childhood, 1906-1915"

**Department of Forest Engineering**, 4-5pm, Richardson Hall 115. Lematta Oregon/Global Forestry Issues Seminar Series. An Industrial Forester's Perspective on Oregon's BMPs after 25 years in the Trenches, presented by Dan Newton.

#### Events

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

**Catholic Campus Ministry**, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Evening Mass - A great Thirsty Thursday alternative.

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

### Friday, May 5

#### Events

**OSU English Dept. & Theater Dept.**, 7:30pm, Withycombe Hall Theater Lab. Roger Weaver reading his poems with poet Leonard Cirino of Pygmy Forest Press. New works: Weaver's Ladder of Desire, Cirino's The Hatter Matters.

### Saturday, May 6

#### Events

**Dept. of Rec. Sports**, 11am, Avery Park. Mom's Weekend 5K Run. Please sign up by Friday, May 5 at 2 p.m.

### Sunday, May 7

#### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st - corner of Kings & Harrison Streets. Taizé Prayer.

### Monday, May 8

#### 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.

#### Events

**Blood Drive Association**, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. American Red Cross campus blood drive is accepting both walk-ins and appointments for donors.

**Women's Center**, Noon, MU Quad. Dedication of the Iraq War Memorial.



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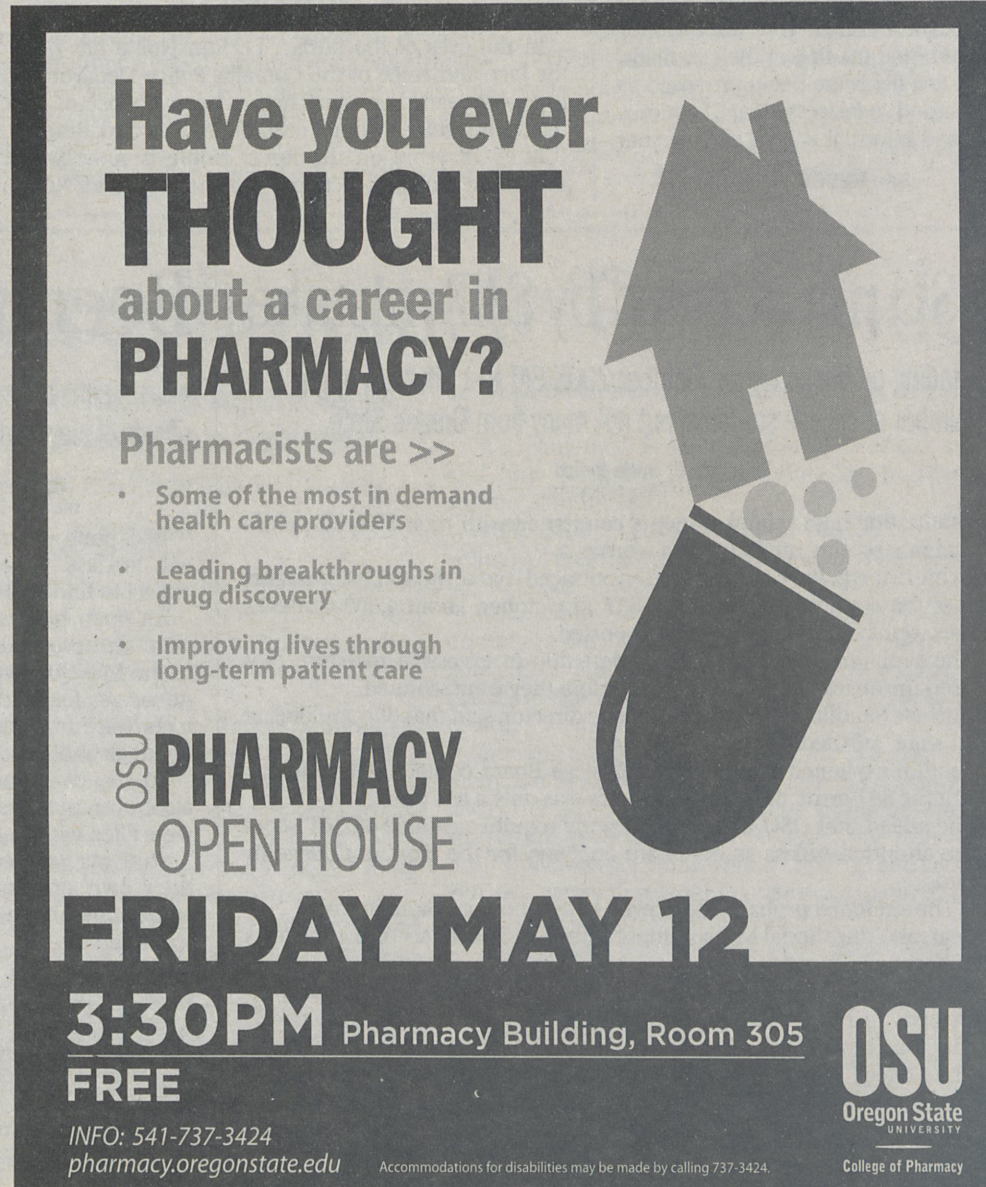
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# Mediation fails in OSAA proposal

SALEM (AP) — Unable to resolve the issue through mediation, a proposal to expand Oregon's high school sports from four classes to six will now be considered at a hearing Monday, according to the state Department of Education.

Barring a resolution there, the matter may move to the courts, schools Superintendent Susan Castillo said.

The Oregon School Activities Association approved a plan last October to expand the class structure for high school sports to help improve competitive balance. But three school districts challenged the proposal, saying the realignment would make for added expenses, longer travel times and missed classes.

The OSAA and the districts were directed by Castillo into mediation, but a solution could not be reached after two sessions.

"Of course, I am disappointed that OSAA and the schools were not able to resolve the dispute through mediation. This is a very important issue for students, their families and our schools. As a result, it will now have to be settled in a hearing — and possibly in state court," Castillo said.

## NOBLE: Announcement on Wednesday made hiring official

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sive inter-agency search and investigation that followed.

His work with the investigation, along with his communication skills, proved key in him being selected from three other candidates.

"I wanted a department involved with the community — and supported by it," Noble said of the McMinnville Police.

In visiting the town in recent weeks, Noble said he's liked its feel. Not just the atmosphere, but also how integrated and close the police department is with the township.

On Wednesday morning, McMinnville's city council met and passed final confirmation that Noble is the new chief in town.

Although news of Noble's likely selection broke at the end of April, Wednesday's nod set the decision in stone.

"As of this morning, it's 'officially official,'" he said.

Noble's office lies deep in the maze-like innards of CPD's station downtown. It still appears fairly neat and organized, but he says it's definitely in a state of transition in prep for his move out.

When Noble handed in his official letter of resignation to Corvallis' police chief, it was "18 years to the date" since he joined the force.

"It was a hard letter to write," he said.

On the wall behind his desk hangs a framed promotional law enforcement painting — a collage of police officers in different roles.

A policeman on the right side of the painting

bore an eerie resemblance to Noble on second glance, after he pointed it out.

"That's not me ... with hair," he assured with a laugh.

Tucked below into the corner of the frame was a playing card — an eight of clubs.

Noble pulled out the card from where it was tucked and held it up.

This card had a story.

In 2003, Noble explained, CPD acquired rifles to carry in patrol cars. Until then, officers were only equipped with short range weapons like pistols and shotguns. They needed to be prepared with weapons with longer range.

To test the new rifles, officers used playing cards as targets to test their accuracy. First they shot at the cards head on. But then they upped the ante and placed the cards to the side, leaving only a hair's breadth to hit.

Noble managed to nick his. He pointed out two small burn marks where his bullets grazed the face of his card. He's kept the card around as a memento.

The rifles are still on hand for officers to use.

"Fortunately, we've never had to use one," he said. "We train for things we hope will never happen."

Corvallis has changed over the years, Noble said.

"OSU and Corvallis have grown up a bit — for good and bad," he said.

On leaving town, Noble says he will miss the people of Corvallis the most. Not just the friends he and his family have made over the years, but people in general.

But McMinnville isn't all that different, he said. The real differences are subtle.

Noble said he's excited about the move, and

his wife and four children are backing him all the way.

"This is something you jump into with both feet," he said.

As the new chief, Noble said his first goal is to get to know people in town and to strengthen community within the department.

Walking outside of Kerr Administration building on campus, OSU President Ed Ray said Noble's departure is Corvallis's loss and McMinnville's gain.

Although having met only occasionally, Ray said words he's heard regarding Noble have always been in praise.

On a shelf opposite from his desk, Noble still has several family pictures up. Among them is one of his three sons, who are in high school and college, another is of his 9-year-old daughter.

Noble's last official day at CPD is May 21. He officially takes over as McMinnville's chief the very next day. But he'll use some of his vacation days at CPD while he still can, taking off on May 17 to rally his family for a vacation down to California.

"My daughter's never been to Disneyland," Noble said.

Brooke Wilberger's mother, Cammy, spoke on OSU campus Tuesday evening, but she had things to say about Noble on the phone beforehand. She said throughout her family's ordeal, Noble has always been there for them.

To the Wilberger family, she said Noble has become more than an officer and more than a police lieutenant.

"He's a friend," she said.

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## SAT: Newsweek report shows that some student grades were lower than reported

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but OSU was not.

All of the October SAT tests have been re-scanned and the total of students with higher scores is now 4,411, about 0.8 percent of students that took the test.

Newsweek reported that students would also be refunded the \$41.50 registration fee.

Included in Newsweek's report is mention that some students received inflated scores instead of lowered scores.

The report stated that the College Board would not be lowering students scores when factors were out of their control.

Right now College Board is under scrutiny since the validity of standardized testing has been questioned in recent months.

For the future, the College Board has new standards for

Pearson Educational Measurement in scanning tests.

These regulations include scanning all answer sheets twice, improving software to identify answer sheet expansion due to humidity and ensuring that all sheets are acclimatized before scanning to eliminate the humidity impact.

Sandlin agrees that the SAT is "definitely a hot topic right now."

Sandlin said that to the College Board's credit, they contacted her directly and checked numerous times that the scores were changed, as well as conducted a follow up.

However, "this was pretty much a non-issue for (OSU)," Sandlin said.

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## RESER: Full details on each of the five proposals on the committee Web site

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round and into the evening as the new fields would have night-time lighting.

—Our Little Village, a program dedicated to increasing access to higher education for parents by keeping childcare affordable, is proposing an allocation of \$123,000 in order to re-roof the childcare site at S.W. 11th Street and S.W. Adams Avenue. Funds would also be used for re-fencing that same location, so the fence will be tall enough to keep social predators out.

—The Veterans Affairs Committee is asking for \$160,000 to build a service memorial honoring veterans past, present and future connected to the university. The money spent by the Veterans Affairs Committee would go toward the supplies needed to build the memorial and for the labor involved. The proposal stresses that it is important for OSU to emphasize its military heritage.

—The Student Committee on Hunger and Poverty is requesting \$473,000 for a Human Services Resource Center to provide programs, education and a referral service for students in need of assistance and knowledge of current issues, local or global, regarding hunger and poverty.

A Web site — oregonstate.edu/sifc/rr.html — includes the full proposals or business plans for each of the requests as well as general background information.

## ALERT: Officials warn that criminals often use online sources to find potential victims

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Facebook, attended the meeting but quickly felt uncomfortable and left.

Police said the suspect, from out of state, used a similar method to arrange a meeting with a victim in another state. The suspect was arrested and convicted on criminal charges in that case.

"Be really tenacious. Take a step back, look at the veracity of what is being offered," Oregon State Police Lt. Phil Zerzan said.

Zerzan feels that because students are graduating and starting to look for summer employment, they are more at risk to possible schemes.

In a press release, police and safety officials warned that "predatory career criminals use online resources to locate and identify future suspects. Use caution when communicating with persons that you only know for an online relationship."

Zerzan also pointed out that legitimate job interviews occur only at appropriate settings, such as a career fairs or business offices.

Inappropriate settings include hotels, online interviews, bars and homes, he said.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and more information will be released by police at a later date.

To report suspicious activity to the Oregon State Police or the Department of Public Safety, call 541-737-3010.

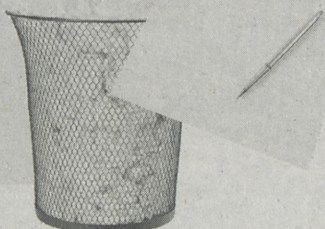
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## Editorial

### Take pride in your community

On the East Coast, "O-ree-gun" is thought of as behind the times. We help Pappy bring in the milk harvest in the morning; afterward ride horses to school, then fall asleep at night inside of our three-walled log cabin beside a glowing fire, while wolves and coyotes howl at the moon.

New England; that is simply not the case.

Within 14 days the fine city of Corvallis, Ore., instituted a limited-access WiFi network downtown (plans call for eventually spreading the network to greater Corvallis), as well as receiving recognition from the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an EPA Green Power Community; the first city on the West Coast — and third in the nation — to do so. The other two locations are Boulder, Colo. and Moab, Utah.

There is a saying that floats around Corvallis, especially among those who move here from other places, that the city is like no other around. There is a reason for that.

We boast an active community, a renowned university with competitive programs in scholastics and athletics on a national level, local businesses flourish here, evidenced by Alyrica Networks (yes, it's based in Philomath) providing the WiFi, and yet we still maintain that welcoming, small-town feel.

At around 50,000 residents, that's a mere 6,000 or so larger than Albany, which is growing at a much quicker rate than Corvallis.

It is also one of the top bicycling cities in the United States, which prompted exchange students from France to investigate the possibility of implementing a public transit system on campus modeled after similar systems in France. Utilizing specialized bicycles, the students said there was the option of eventually spreading it to the community if the system goes into operation and is successful.

Eugene is touted as Oregon's cutting-edge city; a kick to the face of conservative ideals; a progressive community.

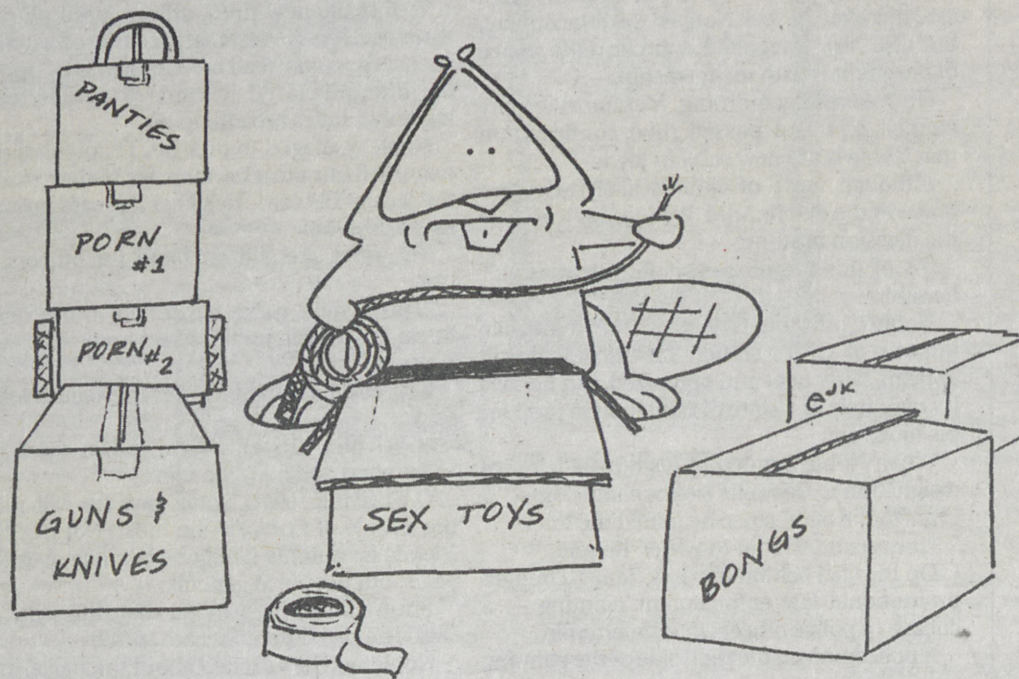
Granted, the Emerald city to the south has its strong points (didn't it invent Ultimate Frisbee?), but Corvallis seems to be showing its strength, at least on a community level. And if we don't have community, what do we have? A metropolis void of the strength that comes from unity.

Free Internet access and Green Power may not be the benchmarks of forward thinking, but they are definitely signs of progress.

All this is not to say that Corvallis is the greatest city in the world, this is simply a little dash of some much deserved praise for the community we live in.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both global and local, grand in scale and diminutive. The opinions expressed here are a reflection of the editorial board's majority.

## WEEK SAUCE



I HATE MOM'S WEEKEND!!!

## The fallacy of the queer agenda

I love agendas. They're oh-so handy. An agenda as defined by Merriam-Webster is merely "a list or outline of things to be considered or done," or "an underlying often ideological plan." It's a useful tool and a weapon of mass organization when applied in the right setting.

A problem with organizing an agenda from a diverse range of voices ensures a difficult time in creating one that satisfies the wishes of all who hold stake in the matter.

Try writing an agenda for a class with 40 students and no facilitator. I can imagine the chaos and free-for-all that would inevitably ensue, and I imagine the majority of students would leave feeling angry, frustrated and mad.

There is no economy of scale if you work with more people, and the larger the group the more difficult it becomes to satisfy all members.

In spite of all of that, some folks still feel like there is an overarching "homosexual agenda" being promulgated in this country.

The American Family Association, according to their own Web site, stands for "traditional family values," focusing primarily on the influence of television and other media on our society. They also have a rather large portion of their Web site dedicated to the "homosexual agenda," insinuating that the queer agenda includes such diverse topics as encouraging incest and bestiality, converting straight people to queendom, destroying Christianity, destroying marriage, destroying the military, destroying the world, and my personal favorite, forcing sex changes on everyone.

And I thought my biggest organizational headache this term was Queer Pride Week. Now I have to add "destroy the world, one straight man at a time" to the top of that list.

Browsing through Web sites and literature of other "traditional values" organizations shows that the "queer



Luke Sugie

Queer, Brown and Uppity

agenda" is promoted as fact, with the same items and goals listed in each instance.

I must have missed the Big Gay Convention where we all decided the tenets of the homosexual agenda. But I suppose I can't attend something that doesn't exist. Yes, Virginia, there are a few fabulous queer conventions, but to believe that there is one place where all queer voices meet up and decide on what to do for the next decade is a supreme fallacy.

Can you imagine the crème brûlée and flannel shortages if millions of queers descended onto one city for a weekend?

If you've been to a Queer Pride Festival or parade in a city, then you've seen the range of voices that exist in the community. In one block you could see a group decked out in more leather than a herd of cows, followed by a group of traditionally-modeled queer families raising kids. I double-dare you to organize a platform that represents the needs and desires of both groups in full.

And yet, as organizations like the AFA want to believe, queer folks somehow corral all opinions into a platform that represents everyone. And that the platform is hell-bent on the destruction of everyone on Earth.

I'm not denying that LGBT groups don't have agendas. They do, but each one is unique and there is a great diversity in goals, actions and organization.

In the 1950s the Mattachine society, one of the earliest gay rights organizations, worked for the liberation of homosexuals and the repeal of laws they felt discriminated against

homosexuals. More recently, the Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network, works to end harassment and bullying in schools (how radical). The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, works toward "fair, accurate and inclusive" images of LGBT people in the media. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force works to build grassroots political power for the LGBT community.

These represent a small sample of queer rights organizations, but the diverse ideology and goals are true of most queer rights organizations. Different groups work for things like the legalization of queer marriage, providing relief to those living with AIDS and assisting homeless LGBT people. So what does the homosexual agenda really look like? Perhaps the one common thread is that most of these organizations wish for queer people and queer culture to be defined and experienced on our own terms, not by an outside entity.

If we're concerned with the truth, it becomes increasingly difficult to say anything about all queer organizing efforts that doesn't succumb to falsehood. Some organizations overlap in their goals, yes, but to believe that there is one document, one ideology, one way of doing things that all queer organizations follow is bizarre, and to believe that it includes the goals listed by those groups that have little to do with queer rights is indeed a disservice to the queer community.

Perhaps, instead of relying on outside organizations to define what "agenda" a community takes up, we should just take the time to learn how individuals and specific organizations wish to change the world.

I'm sure that in writing this I'm just falling into the homosexual agenda.

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Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

## Don't call me Pocahontas

This is a bold new effort by the Barometer, bringing diversity to the writing, hopefully bringing new perspective, greater cultural awareness, and cultural understanding to our campus. As a Cheyenne woman, I am pleased to have the opportunity to write from my own perspective.

As you may know, OSU offers a veritable plethora of Native courses available in the Ethnic Studies, Anthropology, English, Agriculture, and Art departments, to name a few. There are more than 250 Native American students attending OSU this year, all of whom have been subjected to stereotyping at some point in their lives. If you have ever read an American history book in school, seen a western movie with John Wayne, or watched a Redskins or a Braves game, then you have seen Native stereotyping in action.

While growing up and attending school in the Oregon public school system, I had plenty of opportunity to find out what mainstream America thinks of me and of my people. Every history book referred to us as savages, bloodthirsty, thieves, and the list of negativity goes on and on. Imagine having to read such racist drivel as a child and how that might affect your self-image as well as how other children view you as a Native. The vast majority of films project an image of violent Native people arbitrarily attacking innocent white immigrants.

The irony of Native people fighting to protect their land, families, and way of life is lost on the movie-viewing public. John Wayne made a lot of money, but no realistic movies, that's for sure. Imagine how you might feel if you hear people calling you Pocahontas, telling you to, "go back to your own country!" and other such inanities. Makes you wonder if they had history classes themselves, or just teachers who had no clue.

So, while you are in the imagining stage, picture this: America is attacked today, invaded by thousands of people who seem to have no end, each of them taking over our property, our homes, telling you where you can live and where you cannot live.

Many times they determine whether you or your family members can live or die. Picture those same people taking your children from you for years, demanding that you speak a language you are unfamiliar with, sterilizing women without their knowledge, adopting out your children and telling you that they "died in childbirth" or "it's for their own good."

Imagine the fury that would build up inside you to protect those you love, to save them from the invaders. Imagine paper promises that are sent from a new government promising

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# This new broken glass

As a representative of the OSU community I am disheartened when informed of any act harmful against any of our communities. I assert that the rocks thrown through the windows of our Pride Center were not a random act of destruction. I interpret this as an intentional message to a community to make them feel unsafe, unwanted and disrespected.

We have an active population of gay, lesbian, queer, transgender, bisexual and questioning citizens in our community. They contribute to our diversity through their unique values, beliefs, identity and experiences. When rocks are thrown, windows are shattered; the entire community suffers. Students whom society labeled with a bright red "misfit" stamp do not feel safe. Many, including myself, have a hard time comprehending the extreme barriers someone must face if safety is constantly being questioned.

When the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center first opened, lynchies were hung on trees from hate-filled bigots. The effects of this racist behavior are equivalent to the homophobic behavior we witnessed at our Pride Center. The United States' history of violence, enslavement and hate toward those who are perceived as unequal is our nation's greatest embarrassment. Are we capable of learning from Matthew Sheppard, Brandon Teena, Bella Martinez, and

Dan McCarthy  
**Op-Ed**

countless others that have been murdered?

I came to OSU four years ago with a personal disregard and prejudice to men who preferred men, women who preferred women, and did not understand their sexual orientation. I had the misfortune of living in a community where being homophobic was a societal norm. It is through the brilliant leadership and personal experiences I have shared with Christian Mathias, Robin Ryan, Clinton Downs, Luke Sugie, Jeff Otis, and countless others that make me the ally I am today.

The Pride Center is all of ours to enjoy. I encourage all of those who hold homophobic perceptions to volunteer at any of the events during the upcoming Pride Week; you may gain a greater understanding. Whether or not you accept or agree with lifestyle orientations these individuals live, I truly believe we must respect people for being human beings and waking up each morning. I look forward to watching our community repair a window, help each other heal some wounds, and become stronger.

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## Letter to the Editor

Parker letter to editor

Whose rights are really lost?

In her recent letter to the editor, Beth Parker noted that "There are 150 million people in this country whose rights are perilously close to being taken away completely," referring to the possibility that the Planned Parenthood's cash cow would be destroyed by the overturning of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. Her point is actually a double-edged sword.

First, I will ask simple question: how can a person lose a right that he or she never practices? If there have been "only" 40 million abortions in the US since that "right" was conceived by the Supreme Court, then well over 100 million women never exercise this "right." Statistically, it would appear that the vast majority of women simply don't exercise this "right." The 40 million unborn children weren't available for comment as to whether or not they would exercise their right to live if given the choice.

Furthermore, "150 million" women losing their "right" to abortion does not offset the fact that over 40 million people have already lost their right to live. I ask which is more important: the right to decide not to have a child, or the right to live one's own life? Considering that the whole unwanted pregnancy thing could be virtually eliminated with planning and self control, I'd have to say that it is the unborn whose rights are being infringed upon here.

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## ROMAN NOSE: Open eyes lose cultural stereotypes

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not to attack our people anymore; to preserve our rights to gather, hunt, and fish in our usual manner and usual places, or until they arbitrarily decide that they are going to change their promise or they discover minerals on the land that was previously promised to you. Would that annoy you? Would that make you angry? Would that fill you with despair?

Imagine every time you walk in town someone driving by you yells out, "Hey, chief!" To become a chief is highly honorable; an earned position for many Native Tribes and not something to joke about.

How do you feel when you see the perpetuation of stereotypical gestures, such as the tomahawk chop done by the Atlanta Braves with their cartoon imagery of a Native man? Does that promote racial ties or racial disparity? When you see Native people protesting against stereotypes and ask yourself "What is the big deal?" maybe you'll better understand it if you take an ethnic studies course or two.

If you read this column, and it makes you think, then my job is done. I have reached my goal. If it inspires lively debate, then that is even better. The point of writing to you, of sharing my perspective, is to open your perspective to other cultures, such as my own.

The next time you watch an old western on a lazy Saturday afternoon and all the Natives are making "woo woo" sounds (we don't do that), they all

look like white people (they are) who were dipped in something to make them look dark (they were), and have wigs on to give them that "authentic" Native look (they do), then be glad that this is a progressive society; that we can move away from stereotypes and into a world where we include those who are diverse from us; nay, we can embrace those who are different from the mainstream.

What a wonderful world we can create together, but we can't do it without you. Your own perspective, your own take on the world is important. You can open your mind to the diversity that exists on our own campus, our own state, and allow yourself to learn more than just the basic requirements of your program of study; you can expand your cultural awareness, appreciation, and understanding. You can stop stereotypes in the jokes you hear, the way you act, what you watch on television, how you treat others of diverse cultures. You can make a difference.

When we were attacked on that fateful September day, there was not one person I knew who was not severely impacted. That was a definitive moment for the entire country as we tried to process what had happened and why.

After that event, in talking to those I know, there were many responses, but the one that has stayed in my mind was said by a Native person, "Now they know how we feel."

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# Preseason excitement grabs Seattle Seahawks

Seahawks are optimistic about chances of making it back to Super Bowl

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Even bad NFL teams look good in May — before autumn games expose post-draft optimism as warranted confidence or wishful thinking.

And predictably, the man who has spent the last three months reloading the NFC champion Seattle Seahawks is plenty satisfied.

"I feel like we're an even better team than the one that lost the Super Bowl," team president Tim Ruskell said after the draft ended Sunday.

"Certainly, we're a stronger defensive team."

Ruskell and his staff answered their most obvious need, a starting cornerback, by drafting Miami coverage hound Kelly Jennings 31st overall. They then addressed a glaring lack of

defensive end depth by selecting Virginia Tech's Darryl Tapp.

In March, they gave young, dynamic linebackers Lofa Tatupu and LeRoy Hill an older, even more dynamic mentor, former 49er Pro Bowler Julian Peterson. They also added a third, play-making receiver, free agent Nate Burleson from Minnesota.

Most important, they re-signed league MVP and rushing champion Shaun Alexander.

Alexander was talking about returning to the Super Bowl in south Florida next February when he re-signed for \$62 million and eight years on March 6.

"It is going to be exciting to see us come out next year and prepare our trip to Miami," Alexander said.

Is such talk appropriate heading into this weekend's minicamp, the first team gathering of the new season?

Not only have the last five Super Bowl runners-up not

returned to the big game the following season, they haven't even had a winning record.

"There are football reasons for that. There's no hocus-pocus," Holmgren said, knowing he will hear this repeatedly until the season begins Sept. 10 — back in Detroit.

"All that means is, key players got hurt."

The NFC West, particularly Arizona, appears to have improved. The Cardinals added four-time Pro Bowl runner Edgerrin James to an offense that already had gifted receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin.

That means even fully healthy Seahawks probably aren't going to win their division by seven games again in 2006.

Plus, even with the satisfying additions, holes remain on Seattle's roster. So this preseason will be about more than merely maintaining 2005's excellence.

"We didn't get everything

done," Ruskell acknowledged.

The offensive line — the key to the team, "our identity," Ruskell said — remains unsettled. When the Seahawks signed former New England tackle Tom Ashworth, it seemed they would make him the left guard to replace All-Pro Steve Hutchinson, who bolted for Minnesota in a tricky free-agent escape.

But Holmgren has said versatile veteran Floyd Womack will get the first shot at that spot. Then last weekend, the Seahawks chose Ohio State's Rob Sims in the fourth round largely because he can play both guard or tackle.

And center Robbie Tobeck, a first-time Pro Bowler last season entering his 13th year, won't be thrilled to learn Ruskell said this on Sunday about Seattle's 2005 first-round pick: "I think you will see Chris Spencer quickly challenge at center."

Ruskell acknowledged the key to the preseason is "how the offensive line will jell."

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## MIRANDA: A father's teaching has Cambria Miranda knocking ball all over softball field

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she not doing anything different.

"You can't control how many home runs you have," Walker said. "The only thing you can control is the quality of your swing, and she's done a great job of staying consistent with her swing all year."

Part of Miranda's consistency can probably be attributed to her father, Lee. Ever since she was a little girl, Lee has been Cambria's hitting coach. For Cambria, practice didn't stop when she left the softball field: in the back yard at their home in Camarillo, Calif., the Miranda family has a batting cage set up.

"We always had a lot of batting practice," Cambria said with a laugh. "My dad, he's always offering advice. He'll call me before a game and tell me to keep my hands back and load and stuff. We'll talk after the game too."

Hitting advice aside, Cambria says that her whole family has enjoyed her recent hitting surge. Her teammates feel the same way.

"Her whole attitude is 'I don't care who the pitcher is,' said senior Vanessa Iapala. "We kinda follow that and don't care either then and that's huge for us."

OSU pitcher Brianna McGowan also knows how Cambria's ability at the plate can take a toll on the team in the circle.

"As a pitcher, you usually try not to pay attention to the home run stuff," McGowan said. "But you know it's in the back of their minds that this girl has been killing the ball. Even when she's not getting home runs she's getting base hits. It's tough to pitch to someone that's hot."

While Cambria says she doesn't focus on hitting a home run and doesn't care if she hits one or 30, there are no doubts in her mind when she steps into the batter's box.

"I'm definitely coming to the plate with a lot more confidence," she said. "I feel like I can hit off anyone right now."

And with the way things are going, Cambria might do just that.

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## OTHER SIDE: Successful talent show raises money to send athletes to New Orleans

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because of my big ego."

The crowd laughed at that and throughout his performance. Partially because the range of his voice as he hit each note, and partially because of his transition to his second song.

"I didn't want to play two different songs because that would take too long," Egenwall said. "I just didn't want to have any breaks in between."

While his performance drew rave reviews, Egenwall was more impressed by the performance of his teammate: Lloyd Fobi.

"I love what Lloyd's doing," Egenwall said.

Fobi described what he is doing as Def Poetry Jam. He performed his own poem "Through these Black Eyes." His energetic reading had the audience silent throughout, but when it was over the applause erupted and he received the most raucous reception.

The event also had a silent auction. It raised money to send two members of the women's crew team to New Orleans to help with the Habitat for Humanity relief

effort. The goal was to raise \$2,000 and it worked.

"I'm just really excited that we raised the amount of money we wanted and more," Lamun said.

She might also be glad she never has to see the freshmen girls from the women's soccer team dance around while dressed as the Spice Girls again, but she didn't say that.

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## Watterson places at University Nationals

■ Representing the Orange Crush Wrestling Club, the Oregon State junior wrestler grabs second place in the heavyweight division

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Oregon State wrestler Ty Watterson placed second in the heavyweight (264.5-pound) Freestyle competition at the University Nationals wrestling tournament held April 27-30 at Northwestern University. Watterson, representing the Orange Crush Wrestling Club, lost by injury default in the final to Cole Konrad of the Minnesota Storm; Konrad had won the NCAA title this season wrestling for Minnesota.



Watterson

OSU wrestler Travis Gardner placed seventh in the 211.5-pound Greco-Roman competition at the tournament. Gardner, also representing the Orange Crush, defeated Sean Barnes of CLP in the seventh-place final, beating him 4-1 and pinning him in 26 seconds in the best-of-three finals competition.

Other Oregon State wrestlers competing for the Orange Crush at the tournament included Ryan Enoch in the 132.25-pound Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions; Bobby Pfennigs in the 145.5-pound Freestyle competition; Kevin Thorpe and Louis Camarillo in the 145.5-pounder Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions; Andy Hall in the 163-pound Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions; and Kyle Sukanen in the 185-pound Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions. Stryder Davis, who was OSU's volunteer assistant coach last season, competed in the 163-pound Freestyle competition.

Complete results from the tournament are available at [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com).



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Cambria Miranda's face is a picture of focus, but when she's on the field her main focus is the team. She isn't worried about padding her own stats. When she hits a home run she's excited for the run her team has scored.

## Home Run Fever

■ Sophomore utility player Cambria Miranda has hit six home runs in her last eight games, and she shows no sign of slowing down

By Lindsay Schnell  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Right there — just past the leftfielder, to the right of the scoreboard, there's the hole. Can you see it? If not, it's OK. Cambria Miranda can see it.

Miranda steps into the box and fouls off the first pitch. Doesn't matter, she didn't want that one anyway.

But this one, this is the one she wants. It's coming a little high right down the middle. This is the kind Miranda likes. She steps, swings and THWACK! The ball sails over the fence for another home run.

For Miranda, a sophomore utility player for

the No. 5 Beaver softball team, the scenario is becoming pretty common. In the last eight games, Miranda has knocked six pitches out of the park. On the season, she has 14 home runs, which ties her for the most in the Pac-10.

"When I'm up there, I'm thinking, get my hands out in front and drive it," Miranda said. "I don't really get too excited when I hit a home run. I'm excited that we scored but I don't get caught up in my own stuff like 'oh, I hit another one.'"

Miranda's home runs haven't just been fun to watch — they've continually had big impacts on the games. Her streak started in California on April 21 against No. 1 UCLA when Miranda, the leadoff hitter for OSU, sent a long ball over the rightfield fence. OSU went on to upset the Bruins 2-0 as Miranda notched her ninth home run of the season.

She continued the streak up in Washington

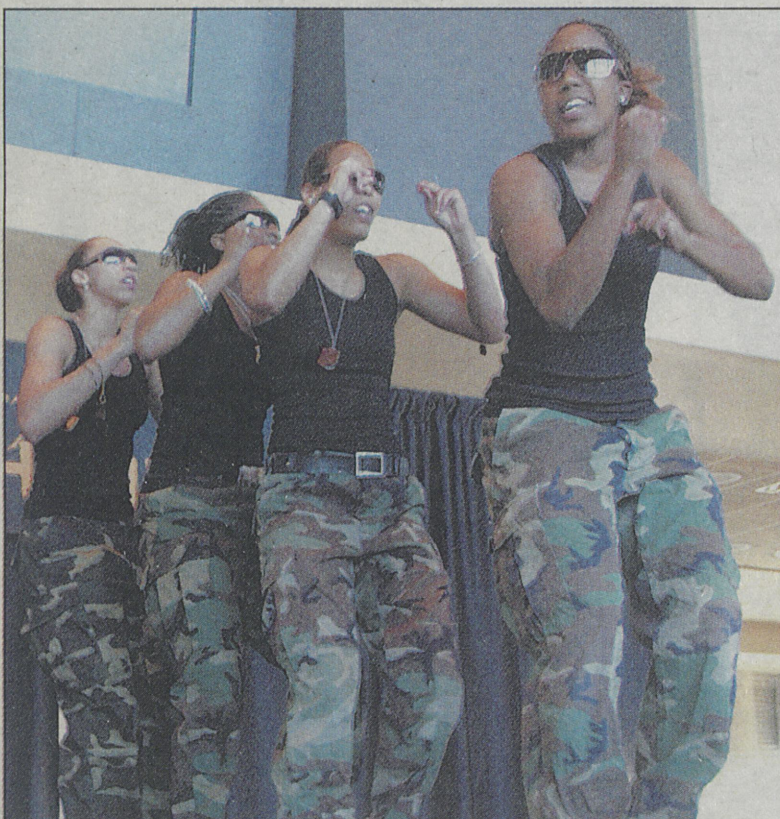
with the Beavers picking up wins over the Huskies. It was the first time OSU had beat UW in Seattle in back-to-back games.

Miranda then returned home to Corvallis and belted two shots over the fence in OSU's double-header victory over Oregon April 26. Against Cal last Friday, Miranda knocked another pitch out of the park, getting the Beavers on the board in what would ultimately be a 4-2 victory.

"Cambria has a great, very natural swing and she's a pure hitter," said OSU coach Kirk Walker. "The biggest thing for her and her success has been to get comfortable in trusting her swing and just seeing the ball well."

There's no doubt Miranda is seeing the ball well right now; besides hitting 14 home runs on the season, she ranks fourth in the conference with a .700 slugging percentage. She claims, though, that

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Basketball teammates (front to back) Mercedes Fox-Griffin, Ebony young, Ashley Allen and Tiffany Ducker perform a Step and Dance routine at the Student-Athlete Talent Show Wednesday night.

## Athletes show their 'Other Side'

■ The Other Side talent show met its goal of earning \$2,000 to send two members of women's crew to New Orleans to help with the Habitat for Humanity

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Seeing an athlete hit a home run, score a goal or make an interception makes it clear just how talented they are. However, seeing the same athlete standing on a stage during a talent show often doesn't have the same effect.

Oregon State's "The Other Side" Talent Show showcased the athletes of OSU out of their usual element. Some of the acts were less about talent and more about embarrassment, but a few of the athletes showed just how diverse they can be.

The event was emceed by Mitch Gillis of the men's golf team and Chrissy Lamun of the gymnastics team. The event lasted two and a half hours on Wednesday night. American Idol was on television the same night, but those attending "The Other Side" got a double-dose of the famous judges. Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell were present, or at least three members of the athletic department dressed as them were. "Simon" was in character and at one point told the women's volleyball team that the event was a talent show. He then proceeded to ask them if they were lost.

The hula dance the volleyball ladies performed

didn't go off without a hitch, so it was not an unfounded question.

"It's really neat to see the other side of our athletes and how incredibly talented they are besides their sports," Lamun said.

While "Simon" didn't think that was the case with the volleyball team, it was undeniable that there was talent interspersed among some of the athletes.

Two members of the golf team utilized tricks learned on the tee box, juggling golf balls on the head of their golf clubs. They resembled a Tiger Woods commercial from the late-90s, and were equally popular with crowd.

Showing a little more diversity was the men's soccer team. Lucas Egenwall kicked things off by sitting down with his guitar and singing two different songs. He started off with Coldplay's "Yellow" and transitioned into "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness. Not two songs that would usually go together, but his performance drew good reviews.

"My favorite performance was Lucas Egenwall on the guitar," Lamun said. "I thought he did an amazing job."

Egenwall made sure everyone understood that although each team had to be represented, he wasn't forced into performing by his teammates.

"Don't worry, the soccer team didn't force me here," Egenwall said before beginning his performance. "It's

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