



Forestry dean faces vote of confidence

■ Vote comes in wake of January
flap over a student's research

By Susie Bafico
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A vote of confidence in College of Forestry Dean Hal Salwasser began Tuesday at 5 p.m. Electronic ballots were shipped to all individuals qualified to vote, said Todd Simmons, a university spokesman. Anyone affiliated with the College of Forestry is qualified to vote, Simmons said. This includes all professors, classified and administrative staff, and both graduate and undergraduate students.

The voting is active until today at 5 p.m., at which time results will be tallied and released. But Simmons said there have no real answers yet on how this process will carry through.

Salwasser appointed the college's Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility in the wake of a flap over a controversial research article authored by a graduate student. The high profile flap began in January when news broke that a group of professors in the college tried but failed to delay the study's publication in the print version of the journal Science.

The dean has apologized for how he handled the controversy.

Recently the committee proposed recommendations for improving the college and Salwasser has responded to the recommendations.

The ballots contain two questions in regard to the committee's report and Salwasser's response as well as a direct question on confidence in Salwasser to implement the report.

The first question reads, "I support the committee's recommended changes and Dean Salwasser's proposed action plan." Voters can agree, disagree or abstain. There is also a space to make comments and the form asks the voter to specify if they are commenting on the committee's plan or Salwasser's.

The second question is, "I have confidence in Dean Salwasser's ability to lead the college into the future."

Voting is anonymous, but the ballots are divided into categories of faculty, staff, emeritus faculty, other employees, and graduate and undergraduate students. The vote was originally slated to begin on Monday but was delayed due to computer difficulties to separate the groups of voters.

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Prof will leave campus for Cuba

■ Member of a group called Pastors for Peace will
travel to Cuba in defiance of a U.S. embargo

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Nicaragua 1988 — Floating down the Rio Grande de Matapalpa, Lucius Walker, a Baptist minister from Brooklyn, N.Y., enjoyed the jungle silence, relaxing on a ferry with 200 other civilians.

Suddenly, blasts from the banks of a Contra Terrorist's M-60 broke the silence, riddling the ship with bullets and wounding Walker.

In response to the brutality, Walker created Pastors for Peace, a group responding to Central American conflict between United States with nonviolent resistance, according to the Pastors for Peace Web site.

Walker later led a 90-day hunger strike after the United States prohibited pastors from bringing com-

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Silent but fun, this lunch stands out

■ A small group that meets every week finds a
unique way to communicate and share stories

By Thomas De Vicq
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's billed as a "silent lunch," but the three people grabbing a bite to eat in the MU Commons on Wednesday were still carrying on a conversation.

Every Wednesday beginning at noon, Bill Baker, Parcella Provence and Cindy Newberry gather to have lunch and converse using sign language.

In a crowded MU Commons, the group can easily go unnoticed. However, as with any lunch-time conversation, there may be the quite vocal comments regarding what the lunch-lady served up for the day.

"That's the saddest bun I've ever seen in my life," Provence said about her sandwich from the nearby fast food restaurant.

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IMPRINTS



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OSU English instructor David Biespiel speaks to his introduction to literature class during their final lecture of the term. In analyzing the poem "Republic of Conscience" by Seamus Heaney, Biespiel said fiction writing makes a reader look outward to take in an experience. Poetry is opposite, he said, because it makes one turn inward and look into themselves.

Living the life of a poet

■ David Biespiel is an accomplished poet, a
newspaper columnist and an OSU instructor

By Ashley Slocki
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The aroma of old coffee seeps through the door of the office — two cups sit on a small desk in a tiny space of Moreland hall.

"It's decal," David Biespiel said after walking into his office.

Biespiel is an instructor of English at OSU, teaching both introduction to poetry and introduction to fiction. He has been at the university for about seven years.

Born in Oklahoma, Biespiel first moved to Texas, then to Massachusetts to attend Boston University on an athletic scholarship for diving.

From Boston, Biespiel moved to a town in Vermont

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

David Biespiel stands at the grave of the poet John Keats in Rome on March 22, 2005. Biespiel is a poet as well as an instructor at OSU.

Cell phone tax faces opposition

■ Petitioners say they already
have signatures from more than
10 percent of registered voters,
enough to force issue to ballot

By Shawn Moyer
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A new telecommunications tax recently approved by the Corvallis City Council is facing opposition from companies that would have to pay more.

If the opposition campaign is successful, the issue will go before voters for final approval.

The new tax is a reform of the old system — a 7 percent tax on companies providing land-line phone service with no tax for mobile carriers.

The new system will have both paying 5 percent.

This change is expected to bring in around \$700,000 in revenue to the city, though

some of the representatives that spoke for the telecommunications companies have predicted a \$2 million increase in funds.

This tax is only on communications providers that provide service for addresses in town, meaning those who bill their cell phone service out of town will not see effects of the tax.

"Many city projects have been backed up since 1998, because of a lack of funds," said city councilor Emily Hagen, an OSU student.

The raised funds will be used for city services, with the fire department being the first on the list.

In 2002, a property tax increase was voted down by Corvallis voters, and as a result the city had to cut \$2 million dollars from the city budget.

"Eugene passed a similar ordinance five years ago and now have

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At a Glance

The Issue

The Corvallis City Council recently passed a new tax on wireless phone providers to raise money for city services.

The challenge

A campaign to put the issue before voters is underway. Backers have until June 15 to collect signatures from 10 percent of registered voters.

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Bill Baker, an account technician for Health and Human Science Administration, and Cindy Newberry, an office specialist for Oregon Sea Grant at the Silent Lunch in MU common Wednesday.



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

Department of Forest Engineering, 4-5pm, Richardson Hall 107. Lematta Oregon/Global Forestry Issues Seminar Series, "From Standing Forest to Scorched Earth. Do Harvesting Practices Leave a Lasting Impression? Ten Year Findings From the North American LTSP Program." Presented by Dr. Bob Powers, senior scientist, Pacific Southwest Research Station - USDA Forest Service.

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.

Child Development Center, 3pm, Valley Library Quad. "School of Fish" live exhibit done by 20 kids ages 3-5 from OSU Child Development Center. Music and costumes done by Shagane Bar-segran, John Wilson and all the kids.

Friday, June 9

Events

University Christian Center, 10-3 pm, MU Quad. Stress Table! Come and take a break and de-stress with free massages, snacks and stress tips!

Sunday, June 11

Events

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

Tuesday, June 13

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.

Diplomats say Iran package gives Tehran leeway on enrichment

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — In a major concession, world powers are no longer demanding that Iran commit to a prolonged moratorium on uranium enrichment and are now asking only for a suspension during talks on its nuclear program, diplomats and officials said Wednesday.

The proposal and a connected offer to allow continued uranium conversion are part of an effort to avoid a showdown over international concerns that the Iranians are trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Backing off the previous stance on enrichment signals a possible readiness by the United States and key allies to accept some limited form of enrichment by Iran, despite years of warnings from Washington that Tehran wanted such technology to make atomic warheads.

Iran insists its nuclear program is intended only to produce power, arguing it needs enrichment technology to produce fuel for atomic reactors that would generate electricity.

Haditha killings said to be spread over three hours

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A small group of U.S. Marines alleged to have killed up to two dozen Iraqi civilians conducted a house-to-house hunt that stretched over three hours, while other Marines in Haditha did not intervene, according to an Iraqi human rights investigator.

The Associated Press interview of the activist is the most detailed account yet of Iraqi accusations that Marines went on a rampage after a comrade was killed by a bomb. Two separate U.S. military investigations of the incident are under way.

Thaer al-Hadithi, a member and spokesman for the Hammurabi human rights association, a Sunni Muslim group, recounted with the help of a satellite map when and where Iraqi civilians covered and sometimes died.

The case, which came to public attention two months ago because of a video released by the Hammurabi group, is threatening to further weaken popular support for the Iraq war in the United States and has tarnished the military's image in Iraq and around the world.

The military, after initially saying the Iraqi deaths were the result of the roadside bomb and a subsequent gunfight with insurgents, has not publicly released updated findings.

But newer accounts, including details from briefings to members of Congress, have indicated at least some of the 24 deaths were the result of deliberate gunfire by a small group of Marines seeking revenge for the bombing, and that their actions were covered up by other Marines in the area who knew or suspected what had occurred.

Iraq also has ordered its own probe of the killings, with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki using unusually strong language to condemn them.

U.N. Security Council, African Union agree on Darfur plan

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The U.N. Security Council and the African Union said Wednesday they agreed that a U.N. force should take over peacekeeping in Sudan's Darfur region and that the African troops now on the ground must be reinforced quickly.

Both stressed the Sudanese government must approve the transfer — and were optimistic it would agree. The regime in Khartoum has been reluctant to accept a U.N. force.

A high-level Security Council delegation, on a 10-day African trip, met with the AU Commission, the 53-member organization's executive body. Leaders of both said afterward they had mapped out a hand-over plan.

Said Djinnat, commissioner for the AU Peace and Security Council, said it was working to upgrade the 7,000-soldier force so it can carry out all the requirements of the peace agreement signed May 5 by the Sudanese government and the largest rebel group in Darfur.

An AU spokesman in Khartoum, Nouredine Mezni, said leaders of breakaway factions from two Darfur rebel groups that rejected last month's peace accord were expected to endorse the agreement Thursday in Addis Ababa.

Decades of low-level clashes in Darfur over land and water erupted in 2003 when rebel groups made up of ethnic Africans rose up against the Arab-led Khartoum government. The government is accused of responding by unleashing Arab militias known as the janjaweed that have been accused

of some of the worst atrocities — but it denies any involvement.

The three-year conflict has claimed at least 180,000 lives and forced more than 2 million people to flee. One key provision in the accord calls for protection of civilians in the vast western region.

Gay marriage ban amendment rejected by Senate Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage by a wide margin Wednesday, delivering a stinging defeat to President Bush and other Republicans who had hoped the issue would rally GOP voters for the November elections.

The senators' vote was 49-48 to limit debate and bring the amendment to a yes-or-no decision. That was 11 short of the 60 needed, killing the measure in the Senate for this year.

President Bush suggested the ban was proper and its time would still come. He said, "Our nation's founders set a high bar for amending our Constitution and history has shown us that it can take several tries before an amendment builds the two-thirds support it needs in both houses of Congress."

Democrats suggested it was all about conservative politics.

"Why is it when Republicans are all for reducing the federal government's impact on people's lives until it comes to these stinging litmus test issues, whether gay marriage or end of life they suddenly want the federal government to intervene?" asked Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "It makes no sense other than throwing red meat to a certain constituency."

Sex offender, suspected killer, may be linked to other cases

PICKENS, S.C. (AP) — A registered sex offender suspected of strangling a Clemson University student with her bikini has become a suspect in at least two other recent sexual assaults, in Alabama and Tennessee, authorities said Wednesday.

Jerry Buck Inman has been talking to investigators since his arrest late Tuesday near his parents' home in Dandridge, Tenn., Jefferson County, Tenn., Sheriff David Davenport said.

"It seems like he was just wander-

ing around, finding vulnerable people — women — and preying on them and conducting sexual assaults and getting progressively worse," Davenport said. "This may be just the tip of the iceberg."

Inman, 35, was arrested on warrants for murder, rape and kidnapping in the death of Clemson student Tiffany Marie Souers two weeks ago. DNA from her apartment led authorities to Inman.

"He didn't know the victim," Davenport said Wednesday. "It is our information he was driving around in the (victim's) neighborhood and saw her and he liked her looks."

Saxton, Kulongoski spar as 'kicker' becomes key issue

SALEM (AP) — Wasting no time seizing on a potent campaign issue, Republican Ron Saxton began airing radio ads Wednesday blasting Gov. Ted Kulongoski's idea to suspend "kicker" refunds due to go to taxpayers next year.

However, Kulongoski's camp shot back by releasing the transcript of a 2003 television commentary made by Saxton in which Saxton suggested using some of the kicker money for a rainy day fund.

The kicker issue took center stage in the governor's race last week when Kulongoski made his suggestion that there should be a six-year suspension of Oregon's unique law requiring excess revenue to be returned to taxpayers. Such a move would stop rebate checks scheduled to go to individual taxpayers next year and give the state an extra \$1 billion to spend on schools, health care and other programs.

Saxton's camp began running 60-second radio ads Wednesday in which the Portland Republican used the kicker issue to paint himself as a prudent fiscal manager who's running against a Democratic tax-and-spender.

"Kulongoski wants to suspend the 'kicker' for the next six years and let the politicians in Salem keep and spend your money. That's a \$1 billion tax increase," Saxton says in his radio ads.

Saxton, in an interview Wednesday, conceded it is unusual for any candidate to begin airing commercials so far in advance of the general election, but he said the kicker is a compelling issue to taxpayers

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BIESPIEL: Portland's 'The Attic' serves as Biespiel's office, but it's also a community for writers to gather

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with a population of 42 Biespiel said. "It was picturesque as hell," he said.

Before moving to Oregon, Biespiel was awarded the Wallace Stegner fellowship, which allowed him to work at Stanford for two years.

"Writers come and they pay you to sit in workshops and be a poet, (the fellowship) has produced a lot of great writers," said his wife, Tricia Snell.

Biespiel met his wife at her brother's graduation party in Boston where they immediately started talking about writing.

"He asked me something about what I did in my free time, and I said something about a paper I wrote, and I wasn't really sure if he would know who Anne Bradstreet was ... little did I know ...," Snell said, trailing off.

Snell was referring to Biespiel's knowledge in the literacy field.

He moved to Oregon and worked as a diving coach near Portland before there was an opening at OSU.

"I love teaching — it's the hardest job I have ever had," he said. "The thing about teaching is you never know the long impact."

"He is good at helping you think deeper, and talking about it," said Macy Cheng, one of Biespiel's current students. "But I hate getting called on," another student chimed in.

"I can do an entire course on poetry — if you just handed me one poem," Biespiel said.

"Fiction is not as natural," he said. "I think these classes give students a chance to realize imagination matters and will continue to matter and they can't escape it, that's the reason for bacc core."

"David teaches by example, very good model, he sort of walks his talk," Snell said. "I guess I am pretty biased, but I think he is an amazing teacher, and he cares a lot about his students and takes his student seriously — teaching really is a big part of his life."

Biespiel has published three poetry books and is currently working on an anthology. His first book was

published in 1996, followed by books in 2002 and 2003.

"David is one of the most original poets of his generation," said Christian Wiman, editor of Poetry magazine, published by the Poetry Foundation.

In 1999 Biespiel found a place he calls his studio, known as The Attic. It serves as a community for writers to come together, work and conduct workshops.

"I love how he manages to bring all levels of diction into his poems, and I love how they contain serious thoughts and deep feeling in equal measure," Wiman said of Biespiel's work.

The Attic was founded in 1999, according to its Web site.

"The Attic has become one of the region's literary gems. The heart of The Attic is the workshops: small, supportive, innovative and intensive," the Web site reads.

According to Biespiel the studio has three rooms and is directly on top of a print shop and animal grooming business. "The good thing is that The Attic is kitty-corner to our house, a one minute walk, and I have my studio in the backyard," Snell said.

Biespiel makes the commute to OSU from Portland Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and when his is not on campus he is working at The Attic.

"He lives the life of a poet," Snell said. "When we were younger I used to read everything, I was sort of his editor."

Now Snell just admires his work, but does on occasion give her opinion on the column he writes for The Oregonian once a month critiquing the work of other poets. "I give him the cocktail party response," Snell said. "Even if you are being negative or critical you want to be fair."

Biespiel is not the only art minded person in his family. His wife is a musician and a writer.

His son, Lucas, 13, has been playing the violin since he was 5 years old, now plays for the Portland Youth Philharmonic.

Snell and Biespiel said Lucas wanted to play the violin since he was 3, but he told him that if he still wanted him to play when he was 5 they would let him. Snell had taken him to his first concert at the age of 3 in Canada.

"During intermission we were in the bathroom and a woman asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up," Snell said. "He told her he wanted to be a conductor, she thought he meant a train conductor."

After waiting two years Lucas still remembered his parents' promise.

"On his fifth birthday he said 'where's my violin?'" Snell said. "I don't think we push it on him, I think he just absorbs it, he is an only child and spends a lot of time with us, and watches what we do."

Snell says her husband can be a musician but is more poetic.

"He has a really good ear, it's not trained in music, but it is definitely trained in poetry," Snell said.

The Attic recently became the home of Poetry Northwest, one of the nation's leading literary magazines.

Biespiel said Poetry Northwest was published out of the University of Washington for the past 40 years.

The production of the magazine was moved to The Attic, and Biespiel became the editor.

"He's also doing important work as a critic and editor," Wiman said.

"It's a whole new staff, the university is not involved at all," Biespiel said.

With everything on Biespiel's plate he still manages to have family time.

"(Biespiel and his son) have a very close relationship around baseball, David loves baseball and they are both really good athletes," Snell said.

"We talk about a lot of books, but we also talk about the bills, Lucas's grades, and all the normal stuff," she said.

Snell, his son and his students are not the only ones who think Biespiel is "an amazing person."

"He's fearless, and seems tireless. He's become one of the most prominent literary voices on the west coast," Wiman said.

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WALKER: Professor will make it his mission to carry medical supplies to children in Cuba who need them

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puters to Cuba to improve its medical system.

Now, 18 years later, OSU biochemistry professor and member of Pastors for Peace Mike Beilstein has made it his mission to carry medical supplies for children to Cuba on June 20 in direct defiance with the wishes of the United States.

"He is like a bulldog," said Albany resident June Hemminson, who visited Cuba in 1995.

"As far as I am concerned, the reason to go there is to show not what Cuba is doing to its people but what United States has done by not allowing its people to go," Beilstein said. "I am a big fan of the Cuban revolution."

Also, Beilstein said, there are exciting job opportunities in Havana. "I'll be 55 this summer ... I think I could start a second career in biological research."

Beilstein is one of many Americans across the country who have participated in defiance of the United States Cuban embargo, though not many are thinking of moving there.

Juanita Rodriguez, a Corvallis resident and another member of Pastors for Peace who visited Cuba for nearly two weeks in 2005, said Beilstein's act of defiance has greater meaning in U.S. history.

"There are times in our history where we have to act against our government: the Revolutionary War (as one example)," Rodriguez said.

"It is an act of civil disobedience, we believe we have the right to travel to Cuba," Hemminson said.

Since 1962, the United States has placed a trade embargo on Cuba, a policy which states that no ship docking in Cuba can dock in U.S. ports for six months and vice versa.

"The blockade has made it difficult for Cubans to get auto parts, computers, (and other technology)," Rodriguez said.

In response, China, Venezuela, Vietnam and North Korea have traded with Cuba, regardless of the embargo.

The U.S. government, even as late as 1996 under the Clinton Administration, had hoped that severing monetary ties would threaten the Cuban government's economic security and help to topple Fidel Castro's totalitarian state.

According to www.cnn.com, the U.S. plan hopes that Cubans would rise up against Castro and his communist dictatorship, and that his people would rebel and begot a transition toward democracy.

Every year the United Nations votes to end the embargo with only a few countries that reject it, this year voting 182 to 4 to repeal the embargo, according to www.cnn.com.

There were 48 senators in 2002 who spoke directly in an open letter to the Bush Administration against the Cuban Embargo.

According to cubapolicyfoundation.org, Sen. Paul Simon (D-Illinois) said, "Our policy makes no sense. It's hurting the people of Cuba and taking away jobs from the United States. Meanwhile, it fails to bring any change in Cuba."

Members of Pastors for Peace who at first harbored generalities toward the small island and its citizens were quickly struck by the reality.

"When I got there, I felt that they were normal people, it wasn't a militaristic society for one thing," Hemminson said.

Rodriguez agreed. "We have been conditioned to demonize Cuba, but you can walk down the streets, people are highly educated," she said, adding that Cubans have nearly 100 percent literacy. "There is an example of socialism and it's 90 miles off our coast."

Many Pastors for Peace members said Cuba is an ideal country for a variety of social welfare programs. "People have public housing and receive education through university level for free," Hemminson said.

According to Beilstein, Cuba has created a society that offers free health care, food and a place to live for all its citizens. Plus, he said, "They have a society where legally no one can be a millionaire."

Contrary to some American assumptions that Fidel Castro dominates the political sphere of his country, Hemminson said Cuban politics function communally, people vote for their legislative assembly geographically.

Communal politics depend on 120 Cubans in each unit to vote for a regional leader who can eventually be voted into region office and work his or her way up the hierarchy.

Yet Castro has been appointed by the Cuban parliament in five-year terms since 1959.

"He is considered a benevolent grandfather, there is a lot of respect for him," Rodriguez said to the nationalist Castro instills.

Though Cuba's size is slightly smaller than Pennsylvania, Cuba has no need for a military complex, because every citizen, ingrained from age 4 to 18 to love their country, is obliged to participate in its defensive strategy.

The Cuban constitution calls this the "War of All the People," in case the country is invaded.

"The whole island is trained to defend," Hemminson said. "If they were invaded, I imagine it would be a difficult invasion."

Hemminson said Cuba is a country that values human beings and cares for its people. "They put more attention to humans than to material stuff," Rodriguez said.

From the biggest island of the Indies, Americans could learn how to respect fellow citizens, and understand the possibility of success in a socialist nation, Rodriguez said.

"I think the restrictions on Americans about traveling anywhere in the world by our government is ridiculous," Beilstein said. "They are trying to isolate us from world opinion."

Always the firebrand, Beilstein believes the need to rescind the embargo is clear.

"As a working democracy, I think they are as good as United States, if not better."

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LUNCH: Experiencing stories from Baker is 'like watching a movie'

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The start date of the weekly lunch is somewhat debatable, but Provence, who works in the MU administrative office, said it started sometime around 1990.

Baker, who works on campus, confirmed by smiling and signing that it was when "... some beautiful woman came and talked to me." He was referring to Provence.

Over the years, the three said the group grows and recedes. It initially gathered in the women's building. The commons was chosen in hopes that others would like to join them.

For Baker, the lunch meetings simply offers something interesting to do.

"Normally I would take a nap," he said.

After Baker finished most of his homemade sandwich, the two ladies in the group encouraged him to tell a story. They explained that watching Baker sign "is like watching a movie" because of his animated

gestures.

Baker put on his story-telling face with an uplifting, ardent edge.

As one of his humorous stories goes, Baker was a boy sent to a school for the hard of hearing by his parents.

The big man, he says, motioned for him to go to sleep by putting his hands together and placing them on his face. Following what he could understand, Baker went to bed — hands wedged between his face and pillow. After hours of restlessness, Baker said he threw his hands to the side and finally went to sleep.

While listening to one of his stories, there seems to be an irresistible urge to watch a few more because of his animation and the way his brows crescendo above his glasses along with the story.

After a few good laughs with Baker, the group wanted to make clear that anyone is welcome to attend their weekly meetings. In addition, they said anyone thinking of attending who is just learning to sign is welcome.

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Editorial

Sex on the beach?

Sex. Better yet, sex on the beach. And along with said birthday suit bashes come girls in bikinis and guys in board shorts fist fighting in the sand. "Maybe we could be friends ... with benefits?" a girl asks on camera before a make-out session in her room.

Ahh, summer prime time is here, and with its new series, "Falcon Beach," ABC Family is stripping down, oiling up and turning on the heat. Wait, ABC Family?

Following in the wake of television's heavy hitters, "Falcon Beach" seems to be ABC's freshly bronzed answer to the usual summer doldrums of re-runs and second-tier series.

From a business perspective, it makes perfect sense for "Falcon Beach" to be this summer's small screen success. But the question here is if it's appropriate for ABC to market a program with strong adult undercurrents as "family programming."

Looking at its ad campaign, "Falcon Beach" comes across as a hodgepodge of everything we've come to want from dramas involving sun and sand. It taps over the top drama from "The O.C.," brings in a female lifeguard who smacks of old-school "Baywatch" (pre-Hawaii), and a leading man who looks like he's been ripped from a made-for-TV remake of "The Blue Lagoon."

The only difference is instead of out-swimming sharks, the blond-haired, blue-eyed "guy with his shirt off all the time" is a hotshot wakeboarder. Pretty hip huh? Hopefully "square" parents will be able to keep up with the lingo.

In a behind-the-scenes short that recently aired on ABC, producers hype the action, dramatic tension and beautiful setting.

As far as redeeming value goes, producers who were interviewed say every character must deal with change over the summer.

Trying to mix high-octane action with wholesome values hasn't always worked in the past. Remember the TNT series "Thunder in Paradise" featuring Hulk Hogan and the guy from "Cliffhanger"? Yes, "Cliffhanger" guy played the sidekick there, too. They tried to push the whole learning morals with every episode thing. It was campy.

So flash back to the present. The cute, squeaky 6-year-old girl from "Thunder in Paradise" has grown up into a bitchin' hottie who's set to tease the boys into the ocean like a siren lusting to drown a few hearts, for fun.

Concerns over "Falcon Beach" could be unwarranted, it could turn out to be a very quality program with deep emotional roots. It just might spur conversations among viewing families about issues of safe sex, multiple partners and the dangers of extreme sports.

But with a tag line like "The first days of summer. The last days of innocence," this watered-down take of "The O.C." might still be a little too hard for family programming. Why? Because some kids in this target audience shouldn't be drinking at all.

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WEEK SAUCE

hows it goin' beaver?



MATH MAKES BEAVER'S HEAD HURT...



what are you ripping up, beav?

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THE ONLY THING IT BEATS IS THE HELL OUT OF STUDYING...



AT LEAST I CAN GRADUATE KNOWING I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS...



Fires, or agenda-squelching inanity?

Apparently, just going to classes and getting sassed off at various awareness weeks isn't enough to keep the great wheel in the sky that is Oregon State University turning.

No, it doesn't look that way at all.

People want to see action, excitement, explosions, etc. and someone out there is making it happen; which directly stifles the agenda I keep trying to push through the diverse strata of university power. This is the only explanation I can offer for the two recent fires here on our campus.

Yes, I said two. The first would be the recent conflagration at the Memorial Union — caused by some "careless" smoker — and second, the inferno which torched the Writing Center last Thursday.

That's right. We have a writing center at OSU. I know it's real because I've been there. In fact, I even work there. This, combined with my editorship here at the Barometer and recent tenure as an ASOSU Undergrad senator, has enabled me to push my said agenda through nearly every organization on campus — one which blatantly flies in the face of many student groups, political and otherwise.

Regardless, there was a fire and I was there. For some reason, the news department here at the Media Hub was paid to stay silent, but as I was reflected in the dispersal of funds and tuition vouchers, I will disclose everything for a mere 15 minutes of fame; another facet of

my agenda.

It started off as an average day at the WC (that's not really what we call it, but I was thinking maybe the WB could turn it into a quasi soap opera for teeny boppers): students filing in and out, smiling writing assistants, chirping birds, illicit affairs; just good times all around when I, sitting at the desk, noticed tiny minarets of smoke rising from beneath the closed conference room door.

Sensing a fire, I jumped to my feet, dashed out into the hall and — after breaking the glass window with a well-aimed roundhouse — yanked the fire alarm with all my might.

At this point, another writing assistant, Pat, grabbed the freshman he was working with and smashed through the window onto the grassy knoll between Waldo Hall and Snell, using his own body as a battering ram to break the glass.

The underclassman promptly fainted as Pat cleared the window of broken glass shards with his bare hands, and then began helping the pregnant women and elderly to safety as I gathered the others in the main hall.

Once all were accounted for, we

marched silently in single file out to the same lawn. As the writing assistants conducted one last roll call outside, a fashionable young woman began wailing that her toy Chihuahua had fallen from her Gucci bag as she was dodging fiery boulders and blazing papers.

The stalwart Pat, still wet from his morning jaunt in the rain to campus, darted back into the bowels of that Hades to rescue the poor dog.

Within a few moments, Pat was belched out, amid flames, through the collapsing doors of the hall with quivering little Richard in his arms; nary a hair on either body was singed. We all assumed it was providence that allowed that cracked-out derelict to break into Pat's house the night before and steal his umbrella; otherwise Paris Hilton would have gotten a phone call from PETA. Oh, Paris, and the fads you invent.

Around that time the firefighters showed up with three or so fire trucks and put an end to the hiatus from tutoring.

Which brings me back to my original point. I don't think these two fires are isolated incidents. They are just too dang close together, geographically speaking, to be coincidence. Also, there were three people, or groups of people, present at each location whilst it was in flames. The first is myself, the second is the fire department, and the third is Dan Traylor, the editor in chief of this fine publication.

Dan, I'm not saying you did any — See DA ROSA / page 5

Jeremy Da Rosa



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Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

My trip to Köln, Germany

For all of you who have already been abroad, this will not come as a surprise; for anyone else, let my wee story serve as a lesson to be learned from. I was recently in Europe with my grandfather, more specifically, I was in external and was to journey from a nearby town into Köln. Köln is about three hours by train, four if you travel Cheyenne style.

I do not speak German; this is an important phrase to my story so I will repeat it: I do not speak German. I have a fairly good command of the English language, a smattering of Cheyenne, French and Spanish, and now, a few words and phrases in German. This trip had only been planned for a few months so there was not a lot of time to develop language skills. Frankly, I was just thrilled to be going to Europe for free! My adventures while there were substantial and, for the most part, rather humorous.

So, I was at the train station in Rinteln, where one of my hosts dropped me off after I told him that I would be fine. Having been assured that 1) most Germans spoke English, 2) I should change trains at the first stop, and, 3) get off in Köln at the first stop, I felt quite certain that a short train trip would not be a problem. I am an adult, have traveled to 45 states, throughout Canada, and enjoyed a few tourist trips to Mexico. I consider myself to be pretty self-sufficient. Of course, that was before I realized that the first stop I had been told to get off at was not the correct one.

After talking to three people (none of whom spoke English), I finally found someone who did and managed to find out where and when I was supposed to change trains.

Three train changes later I found myself disembarking at a station in Köln; naturally it was the wrong one.

After walking out of the train station and into a rather rugged neighborhood, I finally found a phone that was located (I am not making this up) 20 yards from a wrecking ball that was busily and effectively destroying the building next to the phone booth. Thrilled that I was safely inside the bright red booth with the ability to call for help, I quickly realized that I could not use the phone and it became obvious that I had more problems than an overactive wrecking ball on the other side of the telephone booth.

While the phone appeared to be in working order, it had no apparent slot for the substantial Euro change that was weighing down my coat's pocket. I had no clue as to how to dial locally, and I do not speak or read German. Stepping out of the booth, I asked two kind young boys for help. They told me that what I needed to do was to get a calling card as that phone did not accept change.

So, it was back to the train station for me, wandering about asking people if See ROMAN NOSE / page 5

Response to 'Bad Words'

Adam Campbell (June 1, "Bad Words") appears to have several misconceptions about the linguistic history of the United States. This is perhaps understandable since OSU's linguistics offerings are limited to the handful of courses that make up the Language in Culture certificate program housed in the College of Liberal Arts, but it's important that a few points be clarified.

This nation has never been a monolingual English-speaking country. From its inception, the United States has been home to many language communities. Early colonists who spoke Dutch, German, French, Spanish, English and a variety of other Indo-European languages moved into a space occupied by speakers of dozens of American languages. At earlier times in our shared history, languages other than English were widely represented in public institutions. Although the claim that German was nearly declared the official language of the United States is a myth, it was not until World War I that the operation of German language public schools was sharply curtailed. Regionally, other languages shared similarly high prestige and public use.

The current dominance of English is partly explained by our history. English was imposed on huge numbers of speakers of African languages brought to the country as slaves. During later periods of colonial expansion, the United States took possession of more territories where English was not the primary language. Hawai'i, the Philippines, Alaska, and what is now the entire western United States were previously inhabited by speakers of languages other than English.

Native Americans had English literally beaten into them in federally-funded boarding schools at least as recently as the 1960s. In all of these cases, English was imposed by physical or economic conquest rather than by choice. It's interesting to note that although African Americans, Hawai'ians, Native Americans, and many Asians and Latinos have spoken English for generations now, their styles of speaking are widely considered substandard.

Remember the Ebonics controversy? Knowing English is no guarantee

Juan Antonio Trujillo, PhD

Op-Ed

against continued marginalization.

My own Spanish-speaking ancestors began settling in northern New Mexico in the late 16th century, but despite 400 years of residency and a treaty that guarantees the protection of our cultural values, apparently some would have us think of ourselves as unruly and overly demanding visitors for wishing to use our traditional language in the public sphere. Well, never fear — studies demonstrate that immigrants are learning English more quickly than ever. Even in the case of Spanish, the shift to complete English monolingualism in most immigrant families begins upon arrival and is fully accomplished by the third generation.

Ultimately, the assertion that English is "the" common language is a manifestation of privilege exercised by the dominant classes. Language has become a racialized concept; it is used as a substitute for ideas about skin color, facial features, supposed hierarchies of intelligence, etc. that are no longer tolerated by enlightened society. Because it promotes the unequal distribution of resources and privileges based on factors that are nearly impossible to separate from race and ethnicity, the official English movement is, by definition, racist.

English is not "our" language. For some it represents opportunity, but for others only oppression. For the nation as a whole, it is just one language among many that together contribute to our richly complex multi-ethnic identity.

By the way, Oregon has had an official language policy in place since 1989: "Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: That the use of diverse languages in business, government and private affairs, and the presence of diverse cultures is welcomed, encouraged, and protected in Oregon."

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To those whom it may concern

In all ages, those speaking the unpopular truth have been persecuted and accused of blasphemy beyond reasonable extremes. Time and again, oppressive values are inlaid into society with support from the masses who maintain their moral and absolute legitimacy. No matter how backward some values seem, the masses adhere to them as if they were self-evident truths or critical pillars assumed to support the structural framework of society. Yet in every society where injustice reigns with popular support, there is always at least one individual who is able to rise out of the multitudes and scrounge enough courage to stand up against oppression, proclaiming its faults.

Abolitionists and suffragists are two of the many examples of people who have worked to fight injustice and keep America at its best. It is our constitutional right and our duty as citizens of this great nation to keep our government in line if ever it falters. The only way to accomplish this is to stay informed, aware, responsive constituents of our community.

John Brown was an abolitionist who was imprisoned, convicted of treason and sentenced to death. Rosa Parks knew segregation was wrong, knew racism could not stand, and although she was arrested and fined, her acts gave birth to an entire civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a pioneer in the American women's rights movement, was swimming against a current of domineering values imbedded in the society of her time when she boldly proclaimed, "Our religion, laws, customs, are all founded on the belief that woman was made for man." In so far as it is well related to American politics, to date there have been about 1666 Israeli refusniks — Jewish soldiers who refuse to serve in the occupation of Palestine and are consequentially imprisoned for acting on the belief that oppression, persecution, and suffocation of an entire nation behind a wall of apartheid is immoral.

Now more than ever, being a good



Aly Mohamed

A Fresh Perspective

citizen isn't confined to your town, your state, or even your country; we are most importantly citizens of this world.

The essence of a good citizen is one acting for the best interest of all humankind in whatever way they can — not only for our time, but for future generations to come — such is the hallmark of a valuable individual who lives in today's age of information and globalization.

Unfortunately, biases anchor us to our beliefs, no matter how far they may be from the truth and no matter how often the truth is presented. Although I am far from being compared to those mentioned earlier, I find solace in the reaction to my previous column (which I repetitively asserted my American identity using the words "we" and "our"), from the likes of Nathaniel Blake who accuses me of being either a "deceptive" or "dishonorable man," while others ironically tell me to "move back home" to the Middle East. Let me assist clearing this dichotomy of misunderstanding: I was born in the United States, am a law abiding citizen, pay taxes, and am just as American as anyone reading this column can be. Therefore, agree with me or not, I have the right to speak my mind when I declare that I do not support our government's current foreign policy.

The column published Tuesday by Mr. Campbell grieved me out of sincere consideration for those who hold facts in high esteem in our community. Mr. Campbell states Islamic history "is just as violent as Christianity," and concludes by stating, "If Islam wants to be known as a religion of peace, it will be best demonstrated by the actions of its followers." I give recognition to the truth of the latter statement, but one must agree that the most obvious example of those who demonstrate Islam are those who apply

it fully in a ruling government. I give two contrasting examples and encourage their use as a starting point if anyone is going to make comparisons.

Contrast 1099, when Crusaders commissioned by the Pope captured Jerusalem and massacred Christians, Jews and Muslims, to 1187, when Salah al-Deen recaptured Jerusalem, granted amnesty to all, including Catholics, and quite literally spilled not a drop of blood in the process.

Consider then 1453, when Sultan Muhammad II took Constantinople from the Byzantine Empire and as before, granted all citizens the basic human rights they were previously denied. In this particular case, the Eastern orthodox Christians in Constantinople preferred the "turban of the sultan to the crown of the Pope" because they were allowed the freedom to practice Orthodox Eastern Christianity. Arrive 1492; Queen Isabella cleansed Spain from Muslims and Jews, earning her the highest Oscar in all Christendom, Reyes Católico.

Although the Muslims were killed, Jews were allowed exile, and in response, Sultan Bayezid II dispatched a naval fleet to safely bring expelled Jews to Muslim lands.

If we greet the future with the same ignorance of the past, we are doomed to sightless conflict fought staunchly upon the flimsiest of pretenses. Truth takes time to accept, can be declared for different reasons, and will forever find opposition; but ultimately it must be pronounced that our war tactics in Iraq are depraved and from the onset our reasons for going to war were never true to what our government made them out to be. In closing I quote the great 19th century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer who stated, "All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

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ROMAN NOSE: Language barrier didn't impede trip

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they spoke English, (they were probably wondering why I did not speak German). I finally was able to communicate my telephone problem to two women who spoke German and kindly made wide hand gestures to me to indicate where I should go; luckily they didn't use any obscene gestures that I could recognize as such.

I am convinced that they truly felt that the wider their gestures and the louder they spoke Deutsch to me, the more likely that I, the lost Native American in Germany, would be able to understand their directions. One of them went so far as to hit the brick wall beside her repeatedly to emphasize that I should make a right hand turn at the bottom of the corridor.

After smiling my thanks and saying "Thank you!" several times in an effort to avoid having the woman on my left damage her hand on the bricks, I followed their directions carefully. Thanks to their

kindness, a plethora of time, and a determination to find my friend Andreas, I was finally able to find a phone, seek help from yet another unsuspecting German resident (who was probably wondering why I was even let out of my own country), and phone Andreas. I found that he was at another stop and arranged for him to pick me up from where I was currently wandering, lost and a wee bit frustrated.

During the day that we spent touring Köln, Andreas showed me the finer points of shopping like a man. Which means dash into a store at top speed, grab any available salesperson, ask them where the item you want can be found, dash over to that item, dash to the checkout stand and then run to the next store.

After repeating this crazy ritual several times over several blocks, we then went to climb the cathedral. The cathedral climb consists of 506 narrow spiral steps up the Kölner Dom (the only landmark to survive the war in 1945, it remains a source of pride to Germany).

Following an exhausting trek up, a few moments spent enjoying the fantastic

view, and then a dizzying climb back down, we were quite hungry. We went to a nearby restaurant where we were soon enjoying divine German food served by a waitress who works in a country that does not care about tipping.

After waving frantically at her several times, we were able to order, eat, drink and pay our tab. So our day consisted of shopping like a man, walking what felt like five miles throughout the city, serious conversations over the course of the day discussing ways to reach world peace and elect responsible leaders, find the best local brewery in Köln, and pack as much sightseeing as we possibly could into one day.

We capped it off with a barbecue with Andreas' family and wonderful friends, thankfully no trains or major language barriers were involved; only German food, jokes, folk songs and a wild trip down the Autobahn, but that is another story.

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DA ROSA: Unbiased event coverage should serve to open the eyes of newspaper readers

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thing, but I did find it a bit odd, you poking around and asking questions and all. If you want to talk about anything, I've heard you have vouchers to Carl's Jr.

Now that you, dear reader, have all the facts about these two "accidents," I hope you rescind your attacks against the Barometer as a biased, one-sided, liberal newspaper; because if you don't, we will find you via the magic of the Facebook's simultaneously frightening, yet stalker-friendly features.

Either that or we'll graduate.

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Correction

On Wednesday, June 7, an opinion editorial was run by Justin Stewart, entitled "U.S. actions in Iraq not cruel." The op-ed heading credited the column to "Justin Andrews," not "Justin Stewart." The Barometer regrets the error.

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Five more Beavers drafted on second day

■ After four first day selections, Oregon State's baseball team saw five more players taken in MLB draft Wednesday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORVALLIS — Five Oregon State players were selected in the second day of the Major League Baseball draft, joining four teammates taken on the first day.

Center fielder Tyler Graham, second baseman Christopher Kunda, third baseman Shea McFeely, catcher Mitch Canham and pitcher Jon Koller were chosen Wednesday as the Beavers prepare to host Stanford in an NCAA super regional starting Saturday.

Graham was selected with the 566th selection by the San Francisco Giants. Kunda, who went to Philomath High School, was taken later in the 19th round by the New York Yankees.

In the 23rd round, the Los Angeles Dodgers took right-hander Eric Thompson from Roseburg High School. Western Oregon RHP Nicholas Waechter, who also went to Roseburg, was selected with the 694th pick by the New York Mets.

McFeely went in the 28th round to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Other local selections included: Mt. Hood Community College outfielder Justin Reynolds, taken by Tampa Bay in the 31st round; Brooks Lindsley of MHCC by the Devil Rays in the 33rd round; Corban College infielder

Brian Nelson was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 35th round.

Canham was taken by the St. Louis Cardinals with the final pick of the 41st round.

Center fielder Todd McBride from The Dalles-Wahtonka High School was drafted by the Royals in the 42nd round, followed by Sprague shortstop Joey Wong in the 43rd round by the Houston Astros.

Oregon State RHP Jon Koller went to the Mets in the 48th round and catcher Rocky Gale from North Salem High School was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 49th.

On Tuesday, Oregon State's Dallas Buck, Cole Gillespie, Kevin Gunderson and Jonah Nickerson were chosen.

Other players from the state who went Tuesday include Andrew Rundle, a 6-foot-3 outfielder from Bend High School, who was selected in the 14th round by the Chicago Cubs.

Austin Bibens-Dirkx, a junior right-hander at the University of Portland who went to McNary High, was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 16th round. University of Portland right-hander Joe Jones went to the Dodgers in the 18th.

Oregon State's super regional starts Saturday, with the winner of the double-elimination tournament advancing to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Last year, the Beavers hosted USC in a super regional at Goss Stadium, and advanced to Omaha for the first time in 53 years.

BENNY'S: Men's golf and gymnastics take home coveted Beaver Cup for attending sporting and other events during course of year

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Athletes of the Year shortly after and were soon joined by baseball player Cole Gillespie and football player Mike Hass who were awarded Male Athletes of the Year.

McGowan and Miranda are fresh off of a trip to the Women's College World Series. Gillespie is ready to begin play in the Super Regionals and Hass is readying to begin his play for the New Orleans Saints in the upcoming fall NFL season.

The gymnastics, softball, and baseball teams continued their success receiving Teams of the Year. The award continued the spring sports' dominance of the yearly ceremony.

The final award of the night was the Beaver Cup. The cup is awarded to the team that attends the most sporting events outside their own, SAAC meetings, and other events

during the year. SAAC President Mitch Gillis was honored to announce the story of this trophy.

"It isn't too bold for me to say we have one of the best SAAC's in the country," Gillis said.

After the laughter from the previous comment subsided, women's soccer was announced as the runner up, to co-winners men's golf and gymnastics.

After a brief speech by OSU President Ed Ray, Fort Minor's song "Remember the Name" was featured with a highlight video of Oregon State's athletic success this year. The song's title lyric describes the success of Beaver athletics.

"A hundred percent reason to remember the name!"

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BOASE: Tough opponents require good game plan for home wins

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find out just how good he really was. That's where OSU's advantage in this game will be. Controlling the ball and in turn the clock.

WSU should be OSU's easiest home game of the conference season.

After games at Washington and Arizona, the Beavers will face the vaunted USC Trojans on the Corvallis turf.

Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White are playing on Sundays, but it's USC. They don't rebuild, they reload. John David Booty will probably be taking the snaps, and with the amazing receiving duo of Steve Smith and Dwyane Jarrett snagging passes, he won't have to work too hard to look good.

The running game will not be nearly what it has been the past few years when it boasted 'Thunder and Lightning,' but it's going to be solid simply because of the athletes USC will plug in.

OSU's best shot is to get on the board early and run the ball. Forcing USC to become one-dimensional and throw the ball in an attempt to come back would give OSU the chance to pull off a big upset.

On Nov. 4, Arizona State comes to town. Derek Hagan's absence at receiver leaves a big hole in the offense, but the Sun Devils have so much talent at running back that they were able to move last year's starting back to receiver. Derek Burgess killed OSU with a long touchdown reception out of the backfield early in last year's contest. In the fall he will look to do the same thing from the traditional receiver spot.

Two sophomores will split time running the

ball. Keegan Herring and Shaun DeWitty are tough to contain, but the lack of receivers will allow OSU to focus on stopping the run.

The other major weakness ASU may have is inexperience on defense. There will probably be only three starters on the defensive side who lined up in the same spot at the end of last year.

OSU may need to outscore the ASU offense that has the team in the top 25 before the season starts.

The final home game of the season is against the beloved Ducks. While quarterback Kellen Clemens is gone, the biggest help to OSU's cause is the loss of Haloti Ngata at the defensive tackle position. Since OSU's strength next year should be its running game, Ngata's vacated tackle spot will be a big change from last year.

He didn't start last season, but Jonathan Stewart was outstanding last year. He could actually improve the Ducks' running game.

One area the Ducks certainly haven't improved is the secondary. Of the four guys that created turnovers at an impressive clip last season, only the free safety J.D. Nelson is back.

The offense could be dynamic, but the defense is nowhere near where it was last season. OSU will have to put up a lot of points to get redemption for last season's loss.

OSU has improved many positions, including a few on the coaching staff. Most notably due to the recent addition of long time Linfield coach Jay Locey.

While the Pac-10 is tough, no team is without its flaws. The Beavers have improved and are capable of beating anyone with the right game plan and a few good breaks.

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SOFTBALL: Recruits will help fill holes left behind by senior class

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And Walker and his staff did their share by signing some of the best high school softball players in the Northwest last fall.

Dani Chisholm, a first baseman/outfielder from Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., was a four-time Mt. Hood Conference first-team all-league selection and helped lead Barlow to its first 4A championship game this spring. Kelly Dyer of Churchill High School in Eugene, the

class 4A player of the year, will add depth to the pitcher's circle. And Stefanie Draper of Hood River will also add depth to the pitching rotation. She'll also be familiar to Beaver fans — her sister, Crystal, pitched for OSU from 1999-2002

All in all, the Beavers' year might have ended with a loss and a trip back to Corvallis, but they were nothing short of stellar on the season. And with all OSU accomplished this year, don't be surprised if they take another trip back to Oklahoma next year.

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— Ravens QB Kyle Boller after it was announced the team traded for Steve McNair

Softball players Cambria Miranda and Brianne McGowan, with gymnast Tasha Smith (from left to right) won The Benny's Female Performance of the Year award. Smith was also named the winner of the Female Newcomer of the Year award.

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Rough at home, but not impossible

Oregon State football is either very lucky or very unlucky. It's tough to say. The toughest teams in the Pac-10 are making the trip to Corvallis. The problem for OSU is that while it appears the team improved, most of the other teams in the Pac-10 have improved too. OSU's home games won't be easy, but they have a shot in every game.

The first home Pac-10 game is Sept. 30 against California. Despite USC's recent dominance, I think Cal is going to be the team to walk away with the conference title. The backfield returns its two impressive running backs, Marshawn Lynch and Justin Forsett, and has two fairly good options at quarterback in Joe Ayoub and Nate Longshore.

Equally as impressive as the running backs are the receivers Cal boasts. DeSean Jackson is entering his second year and is capable of changing a game with his speed and playmaking.

Although the Golden Bears are a tough team, they are inexperienced on the offensive line. They have just one returning starter. It's a safe bet OSU is going to try and attack that young group when the conference home opener rolls around.

OSU's next home game comes just a week later when the Washington State Cougars come to Reeser Stadium.

The Cougars passing game has improved by simply returning its key parts. Alex Brink is back at quarterback and he will still have Jason Hill running routes from his receiver spot. Hill could have declared for the NFL, but instead will be back in crimson next season.

Wazzu's biggest problem is the loss of Jerome Harrison at running back. While OSU's running game has improved, WSU's could be a problem. Harrison was underrated last season, but now that he's gone, people may

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Benny's recognize service and play

Spring sports dominate Benny's as softball, baseball and gymnastics take home award for Teams of the Year

By Casey Grogan
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Athletes traded in their cleats for high heels, shoulder pads and jerseys for collared shirts and ties as they sat side by side in LaSells Stewart Center for the Eight Annual Benny's.

The voice of the Beavers, Mike Parker, hosted the athletic awards show and began by introducing Athletic Director Bob De Carolis to the attendees. De Carolis reflected upon the successful year in Oregon State athletics and the improvements made to facilities, before preparing everyone for next year's athletics.

"We're all young," De Carolis said. "There is a great nucleus coming back."

The great athletes of this year were honored first in groups of All-Americans, Pac-10 Champions, and Scholar Athletes of the Year.

While Beaver athletes are known in the community of Corvallis on the field, court, track, or in the pool, they also are seen in the community itself for going beyond the call of duty to better the city of Corvallis. Oregon State athletes average 9.5 hours of community service each and two were honored with the Glen Klein Community Service Award.

Men's golfer Mitch Gillis was honored for his countless community service efforts as well as creating the Beaver Cup as the Student Athlete-Advisory Council President. On the female side, rower Ami Rothberg was honored for her service as well.

The most emotional point of the night was the presentation of the Robert Byers Spirit Award. This award was presented with a video highlighting the recipient — gymnast Chrissy Lamun and her family.

The individual awards began after the first of three "commercial breaks" featuring spoofs of the popular Citi Bank identity theft commercials.

Football player Jeremy Perry won Male Newcomer of the Year while swimmer Saori Haraguchi shared Female Newcomer of the Year with gymnasts Jami Lanz and Tasha Smith. Gymnastics coach Tanya Chaplin, softball coach Kirk Walker, and baseball coach Pat Casey were awarded Coaches of the Year.

"It was a phenomenal team," Chaplin said. "This is because of their accomplishments."

"You can be Coach of the Year only if you have great players and coaches to work with," Casey said.

Men's golfer Vincent Johnson, gymnast Tasha Smith, and softball players Brianne McGowan and Cambria Miranda were honored with awards for individual performance in a competition or game.

McGowan and Miranda received Female

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Mike Hass, the former OSU football player who now plays in the NFL for the New Orleans Saints, accepts The Benny's Male Athlete of the Year award. Baseball player Cole Gillespie also won the Male Athlete of the Year award.

First and foremost, softball's season was a successful one



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Junior pitcher Brianne McGowan steps toward the mound in OSU's first loss in the WCWS to eventual champion Arizona.

A good run to Women's College World Series gives softball a taste of how good the Pac-10 conference is; freshman recruits will help team stay competitive

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The OSU softball team finished a season of "firsts" this weekend as it wrapped up its season at the Women's College World Series. While the season ended with a loss, it was hardly a year to be disappointed with.

The senior class of 2006 led OSU to many "firsts" — it was the first team to win a share of the Pac-10 title last year, the first team to post a nation-leading winning streak, the first team to enter a regional undefeated and the first team to take a trip to the Women's College World Series.

The Beavers also had some of their best games this season, knocking off then-No. 1 UCLA 2-0 on April 21 in Los Angeles. OSU was ranked as high as No. 5 during the season (a program first as well) and put together a string of 28 consecutive wins, which became the longest in the nation. But what might be even more impressive is that the Beavers did all this in the Pac-10, the most dominant conference in collegiate softball.

To get proof of just how tough the Pac-10 is, consider the following: Of the eight universities with softball programs, seven made it to the 64-team NCAA playoff bracket. (The only school to not get in was that other state university down the road, the University of Oregon). All of those seven teams advanced to the Super Regionals and four made it

into the WCWS, making up half of the field that would play for a national championship.

OSU's last five postseason games were against conference opponents: the Beavers beat Cal in the Super Regional to advance to the WCWS where they met eventual NCAA champion Arizona. The Beavers were then eliminated by Arizona State.

"It just shows how good our conference is," junior pitcher Brianne McGowan said.

The 2006 season also marked the first time OSU had more than one player named All-American, as sophomore utility player Cambria Miranda and McGowan earned first and third team honors, respectively.

"Our senior class really brought this program to a new level," said senior catcher Lisa Allen. "I hope that it will help recruiting for them."

While the Beavers are sure to miss Allen and the rest of the senior class — designated players Vanessa Iapala and Ingrid Lochelt, outfielders Maggie DeWall and Adrienne Alo and pitcher Amy Klever — they shouldn't miss a beat next year in their bid for a return trip to the WCWS.

McGowan, who was one of the top pitchers in the nation, will be a senior next year, as will shortstop Mia Longfellow, who led the team in batting average. Miranda — who reeled off home runs in seven straight games this year — will also be back, providing more punch at the plate for OSU.

"There are things we will work on in the offseason but this was a great experience physically and emotionally," OSU head coach Kirk Walker said.

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