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Potential \$12 million loss for OSU students

■ Possible loss of \$12 million at OSU threatens students' accessibility to classes

By Candice Ruud
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon Legislature-proposed budget withholding for the Oregon University System may affect OSU to the tune of \$12 million.

This loss of funds stems from a decrease in revenue for the state of Oregon and means that state legislators will potentially withhold \$126 million meant for Oregon universities.

The withholding of funds will not directly affect employee salaries, as faculty has already been promised an income increase of 4 percent in 2008 and 6 to 9 percent in 2009, according to an OSU document titled "Potential Impacts of Loss of 2007-2009 Salary Pool Funding."

Instead, the loss of funds will go directly to program cuts on campus, increases in tuition and the reduction of as many as 180 class sections available.

This potential loss could mean that it will take students longer to graduate. It will be increasingly difficult to get into certain classes with the number of class sections being drastically cut.

Student retention will also continue to fight an uphill battle. Student retention — which refers to the number of students who return to OSU between their freshman and sophomore years as opposed to dropping out — is a serious issue on campus that OSU has been striving to improve with its

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Saturday 5K slated to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis

■ Those wanting to participate can register online by visiting www.walkMS.oregon.com

By Regi Seitz
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Rain or shine, the Oregon chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk will occur this Saturday, April 19.

"More than 4,500 walkers, volunteer and even furry friends are expected to join the movement of Walk MS," said Virginia Silvey, Oregon's MS chapter president.

Approximately 400,000 people are affected by MS in the United States alone, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis society.

This Saturday's fully accessible 5K will start at the MU Quad at 10 a.m. Registration and check-in begins at 9 a.m. or volunteers can join the movement and pre-register online at www.walkMS.oregon.com.

There is no registration fee, but participants are encouraged to raise \$25 each. Walkers can earn prizes for exceptional fundraising.

Participants can also form a team of four or more people.

"Last year we had a huge team and we turned it into a fun group project. See **MS** | page 3

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One-act student directors search for talent

■ Auditions continue in Withycombe Lab Theatre for student-directed, one act plays

By Melissa Peterson
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OSU's One Act Play Festival will be performed June 5-8 on the Main Stage of the University Theatre in Withycombe Hall.

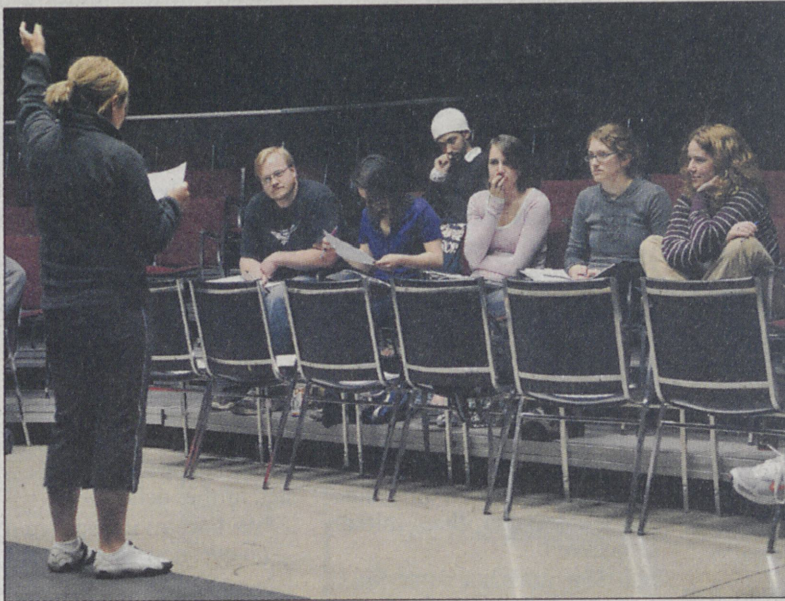
A lot of time and work go into directing a one act play, but the rewards are great.

Auditions for the one acts were held yesterday and will continue today at 7 p.m. in the Lab Theatre in Withycombe Hall.

There are five one act plays directed by five student directors. Parts are available for twelve men and five women in all age ranges. Everyone is welcome to audition.

Nicholas Sheler, a pre-communication major, is directing "Practical Magic" by Shannon Keith Kelley. It is a story about two couples discovering the joys and apprehensions of bringing children into the

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Tory Mobley, a freshman in psychology, auditions for the student directors of the OSU Theatre One Act Play Festival Monday night in Withycombe Hall. The directors are, from right, Katherine Krissie, Aislyn Marshall, Arianne Jacques, Arin Dooley and Nicholas Sheler.

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600 earthquakes in 10 days



■ Scientists at Hatfield Marine Science Center left unsure of cause for more than 600 earthquakes off Oregon Coast

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Scientists at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center have recorded an unusual swarm of earthquakes off the central Oregon coast.

Through the use of hydrophone equipment — called the Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) — the HMSC has recorded more than 600 earthquakes registering as high as 5.4 on the Richter scale.

"I think they're of interest but don't pose any danger," said Robert S. Yeats, emeritus professor of geosciences and consulting geologist.

The earthquakes are located approximately 150 nautical miles southwest of Newport, Ore., according to the HMSC's recordings. Nautical miles are a unit specific to sailors, ships or navigation, and are slightly longer than statute miles on land.

At least three of these earthquakes have registered above a 5.0, the largest of which taking place on Monday, April 7. Numerous small earthquakes have also been recorded between the periodic larger ones.

"In the 17 years we've been monitoring the ocean through hydrophone recordings, we've never seen a swarm of earthquakes in an area such as this," said OSU marine geologist Bob Dziak in an OSU press release.

This swarm is considered unusual for Oregon earthquake activity because it is occurring in the middle of the Juan de Fuca plate as opposed to occurring on the regional tectonic boundaries.

"The earthquakes are most likely to occur on the fracture zone but they are occurring north of the Blanco Fracture Zone," Yeats said.

"[Bob Dziak] doesn't know why and neither do I," he said.

Hatfield Marine Science Center is hoping to collect water samples in the near future that may indicate whether the process causing the earthquakes is tectonic (pertaining to the structure of the earth's crust) or hydrothermal (pertaining to the action of hot, aqueous solutions or gases within the surface of the earth).

"We're not certain what it means, but we hope to have a ship divert to the site and take some water samples that may help us learn more," Dziak said.

This type of earthquake activity is common before a volcanic eruption.

"It might be due to the fact that the crust is hot

there," Yeats said.

The network of hydrophones is located on the ocean floor and is used to monitor earthquake activity. SOSUS was set into place during the Cold War to monitor Russian submarine activity.

"[The hydrophones] record all kinds of things like a ship going overhead," Yeats said. "They are a lot more sensitive than the seismographs."

A seismograph is an instrument for automatically detecting and measuring earthquakes and other ground vibrations, according to Webster's Dictionary.

"This is the eighth such swarm over the past dozen years and the first seven were likely because of volcanic activity on the Juan de Fuca ridge," Dziak said in a press release.

The last time an event like this occurred was in 2005 when thousands of small quakes were recorded within a number of weeks. These recordings were also particular to the Juan de Fuca Ridge, but they were smaller and located along the tectonic plate boundary.

"It's kind of a reminder that we live in earthquake country," Yeats said.

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Death for those who rape children? A Louisiana law faces a challenge in the US Supreme Court

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SLIDELL, La. — When the news broke last month that a janitor had been arrested and accused of raping boys in the bathroom at an elementary school, the issue of justice and retribution became the talk around dinner tables and baseball fields.

Castrate him, some said. No, let the other inmates deal with him. No, execute him.

Castration and jailhouse vigilantism are out of the question, but putting a child rapist to death is within the bounds of Louisiana law.

For how much longer?

That's a question the U.S. Supreme Court takes up Wednesday when it hears arguments on whether a state can impose the death penalty for the rape of a child, or whether that would amount to cruel and unusual punishment in viola-

tion of the Constitution.

Supporters of Louisiana's law argue that child rape is so evil and so utterly traumatizing that justice cries out for death. But others warn that the law will further traumatize youngsters and make rapists more likely to kill their victims.

In 1977, the Supreme Court said states cannot execute anyone for the rape of an adult. But the high court did not address the rape of a child.

The last time someone in the U.S. was executed for something other than murder was in 1964, when a man went to the electric chair in Alabama for robbery. That same year, a man in Missouri went to the gas chamber in what was the last time someone in this country was put to death for rape.

Louisiana is the only state with someone on death row for rape of an adult or child. In fact, it has two people awaiting

execution for child rape. At least five other states — Georgia, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas — have similar laws.

"These are the only two men on any death row in any Western democracy for this offense," said Billy Sothorn, a lawyer with the Capital Appeals Project, a nonprofit law firm that represents the Louisiana man at the center of the Supreme Court case, Patrick Kennedy.

Kennedy, a 43-year-old man with an IQ of 70, was convicted and sentenced to death for raping his 8-year-old stepdaughter in 1998 in Harvey, a New Orleans suburb.

The Louisiana law — which applies to anyone found guilty of aggravated rape of a child 12 or younger — breezed through the state Legislature in 1995; members got sidetracked only over whether to castrate child

rapists.

"That's one of my proudest pieces of legislation," said former state Rep. Pete Schneider, a Slidell brick manufacturer and Republican.

The other man on death row in Louisiana for child rape is Richard Davis, convicted of repeatedly attacking a 5-year-old girl he looked after with his girlfriend in 2004 and 2005. The man who prosecuted him, Brady O'Callaghan, said child rape deserves the death penalty.

"It is so evil. There is no justification for it," he said. "This isn't a heat-of-passion killing. It's not about money."

Opponents, including the National Association of Social Workers and the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, warn that the prospect of the death penalty could give child rapists a powerful incentive to kill their victims.

AUDITIONS: Student-directed One Act Play festival will give rise to classic plays in June

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world and raising them.

"After seeing this production, I hope the audience takes away a better sense of how precious life and health are, especially when it relates to children," Sheler said.

"War" by Bill Bozzone is being directed by Aislyn Marshall, a sophomore majoring in speech communication. The production looks at how war can pull members of a family towards conflicting futures.

Ariane Jacques, a junior majoring in theatre arts, is directing Joe Feinstein's "The

Couldabeen Hamlet," which is about a poor opening night of Hamlet becoming the topic of Will (Shakespeare) and three of his actors as they down a pint (or two... or three).

"The Boy in the Basement" by William Inge is about a middle-aged man living a seemingly monotonous life that has his secrets revealed through an unfortunate turn of events. Katherine Krissie, a junior majoring in speech communication, will be directing the production.

"I want students to know

that my production is going to be unlike anything they've ever seen," Krissie said.

Arin Dooley, a senior majoring in theater arts, is directing "The Boor" by Anton Checkov.

The play is about Simormov, a creditor of the late Mr. Popov, who refuses to leave Mrs. Popov alone until she has paid her debt. Will there be a duel to the death, or perhaps a love interest?

Each director has put a lot of time into selecting a play that interests them and will reach the audience.

"I wanted to balance the kinds of plays that would be performed in June; variety is always good," Marshall said.

After selecting their play,

directors become familiar with it by constantly reading their one act and researching excerpts that might require an explanation to the actors for further understanding of what they are performing.

"I have already done research to make sure I can explain all of the Hamlet jokes in my script," Jacques said.

With all of the research and rehearsing that will be going into the One Act Play Festival, it should be a great production to go see.

"The one acts will be a great study break before finals," Marshall said.

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LOSS: Legislators will be on hand today to hear comments

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new planned Student Success Center.

Tuition, which only increases in accordance with median family income and therefore stays on a fairly even keel with the economy, would have to be increased to make up for the loss of money.

The promised increase in salary from 2007 to 2009 was made with the assumption that the \$126 million in salary money would be released, but now it may not be.

"The salary pool money is crucial for OSU students because if the funds are not released by the legislature, OSU will have to cut programs to the tune of \$12 million over the next year," said Jock Mills, director of OSU Government Relations.

"This is not an issue about reducing salaries or taking back moderate raises — those decisions were based on the understanding that \$126 million would

be made available this biennium for state employee salary increases."

Most students are unaware of the possible increase in tuition if OSU loses \$12 million in government funding, but when informed about the issue, many became both shocked and concerned.

"I wasn't even aware of that," said Casey Masterson, a freshman in exploratory studies. "I think if more students knew it was going on they would care to voice their opinion. Most students are scrounging for pennies anyway, but increased tuition would be awful. I would definitely be interested in going."

Today, a number of young legislators will be on OSU's campus hearing concerns and comments from constituents — the students and citizens of Oregon. In order to prevent the state legislature's withholding of funds, OSU students are urged to show up and voice their concerns to their legislators tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the MU Lounge.

Students and faculty who attend may be able to entice legislators to tap into

the rainy day fund, which was created for emergencies like this when revenues fall and budgets become more restrictive.

"Legislators have alternative sources of funding they can use to enable OSU to continue to meet the goals established for us less than a year ago during the 2007 legislative session," Mills said.

Lawmakers established a rainy day fund and an education stability fund specifically designed to prevent budget reductions during economic down turns.

"It certainly will look like it's raining to students at OSU if the legislature withholds these funds," Mills said.

"Last month Oregon was identified as one of only five states in the country that spends more on prisons than it does on higher education," Mills said. "By withholding these funds, the legislature will further exacerbate this glaring discrepancy."

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Forecasters say big quake likely to hit California in next 30 years

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LOS ANGELES — California faces an almost certain risk of being rocked by a strong earthquake by 2037, scientists said Monday in the first statewide temblor forecast.

New calculations reveal there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will strike in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

"It basically guarantees it's going to happen," said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of

the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 72 people, injured more than 9,000 and caused \$25 billion in damage in the metropolitan area.

The damage created by an earthquake depends greatly on where it hits. A 7.1 quake — much stronger than Northridge — hit the Mojave Desert in 1999 but caused only a few injuries and no deaths.

California is one of the world's most seismically active regions. More than 300 faults crisscross the state, which sits atop two of Earth's major tectonic plates.

MS: Research shows that Multiple Sclerosis affects twice as many women as men

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ect," said Joseph Krane, a junior in English.

MS is a degenerative disease that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body. This can cause numbness, blindness and even paralysis.

The cause of MS remains elusive but results when the body's own immune system attacks the nervous system.

MS is typically diagnosed between the ages of 20 to 50 and affects twice as many women as men, according to research done by the North Central Neurology Association.

The National MS Society helps people address the challenges of living with MS through programs that enhance more than one million lives.

The Oregon chapter helps more than 7,000 people and their families in Oregon and Clark County, Wash.

Although it's not known why MS affects people differently, it is a struggle for everyone. It can also be hard on families and friends.

Sophie Relm lives in Corvallis and is an annual MS walker for her aunt who is an MS survivor.

"I walk to help her, and anyone else with MS, to find a cure," Relm said.

So far this year, Oregon Walk MS has raised \$242,858.33 toward their goal of \$750,000.

MS walks across the United States will be walking toward one destination — to make a difference for those hurt by MS.

MS keeps people from moving, and the National MS Society is determined to change that.

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To apply, applicant must: (1) complete an application form obtained from the Student Media Office, MU East, room 118, (2) submit a transcript, (3) submit a letter of application, and (4) submit a resume. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 18 at 5 p.m. Positions open until filled.

Applicants will be interviewed by the University Student Media Committee during the week of April 21. Candidates will be notified of interview date and time.



The OSU Socratic Club presents a debate that is free and open to the public

Is the Bible's Morality Out of Date?

Is the Bible an authoritative moral guide that is based on the immutable teaching of God, or is it a set of guidelines that can be adapted to new and developing understandings of moral issues? Does a universal morality even exist or should we assume that all moral codes (including our own) are culturally determined and limited by time and place? Our speakers will explore this issue and offer divergent views.

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LaSells Stewart Center, OSU Campus



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Gary Ferngren is Professor of History at Oregon State University, where he has taught since 1970. He is the author or editor of several scholarly books, including *Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction*, *The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition: An Encyclopedia*, and (forthcoming) *Medicine and Health Care in Early Christianity*. Active in several national and international organizations, he has been a Vice President of the International Society of the History of Medicine, of which he currently serves as Associate General Secretary.

Editorial

A discussion of race?

Personal stories help connect the world around us with the world within our hearts. In classes we are encouraged to draw societal and personal connections to the world around us.

Today, a member of the Barometer advertisement staff had a story to tell. Her little brother, who she was watching the news with over the weekend, had something to say about the elections.

She asked him, "Who do you want to win?"

He answered, "Well, it's always been a man. I want a man to win the election."

It's always been a white man too. That doesn't mean that things can't change.

As the editorial board's discussion of gender made clear yesterday, we by no means intend to support one candidate or another. Our editorial board is too evenly split among candidates and parties to draw unified support behind just one candidate.

But, as we made clear yesterday, the language and news coverage surrounding the presidential election has been surprising in many ways.

Race has been a sensitive topic on our campus and rightly so.

There is a reason that a black man has never been the president of the United States. It comes from systems of institutionalized racism that have not and will not easily go away.

Presidential candidate Barack Obama has been receiving press simply because he is one of the first black men to garner serious consideration for president. Obama has received more press coverage for that very fact than he has on his campaign platform.

It's not about the color of skin, it's not about the religion the candidate happens to be and it's not about the gender that a particular candidate identifies with.

A recent report released in USA Today has said that 10 percent of Americans currently believe that Obama is Muslim — his middle name is Hussein and some have made an abstract connection.

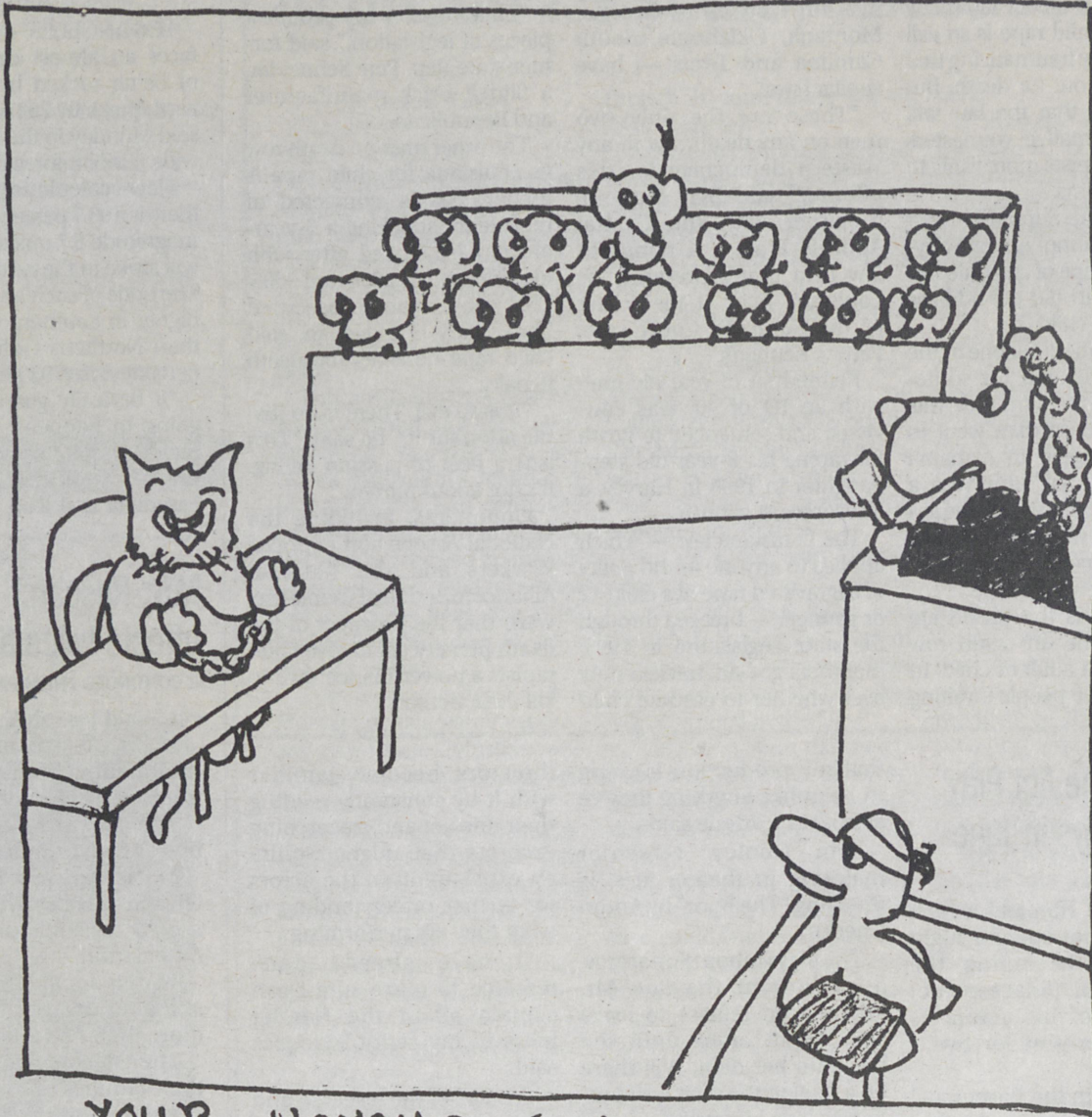
But what does it matter?

It's about capability. The election season is about testing candidates for their fitness to be president, not testing their skin color against the historical scale of pasty-white.

The staff of the Barometer has certainly learned that there is strength in diversity of background and opinion.

Diversity is held in different ways in each and every one of us, and we ask that presidential candidates embrace that — and that fellow media entities discuss diversity in terms of the change it can bring and the good it can do.

As the little brother does, our country has something to learn about change.



YOUR HONOUR, CAN WE JUST CALL A VERDICT NOW? I'M MISSING SPORTSCENTER

Working to create social change

Last Friday, a letter to the editor from Brett Nunley was printed in opposition to what I said about sexual terrorism and sexual assault in my last column. I felt it necessary to respond to his claims.

There is a common misconception that rape is just committed by a few "bad people."

As much as I would love to believe this, it would mean a few "bad people" are working some serious overtime to reach the one in four women on college campuses and one in six women nationally who are raped. There is a reason why Susan Griffin called rape the "All-American crime."

Griffin didn't call it this because it only happens in America, but because rapes are committed by what society would consider "normal men" who may not be the type to commit any other kind of crime. They aren't the kind of men one could pick as being a "rapist." Rape has become so normalized in our culture that men don't have to be sociopaths to commit rape.

Society has a narrow-minded myth that stranger rape is the only form that persists in this culture, and that rape can only exist when it takes something away — like one's virginity. Our society also focuses on victim-blaming and promoting adherence to rules like not going out at night, watching drinks and other forms of sexual terrorism.

If these rules are broken, questions



Sara Gwin

The Way I See It

often arise like: why she would wear a short skirt, drink too much, walk home alone, go on a date away from the safety of others — as if men are incapable of controlling their sexual urges.

The myth of the dark man jumping out of the bushes to rape a virgin is still persistent. In order to gain a better understanding of the character of a rapist, Steve Thompson of Central Michigan University conducted research by talking to rape survivors.

Based on what he learned, he put together "The Nice Guy," a profile to point a more realistic understanding of what a rapist is, which shows how "normal" a typical rapist can be, albeit affected by the pressures of hegemonic masculinity.

Nunley claims that sexual terrorism is just "meaningless feminist terminology."

Sexual terrorism is a real phenomenon experienced by women across the world in a variety of ways — all to protect themselves from men. Sexual terrorism can be hard to define because it is something we have learned from a very young age and has become such a normal part

of our daily lives.

Even outside of feminist communities, one could ask women about precautions they use to keep themselves safe around men alone.

Women are taught to live in a state of fear whereas men can be unobservant of this phenomenon. Male allies can help by taking part in events like Take Back the Night to increase their awareness. Ryan Mann of ASOSU was quoted last week in The Daily Barometer saying, "if I am walking at night, girls see me differently, just because I am a man. I want to break that trend."

The notion that "common sense, not 'sexual terrorism,' is the catalyst for people carrying pepper spray, watching alcohol consumption or walking with a buddy to your car at night," as Nunley put it, does not accurately convey the feelings of many women.

Common sense would be watching alcohol consumption to reduce the chance of a hangover, not to reduce the chance of rape.

I have heard stories of women entering their car through the passenger side door to not walk by the dark van on the other side.

Should women really have to take these kinds of precautions as "common sense?"

If "common sense" is really all it is, what does that say about nature of men if it is just common knowledge? See GWIN | page 5



Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

World Wide Responsibility

In this day and age of the World Wide Web, instant celebrity status and continual recording of everything from blogs, photos, video, press releases, letters to the editor, etc., the day of anonymity is behind us.

As columnists, we are given great latitude to write our opinions on virtually any topic we desire. However, with great latitude also comes great responsibility. Yes, we do have the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech, but we also have to deal with the fallout of what we write.

Personally this can be challenging because once my column is written, I proof it or read it to other friends to get their opinion before I submit it for consideration by the Barometer.

Once submitted, it is out of my hands. The title may change, the wording may change, whatever the editors want to do is now up to them.

Finally, the work submitted is printed and captured on the Internet for the perusal of all. That's where things get interesting as you never know who is looking at your writing or what they will do with it after they read it.

Future employers often look at the Internet as a way of finding out more about a potential employee. Are you prepared to deal with the possible fallout of posing a controversial topic and position on the Internet for all to see? Believe me, I know what this feels like!

If you write against those who seek safety for women in our communities, such as a recent author who wrote a letter to the editor of The Daily Barometer did, are you really thinking about how such a position will be easily accessible to the rest of the world?

As well as to future employers? To any women (or men) who may be romantically interested in you but want to see what is on the Internet about you first?

But what about those who seek fame on the Internet? What about the recent beating of a high school student by her supposed former friends? Their goal was fame and they achieved it. Their actions have shocked our nation. Their actions have been viewed all over the world. We know their names. We know their faces and have seen them at their worst.

When you write a letter to the editor or when you write a column for The Liberty (an alternative, independent paper that is available on campus), you also are making your name known for what you are writing.

Many times, The Liberty vilifies students at OSU without any effort at contacting them for an interview to find out what their positions are. Some of the writers at The Liberty don't utilize that complex tool on the

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Letters to the Editor

Response to Boydston

Great commentary, understanding

Your column in today's Barometer on the Obama flap is the BEST commentary I have seen or heard on this issue since it emerged in the media stream a few days ago. Taking his (or anyone's) comments in context is paramount to understanding the position taken. Equally important to my way of thinking is telling the truth even if it is NOT popular and even if others choose to use it as a hammer to denigrate the individual. I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Obama and his willingness to speak his mind honestly in a forthright manner. I have that same respect for your comments today. Thank you.

CLIFF MICHEL
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Response to Boydston

Falling into similar assumptions

I appreciated Boydston's column addressing Obama's recent comments at a San Francisco fundraiser. Despite an attempt to critically analyze Obama's remarks, Boydston seems to fall into some of the same elitist assumptions that Obama has been criticized for. Namely, failing to recognize that there's nothing wrong with Americans making religion the foundation of their lives or wanting to exercise their right to bear

arms. The implication of both Boydston's and Obama's comments are that such desires represent a failure of American government, that Americans should feel attachment first and foremost to that government rather than "clinging" to other institutions or values.

Valuing personal liberties and finding a moral grounding in faith rather than government institutions are healthy things that should be praised, not derided as the symptoms of a failure of politics. If Obama thinks that such beliefs are ill signs for the country, then he is truly out of touch with a very large portion of the populace.

PAUL WILKINS
Student

Response to Fitzpatrick

Author's Lack of Facts

Once again, a program offering free condoms to students is under fire. But, Mr. Fitzpatrick's choice to use hilarious similes (such as free condom programs being comparable to a "Michael Vick dog-obedience school") and biased hearsay instead of using facts or statistics is obviously misleading. According to Mr. Fitzpatrick, "the university passes out condoms and promotes 'safe sex.' Students have more sex and increase the frequency of pregnancy and STIs. Frantic university health officials pass out even more condoms in response — ad absurdum." The only thing absurd about

this quote is how blatantly false it is. Four facts that were, unfortunately, omitted from Mr. Fitzpatrick's column are as follows: 1) According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are approximately 19 million new cases of STIs in the U.S. each year with almost half of them among people ages 15 to 24. 2) According to the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association, a study found that 42 percent of people interviewed reported not using a condom because no condoms were available. 3) According to the American Journal of Public Health, a comparison of schools in the Chicago and New York area show that roughly 60 percent of students were sexually active whether there was a free condom program in place or not. This does not corroborate Mr. Fitzpatrick's claim that free condom programs increase rates of sexual activity. 4) According to a study by Frank Furstenberg for Family Planning Perspectives, the proportion of students at nine Philadelphia schools who had unprotected sex declined from 14 percent to 6 percent after implementing free condom programs. STIs and unplanned pregnancies are inherent risks involved with having unprotected sex. Luckily, there are steps that those who are already sexually active can take to protect themselves from being another sad statistic. Dispensing free condoms and invaluable knowledge to students can be a powerful tool as long as its delivery is not sabotaged by false information.

C.J. VEATCH
Student

GWIN: Creating social change needs more to be involved, educating men about violence

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edge that a man will rape or beat a woman if they have the opportunity?

My definition of common sense differs from Nunley's; it should be something that both sexes follow and understand.

Sexual terrorism defines the real phenomenon that women uniquely take part in to protect themselves from men.

The idea that if women stuck to "common sense" or adhered to the rules of sexual terrorism they wouldn't be beaten or raped is just a backwards and ignorant way of thinking. It doesn't address the real problem, which is men are committing these crimes and we should not expect women to prevent rape, but go to the source.

We live in a patriarchal society that has led some men to feel entitled to women's bodies. And with the way our society jumps to victim-blaming, men may feel that they can get away with rape — while women may fear coming forward to police or even their own families and friends. The U.S. Justice Department found that less than 5 percent of reported rapists will ever spend a day in jail.

There are also several stories throughout the media of the admittance of sexual history into the defense, even in spite of rape-shield laws. Just by looking at the Kobe Bryant trial — as I referred to last week — and the way the woman was treated, it's

no surprise that women would choose to live in silence.

Just from the basis of logic (leaving out the effects of patriarchy and misogyny), it makes no sense why victim-blaming is so pervasive in this society.

The U.S. Justice Department found that only 26 percent of rapes are reported to the police.

On college campuses, five percent report the crime.

And of the few percent that come forward, it is estimated that less than two percent of those actually lie about it — contradicting the age old argument that the majority of rapes reported are false.

Since Nunley claimed that the only victims in the Kobe Bryant and Duke lacrosse cases were the "wrongfully accused, though I am sure the putative 'victims' had feminist support all along," I would add that those who are aware of our victim-blaming culture along with the astonishingly high rates of sexual assault, especially on college campuses, the low rates of reported rapes, prosecution and even lower false accusations, feminists and others may not have been so quick to judge the survivor.

Nunley declares that a "sure way to empower oneself is to learn proper self defense whether with pepper spray, martial arts or a firearm."

I don't doubt that learning self defense can feel empowering,

but it doesn't solve the problem. Violence against women happens, even when a woman knows how to fight back. By focusing on self defense, it puts the emphasis on women protecting themselves from male violence — once again removing all focus from men.

Self defense also promotes the idea of defending oneself from an unknown attacker, but 85 percent of college women are raped by an acquaintance, 40 percent of the time in their own homes. Women are less likely to use pepper spray or a firearm if they are comfortable with that person.

To create societal change, we should educate men to revolutionize the culture about sexual violence, not arm women with firearms or other weapons. I believe that we can create a society that is more consciously aware of sexual violence and that will hold men accountable for their actions.

However, there is work being done on campus to educate men about sexual violence toward women.

This is apparent by the large number of men who took part in Take Back the Night, along with the group Every1 and the work of individuals in ASOSU and similar groups who are combating the issue.

In turn, there are men who are actively participating in creating change.

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ROMAN NOSE: More respect for one another, think before doing

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front page of the OSU website that says, "Find Someone" to better their reporting.

Maybe those writing for The Liberty and other independent publications have also forgotten that their names are on their columns.

Maybe this is just like people who write letters to the editor of newspapers such as The Daily Barometer and forget that their letters will be posted online for posterity.

Yes, it's your right to say whatever you want, but is that really what you want a future employer to read? Do you really want a future employer or future significant other to think that you don't value women or diversity?

I realize that I'm covering a few examples here — from the Internet to the "animalistic" beating attack in Lakeland, Fla. to the letters to the editor to opinion pieces in The Liberty — it's all out there for others to judge.

How about a little respect for one another and ourselves? How about reading your writings to a friend before submitting them to be posted on the Internet? Or giving a little more thought to what might make you famous on the Internet?

We need more introspection and less personal attacks. If you think it's easy to write for the Barometer then I challenge you, person-

ally, to come do so.

The Daily Barometer is hiring right now. The door is open and the challenge is on. Let your opinion be known if you have the time, the talent, the drive and a good proofreader (or at least an honest friend who is willing to give you their opinion on your stuff).

Please, let's have no more Internet bashing or beatings anywhere else. Let's try to make our streets safe for women instead of encouraging them to train in self defense and carry weapons.

Our streets should be safe for everyone since we all pay for them. Each of us, male, female or anyone in between, ought to be able to walk on them whenever we want with impunity. People should take responsibility for their own behavior and not physically attack others on our streets, or on the internet.

Next time you're writing a letter to the editor of the Barometer, please remember that your fellow students are just like you. Come talk to us, chat with us on the sidewalk, send us an e-mail and don't be surprised if you get a response. I personally respond to each letter sent to me. We aren't perfect, we're all human, we all make mistakes and we all keep trying to improve week after week, column after column.

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K-State's Beasley turns pro after one year in college

By John Marshall
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After putting together one of the best freshman seasons ever, Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA.

Kansas State's All-American freshman announced Monday that he will skip his final three seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the No. 1 overall pick.

"It's time to take my game to the next level," Beasley said as his family and several teammates looked on. "I think I proved myself over the course of the season. I just think it's time for new challenges."

Fellow freshman Bill Walker also announced Monday that he was making himself eligible for the draft, but he won't sign with an agent. That means that Walker, who averaged 16.1 points and 6.3 rebounds this season, can remove his name prior to the draft and be eligible to return to Kansas State for his sophomore year.

Beasley dominated his lone college season, averaging 26.2 points and becoming just the third freshman in NCAA history to lead the nation in rebounds at 12.4 per game. He had the second-most rebounds and third-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament victory in 20 years.

Beasley also was a consensus All-American, was named Big 12 player of the year and finished second to North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough for numerous player of the year awards.

"Mike's as good as I've seen," said Kansas State coach Frank Martin, seated next to Beasley in front of dozens of reporters.

NBA scouts and general managers like him, too.

An agile 6-foot-10 power forward, Beasley is exceptionally versatile, able to power his way inside or step out to the perimeter, shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc.

NBA officials came out in droves to watch

him play at nearly every game, and some general managers spent three to four days at a time in Manhattan, leading to speculation that Beasley would be the No. 1 overall draft pick if he left school early.

Millions of dollars awaits Beasley in the NBA, but it still wasn't an easy decision to leave school.

He spent the weekend debating whether he should stay or go, talking with family, friends and coaches about the NBA. It wasn't until Monday morning, just hours before his self-imposed deadline, that Beasley made his final decision.

"I kind of made my mind up, then went back to being undecided, made my mind up, then went back to being undecided," said Beasley, who signed with agent Joe Bell. "Today was when my decision stuck."

Beasley leaned heavily on his mother, Fatima Smith, and Martin in making his decision.

DENFELD: Teammates, current coaches, past coaches, parents alike all praise Denfeld

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distances.

"Before, she only ran shorter distances on the track team at her high school, such as the 4x400 meter relay and the 300 meter hurdles," Coach Kelly Sullivan commented. "It was a big step for her to run the longer distances."

"When I was over there [Bend] recruiting her, she asked how much longer the distance would be. That's when I said, 'Well you know that 300-meter hurdles? Now times that by ten,'" Sullivan said.

As a member on the board of directors of the student alumni association for two years, Denfeld is very involved in planning activities such as homecoming.

"We work a lot on putting on activities during traditional events such as homecoming. Also we work on networking for students to connect with alumni," Denfeld said.

Denfeld is also the team captain on the track team and represents the team as the voice on occasion during events such as beaver huddles.

"Lauren is an overall achiever," expressed teammate and friend Katie Dye. "She is extremely successful, an excellent leader and a great role model."

As team captain voted by her peers, Denfeld has earned respect amongst her teammates.

"Over the three years I have gotten to know Lauren, we have grown to respect each other and she is a great person," added Dye. "She is a great teammate and a good friend."

Dye also mentioned that Denfeld was a great person for

new recruits and the younger girls to look up to.

"She is extremely dedicated. She has gone through months of recovery from an injury and has made a phenomenal comeback. She is involved with the community as a part of the student alumni association and she does well in school," Dye said.

"Lauren is a great role model and continues to prove to be a leader both on and off the field," added Sullivan.

As the season is getting underway, Denfeld would like to see members of the team and herself reach regional qualifying times. "We are really rolling along. We want to earn those regional qualifying times and do well at regionals and ultimately race at the national meet," she said.

With the way the team and Denfeld are performing, she feels confident that the team can take a handful of girls to the regional race.

"In the past we have only got a few people here and there qualifying, but this year we can send a handful of girls, which is one of the big goals we have for this year."

After magnificent performances the last couple weeks at the University of Washington and Willamette University, Denfeld is confident the team's goals will be met.

Denfeld will complete her fourth year this year and will graduate, thus continuing on with the next stages of her life.

"What she has done in the last four years has been remarkable," Sullivan said.

"We are on the verge of doing great things in the program and Lauren has been a crucial part in all of it."

Indeed Denfeld has done great things, including holding the record for the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:46.54. When asked about her plans for running in the future, Denfeld said, "I will always run, but it will be more recreational, maybe a competitive race here and there. But you never know, I didn't think I would be running in college; I haven't been one to say never though."

As a senior, Denfeld will be graduating with a business degree in hopes of a career in marketing.

"I would really like to work in advertising, client management or something creative and working with people."

Although working in advertisement is what Denfeld wants to do, she said her dream job would be to coach. "I would love to coach at the college level," she said. "But I have shied from it because it would seem like I would have to move around a lot, but if I could be involved with student athletes and work with the sport I love, that would be ideal."

Denfeld's mother, Shari Denfeld, expressed her feelings on her daughter's career.

"It has been a fun experience for us and her. We have really enjoyed coming out and watching her run. It's apparent that Lauren loved running for this university and for Coach Sullivan. We have only positive things to say about how she competed."

Shari and her husband, Larry, both came to OSU and were glad to see the track program reinstated four years ago and happy their daughter

was a part of the rebuilding of the program.

As is her nature, Denfeld is always throwing in props to her coaches and teammates, particularly for their efforts over the past four years.

"The team is fabulous and any success I have had is because of them and Coach Sullivan who is really a 'miracle worker.' He really has helped us with our running that other Division-I schools would have ignored and I am very grateful to him for that."

As her college career draws to a close, the many achievements and memories she has made along the way will be a constant reminder to those following in her footsteps of what it takes to be a leader and how to perform well. Not just on the field or in the classroom, but in this race called life.

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LOGHIDES: Good news, it's much worse to be a Duck than a Beaver

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Oregon State came in as the third-most miserable program, scoring 142.

The good news is that the Ducks are the second-most miserable program in the conference and would have had a case for the top spot if they fielded a baseball team. Losing to Oregon on this list would have been like, as ESPN's Colin Cowherd puts it, losing your girlfriend to a guy who loves to play Dungeons and Dragons.

Not surprisingly, USC is the most accomplished program in the conference, scoring a 16 (one championship every 12 seasons plus four years since their last championship). UCLA comes in right behind the Trojans with a score of 38. Los Angeles, of course, has almost the warmest average temperature of all Pac-10 cities (Arizona's cities are a tad higher, but what really is the difference between 83 and 86 degrees?).

What's the most revealing trend the list shows? Warm weather brings in the best athletes. This is a trend that is not reserved for just the Pac-10, however. Nationally, especially in football, take a look at the last decade of national champions. Only one, Ohio State

in 2002, is not from the southern portion of the country. This trend can be seen swooning westerly all the way across the south, into California.

Moving north on the list, the programs get more southern in locale. Four of the bottom five schools are from the Pacific Northwest. Four of the top five are from Southern California and Arizona. Coincidence? I think not.

Another thing this list shows us is that Pat Casey has done a remarkable job with the OSU baseball program. Getting the best collection of players to come here and play a summer game in season-long springtime conditions sets him apart as one of the best recruiters and coaches in the nation. Also, without the Beavs' back-to-back baseball national titles, OSU would be far and away the worst athletic program in the conference. So, thanks again, Coach Casey!

If this list alone doesn't prove the trend to be true, athletes second that emotion in a split second.

Maurice Jones-Drew, former UCLA Bruin and current Jacksonville Jaguar running back, said it best when asked why he chose to attend UCLA vice Washington, "I'd rather wake up to 10 below 100 than 10 below zero."

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Carmelo apologizes to his fans, the Denver community, his teammates and the Nuggets organization for the distraction this is causing them."
— Carmelo Anthony's attorney Dan Recht on Anthony recently being arrested under suspicion of drunk driving.

Running into the record books

■ Four years ago, Lauren Denfeld hardly knew what long-distance meant; now, she thrives in all aspects of the word on and off the field

By Mitchell Moore
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Encompassing the essence of a leader, Lauren Denfeld is described as both a determined athlete and a positive role model on and off the track.

Denfeld, who ran all four years of her college career, has left her mark not only on the track, but in the classroom and the community as well.

While at OSU, she set track records, has been an active member in the student alumni association and has been acknowledged for her achievements as a student. Denfeld has earned first team Pac-10 academic honors and has been recognized by the NCAA for her achievements in the classroom as well. She is also an accomplished pianist.

She came to Oregon State a little over four years ago and was ready to attend from day one.

"I have always wanted to come to Oregon State," Denfeld said. "My parents went here, my sister too and when I found out I could come here and run, that just sealed the deal."

Denfeld came to OSU when it just reinstated the track program for the women's team, but was tempted with other offers from other schools to run. "I got offers from other schools such as Willamette that wanted me to run there," she said.

However, the love she has for the community here at OSU led her sights to take the risk and run here.

Like most kids her age, she played soccer and basketball, but as a sixth grader, Denfeld started her track career at Pilot Butte Middle School in Bend.

In high school she continued to play soccer and basketball, while saving the spring for track. By her junior year, Denfeld knew about her possibility to run track in college.

"I had a great junior year and that is when I started to receive letters from colleges," she said. "Not big schools but places like Willamette."

In high school, Denfeld ran shorter distance runs, but her coach showed her the opportunity in running longer

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From Bend to Corvallis, Lauren Denfeld has always done the right thing, on the field and in the classroom. As team captain, she leads the way for OSU women's track.

Adam Loghides



If Forbes cared about Pac-10 sports

Forbes magazine recently released their top ten list of the most miserable sports cities in America, with Atlanta winning the top spot. Our big brother to the north, Seattle, will take over as number one as soon as the Sonics put on their Wranglers and bolt for Oklahoma City.

The list got me thinking — which schools have the worst and best athletic programs in the Pac-10? The answer, although not surprising, is truly revealing regarding the state of college athletics in the Pac-10, as well as nationally.

The criteria Forbes used included franchises lost (i.e. Seattle losing the Pilots to Milwaukee) and years since winning a major championship. For college athletics the criteria had to be adjusted. So, for this list I looked at number of national championships won, number of total seasons played in the three major sports — baseball, football and men's basketball — and years since last winning a national championship.

Washington State is, by far, the most miserable Pac-10 athletic program by these standards. They scored a 371 (one championship won in 280 overall seasons plus 91 years since winning it all). Pullman also has the coldest average temperature of any city in the Pac-10, 55 degrees.

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Redshirt grants Stroughter new life

■ After missing most of last season, OSU receiver Sammie Stroughter given one more year to play football

By Tyler Britsch
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a year filled with a sub-par passing game, the return of a healthy and hungry Sammie Stroughter has been long anticipated by fans. Last year Oregon State averaged a meager 196 yards per game passing, while scoring only 11 touchdowns through the air in 13 games.

It didn't help having new quarterbacks being broken into the system, along with numerous injuries forcing true freshmen James Rodgers and Darrell Catchings into starting roles at receivers. This year the Beavers anticipate a large boost in production thanks in part to the quarterbacks and receivers gaining valuable experience. But the real reason to celebrate is the return of All-Pac-10 caliber receiver

and punt returner, and 2006 third team All-American Sammie Stroughter.

This will be Stroughter's fifth season of on-field competition, due to the granting of a medical redshirt from the Pac-10 conference for the upcoming season.

"He played just little enough last year to qualify for his medical redshirt," Head Coach Mike Riley said. "So when returning became a possibility I became real excited about it because all the time he has spent in the program and what he was pointing towards for his senior season he had no chance to accomplish last year. So now it's a new life, a second chance and all those kinds of things for Sammie."

Stroughter missed the majority of last season's games due to personal issues near the end of fall camp and then eventually was sidelined for the season due to a lacerated kidney he suffered during the fourth week of the season at Arizona State.

"We're really excited to have him back,"

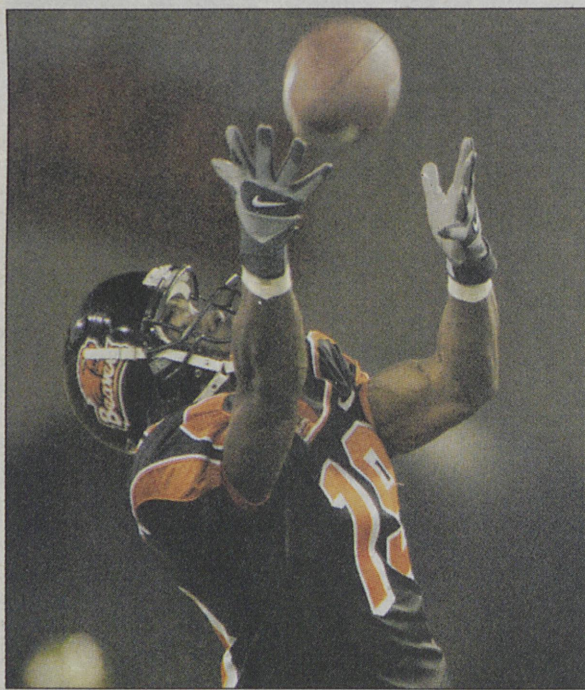
Riley said. "And he's a good player. He adds to our picture tremendously."

Even while only participating in three games last year, Stroughter was able to pile up 262 yards receiving on 15 catches, giving him the second most yards receiving of any returner from last year. It is his 2006 stats that all Beaver fans are hoping to see again. Stroughter had totals of 74 receptions for 1293 yards and five touchdowns, along with 30 punt returns for 470 yards and three more touchdowns.

Expect that the fire and passion of Sammie Stroughter will be back in full force for the 2008 season. We already see the famous smile and urge to play at 100 percent during every drill, inspiring his teammates to do their personal best at all times.

"He's always just had a lot of fun out here," Riley said. "You always know he's out here because he plays with a lot of enthusiasm."

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Sammie Stroughter only appeared in three games last season for OSU before his season-ending injury.

Haruguchi aims for Japanese Olympic team

■ As one of most prolific swimmers in OSU history, Haruguchi has sights set on Olympic competition

SPORTS INFORMATION

After winning the 200 butterfly at the NCAA Championships three weeks ago, Saori Haruguchi of Furuoka, Japan, will now compete in a four-day event in hopes of making the Japanese Olympic team. The event will begin Tuesday, April 15, and conclude Friday, April 18.

On the first day of competition, Haruguchi will swim in the 400 individual medley, where she is seated in the eighth position. During the regular season, she set the Oregon State University all-time record in the event at the NCAA Championships with a time of 4:07.63, beating the old school record by more than three seconds.

Haruguchi will also compete in the 200 free-style, where she is seated in the third position,

during the second day of competition. During the 2007 regular season, she set the school record with a time of 1:48.67.

During the third day of swimming, she will compete in the 200 individual medley, and is seated in the fourth position. Haruguchi set the school record during the NCAA Championships with a time of 1:57.37, beating the previous record by more than three seconds.

On the final day of competition, Haruguchi will swim in the event where she earned her first NCAA victory, the 200 butterfly. She is seated in the 12th position. During the NCAA Championships, she made OSU history by being the first swimmer to win her event. She cut almost four seconds off the previous school record with a time of 1:52.39.

Competition for Haruguchi begins tomorrow evening at Tokyo's Tatsumi International Aquatic Center.

To follow Haruguchi and the Oregon State swim team, log on to www.osubeavers.com.



Saori Haruguchi broke plenty of records and times during her tenure at Oregon State. Now, the native of Furuoka, Japan, has her sights set on swimming for the Japanese Olympic team.

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