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# Beer for health?

Beer compound may slow cancer, but beer's toxins still harmful for health

By Andrew Miner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

That weekend malty microbrew might offer more than a throbbing hangover, according to research performed at OSU's Linus Pauling Institute.

OSU researchers have recently upped the intoxicating ante, discovering that a beer compound called xanthohumol shows potential for preventing cancer growth.

However, it takes 17 beers to consume the amount found effective to inhibit cancer growth, and the effects of 17 beers would negate any positive found from xanthohumol.

"It's a flavonoid in hops that appears to have some bioactivity that may have health benefits," said Emily Ho, OSU researcher and assistant professor in nutrition and food management.

"The antioxidant effects (of hops naturally found in fermented wheat beer) affect proteins in controlling cell growth." Ho said.

Ho has studied diet for 10 years and the growth of prostate cancer for three years. She believes her research is pioneering in the battle against cancer.

But don't go sprinting to the nearest liquor store — beer is still detrimental to the human body. It is filled with tox-

ins and increases the growth of cancer more than xanthohumol would be able to inhibit it.

"I wouldn't bet on it decreasing your prostate cancer risk, but maybe later," Ho said. She also said xanthohumol can fight cancer in other organs as well — breast cancer, liver and kidney cancers are also said to be repressed by the compound.

First discovered in 1913, xanthohumol has been studied at OSU for the past 10 years by researchers at the Linus Pauling Institute.

German scientists are investigating a newly created beer that contains a concentrated amount of xanthohumol, 10 times that of traditional beers.

Development of scientific technology in recent decades has helped researchers study compounds in everyday foods to discover their previously unknown alternative benefits.

The food is labeled "functional food."
The reason for recent functional food studies, Ho said, is that Americans are known for not eating their fruits and vegetables. The American lifestyle is spreading internationally with the growth of McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken chains in foreign countries. People in urban cities worldwide are gaining weight.

'(There have been) migration stud-

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#### **Editor's Note**

Today's issue of The Daily Barometer is the final publication of spring term. We will resume publication with The Summer Barometer on Wednesday, June 28.

Get some sleep, enjoy your finals and have a safe and happy summer, wherever it may take you. Oh, and go Beavs.

— Dan Traylor Editor in Chief

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of the Super

Regional

**BASEBALL SUPER REGIONAL** 

## Heads up, Omaha

By Lindsay Schnell THE DAILY BAROMETER

At the beginning of the NCAA postseason, many West Coast baseball fans grumbled about the lack of respect the Pac-10 got as a baseball conference.

The fact that OSU, the No. 8 team in the nation, did not receive a national seed irked many fans. It seems, they said, that all the love went to the SEC and, more recently, the Big XII. Now, after knocking off Kansas and Hawaii, OSU will meet Stanford

 which upset defending champion Texas in Austin
 in a game to decide who will travel to Omaha for the national championship.

"I think it's too bad that teams from the same con-

ference have to play each other in Super Regionals," OSU coach Pat Casey said. "Stanford proved the conference is very, very good, as we did winning our regional. It's just a great conference, I think sometimes it gets slighted because there's such a difference in how the RPI works here versus in the East.

"I don't think it's that we don't get respect, I think it's that the RPI doesn't work as well here and some teams get left out and we've been that team a few times. But that's out of our control, we just need to go out and do what we can do and try

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Retiring professor Steve Lawton of the College of Business gives his last lecture in the MU Lounge Thursday.

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## Prof's last lecture says 'thank you' not 'good bye'

Professor Steve Lawton, retiring professor of international business, gave his final lecture Thursday before a crowd in the Memorial Union

By Mollie Holmes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Stepping aside from the platform, Steve Lawton stood upright, waved a hand in the air and smiled at his audience. He was relaying his personal experience in Germany when the Berlin Wall fell.

But the lecture on the world economy was not in a classroom, at least not a conventional one.

on Thursday, the Memorial Union Lounge welcomed OSU international

business professor Lawton to give his "Last Lecture" before retirement.

The cadence of his voice filled the room as he energetically emphasized important words and dates.

"You might think I'm a Baptist preacher here about global economy," Lawton said, "but my students know I'm very serious."

He continued his speech using stories and metaphors to better explain

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## 'School of fish' swims to the library

Student teachers and pre-school students stage free-flowing performance in Library quad

By Peter Chee

The stress of dead week, for a few carefree minutes, was washed away on Thursday by the laughter of children.

The front of the Valley Library became a virtual ocean aquarium in the afternoon as 19 pre-school kids, ages 3 to 5, danced in colorful fish costumes for adoring parents and curious OSU students.

"Shark!" shouted student teacher Mandy Close during the performance. She pressed her hands together above her head to make a mock fin and swept about the quad. Her group of children followed suit and trailed behind her in circles.

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The undersea performance was first pitched by apparel design major Shagane Barsegian earlier in the term. She said officials at the Child Development Center on campus took to the idea and were hooked.

"It's just a little celebration for the end of the term," Barsegian said, still beaming in the wake the well-received production.

Barsegian said it took a month of planning (with two weeks of rehearsal) to put together the five-minute event.



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Alicia Murphy, wearing a shrimp costume for Thursday's performance of "School of Fish," looks back at the pre-schoolers lined up behind her. The performance and costumes were the vision of apparel design major Shagane Barsegian.

Dressed as a giant blowfish and an extra-large shrimp, performance volunteers Chelsea Wilson and Alicia Murphy said they were brought on board by Barsegian to help out.

"We just spent time with the kids and taught the dance to them," Mur-

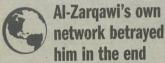
phy said.

"It's so much fun," Wilson added.

Barsegian created the blowfish and shrimp outfits for a fashion show earlier this year. But she made the

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces zeroed in on Abu Musab al-Zargawi over two weeks, finally tracking his spiritual adviser to the terrorist leader's doorstep and unleashing the airstrike that killed them both, U.S. and Iraqi officials said Thursday.

The success came after several near misses in the three-year pursuit of Irag's most-wanted militant, who ultimately was betrayed by tips from within his own network, U.S. military chiefs in Baghdad said.

Iraqi forces last year reportedly captured al-Zarqawi, then let him go, not realizing it was him. And just last month, al-Zarqawi was said to have leaped from a moving truck to elude U.S. special forces on his tail, an escape filmed by a Predator reconnaissance craft. And another airstrike earlier in the final two-week hunt also missed him, the officials said.

The chase ended Wednesday evening when two 500-pound bombs flattened a modest two-story house surrounded by palm groves and orange orchards outside Bagouba, northeast of Baghdad. A pair of U.S. F-16s on patrol over Iraq were called away for the attack and one of them fired a laser-guided GBU-12 and a satelliteguided GBU-38, said Air Force Lt. Gen. Gary L. North, who commands U.S. and coalition air operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We knew exactly where he was and we chose the right moment," North told The Associated Press.

The military declined to say whether forces on the ground helped direct the

Al-Zarqawi died with five others, including a woman, a child and the man who unwittingly led the Americans to him — his deputy and spiritual adviser, Abu Abdul-Rahman al-Iraqi, according to U.S. officials.

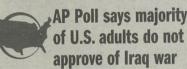
Al-Iraqi was the key to pinpointing the fugitive, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said.

Intelligence officials identified al-Iraqi with the help of an insider in al-Zargawi's network and began tracking his movements, waiting for him to meet with his boss, Caldwell said.

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made to go ahead and strike that target and eliminate both of them," Caldwell told reporters in Baghdad.

On Thursday, al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq group issued a Web statement confirming his death. It was signed by Abu Abdul-Rahman al-Iraqi, perhaps to spread confusion over whether he was really killed. But Caldwell and the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, told reporters that al-Iraqi was among the dead.



WASHINGTON (AP) — The death of al-Qaida leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq came as more Americans than ever thought the war in Iraq was a mistake, according to AP-Ipsos polling.

The poll, taken Monday through Wednesday before news broke that U.S. forces had killed al-Zarqawi, found that 59 percent of adults say the United States made a mistake in going to war in Iraq — the highest level yet in AP-Ipsos polling.

Approval of President Bush's handling of Iraq dipped to 33 percent, a new low. His overall job approval was 35 percent, statistically within range of his low of 33 percent last month. The poll of 1,003 adults has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Among other findings:

More than half, 54 percent, said it's unlikely that a stable, democratic government will be established in Iraq, a new high in AP-Ipsos polling. The survey was completed before Iraq's parliament approved three key new government ministers. Just 67 percent of Republicans, 63 percent of conservatives, and 57 percent of white evangelicals believed a stable, democratic government is likely.

#### **U.S.** guide gives up Mount **Everest climb for rescue**

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) - Just days after a British climber was left to die near Mount Everest's summit, an American guide abandoned his second bid to stand on top of the world so he could rescue a mountaineer mistakenly given up for dead.

Not only did Daniel Mazur not scale "Last night, he made a linkup (with the world's highest peak from the al-Zarqawi) again at 6:15 (10:15 a.m. northern side, he also failed to get his

"It was very disappointing for me to miss my chance at the summit, but even more that I could not get my job done," Mazur, of Olympia, Wash., told The Associated Press upon returning to Nepal's capital, Katmandu, on Thursday.

Mazur, his two clients and a Sherpa guide were just two hours from the 29,035-foot peak on the morning of May 26 when they came across 50year-old Lincoln Hall, who was left a day earlier when his own guides believed he was dead.

"I was shocked to see a guy without gloves, hat, oxygen bottles or sleeping bag at sunrise at 28,200 feet height, just sitting up there," said Mazur, who scaled Everest once before, from the thing on campus," McVicar said. southern side, in 1991.



SALEM (AP) - An Oregon State Police investigation into allegations of public record tampering at SAIF Corp. found no evidence that any records were concealed or destroyed.

A report released by the Marion County district attorney's office on Thursday said the state police "conducted an extensive investigation into the allegations," which included official misconduct and theft.

But investigators "did not find credible evidence that any individual, or SAIF Corp. as an entity, intentionally withheld or destroyed public records,' according to the report.

The investigation that began in 2004 grew out of a dispute between SAIF, the state-owned worker compensation insurer, and Liberty Northwest of Portland, a private insurance company and main competitor to SAIF in

#### On campus memorial planned for Jane Higdon

Oregon State announced this week that the Linus Pauling Institute is planning a "celebration of life" in memory of Jane Higdon." Higdon, who was killed in a bicycle accident on May 31, worked for the institute for the past

The celebration will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Leadership Center's Journey Room.

Higdon's husband is planning to attend, according to Barbara McVicar, the assistant to the director of the Linus Pauling Institute.

A memorial service was held for Higdon at McDonald Theatre in Eugene Wednesday.

"At the celebration in Eugene they said that there was a 'Corvallis Jane' and a 'Eugene Jane,'" McVicar said, because Higdon lived in Eugene and worked in Corvallis.

The celebration will give a chance for those who did not feel comfortable going to the service in Eugene to come and celebrate Higdon's life in the Corvallis community.

'We thought we needed to do some-

Attendees are welcomed to talk about memories of Higdon at the service, but there are also other options for those who would rather not speak in public.

'Everyone is invited to share any memories for her either in writing that could be sent to me, or by saying something at the service," she said.

#### **Consolidating laons can save** money for borrowing students

On July 1, the interest rate on federally subsidized and unsubsidized loans will be rising by 1.84 points.

The interest rates are federally determined at this time each year. Rates have been at their lowest in decades for the last two years, but are rising

Students currently receiving the benefits of financial aid from more than one organization, including OSU, are advised to consolidate their loans before the July 1 deadline.

Consolidating loans will allow students to compile payments made to different loan companies into a single, monthly payment at a locked rate. Even after the interest rates rise, a consolidated loan will stay at the same rate — determined by the average of the loans consolidated.

There is no penalty for consolidating loans, and it is federally guaranteed.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships issued a campus-wide email announcement with information for students. Students interested in more information may visit the office to receive further details and handouts, including a guide to federal stu-

#### CALENDAR

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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

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

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#### FISH: Close, who plays for OSU's basketball team, enjoys kids

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fish costumes especially for Thursday's performance. The children decorated their own costumes with painted hand prints, foam stars and candy corn. The costumes became their souvenirs at the end of the day.

This is their first public event," said student teacher Tiffany Sheppick.

Every term, Human Development and Family Science students at OSU teach a morning and afternoon class for pre-school aged children at Bates Hall.

Sheppick said HDFS students are in charge of creating a curriculum for the class (which counts as a 12-credit course for them) and each student takes charge for one week at a time. This week, it was her turn.

This is our class, it's the real deal," she said. In teaching kids who are so young, Sheppick said positive reinforcement is the key.

"Let them know they're great," she said. When she's not driving the ball down the court for the OSU women's basketball team, Close said she enjoys working with kids.

'We've just been really excited," Close said with a grin. "Whenever we say we're going to work on their fish moves, they get super

Barsegian said for the performance, the children were active in creating many of the dance moves and in recording the music that played.

"In many ways it's much more creative," she said. "It was spontaneous."

After the performance, the school of children and OSU students migrated back to Bates Hall. It took a little longer, it's twice the distance for

Pulling a wagon, student teacher Mariah Palmer said working with the kids is a lot of

work, but in the end it's always rewarding.
"You could be having the worst day," she said. "And (then) they make you feel great."

Peter Chee, staff writer

#### **BEER:** Obesity seems to be linked to Cancer **CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1**

ies for emigrating and immigrants from Shanghai, China," Ho said. Foreign citizens emigrating from China to the United States have shown significant increase in average weight due to the American lifestyle.

"Obesity seems to be linked to cancer," Ho said. "They don't have definitive proof, but there is a corol-

You have to start somewhere, we are at a starting point," Ho said.

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#### **BASEBALL:** Championships dominated by East Coast

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to beat Stanford now."

But the East Coast bias might be understandable: since 1990, the national championship trophy has traveled west of the Mississippi River just four times.

"The Pac-10 has been downplayed for a long time," said shortstop Darwin Barney. "It's that whole Northwest baseball thing. We have gained respect, but obviously not enough. The Pac-10 champions should definitely be a host, should definitely be a (national) seed, having the record that we have. But we have gained respect, mostly along the lines of other baseball teams as opposed to the NCAA."

For the second consecutive year though, at least one Pac-10 team is sure to be in

Omaha. The Beavers are seeking their or more runs in eight of the last 12 second trip in as many years, while the Cardinal's last trip was in 2003, when Stanford took second.

The Super Regional should be the prime weekend entertainment in Corvallis tickets sold out in just under 45 minutes. Fans who didn't get up early enough to grab a general admission ticket will probably grab ladders and create platforms to watch from the outfield, as was a popular alternative last year.

OSU beat Stanford in the three-game series earlier this year in conference play, outscoring the Cardinal 16-1, but Stanford comes to Corvallis a changed ballclub. The team will be led by pitcher Greg Reynolds (who went No. 2 in the MLB draft early this week) who boasts a 3.36 ERA. Offensively, the Cardinal has recorded double-digit hits in 11 of its last 13 games and has scored seven

But OSU will counter accordingly, as the Beavers are peaking at the right time. Cole Gillespie, the 2006 Pac-10 Player of the Year, has a 14-game hitting streak entering the Super Regional and is batting .383. Second baseman Chris Kunda, who was the Corvallis Regional Most Outstanding Player, has a six-game hitting streak with 37 RBIs. From the mound, the Beavers will be anchored by Dallas Buck (3.01 ERA), Jonah Nickerson (2.67 ERA) and Kevin Gunderson (2.40

The first pitch of the best-of-three series will be thrown Saturday at 7 p.m. Game time Sunday is also set for 7 p.m. and if a third game is needed Monday, it will begin at 1 p.m. All games will be broadcast on ESPN2.

Lindsay Schnell, sports editor

#### **LECTURE:** Prof explains what it was like when he started at OSU

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his lecture topic, "Changes in the world economy over the last 30 years.'

This number is significant because it is how long Lawton has worked at OSU.

Lawton explained what life was like in 1976. Students were still registering in Gill Coliseum by waiting in lines to get punch cards. Lawton even received his OSU job offer through a

But times have changed.

"(It's) important ... to think about how things

have happened so quickly," he said.

When he first worked at OSU, he explained that the Soviet Union still existed and China was completely isolated from the world.

Transportation systems were not very advanced, and communication systems were still very limited.

'The economy was globalizing," Lawton

More than a dozen people quickly took notes on spirals of paper; others leaned forward, eyes focused on Lawton.

Though he checked his own notes a few times, he never read from them. His attention was on his audience.

"What bothers me is that the gap between the rich and poor nations in the world continues to grow," he said.

To demonstrate his concern, he pulled out a sheet of comparative facts and began to read them to the audience. One example even dealt with how much the U.S. spends on pet food.

But turning his attention to OSU, he said,

His work at OSU has let him learn from

his students, faculty, and even himself. He also said how he loves to meet people across campus, continuously being enlightened by them

"This is the greatest job going," Lawton said. "We have different relationships here. They're much more enduring — they're much less transactional.'

His attention then focused on his students. "I'm counting on you to solve our prob-

lems," Lawton said. He pressed students to never stop learning and to listen to their hearts.

"Focus on people," he said. "People are the most important part of your life."

But the speech itself was not the only reason this "Last Lecture" drew in so many people.

They attended to honor a professor they

Lawton had been introduced with endearing terms that described him, such as organized, honest, humble, and true. He laughed and smiled as his colleagues

retold anecdotes. One included a story about a mysterious box which was once found outside his office door. Because it was during the Unabomber scare, the entire College of Business had to evacuate. The box only contained 12 dead gophers.

But as the breeze entered the lounge, keeping cool a standing-room-only audience, Lawton closed his speech, saying, "I'm not retiring from life.

"I'm not going to say goodbye to you, I'm going to say thank you," he said. The "Last Lecture" program is in its initial

year. The MUPC hopes to continue this tradition, inviting a retiring professor each year to give his or her final lecture.

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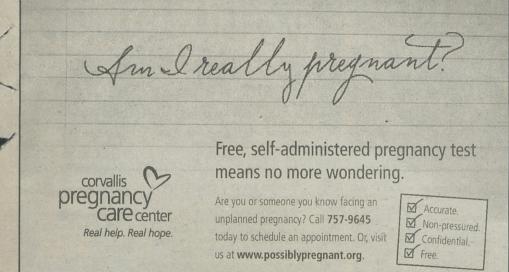
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#### **Editorial**

## On the Web

oday marks the final issue of The Daily Barometer for spring term and the final issue of the academic school year. The print version of the Barometer will officially be on break until the first of our weekly issues over the summer.

Unfortunately, the print hiatus comes at a time when OSU's baseball team is inching toward a return trip to the College World Series. And certainly, news doesn't stop just because we stop printing.

Rather than throw in the towel, the Barometer will turn to the Web dailybarometer.com — to cover the Super Regional baseball series against Stanford and to keep readers up to date if the team makes it to Omaha.

Also, if major news related to OSU breaks, we'll be sure to post it online immediately. The idea of being a 24-hour news organization — even when we're not making print issues is new for the Barometer. But frankly, it's not new for most news-

Providing content at the Web at any time is just one way our Web site is aiming improve. Early this week, we added four Web logs known as "blogs" - to the site. These allow editors to offer commentary, explanations, observations or even news updates on a variety of topics.

During the Super Regional, our sports editor will update the Sports Blog from inside of Goss Stadium.

Our entertainment editor occasionally offers his TV picks and other commentary on the Entertainment Blog. Other editors can chime in on the Editor's Blog. And the newest addition is the Corrections Blog.

We always seek to correct any errors we make in the paper, and the Corrections Blog will serve as a place to keep all Barometer corrections in an easy-to-find place. Corrections will continue to be issued in the print edition, but they also will be listed on the blog with a link to the corrected story online.

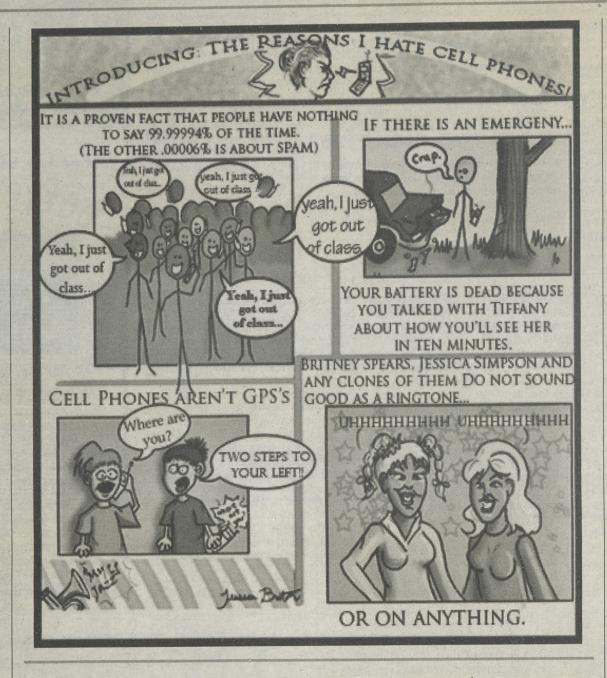
In addition to the more frequent updates and the blogs, the Web site is offering two more new features.

The first is the more frequent addition of photo galleries, allowing readers to see more photos than we can fit in the print edition. This was especially helpful during the softball World Series.

The other feature is podcasting. After a slow start, we finally have our first podcast online - thanks to collaboration from KBVR-FM. The mp3 file is a recording of an interview with Mohamed Yahya, a man with first-hand knowledge of the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan. The podcast — hopefully the first of many — can be found on the Editor's Blog at dailybarometer. com.

The bottom line is that even though our print edition is fading to black for the year, our coverage is merely changing its format.

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.



## Apocalypse now ... when?

Shut Up! No, You Shut Up!

Henry Leineweber

**Eric Brooks** 

o we're a little disappointed. We're still here. Apparently, so are you. In case you missed all the build-up and the hoo-ha, the apocalypse did NOT happen on Tuesday (6/6/06).

No, what happened instead was disappointingly anticlimactic. Tuesday saw the release of a sub-par remake of "The Omen" (which wasn't very good to begin with), the release of a new Slayer album, and the party to end all parties in Hell, a small, unfortunately named, town in Michigan.

Of course if you turned on your TV at all Tuesday you would have seen all-day coverage reminiscent of jury-delib-

eration coverage at a Michael Jackson trial. CNN and Fox really wanted the world to end because, let's be honest, the apocalypse warrants at least a Pulitzer. CNN even took the care to dispatch Anderson Cooper to the apocalypse zone (or so we're told). Pat Robertson, meanwhile,

secluded himself in his palatial abode and waited patiently for the Rapture. We understand he's still there.

We're going to set aside our caustic, though witty, commentary for a moment in the hopes of making a somewhat valid point.

The media has often been called a circus. But this is taking it too far. Do the media outlets not realize the irony inherent in covering the end of days? If cataclysm was indeed upon us, we think that very few people would have the time to turn on the TV. Sadly, the spectacle that was Tuesday's media blitz is not uncommon. Tuesday's coverage only served to highlight the sensationalism and irresponsible coverage that is the modern American media.

We note with some pride that through the insanity of the coverage, America still functioned. Workers went to work, students went to school, the market continued to do whatever it does, and life generally continued as if Satan's armies were not amassing at the gates. Makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Was it really that slow of a news day? The NSA continues to tap our phones, millions continue to suffer in Africa, U.S.

soldiers and Iraqi civilians continue to die, and Congress remains mired in scandal after scandal.

Despite the media's best efforts to scare or distract us, Americans seem to be too intelligent and thoughtful to abandon their sense of reason so readily. All sarcasm aside, we are proud of this display of rationality and critical examination. People are dealing with issues they can actually affect, and this, above all, gives us a sense of hope

We think that the media should take note of this. Americans are not idiots and most of us are not impressed by shallow spectacle. We clamor for hard fact, intelligent debate and coverage that doesn't shy from difficult and

relevant issues. We are tired of the smoke screen and distraction tactics.

The purpose of the news organization is to deliver relevant, supported facts and analysis that is as unbiased as possible. The news should do

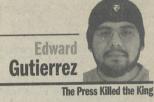
this in a manner that helps citizens make sense of the world around them and assists them in making sound and informed decisions in our democracy.

We realize that there is a time when commentary is both opropriate and necessary. However it is the responsibility of each individual journalist to clearly and unequivocally declare such commentary. Further, it is the responsibility of the commentator to follow in the proud traditions of honesty, integrity, and reasoned debate so clearly demonstrated by their journalistic forefathers.

The debacle that was the media's coverage on Tuesday did not meet any of these requirements. It dealt with no relevant issues, contributed nothing to a greater public understanding, and in the final analysis was a waste of everyone's time.

Ideally, the media should cater to the mass of Americans rather than solely pandering to the readers of "Left Behind."

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see my baby cry I'll watch them grow as I sit through a lecture or do research at home and I think to myself when's my final due.. ves, I think to myself... when's my final due ooh yeah...

This alternate rendition of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" can be especially appreciated by a unique group of students here at OSU; a special group that has been entrusted with a combination of the two most cherishable tasks that any human could be entrusted with, the tasks of being a student and being a

As I recap on the past school year, what I recall the most are all the sleepless nights I spent contemplating how I could improve my actions, attitude and beliefs in order to achieve a healthy balance in life that would facilitate model student behavior and grander achievements.

In my self-searching evaluation, I discovered vital recurring themes such as responsibility, time management, and family. As for responsibility and time management, well, those are self-explanatory. There is a bounty of information for those who desire advice in those areas. But family, well, that is a trickier question that often times can only be dealt with on a "learn as you go" basis.

At the moment — as a single adult with no descendants of my own when I think of family, mother, father, and siblings come to mind. And just with that, I can entertain myself for hours with endless dilemmas, obstacles, trials, and upsets that make my head spin. However, I have discovered a bright side to it all for whenever I am feeling overwhelmed by life; I need look no further than my own campus and see 6-monthold Noe Jr. and 6-month-old Lucero to find two great sources of inspira-

You see, Junior is the son of Noe Sr. and Maria, a young couple studying at LBCC and OSU, respectively, while Lucero is the daughter of Lupe Diaz, also a current student here at OSU. For these three students, the 2005-2006 school year brought a special visit from the stork. Now, as to whether or not it was wearing Beaver colors as it dropped off its special cargo, well, that demands further investigation.

In all seriousness though, the birth of these children has undoubtedly placed new and serious challenges on top of their already strenuous student life. It was not difficult for me to imagine what their greater concerns look like. Childcare, transportation, economic stability, lack of sleep; all these are issues that most parents will inevitably face. But it is important to note that student parents deal with untraditional circumstances that even working or stay-at-home

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#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Wilson column

#### Why are we in Iraq again?

Sorry you are so into revenge, Eric. But we are not in Iraq for revenge, we are there for the Weapons of Mass Destruction ... oops, never found any. OK, so we are there to chase al-Qaida ... oops, there was no actual Iraqi connection with 9-11 and al-Qaida was not operating in Iraq until President Bush provided the targets — our military personnel. OK, OK, so we went in to take out Saddam Hussein, a truly evil guy, but one that we gave billions of dollars to and all the conventional weapons he wanted. OK, last excuse: we are there to promote democracy in a region with little experience in that form of government and one that is passionately divided along religious and territorial boundaries. How long do you think that will take? So far it has cost us 2,458 US military killed and 17,774 wounded. That is what people should be mad about.

If you think revenge is patriotic, please

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#### Campbell column

#### Seek out and listen

When I read Adam Campbell's column on the need for moderate Muslims to speak out, I was tempted to ask him if he'd spent the last five years with his head in the sand. Then I thought about it a bit more and realized he'd probably just been watching TV and browsing the CNN Web site.

After all, it's harder to maintain a "clash of civilizations" narrative if you know that Islam, like Christianity, is not a monolith. This overly simplistic "good vs. evil" narrative that Adam tentatively buys into is one that serves both the media's desire for dramatic, he-said she-said narratives and the Bush administration as political cover to justify their actions.

For example, several years ago the Bush administration revoked the visa of Notre Dame Professor Tariq Ramadan, a noted scholar of Islam and a moderate — in fact, he's now teaching at Oxford, and has been refused reentry into the country at least once. This strikes me as pretty counteringoductive unless one of your goals is to leavery liminate moderate voices from the public sphere.

Then there's CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (www.cair-net.org), an America-based civil liberties group that works, among other things, to convince Muslims to participate in the American political process as citizens. That sounds like assimilation, something the Bush administration claims to favor. In other

words, it's not radical - and neither is CAIR's campaign against radical Islam, or their campaign to condemn all terrorism.

The problem, for the most part, isn't that moderate Muslims aren't speaking out against terrorism or extremist versions of Islam; the problem is that we aren't listening. If someone like Adam wants to claim the moral high ground, however tenuousy, then he needs to actively search out and see what moderate Muslims are saying and perhaps why they're not being heard. Anything less is intellectually dishonest.

DENNIS DUGAN senior, philosophy and sociology

#### Blake column

#### Got a library card?

I wonder if, in researching this column, Mr. Blake got any of the books he mentions in "The education OSU won't give you" through the Valley Library

NATAHAN FLEMING MA English

#### Mohamed column

#### **Well-articulated response**

This is an excellent response. Well written, very insightful and quite to the heart of the all-too-often American response to criticism of our policies versus our talk.

Well done sir! I am grateful for your perception and your willingness to be counted among those of us who recognize that speaking out against what we see as wrong, however unpopular the current majority might find it, is still a privilege and obligation extended to us as citizens of this country.

NITA PHILLIPS Office Specialist, Rec Sports, Dixon Recreational Center

#### Blake column

#### **Another reading list**

Nathanael Blake's Wednesday column laudably avoided personal attacks and focused on a reading list of conservative Christian thinkers. To maintain some balance in discourse, good liberals should work their way through it. In turn, conservatives could challenge themselves with a few of the following works:

"White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" by Peggy McIntosh. McIntosh explores racism as institutionalized racism and its consequences for the majority and minority. "Why I am Not a Christian" by Bertrand Russell. Russell offers a rebuttal of Christian theology and an overall defense of secular humanism through essays and recorded speeches. "Islam" by Karen Armstrong. Armstrong gives a concise primer on Islam by analyzing its history, culture, and theology

(Mr. Blake may finally understand how Muhammad's marriage to a nine-year-old was a political gesture, and not a perverse one). Finally, for lighter summer reading, try Vonnegut's "Cat's Cradle" or "Sirens of Titan" for satirical critiques of religion, government, and conservatism.

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#### Warren letter

#### **Conservatives need fact-based arguments**

It's amusing and ironic that Niklas Warren (letters, June 5th) uses affirmativeaction language to complain that Republicans are "disadvantaged" by liberal professors at universities, and that others don't understand the Republican minority's 'struggles." But it's unclear what he thinks should be done about it. Should OSU hire equal numbers of "liberal" and "conservative" professors (blurry categories at best)? If so, what's wrong with university quotas for disadvantaged minorities like African-Americans, Native-Americans and homosexuals? Maybe Warren favors quotas for all these minorities; he doesn't say.

Warren also claims liberal student groups receive more money that conservative groups, but he doesn't examine whether liberal groups outnumber conservative groups on campus.

Meanwhile, if professors do tend toward liberalism, especially in the social sciences, perhaps it's because people who seek knowledge and think critically for a living, particularly about history, culture and society, often can't help noticing that many conservative beliefs and viewpoints tend to be less intellectually sound or factually-based than many liberal beliefs and viewpoints. Yes, people from all points on the political spectrum sometimes make fallacious arguments, but the beliefs of many (not all) modern conservatives seem especially rooted in emotionalism, cultural chauvinism (with regard to homosexuals, Muslims and Spanish-speakers,) American exceptionalism (meaning the U.S. should behave in ways we'd never tolerate from other countries) and a lack of historical and cultural knowledge or perspective. For instance, I've never heard a rational, factual reason why homosexuality should be considered wrong (that is, how it concretely harms others.) Academically (or even rationally) defending a gay marriage bad is difficult or impossible; I challenge Warren or anyone else to try. If conservatives want their beliefs reflected equally at universities, they should show their beliefs are rational and factuallybased — evidently a challenge for many conservatives whose letters and columns appear in the Barometer

CALLAN SULLIVAN junior, political science

#### **GUTIERREZ:** Speaking to, observing student-parents offers many inspirations

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parents never have to experience.

Want a hint? Well imagine you're an OSU parent for a day. You begin by strolling your infant clear across campus towards your class when suddenly you realize that you forgot little Jose's milk, or worse yet, you have to take a brief hiatus from lecture because Rosita had an accident in her Pampers. To put it nicely, these are inconveniences that would discourage even the most dedicated of students.

Just as well, I am confident that any student-parent, who was distinguished with the latter title at least a term or two into their university career, can attest that pre-child student concerns are no match for those that arrive once the baby comes home. I can only speculate, but I imagine that the doubt and uncertainty of the "learn as you go" formula mentioned earlier, is what causes the most anxiety. Yet it is a learning process that every new parent must face.

I can't help but ask if things are so rough, where do student-parents get the drive and desire to keep fulfilling both intimidating duties? For some insight into this question I decided to avoid speculation and actually ask a few student-parents I know - Lupe, Noe, and Maria - their take on the matter.

Their noticeably tired expressions lit up as I asked them, "What inspires you?" (Little did I know that by the time I would depart from the interview, their responses would become my inspiration, for this very article and

It just so happens that Lupe is inspired by the belief that if she gives up, she will be giving up on her daughter and her future. Lupe also dreads the thought of having to tell an adolescent Lucero, "go to school" when in her own words she admits, "How [am I] going to tell her [that] if [I] had the chance (to go to school) and gave it up.'

Noe Junior's parents are inspired every time they see their little boy laugh and are also inspired by the reality that, according to Noe Sr., "he is going to get a good education, with educated parents."

In this light, a clearer understanding can be drawn of what exactly it is that motivates student-parents of different age groups, races, and backgrounds. Hell, with that kind of inspiration, even I would be willing to change little Rosita's diaper between classes, or work 40plus hours a week while still managing to take six credits in order to make ends meet.

And as difficult as it may seem, that is the reality of many dedicated people out there today who like Noe, Maria, and Lupe, have learned that life is a continuous learning process where even anticipated, or unanticipated, visits from the stork can bring out the best in oneself. As one parent recently told me, "my child helped me find the strength [that] I never thought I had.

Ultimately, with the close of this school year, summer draws near and with the change of the season comes the promise of perseverance and the spirit of hope. I've managed to find hope and encouragement in witnessing the sacrifices and accomplishments of my neighbors, while the main preoccupation that Maria has renewed hope in is the desire that little Noe learn how to walk, and soon, so that, in her words, "I don't have to carry him all the time." And let's not forget, a little uninterrupted sleep wouldn't hurt once in a while.

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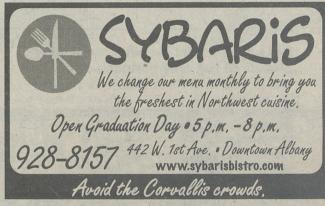


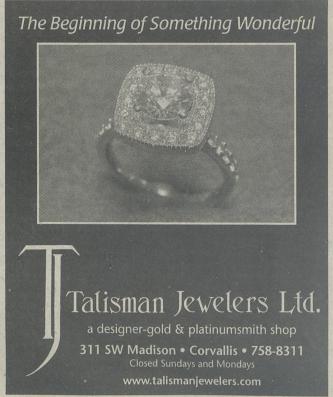
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#### Softball earns more awards

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Oregon State sophomore utility player Cambria Miranda was named a first team Easton-Bell Sports All-American and junior pitcher Brianne McGowan earned second team All-America accolades. Oregon State also earned Team of the Year honors and Cover Team of the Year recognition for the program's media

arican consideration is based on individual performance and success. Cover Teams of the Year are based on are selected based on promotion and awareness of Easton-Bell Sports through team media guides.

Miranda also earned first team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America honors last week and finished the season ranked second on the Beaver squad with a .313 batting average. She broke the OSU school record with 52 runs scored and matched the single season mark with 16 home runs. She was a first team All-Pac-10

And first team All-Pacific Region honoree.

McGowan earns her second straight Easton-Bell Sports All-America honors and was a third team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American this season after garnering first team status in 2005. IcGowan finished the year with a 29-9 record and totaled 258 rikeouts to become the only player in school history to record 200 or more K's in two consecutive years. McGowan was named first team All-Pac-10, making her one of just two players in Oregon State history to receive multiple first team all-conference honors.

Oregon State finished the season with a 43-16 overall record the Beavers earned their first ever trip to the NCAA Women's College World Series. OSU was ranked as high as No. nationally and reeled off a program-best 28 game winning treak – the longest of the year for any Division I team.

## **LILJA:** Behind Gillespie, Beavers will get another trip to World Series — count on it

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results. Gillespie is hunting down Jacoby Ellsbury's numbers like Mike Tyson for a paycheck. (Or, these days, a dumpster.) His 53 RBIs and 23 doubles surpass Ellsbury's mark of 48 RBI's and 19 doubles from last year. Plus, he is slugging about 120 points higher than Ellsbury hit a year ago. And although Gillespie might not match the 99 hits Ellsbury had, he did surpass him in statistical

And people are finally coming around. Gillespie was drafted by the Brewers with the 92nd selection in Tuesday's MLB draft. Congratulations to Cole, I never thought I would see the day when Oregon State lost a dominant hitter and a dominant IM softball pitcher in the same week. We will miss you, Ryan Black.

Everyone seemed to etch the Beavers' destiny in stone at the beginning of the season: with the departure of Jacoby Ellsbury, getting to Omaha was going to be a struggle. The doubters were waiting for a chance to take a sip of that bitter Haterade.

But Gillespie has filled in as the team leader this season. In the locker room and on the field, the man is getting it done.

Oregon State has found a batter to get behind for the post-season in Gillespie. He has kept this team focused and centered on the championship by giving them a person to rally around. The Beavers have a good shot at competing in the World Series because of his ability to create run scoring opportunities. Pitchers are aware of his batting abilities and are afraid to pitch to him. He is a hitter that is dominating at the plate and a key ingredient to the success of the Beavers down the stretch. And no amount of nail polish remover or WD-40 can keep him from holding this team together.

Nick Lilja, sports columnist sports@dailybarometer.com

## Gillespie, offering advice about pro ball

absolutely no problem adjusting to a great conference."

#### Leadership, friendship

Ellsbury may not be wearing an OSU jersey anymore, but his presence is still felt throughout the Corvallis campus. OSU left fielder Cole Gillespie, who roomed with Ellsbury for three years, has said that despite the distance, he and Ellsbury have femained close friends. Gillespie also said Ellsbury has offered helpful advice on how to handle the pro scouts and media along with the spotlight.

"It's been a real eye opener for me," Gillespie said. "Obviously, last year he dealt with all this (draft) stuff, being a first rounder, be dealt with attention from the scouts and the media. Just leing roommates with him for three years kind of opened my

es to see how to handle everything.

At OSU, Ellsbury was always in a leadership role, and it's no different for him now. In fact, Ellsbury is still getting help from fellow Oregonians, as Jed Lowrie, a Salem native, was also picked up by Boston in last year's draft as the 45th overall pick. Drafting Lowrie and Ellsbury has worked out well for the Red Sox, as they have been roommates during the beginning of their professional careers. It has made the transition from college easier on both players.

"I was roommates with him in spring training, roommates I Lowell, and now roommates in Wilmington," Ellsbury said. "Hopefully we can move up the ladder together; he's been a

great roommate and teammate as well."

Ellsbury has a bright future – by some estimations, he could be in the big leagues in as soon as two more seasons. In Wilmington, Ellsbury currently has a .336 batting average with 14 stolen bases.

"He is going to be a superstar," Casey said. "Jacoby Ellsbury is a first-class kid both on and off the field. Anything you throw Jacoby he's going to handle."

Casey Grogan, sports writer

## **BASEBALL:** Stanford looks for first trip back to World Series since being runner-up in '03

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draft, has led the squad.

"When he came here earlier this year, he was good," said OSU second baseman Chris Kunda. "He has a big, tall, strong frame. He throws in the low 90s, has a good breaking ball and does a good job keeping the ball down. I think that No. 2 draft pick suits him perfectly."

A tag-team combination of Erik Davis and Jeremy Bleich have provided a bullpen presence that has allowed head coach Mark Marquess to use one to close and the other to make starts in the postseason. It was Davis who notched the final out to move the Cardinal one step closer to the College World Series, a destination the team hasn't reached since its runner-up finish in the 2003 College World Series.

"I think their pride and their program is what took over for them," Kunda said. "Being Stanford, everybody is kinda looking up at them and halfway through the season they weren't playing the way they wanted to. I am sure the coaches had a lot to do with the way they turned that round."

The Cardinal raised some eyebrows when it made the 64-team postseason, but a strong strength of schedule proved they

not only belonged, but also are a team that can do damage.

Earlier in the year, Stanford swept Cal-State Fullerton and won the series against Texas. Against a tough and underrated Fresno State club, the Cardinal was also able to win the series. The only real struggle came in conference play, when Stanford (11-13) dropped the final two regular season games. The Cardinal finished with the same conference record as the University of Washington, and to this day still has three fewer wins than the Huskies.

"It was their Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) that got them selected over Washington," Casey said. "The RPI was based on their strength of schedule."

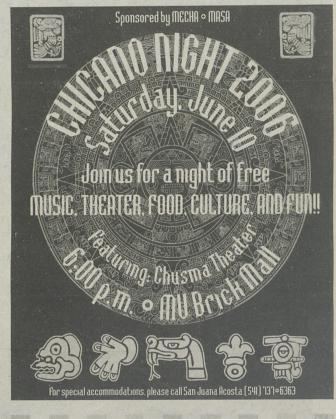
"Going down to Austin and winning that regional in three straight games shows a lot about the character of that team and how far they have come from since the last time they played us," Kunda added.

The first pitch Saturday will be thrown at 7 p.m.. Sunday's game is scheduled for 7 p.m. and (if necessary) Monday's game is scheduled for 4 p.m. All games will be broadcast by ESPN2.

> Steven Masters, sports writer sports@dailybarometer.com







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## Eyes on Omaha





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Top: OSU pitcher Jonah Nickerson should play a key role in the Beavers' bid for a national championship. Bottom: Shea McFeely is safe at home in OSU's 9-2 win over UCLA on May 26.

#### Beavers seek return trip to World Series with Super Regional against Stanford

#### On The Web

For game recaps, periodic blog updates and photos from the Super Regional, check out dailybarometer.com

#### By Steven Masters THE DAILY BAROMETER

In mid-April, the Stanford Cardinal traveled to Goss Stadium at Coleman Field and was embarrassed. The Cardinal (33-25) was swept by the No. 8 Oregon State (42-14) baseball team in a three-game series for the first time in program history. The defense committed five errors, and the Cardinal offense could only collect 10 hits and one run over the

Fast forward eight weeks, and the Cardinal return to Corvallis for the three-game Super Regional that will determine

which Pac-10 team reaches the College World Series. After the three-game sweep, Stanford finished the conference on a strong enough note to make the postseason.

Heading to the Austin, Texas Regional as the No. 3 seed, the possibility of Stanford winning that region was quite a

"I thought Stanford had a very good club," OSU head coach Pat Casey said. "When they left here, they started playing very well. I can see any Pac-10 team winning a regional because we played them all. Obviously, it was a tough regional and Texas has a great program, but I am not shocked Stanford won. They have been playing very good baseball late in the conference and they have great pitch-

The staple of the Cardinal is their pitching, as Greg Reynolds (7-5, 3.36 ERA), No. 2 overall pick in this week's MLB

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## Chemistry with a

ix-foot, two double-O, Wo Series here we go.

So it doesn't have the same ring, but Cole Gillespie deserves his own anthem. I'm sure Cee-Lo fron Gnarls Barkley will let someone d "Gillespie" over that track "Crazy." I'll give up the rights to the theme sone for the "The NickelBlock" to change

to "Cole Gillespie." Damn.
Regardless, the proverbial "glue that holds the team together" seems to be pouring out of Gillespie like syrup off a pancake at Aunt Jemima's house. He might not be a chemistry major, but that could change. He has kept this team together all season long. I think he filled his PowerAde bottle with Elmer's and has been slamming a full 20 oz. between innings. A lot of people let Gillespie go unnoticed for most of the season.

Not me. I have been following his every move since February 10th.

Gillespie must be taking tips from Chris Coffin and Richard Nafshung because defying the laws of physics and chemistry are his strong points. He is only 6 feet tall and 200 pounds, bu he led the team in almost every batting statistic this season.

He has found his niche on this team and it's as the leader.

Named the Pac-10 Player of the Year Gillespie bounced back from an eart season injury. He missed three game in February with a shoulder injury, an battled back to be the best batter on the team and eventually the best hitter in the Pac-10. He hit an insane .383 for the season, to go with a slugging percent age of .706. He had 12 home runs with 53 RBIs. Even Cambria Miranda w impressed.

Gillespie has given younger players a guy to look up to and the veterans a guy to rally around as the team heads. toward Omaha. Even the pitching staff might have to take the No. 2 seat in popularity behind him.

Statistics don't lie and neither do

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## One year after leading OSU, Ellsbury makes name for himself in pros



WENDY VOLLMER / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jacoby Ellsbury, last year's Pac-10 Player of the Year, has made an impact in the minor leagues in less than a year.

■ The former OSU star transitions to pro ball a year after being drafted by the Boston Red Sox

By Casey Grogan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The front of his jersey has sported a variety of names: White Buffalo, Beaver, Spinner, Blue Rock. But the back of the jersey has remained constant because it continues to read Ellsbury.

After helping lead the Beavers to last year's College World Series, Jacoby Ellsbury is looking to become a great leader and player on the professional level. Last spring, the Boston Red Sox selected Ellsbury as the 33rd overall pick in the 2005 Major League Baseball draft. After spending the end of the season with the Short Season Class A Lowell Spinners, Ellsbury was designated to High Class A, the Wilmington Blue Rocks.

"Being a high pick with the Red Sox, there are definitely a lot more eyes on you," Ellsbury said. "The fans have a lot more expectations but I love that, you go to an away game and you have some fans cheering you on. It's fun."

But for Ellsbury, being in the limelight is nothing new.

#### Hey now, he'll be an All-Star?

Madras High School, Ellsbury turned down a contract from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in order to continue his baseball career at Oregon State. Playing in the Pac-10 put more eyes on Ellsbury, as he had an instant impact his freshman year in one of the most competitive baseball conferences in the country. After a strong outing his junior year, scouts and MLB teams were eager to snatch him up as the June draft approached.

"Going from college ball to pro ball think the biggest difference is using the wood bats with a smaller sweet spot," Ellsbury said. "Then, playing every day you're not going to go out there feeling 100 percent. It's a matter of keeping your body healthy, getting rest and just going out there and playing hard."

Playing every day has taken a small toll on Ellsbury, as he has dealt with leg injury last season as well as this season. The injuries were minor, but as one of the top prospects in the Red Sox organization it was taken with strong precautionary measures. After returning from Ft.. Myers, Fla., for rehabilitation, Ellsbury used his speed to swipe bases for the Blue Rocks.

"I stole about six bases in three games," Ellsbury said. "My speed's

back up, but anything with your legs Highly sought after his senior year at and knees can be serious, especially for someone like me where speed is such a big part of my game."

Despite injuries, though, Ellsbury's former teammates and coaches know what he is capable of.

"I think he is going to be an All-Star in the big leagues," Oregon State coach Pat Casey said. "I've talked to the scout that drafted him and they love him. I think you're looking at a future All-Star.'

Ellsbury is also getting back up from elsewhere - Baseball America lists him as the number six prospect in the Boston system. Upon being drafted, Ellsbury received constant comparisons to former Red Sox player Johnny Damon. Both center fielders are similar in size and playing style.

One of the biggest changes in Ells bury's future has been playing in front of crowds of different sizes. Single A baseball teams commonly draw fewer than 1,000 people to the ballpark Lowell averaged near 5,000 people per game and Wilmington has welcomed between 4,000 and 5,000 people per game. Boston's Fenway Park, however, holds nearly 40,000 people.

"He will be able to adapt to Boston tremendously," Casey said. "He came here from a small town and had

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## Summertime, and the livin' is easy when you listen to Matt and Nathalie's advice

By Matt Lewis and

**Nathalie Weinstein** 

The Daily Barometer

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working at the local Dairy Queen be

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1. Get the hell out of here. What's

their so-called classes?

us, too.

hat are you going to do

with yourself now that

the school year is coming

your only outlet. Weekly excursions to exotic locales such as Lebanon

and Peoria may keep you from completely giving up on life and throwing yourself into the Willamette River.

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where if you're willing to put up with meth addicts and people who smell like aged cheese. If public transportation doesn't quite do it for you either, band a group of students together and carpool.

Nothing says bonding like a 10-hour trip in a Corolla that threatens to break down at every stop light.

2. Catch up on your reading. No, this does not mean it's time to tackle "Crime and Punishment," it just means that you now have all the time in the world to read all the gossip and nudie magazines you couldn't find time for during the school year. So pull up a couch with Jessica Simpson and Jenna Jameson and treat yourself to a few hours of uninterrupted literary pursuit. Expand your minds, people.

3. Fill up the kiddie pool. Place it prominently in your front yard, put on your floaties and wait. Soon every bikini-clad hottie in the Linn-Benton County region (read: Nathalie and Matt) will be clamoring to get into your kiddie pool.

If you throw in a couple of frozen daiquiris, we may even skinny dip, and who could possibly want to pass up that? No sane person, that's for

Just remember to get the sunscreen out and apply liberally unless you want to look like a sorority girl by Labor Day. Unless that's what you're going for ... gross.

4. Get a job, you lazy bum. Though we know you would like to relax on your couch all summer watching reruns of "Roseanne," if you want to keep your modest (read: shitty) studio apartment with no air conditioning, a creepy landlord and a resident nutria, you're going to need to make a little

You don't know what a nutria is? Well let's just say it could eat your house cat alive and still be hungry for more, but we're getting off topic here.

Right now many respectable locations are hiring, including but not limited to, McDonald's, city sanitation, that old lady who lives down the street and wants you to mow her lawn in your underpants. So you either smell like grease, smell like excrement or get felt up by an old lady all summer long. Boy, your prospects are looking up.

5. Invite mom and pop to come visit you. This guarantees you at least one week of free meals, sympathy from your mom and enough ramen to last until school starts. Show them the sights of Corvallis, like ... uh ... hmm. McMenamins has a happy hour. It starts at 10 p.m. You should go there. That's where we'll be.

And if you really want to make sure that number three on our list actually happens, feel free to buy us a few drinks. Once we get a few in us, there's no telling what we'll do. We're practically party central.

So there you have it folks, a five-

point plan that is sure to guarantee a stellar summer. Now, go forth and be brilliant. The end.

> **Matt Lewis** Nathalie Weinstein diversions@dailybarometer.com



Dear Amanda

I met this guy on the Internet and we've been talking for a long time. He keeps saying we should meet in person, but I don't know how I feel about it. I've heard so many bad stories about what happens to people who do stuff like this. But on the other hand, I really like him. What would you do?

- Waiting on the Web

Dear 12-Year-Old Girl,

I cannot possibly express how creepy. I think meeting people on the Internet is. I am uncomfortable making eye contact with people on the bus, so why on earth would I divulge my innermost secrets to some similarly insomniac freak on the other side

Most people have enough trouble trying to figure out the people that they see every day. That's with the luxury of vocal tone, nonverbal signals and some sort of physical context. On the Internet, all you have is abbreviations and emoticons. Forgive me if I fail to see the point. (jk!)

But perhaps I am being a trifle too judgmental. Maybe he isn't a methed-out, middle-aged, wife-beater-wearing, mullet-sporting yokel from Iowa. Maybe he really is a HrtThrb22 with a penchant for poor verse and a slightly disarming knowledge of "X-Files" trivia. Maybe you really are meant to be and you can get married in your matching velour tracksuits with "Hawt" and "Sk8er" embroidered across the back. You classy minxes you.

Heck, you've already sent him a lot of your personal information, haven't you? Will you never learn? He's probably already on his way here, armed with the sacrificial goat and ritualistic candles. Did he forward you the specifications for the altar? Why do you even bother writing to me? If he can mapquest you, he

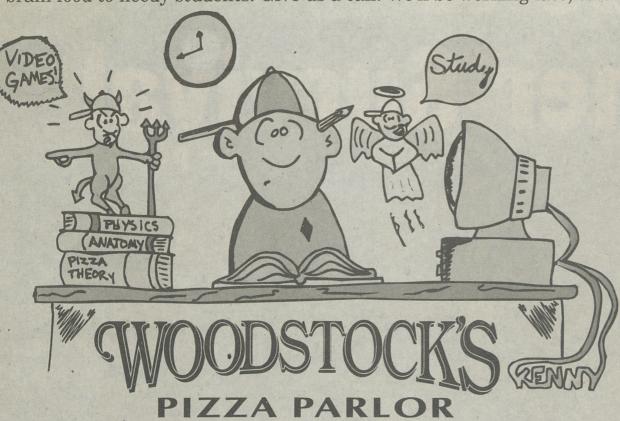
I used to have a friend that met somebody off the Internet. He used to send her packages of clove cigarettes and packets of mayonnaise. She would send back to him the cigarettes, smoked halfway to the filters and awkwardly executed Polaroid photos. She also threw a wobbly at school and took off screaming through the back woods. People who meet other people on the Internet are crazy. The combination of their crazies colliding rips holes in the fabric of the time/space continuum.

So what would I do? Not go meeting freaky strangers on the Internet in the first place. I am perfectly content with the friends I have here. I like the fact that I can physically see them. That way if they start getting the crazy eye, I can drop them like a hot

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## HOTandNOT A college student's guide to trends

By Matt Lewis

The Daily Barome

**Hot:** Britney Spears — There are rumors spreading around that Britney has finally gotten a clue and decided to divorce that white trash god, K-Fed. And nothing could possibly make her more hot than putting herself back on the market. Now, if she'd only have a comeback ... that'd be sweet.

Not: Issues that Won't Die — Remember that one time Janet Jackson exposed her breast at the Super Bowl? Yeah, neither did I. But apparently the FCC is still pushing for a tougher fine. My suggestion, if you're going to punish Janet, you should fine Lindsay Lohan, too. You can just make the check out to me as I have suffered irreversible damage due to constant exposure to her areola.

Hot: iPods — I was on iTunes last night and they have practically anything you could ever want on there, including episodes of The Discovery Channel's "Extreme Engineering." Truly this is heaven. On the other hand, it also has Paris Hilton's new music video, which leads me to my next point.

**Not:** Paris Hilton — Weeks earlier I praised Ms. Hilton for taking pity on humanity and delaying the release of her album. Now I find out that little trollop went behind my back and did it anyway. You, Paris, are not hot. I've got my eyes on you. Watch your back.

Hot: Internet Videos — As if I needed another reason to not do my homework, I recently discovered the plethora of amateur videos on Web sites like YouTube and ebaumsworld. People in the library may think I'm weird, but they should watch these videos and then tell me I shouldn't have laughed. Besides, my mom says I'm cool, and that's what I'm sticking with.

Not: MTV's Next — The most awful date show ever conceived by man, this "reality" program features the likes of women who like to wet themselves in order to get out of dates and men who think it's OK to have a soul patch, like forum section editor Jeremy Da Rosa. Just for the record, that is not OK.

**Hot:** Making Money off Children — Apparently Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt sold pictures of their baby for over \$4 million. If I could make that much money off a baby before even having it a week, I'd have a family of 10 by now. Let's get crackin'.

Not: Blogs — What will all you people do without my witty ramblings for the next three months? Fear not, though, I'm looking into options that will keep us forever connected, faithful reader. The Daily Barometer has unwittingly given me an online entertainment blog ... what were they thinking?

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## Remake of 'The Omen' just as scary as original

By Josh Williams

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A remake can be faithful to the original movie or it can attempt to be original. Either way it's screwed. Somebody is going to complain, but in the end, the movie has to have a life of its own. "The Omen" finds a way to keep the old storyline intact and left room for more original ideas.

"The Da Vinci Code" has had its controversial role taken away from it. In "The Omen," the story follows prophecies of the end of the world and the rise of Damien (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick), the son of the devil. Images of the Twin Towers, the tsunami, and the Columbia crash are used as fulfillment of the prophecies spoken about in Revelations. This new twist to the movie keeps the cinema tense from the get-go. From here, the parents who "adopted" Damien must deal with and try to survive the evil incarnate.

The parents, Robert and Katherine Thorn (Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles) are a well-to-do couple. Robert is an American ambassador and after the first incident that Damien causes, he meets a tabloid photographer Keith (David Thewlis) and together they attempt to solve the mystery behind the birth of Damien. This is where the movie becomes more like an average scary movie. There always seems to be a need to have a main character search for the history to uncover the truth. Coincidentally, he can only do this on rainy or dark nights with a consistent fog. I didn't know Europe was so depressing.

Liev Schreiber has a knack for being the almost good guy.



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A seemingly innocent trip to the zoo leads to panic and terror for Katherine Thorn (Julia Stiles), who is unaware that the melee has been triggered by her son Damien (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick).

Best recently known for his role in the remake "Manchu-

role in the remake "rian Candidate," Liev plays nearly the same character with the same emotions. I don't know if it is a personal problem, but he doesn't come off as believable as he should be in his roles.

Julia Stiles is out of her normal role of "I am woman, hear me roar." Not being typecast for a role must have been wonderful for her ego. At age 25, playing the college student role isn't going to be a choice anymore. She actually wasn't the first choice to play the part; in fact, she was

the fifth to be considered. Mia Farrow, who plays Damien's nanny Mrs. Baylock, recommended her. Mia's character seems to be under the control of Damien or is a demon

herself.

The Omen

Starring: Liev Schreiber, Julia

Plot: A remake of the 1976

horror film about the antichrist

parents after the unfortunate

death of their own child

as a child given to unsuspecting

Stiles, Carlo Sabatini

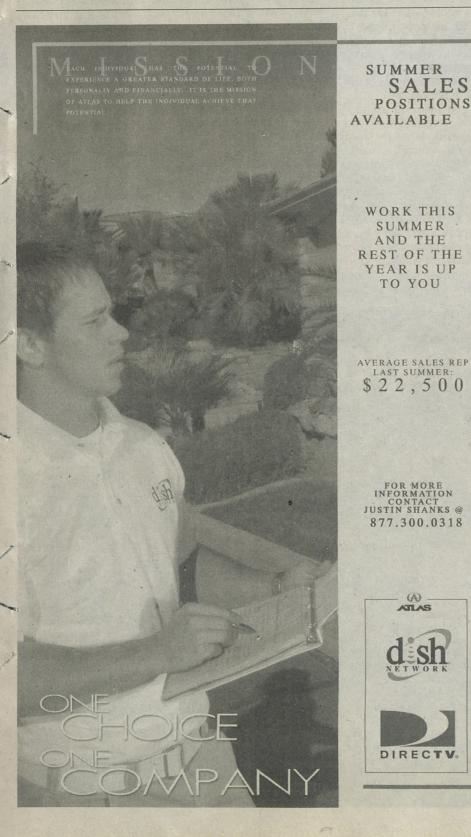
Every scary movie needs to have its strange deaths. With the idea of God vs. Devil being played out through the movie, abnormal deaths are called for. With the ingenious "Final Destination" scene, each death is more ridiculous than the next. If anyone was a fan of the original movie, don't worry; decapitation was not left out of this one.

The Omen offers some quicker scares that are sure to entice the scary movie fan and actually has a plot that makes more sense than it should. Scary movies these days can't seem to keep away from plot holes or cheesy endings. This remake had neither and is set up possibly for a remake of "The Omen 2." This could be a start of a pretty scary relationship.

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Riverview Mongolian Grill, located at 230 N.W. First Street, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Sundays to Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

## Good eats, for a price, at Riverview Mongolian Grill

**By Matt Lewis** 

The Daily Barometer

Ever get tired of crappy fast food or any kind of the assorted boxed pastas that find their ways into college student shelves?

Well, there is a tasty alternative right here in town. Riverview Mongolian Grill is like the mom-and-pop equivalent to the super Mongolian chain, Chang's. It's located right by the waterfront next to Big River restaurant and Bar on N.W. First Street.

As soon as you walk in, you're greeted by a smiling server who will take you to your seat, but unless you've ever been to a Mongolian grill before, be prepared to face a little confusion. Bowls are placed on your table to take to the food bar and pick out exactly what you want.

Sometimes the server just forgets to explain that part to us newbies.

You can choose to sit in the restaurant or out in a covered patio area, which is perfect for those summer afternoon lunches with your friends. Meals are offered at a oneprice, all-you-can-eat style, but don't ever think you get to take any home. That's one thing the management gets across right away with a big, bold statement on the front of their menu.

Once at the food bar, heap as much food as you can possibly fit into your bowl then coat it in a plethora of different sauces and spices. A guide for mixing certain sauces is thoughtfully placed right above the mixing

I thought I had a lot of food in my bowl until the three girls who came up in line after me put me to shame by building what could be termed a "Mongolian mountain"

out of their bowl.

I swear, it came to a peak, and someone was trying to scale its side.

Watch as the chefs prepare your dinner. I always find this part the most fascinating, and I'm not quite sure why. Maybe it's because I still like to play with my food. But

When you return to the table, a bowl of steamed rice will be waiting for you, along with the crepes I've termed Mongolian burritos. It's an all-around tasty experience.

After you've finished your plate, you can either get another bowl and repeat the entire process or you can order dessert.

Seeing as how the Barometer was paying my way, we spared no expense and ordered the apple cobbler with homemade ice cream. It was delicious.

The dinner was topped off with a dinner mint, which was a godsend, because after all the different sauces and bad-breath-causing vegetables that I put on my food, even I was scared of my mouth.

The only drawback to this wonderful dining experience is the price. You might be able to come here with your parents, but at \$10.75 for lunch and \$11.95 for dinner, this could put a huge strain on any college student's wallet after just a little time.

Overall, the food was excellent, the service was friendly and the locale was amazing. The only reason I won't be going back until my next paycheck is that I still have to pay my rent, and I couldn't do that if I let myself become addicted to Riverview Mongolian Grill.

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By Alicia De Costa The Daily Barometer

**Mmmarried** 

Where's the love? Looks like the youngest member of Hanson has found it. Zac Hanson, and Kate Tucker, his longtime girlfriend, tied the knot in Atlanta over the weekend. Hanson, 20, and Tucker, 22, have been together for more than five years. Young Zac seems to be following in his older brother's footsteps. Heartthrob Taylor got married at the age of 19. He and wife Natalie have a son, Jordan Ezra, 3, and a daughter, Penelope Anne, 1. Isaac seems to be single; any takers?

**Daughtry Denies Fuel Offer** American Idol favorite Chris Daughtry has declined an offer to become the lead singer for the rock band Fuel. The band contacted Daughtry a few hours after he got voted off American Idol and offered him the gig. But this 26-year-old North Carolina rocker has other plans. "I'm going to be doing my own thing," he said. Daughtry said he expects to announce his next career move after the highly anticipated American Idol concert tour ends in the fall.

Katharine McPhee Inks Record Deal First is the worst, second is the best, may ring true for Katharine McPhee. The for-

mer Idol runner-up has signed a deal with record mogul Clive Davis. The 22-year-old's deal is in conjunction with 19 Recordings Unlimited, the label managed by "Idol" creator Simon Fuller. McPhee's versions of "Over the Rainbow" and "My Destiny" will be included on the CD, released in stores on June 27. Winner Taylor Hicks signed a similar deal last week. His single, "Do I Make You Proud," hits stores June 13 and is already number 10 on Amazon.com's top sellers list.

Pee-Wee Returns to TV

"Pee-Wee's Playhouse," which aired from 1986-1991, is returning to the tube, but not on Saturday mornings; Pee-Wee is scheduled to take over late night. The Cartoon Network's affiliate Adult Swim has purchased the entire run of the show, which includes 45 episodes. Beginning July 10, Pee-Wee, Chairy, Cowboy Curtis, and Captain Carl will be invading your TVs at 11 p.m.

Alanis Morissette & Ryan Reynolds Split

Engaged Canadian singer Alanis Morissette and actor Ryan Reynolds have allegedly called it quits. The two originally met at Drew Barrymore's birthday party in 2002, when they began dating for two years before becoming engaged in 2004. Morissette credited the success of their relationship in part to the fact that they're both Canadian. "We already started off with the shorthand, so I think it's a really great base. I attempted dating many American men. I tried!" Ironic, don'tcha think?

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## Keep'Attic' in the lock box

By Thomas De Vicq

The Daily Barometer

Alien Ant Farm's upcoming CD/DVD combo "Up in the Attic" — a punchy-crunch that addicts, or a series of monotonous power-chords and lame lyrics highlighted by an instance of cow-bell?

Allow me to elaborate beginning with the lyrics:

"My momma told me that there would be days like this," indeed, days ruined by crappy music.

May I present another example:

"If you were in my shoes, what would you do?"

If you insist on asking, I would record every track backwards, label it "Down in the Basement" — making it desirable to freshmen in high school, and in effect sell more records while minimizing efforts.

As for the musicianship it supersedes that of a learning guitar student, but that is

When listening, don't be surprised if you think your instrumentation mixes that

ability from song to song is captured either by a four second intro or... no — that is about it.

If you really want to capture the essence of the CD, I suggest listening to "Around the Block" for its incorporation of cow-bell, and "Bad Morning" for the ripoff of (I can't believe I am using it in the same article) Pink Floyd's

Surely there is at least one good song on the CD, right? Out of sympathy, yeah there is one mediocre song.

The ballad-esque "She's Only Evil," despite its horribly over sung lyrics and music, does offer something kind of original.

About mid-way through some acoustic strumming, is a Stone Temple Pilots sort of rendition. Lead singer Dryden Mitchell explains how he "stepped on a bee-hive" while following some girl through who knows where.

There is some interesting

player is skipping ... the vari- lead to a climatic meltdown, but of what is uncertain.

The DVD that comes with the CD features a few videos and some live concerts and yahoo'ing from the road. But be forewarned.

Skipping through the chapters you will see various images of penises that dance around, penises that pee on cars and penises that just seem to just hang out. Coming at no surprise the is also the glamorizatio marijuana.

In effect, the DVD offers nothing better than the CD, they are both more useful as a drink coaster.

If you get this record from your delusional grandma, I suggest leaving it in the attic after you hear the only worthy part, the cow-bell.

My grade: D- and only because I have never expected cow-bell from AAF, and the fact that you can now play disc golf with a friend.

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**By Ashlee Claire** 

The Ditty Bops Grade: A



lyrics are equally eclectic, often with an overarching message awareness. Moon Over the Freeway finds the Ditty Bops expanding on the sound and success of their debut. Amanda BarBy Katie Holloway

Comanechi

Grade: A-

\* The five song EP released by Comanechi is by far one of the most energetic albums Pet, Comanechi's singer (who also doubles as the band's drummer) provides a nice contrast to the band's fast-paced punk



itself is unrefined. For a punk band, this is a very good thing. In Comanechi's case it's the crucial compo-The only downfall of the EP is the nature

By Jack Link

**Head Automatica** Popaganda Warner Bros Grade: D

As a fan of Glassjaw, Daryl's once-experimental metal band, it was hard for me to make the transition



into his new pop punk project. How-ever, his first LP with Head Automatica was surprisingly good, going from a metal shredder to, in my opinion, having the

thought possible by naming the first single Graduation Day which conveniently hit airwaves early June. I hope the title of this album is Daryl's way of satiric genius and he's laughing at himself. I'm letting the frat boys have this one!

#### **Concert Calendar** Corvallis

Friday, June 9 The Brites

Second St. Beanery, 8 p.m., free

Stairway Denied The Peacock, 9 p.m., \$5

Amadan Platinum, 9:30 p.m., \$5

Camp 3 and Colin Spring Bombs Away Café, 9:30 p.m., \$5

Saturday, June 10 The Young Immortals The Peacock, 9:30 p.m., \$3

Bombs Away Café, 9 p.m., \$5

Wednesday, June 14 Dan Begar Bombs Away Café, 7:30 p.m., free

Thursday, June 15 John Bliss Xtet Bombs Away Café, 7:30 p.m., free