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Domestic dispute leads to drug bust

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OSU student Barry T. Washington was charged with harassment, endangering the welfare of a minor, unlawful manufacture of marijuana, unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful delivery of marijuana this week, according to a Corvallis Police Department press release.

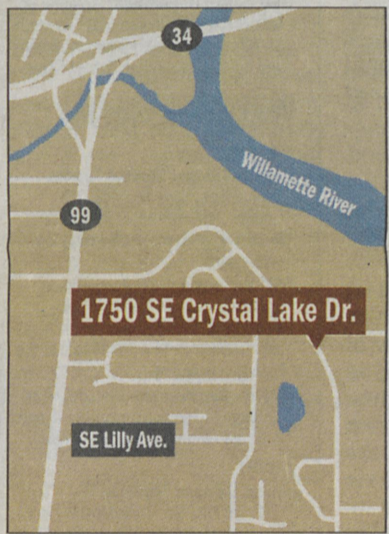
CPD officers responded to a report of domestic violence at Washington's residence on May 18 and determined the parties involved were inside but refused to answer the door.

The Benton County Circuit Court granted a search warrant to the officers regarding the domestic violence report. Upon entering the apartment, officers seized more than four ounces of marijuana, money and a firearm.

Neither of the suspects was seriously injured during the domestic dispute, according to the press release.

Denise A. Skeen, 24, of Corvallis was arrested and charged with harassment and endangering the welfare of a minor.

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Bill Blair, far right, a volunteer from the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, talks to Emily Houston, a junior at Colorado College, in the MU Quad Thursday during the Genocide Awareness Project demonstration as Meghan Nielson, a senior in sociology, protests the displays.

GAP display inspires debate

Women's Center, Genocide Awareness Project spread awareness on two sides

By Candice Ruud
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Haunting images of bodies hanging from trees, emaciated and tortured concentration camp victims and 10-week-old aborted fetuses took residence in the MU Quad on Thursday as part of the Genocide Awareness Project's pro-life display.

These images were surrounded by metal barriers as a form of protection against those who might feel inclined to destroy or act out against the GAP, as some have done in the past.

According to the GAP, abortion is genocide. In their pamphlet, handed out to those who walked by in

the quad, genocide is defined in Webster's New World Encyclopedia as "The deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable."

The widely controversial GAP believes that this definition fits perfectly with abortion and that the "national group" described is, in this case, unwanted unborn children.

According to the pamphlet titled "Why Abortion is Genocide," one out of every three unborn children conceived in America is aborted.

"I have family members who have had abortions," said Darius Hardwick, the Northwest regional director for the Center of Bioethical Reform, the center that developed the GAP. "Everyone in my family who has had an abortion is hurting

and suffering from it. I don't pile guilt onto them."

On the other side of the quad, the Women's Center set up booths and handed out free condoms and informational packets about Planned Parenthood in protest of the graphic nature of the GAP's display.

Protestors held pro-choice signs that read "My body, my choice" and held wire coat hangers to remind passersby of a time when abortion was illegal and the dangers women faced with "back alley" abortions when they had nowhere to turn.

Now, having an abortion holds less physical risk than having a tonsillectomy, said Megan Nielsen.

Nielsen, a senior in sociology who is in her first year of working for the Women's Center, said they represented a strong, educated presence

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Ice core leads to discovery of new greenhouse gas

Researchers in geosciences, ocean sciences benefit from information on methane, CO₂

By Daniel Acee
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A new discovery in greenhouse gases and climate effects has surfaced from an ice core obtained in Antarctica that dates back 800,000 years.

The ice core has provided researchers in geosciences and ocean sciences with valuable information that shows patterns of methane, carbon dioxide and temperature levels over that large amount of time.

Edward Brook, associate professor for the OSU geosciences department, was chosen by the weekly science journal "Nature" to write a column about the ice core that was found by the European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica.

"Direct evidence of past environmental conditions is rare, which makes it all the more valuable where it does occur," said Brook in his article for "Nature." "The EPICA collaboration presented the latest, and longest, record from perhaps the most valuable of these archives: the atmospheric gases trapped and preserved in ice cores extracted from Earth's polar regions."

The ice core is created as snowfall weighs down on itself increasing over time, according to Brook.

This puts constantly increasing pressure on lower snow layers. The layers eventually packed down with great force and sinter together, a geological process that causes powders to form a coherent mass, eventually trapping the air bubbles

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OSU says goodbye to philosophy student

Nicholas Faas, 24, died in two-vehicle accident on Highway 99

By Anneke Tucker
THE DAILY BAROMETER

He is remembered for being a young man filled with energy and spirit, a dancer who sang, loved and lived dancing.

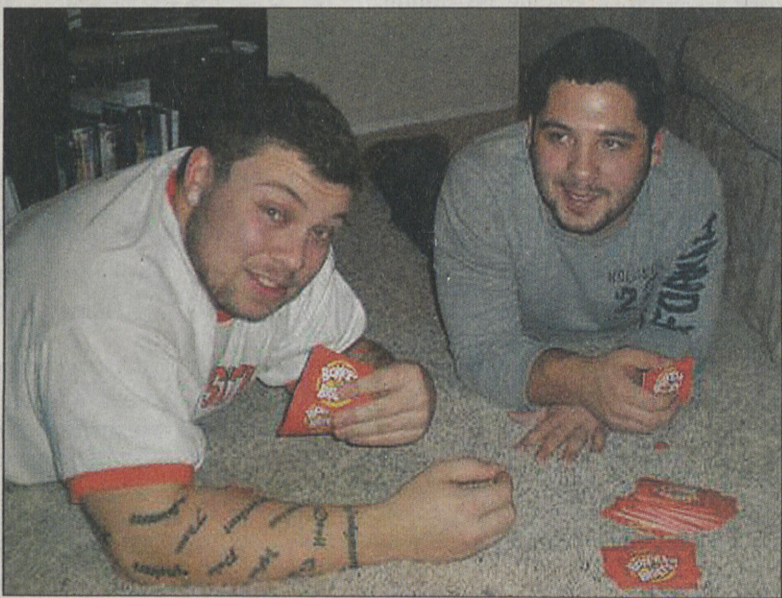
Nicholas Larry-Lee Faas, a senior in philosophy at Oregon State University, passed away in a motor vehicle accident last week.

Yesterday, memorial services were held for Faas in a tribal ceremony in Grande Ronde, collaborated by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The love, friendship and compassion that Faas gave to those who knew him was honored at the ceremony. "Nick wasn't officially a tribal member, because he was one generation too far removed," said Jacob La Plante, a close friend of Faas and a senior in sociology.

Faas is a descendant of the Petite family and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. "The elders of the tribes got together and made a traditional cedar grave-marker for Nick, and they haven't done that for anyone — period. It is a huge honor," LaPlante said. Cedar is one of the most valuable and usable materials in Northwest coastal tradition. Carving cedar was a hobby for Faas that he shared with his grandfather.

"The effort and craftsmanship would have deeply moved Nick," said Molly Matthews. Matthews is a director at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the Youth Education



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nick Faas, left, was a senior in philosophy and descendant of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Program, with which Faas interned.

"There was a beautifully touching, traditional burial song and chant, and in the silence when it was done, it was as if a weight had lifted," said Katherine Allen, a senior in pre-construction engineering and a close friend of Faas.

During his involvement with the Confederated Tribes, Faas became involved with the Grand Ronde/Chinook Canoe Family, and made an annual six-day tribal canoe journey to the Muckleshoot Tribe in Auburn, Wash.

Members of his "canoe family" shared traditional canoe songs with

the mourners.

Faas' fearlessness and loyalty to others was a part of his daily life. "He was flat-out willing to do whatever to make people smile," La Plante said.

La Plante told of a time when he was dared to jump in the Pacific Ocean at 1 a.m.

"It was freezing — middle of January, Oregon Coast freezing — and I didn't want to do it," La Plante said. "But Nick said, 'C'mon, dude. I'll do it with you!' and we just jumped. He didn't have to be asked to do anything."

The 24-year-old had just been accepted into the Sapsik'wala Masters

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ASOSU exposes ability differences

Accessibility Awareness Week shows difficulties students with disabilities face getting around

THE DAILY BAROMETER

You may be wondering how difficult it is to get around campus in a wheelchair. ASOSU offered students the opportunity to test this question this past week.

Everyday of Accessibility Awareness Week had a theme. Monday focused on hearing disabilities, Tuesday on visual disabilities, Wednesday on physical disabilities and Thursday on learning disabilities.

"We're just trying to get the OSU student body more aware about what students with disabilities face," said Francesca Guralnick, a junior in political science and member of the ASOSU Accessibility Task Force.

ASOSU had a booth set up outside of Snell Hall during the week, where they gave away free food and informed students about the difficulties that disabled students face.

"I think that's pretty cool," said Abe Hogle, a sophomore in civil engineering. "Nobody really thinks about what it's like for disabled people."

"Our goal is to get students to stop and think about it for a second," said Megan Beltz, a junior in philosophy. "It's really hard for a student with a disability."

Beltz is also the director of the ASOSU Accessibility Task Force.

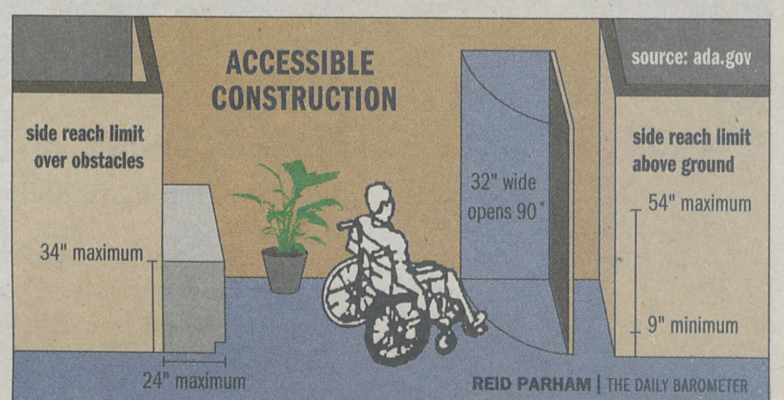
"The task force has a constant goal to make OSU more accessible to all students," Beltz said.

The task force is working to put up maps in the front of all campus buildings showing where the exits and bathrooms can be found.

"The maps aren't just for disabled people," said Beltz. "They're there to help everyone."

Current services available to disabled students include class note-takers, rental wheelchairs, Braille books in the library and computers that can read aloud.

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Events
OSU Women's Center, 10am-5pm, MU Quad. "Feminist Fair" There will be prizes, various booths, music, crafts, games, and food!
OSU Music Department, 7:30pm, Benton Hall 303. OSU Student Recital: Carl Egbert, double bass, Brandon Hanson, percussion, and Rebecca Jeffers, accompanist.
ASOSU Women's Affairs, 6pm, Women's Center. Feminist Party. Join the Women's Affairs Task Force and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance for a showing of "I Was a Teenage Feminist." Get to know us through conversations, board games and cards. Free food and drinks.

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

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Meetings
ASOSU Multicultural Affairs Task Force, 3pm, SLI Lounge (Snell 149). Come get involved with ASOSU! This is an opportunity for any student to get involved with multicultural affairs.
ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 4-5pm, Snell 149. Come work on environmental campaigns and projects! Help make OSU a greener campus.
OSU College Democrats, 6:30pm, MU 212. Don't miss out on our exciting upcoming events. Come find out what we're all about. Everyone welcome!
Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Lunch: Come and go as you are able. Home made food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.
OSU Music Department, 7pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 728 Ellsworth St. SW, Albany. OSU Chamber Choir and South Albany High School Choir.

Meetings
Non-Traditional Student Affairs Task Force, 5pm, MU 209, 25+ Lounge. Join non-traditional students in campaigning for positive change on campus!
OSU Hydrogen Club, 4pm, Gilmore Annex Conference Room. Weekly meeting, discussing awareness, ideas and developments with respect to the hydrogen economy.
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Come debate current events & issues with like-minded students.
Events
United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. University Learning Community - Join us for conversation. Our book focus is, "Moral Man and Immoral Society" by Reinhold Niebuhr.
United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Student Gathering: Students gather weekly for a free meal followed by time of fellowship, study, singing and prayer.

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"On behalf of a grateful nation, welcome home."

President Bush at an outdoor review ceremony attended by 17,000 paratroopers from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

"We have momentous, joyous moments of breakthrough, but the process of social and legal change proceeds step by step."

Jennifer Pizer, an attorney with the gay rights legal group Lambda Legal, in response to a request to stay the California Supreme Court ruling that permits gay marriage.

BREAKDOWN

CHICAGO — McDonald's said Thursday its french fries are now trans-fat-free in all its restaurants in the United States and Canada, catching it up with its fast-food rivals in that category.

CEO Jim Skinner made it official at its annual shareholders meeting at McDonald's Corp. headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill.

McDonald's has lagged other restaurant operators in switching over to a zero-trans-fat cooking oil out of worries it would compromise the taste of its trademark fries. It has been under increasing pressure from consumer advocates and some public officials to make the change, but it did so quietly.

"For a few months now, customers in our U.S. restaurants have been enjoying our fried food items, including french fries, hash browns, chicken and filet of fish, as well as our biscuits, with zero grams of trans fat per labeled serving," Skinner said.

There may still be negligible amounts of naturally occurring trans fats in the foods, but federal regulations allow foods to claim zero grams of trans fat as long as the levels are below 0.5 grams per serving.

Skinner said McDonald's is on schedule to convert to the new oil by year's end for its remaining baked items, pies and cookies.

TOP STORY

New US-Canada salmon agreement proposed

By Rachel La Corte
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The U.S. and Canada have reached a new 10-year agreement aimed at preventing overfishing of salmon off the western coast of Canada and southeast Alaska.

The plan announced Thursday by the Pacific Salmon Commission could most affect chinook salmon, which migrate from Washington state north to the waters of British Columbia and Alaska, where they often get caught by sport and commercial fisheries, preventing their return to Washington's waters.

Under the proposed change to the existing Pacific Salmon

Treaty, the U.S. would give Canada \$30 million for its effort to reduce commercial salmon fishing; Alaska would receive about \$7 million. Washington state would receive about \$7 million in federal money to improve chinook habitat.

Alaska will reduce its catch of wild salmon 15 percent over the next 10 years; Canada will make a 30 percent reduction under the plan.

David Bedford, Alaska's representative on the salmon commission, said in a statement that the catch reduction "is a tough position for us to accept."

"While we had to make some sacrifices to reach this

agreement, we were convinced that this is a responsible agreement that provides stability for our fisheries and helps ensure the long-term health and sustainability of shared salmon resources," he said.

In addition to management of chinook, the plan addresses coho, chum and pink and sockeye salmon. Officials believe it could allow about 1 million more chinook to return to hatcheries or spawning areas in Puget Sound and the Columbia River.

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire called the agreement historic.

"This could not have happened had we not come with a

common goal and a collaborative approach," she told The Associated Press. "We now have a fighting chance to save the salmon."

The agreement needs to be approved by federal officials and the Canadian government; the money that will be allocated to Canada, Alaska and Washington needs congressional approval.

Paul Macgillivray, associate regional director general for the Pacific Region Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, said that while Canada does have to reduce a large portion of its harvest, it benefits from the Alaskan reduction.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Workers start to raze hard-hit town in China; survivor search ending

BEICHUAN, China — Heavy equipment began toppling the few buildings left standing in this quake-stricken town once home to 30,000 people, and workers in white protective suits sprayed disinfectant Thursday in the silent streets amid roaming dogs and chickens.

Ten days after China's worst disaster in a generation, it appears the search for survivors — and even the dead — was giving way to the first steps toward reconstruction.

The smell of bleach in Beichuan was overpowering as workers in the white suits and black rubber boots sprayed disinfectant on buildings, trees, car wheels and the soles of shoes of people leaving the town, where thousands are still likely buried. A layer of lime — used as a disinfectant to sprinkle on bodies — covered roads and any surface where corpses were yet to be recovered.

"There are no more signs of life," said 24-year-old soldier Li Zichuan. He watched excavators demolishing what is left of the Beichuan Middle School, where residents say hundreds of students and teachers were killed.

"During the recovery operation, we dug many bodies up here, so now all that is left is to disinfect the place and then demolish it."

The bottom two floors of the five-story school collapsed in the quake, leaving a squat, leaning wreck.

Rescuing trapped survivors was the

first priority of the massive military-led response to the May 12 quake, and teams have pulled 33,434 people from the rubble alive, officials say.

Now, those efforts have come to a virtual standstill. No rescues have been reported since Wednesday.

The government said the toll of dead and missing jumped to more than 80,000. The confirmed death toll rose to 51,151, up almost 10,000 from the day before. Tents are needed most in the disaster zone where the homeless number 5 million, the government said.



Outdoors enthusiasts planing preservation of hunting lands

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Energy development is increasingly coming into conflict with traditional hunting and fishing grounds in the West, prompting concern from outdoor enthusiasts who want to see their long-time stomping grounds preserved for future generations.

With that goal in mind, some 175 scientists, policy makers and outdoor enthusiasts are meeting in Jackson Hole this week to come up with recommendations on the nation's energy policy that they hope will find their way to a new Congress and new presidential administration. The event is sponsored by National Wildlife Federation, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and Trout Unlimited.

Trout Unlimited spokesman Chris Hunt said Thursday that hunters and

anglers don't oppose energy development but they also don't want to see their hunting and fishing grounds destroyed.

"If you're a sportsman in Wyoming or in Colorado or in Utah or Montana or New Mexico, you're watching as the places you hunt and fish are disappearing," Hunt said. "And it's a pretty simple equation, lost habitat equals lost opportunity."

Places such as the Wyoming Range, Colorado's Roan Plateau, New Mexico's Otero Mesa, Utah's Diamond Fork Creek and Montana's Beaverhead National Forest are examples of areas that need special protection, he said.



Oregon authorities: The rivers are high, fast and dangerous

PORTLAND — With one rafter lost in the Willamette River, authorities are warning Oregonians to be wary of streams running high, fast and cold as the Memorial Day weekend approaches.

Investigators say a man fell from an inflatable raft Wednesday into the Willamette River and is believed to have drowned.

The man was in a party of three trying to float from Eugene to Portland that overturned north of Coburg.

A second rafter swam to shore, and a third was rescued. Investigators say none wore life jackets.

Heavy winter snows started melting rapidly last week. The streams are studded with snags and other debris, increasing the risks.

—The Associated Press

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ICE CORE: Drilling, studies continue

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from each time period into solid ice.

Using a specifically designed drill, teams of scientists spend, at times, up to five years removing six-meter long sections of ice core at a time measuring about 12 centimeters in diameter.

"A relatively small band of international scientists are gradually drilling further down into the ice cap and progressively analyzing older ice cores," Brook said in his article.

Brook has dealt with many skeptics saying that humans have no correlation to the increase in carbon dioxide levels, which are warming up Earth's climate.

"What we are trying to do is to understand gases on many time scales, over thousands of years," Brook said.

A graph of the gases and temperatures found in the ice core shows a spike in methane, carbon dioxide and temperature levels just after the industrial revolution.

This provides valid information about the start of fossil

fuel burning.

Carbon dioxide sat at an averaged level of 300 parts per million over the past 800,000 years.

Once the industrial revolution began, the average moved up to 382 ppm. Methane averaged 800 parts per billion and now have reached 1800 ppb.

Brook and others are attempting to find the patterns of climate change over the entirety of Earth's history.

"Something has to happen to the Earth's system to raise CO₂ levels," Brook said.

"If we found gas and temperature levels to be the same then as they are today, we could say that the greenhouse effects are not ours, but we jacked these levels up so fast we're just waiting for Earth to respond."

Data from the ice core has reinforced the tight link between greenhouse gases and climate.

This link is shown through reactions that the earth has shown since greenhouse gases have started to rise.

"I get a lot of e-mails from skeptics that try to tell me that humans have no direct relation to the increase in carbon dioxide," Brook said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there about how science works, but

none of it adds up."

According to Brooks, OSU has a group of a dozen professors that are passionate about studying the earth's past climates.

"I like this field because it's a global issue, these are the workings of the entire earth," said Brooks. "Its fascinating to just ponder how this all works together. This isn't just an academic issue, it effects all of us."

James Lee is a member of Brook's research team and enjoys having Brook as a boss.

"It's really interesting to watch the progression and changes [of gases and temperatures] over time," Lee said. "You can see epic events that happened throughout history in terms of methane levels."

"I was not totally aware about it [Brook's article in "Nature"], he's very modest and doesn't talk about it a lot, he gets published fairly frequently though," Lee said.

If you are interested in learning more about greenhouse gases and new discoveries in the geosciences and oceanography fields visit science.oregonstate.edu/~brooke

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POLICE BEAT

ARRESTS

1:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20 — Kaitlin R. Fitzgerald, 30, of Corvallis was arrested near Cascade Hall on charges of identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit card, computer crime and theft in the second degree.

6:46 p.m., Monday, May 19 — Shawn H. Crandall, 36, of Corvallis was arrested near S.W. Allen St. on charges of criminal trespassing in the second degree and failure to report as a sex offender.

12:26 a.m., Saturday, May 17 — Eric K. Miner, 20, of Corvallis was arrested near N.W. Polk Ave. for an outstanding fugitive warrant for another agency.

2:25 a.m., Saturday, May 17 — OSU student Mariska Saraswathi Widharma, 19, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor in possession of intoxicants after being stopped between N.W. 9th St. and N.W. Monroe Ave. for illegal stopping,

standing and a burned out brake light. Widharma had a blood alcohol content of 0.09 percent.

12:13 p.m., Saturday, May 17 — James Johnson, 46, was arrested on a fugitive warrant for another agency near N.W. Circle Blvd. when officers responded to harassment complaints. A responding officer recognized the suspect who was intoxicated at which point he called to confirm the warrant for Johnson's arrest.

2:22 a.m., Friday, May 16 — OSU student Kylen K. Reagan, 23, of Portland was arrested on charges of harassment, disorderly conduct and interfering with a peace officer after an officer witnessed Reagan assaulting a female.

11:25 p.m., Friday, May 16 — David J. Adams, 45, of Corvallis was arrested on a fugitive warrant for arrest for other agency near N.W. Garyanna Dr. while officers were responding to a noise disturbance complaint. The warrant was issued for contempt and assault in the fourth degree.

4:29 a.m., Wednesday, May 14 — David J. Morse, 28, of Corvallis was arrested between N.W. Polk Ave. and

N.W. 14th St. for a fugitive warrant for other agency after being stopped for driving with expired tags.

1:50 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 — Trevor C. Thurman, 19, of Philomath was arrested near N.W. 3rd St. for a warrant for arrest for own agency that was issued for charges of criminal trespassing in the first degree.

4:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 — Patrick T. Currans, 19, of Philomath was arrested near N.W. 5th St. for a fugitive warrant for other agency after he turned himself in. The warrant was out of Corvallis Municipal Court for criminal contempt.

12:34 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 — Jason T. Rule, 19, of Corvallis was arrested near N.W. Kings Blvd. on charges of robbery in the third degree and theft in the second degree when officers responded to reports of shoplifting at Fred Meyer. The items stolen included men's dress socks, a T-shirt, a swimsuit and boxers, an accumulative worth of \$66.

Police Beat is compiled from the police logs of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Corvallis Police Department and OSU Department of Public Safety by a Daily Barometer reporter.

FAAS: Memorable personality, actions

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in Education program at the University of Oregon and was looking forward to becoming a high school teacher.

"[Faas] was a bright person. He wrote one of the more passionate, evocative papers in [my] class on a death-related experience in his life," said professor Courtney Campbell, one of Faas' instructors. "I will not be able to forget his story."

Faas' passion for helping disadvantaged students or minorities was obvious, especially through his work with the Youth Education Program at the Confederated Tribes.

Matthews describes his college internship with them as "one of the most influential things Nick did for his community. Youth loved Nick... His imprint on our lives will be eternal."

Faas tutored students during and after school and served as a role model and mentor for the students, as well as a chaperone for many field trips and camps.

Several of the students who

worked with Faas told stories at the ceremony of how he affected their lives.

The speakers at the service told stories of the compassion that Faas passed on to those he worked and shared time with.

"Hewashard-looking," Allen said, referring to Faas' completely tattooed arms. "But he was a teddy bear, always surrounded by friends."

The tough 5-foot-10-inch, tattooed figure might have been intimidating, but it belied the deeper character of the person within: complex, highly intelligent, selfless thinker who chose his words carefully.

"He was a total badass," La Plante recalls. "But he made you think twice and look twice."

"Nick is hilarious," said Stephanie Kragness, a senior in education at Western Oregon University and a close friend of Faas. "Being a philosophy major, we often got into deep conversations about life... Everyone sought Nick's advice."

Two of Faas' best friends, Jordan Evans and Asa Kerr, both of Corvallis, agree that he was "the true definition of a friend. He wasn't violent or liked to fight, but... he was

ready to stand up against injustice and protect his own, no matter what."

Friendship and relationships were important in Faas' life, and he demonstrated these values through the time and effort he put into everything that he did.

Faas made friends easily. With his charismatic personality and interesting appearance, it wasn't uncommon to see him striking up a conversation with random people on the sidewalk.

"Every moment with Nick was time well spent," Kragness said.

When Faas' grandfather gave a eulogy at the service, he spoke of the difference Faas made in the lives of others.

"[Even] his tattoos were comprised of words that reflected the values he wished to live by," Campbell said. "Courage, honor, wisdom. In that respect, his outstanding quality is that he walked his body talk."

At the open casket service held Sunday, Allen slipped a note inside, leaving her final thoughts with Faas, although his memory and the things that Faas taught her will always be with her.

La Plant and Allen feel that Faas left his friends and family with the message to "love every day, everything and everyone, as though you had always loved it."

Kerr and Evans found a quote by Shakespeare that they believe describes the way Faas lived his life: "My crown is in my heart, not on my head / Nor decked with diamonds or jewels, nor to be seen: / My crown is called contentment: / A crown it is, that seldom kings enjoy."

Although it may not have been Faas' motto, the way he lived his life gives tribute to the quote.

Through his Native American dances to Gwen Stefani songs in the bowling alley, his charismatic personality that drew others to his friendship, his loves of laughing, singing and the Oakland Raiders, Faas followed his passion for his heritage and packed more into his 24 years than most people do in a lifetime.

One might say that Faas did, indeed, find his crown — not of diamonds or jewels, but of content, and at the end, of cedar.

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GAP: Students avoid, debate Quad display

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needed in the quad that day to show and support the pro-choice believers on campus.

"Their argument is so one-sided and doesn't acknowledge both sides of the issue. In years past I would avoid the quad when the Genocide Awareness Project came to campus because it's scary," Nielsen said, with a sentiment that was echoed by many students.

Alisha DeVogele, a senior in health management and policy who has worked at the Women's Center for two and a half years, disagrees with the ideology of the GAP and noted that people seemed to be largely avoiding the quad on Thursday.

"I've known people who have had abortions, who have had babies and people who have given babies up for adoption. It's a spectrum. We want women to choose what's right for them," DeVogele said. "A woman's life should not be dictated solely by the parameters of her body."

Behind the metal barriers, volunteers for the GAP stood stoically, representing the seri-

ousness of the issue.

"The unborn can't stand up for themselves, so we need to stand up for them," said Angela Schierling, a volunteer and pro-life supporter.

When asked hypothetically if she became pregnant what she would do, Schierling said that she would have the baby, regardless of the situation.

"I don't think the baby did anything to deserve death."

Dana Toma, another volunteer for the GAP, said that the parallels between images of victims of the KKK, victims of the Holocaust and images of aborted fetuses made sense to her, that it all represented genocide.

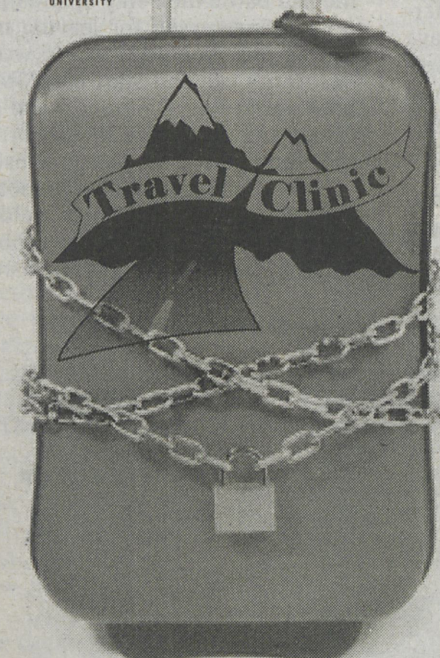
"Life is an emotional issue," Toma said. "I've known people, and family members, who have had abortions, and these people had huge regrets."

The Women's Center and the GAP, while within 30 feet of one another, respectfully and civilly represented two different views that are at odds with each other all across America.

"I think debate is healthy. In order to be an informed society we have to hear both sides of the argument," Hardwick said.

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Guest Editorial

Book publishers hurt environment

Take a look at your textbook and see if it's a first edition — good chance it's not. This is because publishers request that authors update their books often to ensure they get the most profit.

Not only does this raise costs for helpless students living on a limited income, but more importantly, the previous editions are left to sit and collect dust. Instead of being recycled or collected, tens of thousands more trees get cut down to print new textbooks with an extra chapter and some new pictures. This is a huge problem considering the current census data that shows about 18 million students enrolled in college at any given time.

We applaud the recent philanthropy of the Nebraska Book Company for donating \$100,000 to replant trees in Central Colorado. The donation was part of the Buy a Book, Build a Forest campaign, which encourages students to purchase used books. David Fox, the general manager of CB&S, said it best: "The idea is that if you're going to produce new books all the time, you've got to cut down an enormous amount of resources to get the paper and the cardboard to print those books."

Professors adopt the new books into their curriculum every time one comes out, and as we have seen in the past, faculty members are receiving kickbacks for doing so. Professors clearly wield some influence with the publishers, and they could help curb the egregious corporate irresponsibility.

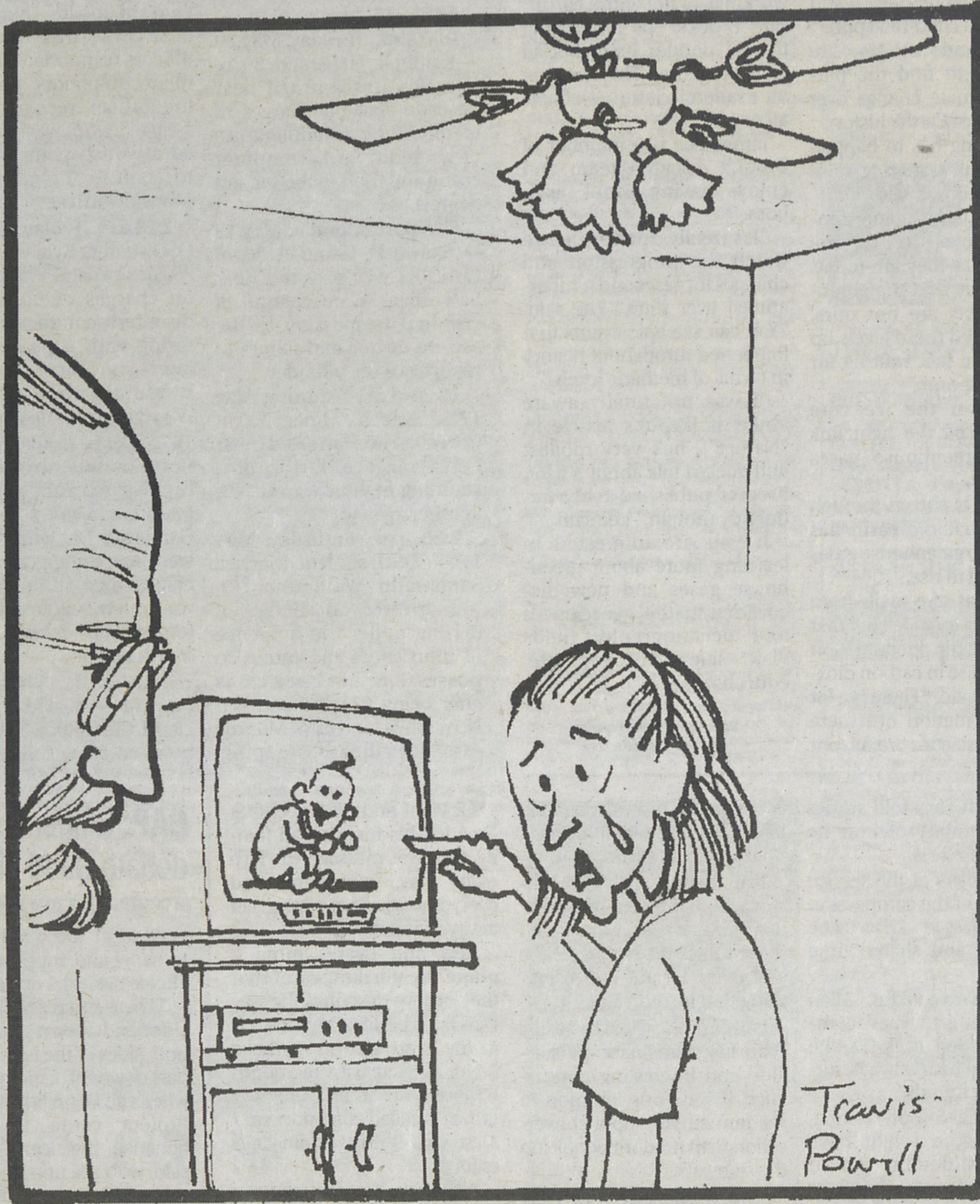
There are certainly classes that require regularly updated information, but most academic information doesn't change year to year. As for the publishing companies, there are two options that will protect the forests that would otherwise be destroyed to print "updated" textbooks.

Digital textbooks are becoming more common. They are often easier to navigate than a textbook because instead of an index or table of contents to find something, the computer can find whatever term you are looking for instantly. Digital textbooks allow the book to be as long as the author wishes, they are environmentally friendly and they save the publisher money in printing costs — everyone wins.

The other option is an age-old idea not utilized by most because it requires a little extra effort. We are of course referring to the novel idea of recycling. If publishers were to actively collect old textbooks and recycle them, they would save money on timber costs and again pass the savings onto the consumer, the struggling student. Because students generally can't sell back their older textbooks, we don't foresee a lot of people objecting to donating them to save a forest.

Of course, the obvious short-term answer is to buy and sell used textbooks. Alas, the only profit from used books goes to bookstores, who clearly would like to help the environment as well, but publishers are not soon likely to give up their monopoly on the textbook market to save a tree.

Staff Editorial
Central Florida Future (U. Central Florida)



"You put me in a baby commercial without my clothes on!? Millions of people saw that, dad!"

New theme parks for the modern world

Cassidy Gruber
The Pitt News

Yesterday, while I was traveling through the wide webs of the Internet, I stumbled upon something that first made me giggle and then subsequently pause for ponderous contemplation. It was a radio story about a man and his dream: to open a theme park in Tennessee that would feature historical and exhilarating representations of the Bible. The tentative title for this project, slated to be the largest Bible theme park in America, is Bible Park USA.

I love themed things, whether they are parks, parties or pet names. And I love the ideas proposed for some of Bible Park USA's attractions, such as the parting of the Red Sea complete with shooting water and Moses talking overhead. I don't quite know how they'll work in the log flume, but I'm sure it will all come together in the end.

Reading about Bible Park USA got me thinking about all the other

potential theme parks, such as:

The "Oh, so that's how it would have turned out" Park: OK, think "It's a Wonderful Life," but with no Jimmy Stewart and a bit more of a personal touch. This park capitalizes on that universal desire to know what could have been if you had taken a different fork in the road.

The technology is a bit complicated in these early planning stages, but I imagine it will involve some sort of virtual reality helmet that taps into the part of your brain that lights up when you think of all your past regrets. Then, the super-computer that is in charge of the whole thing makes up alternate endings that would result from making different choices.

Some possible featured rides would be the "What if I didn't quit

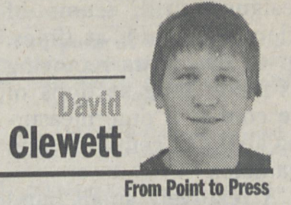
my Job?" roller coaster and "The one that got away" tunnel of love. Park-goers could set their virtual reality helmets to determine whether these alternate endings were positive or negative.

For example, if you want to convince yourself that you've done a smashing job making decisions about your life, you can set your helmet to reflect only the negative outcomes of the decisions you didn't make.

Or, if you're self-pitying and melodramatic, you can set your helmet to make it so that a different path of choices would have made your life way more awesome than it is right now. And maybe we'd have a Jimmy Stewart cardboard cutout for photo-ops or something.

The "This is what a roller coaster was supposed to be!" Park: I'm from a small town in eastern Pennsylvania. This town, Jim

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My dream Memorial Day weekend

Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner. It is a great opportunity to see Oregon in a way you may not usually have the chance to.

In a month, we will all be back to our summer jobs and may not have the chance for wacky road trips (unless you count those wild family vacations).

This is why I suggest that you and possibly some of your friends make plans to see some of scenic Oregon this weekend.

What would I do if I could do anything? Easy.

First, I would drive west the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport. In Newport, I would get lunch at the Chowder Bowl at Nye Beach. It is the best bowl of chowder I have ever had, and the view over Nye Beach is postcard-worthy.

I would be sure to get an ocean-view room at either The Whaler or The Driftwood motel. I'd spend the afternoon bundled in a blanket reading a book — perhaps "Heroes" by Robert Cormier — and admire the natural beauty of the Pacific Ocean.

The next morning I'd wake up and leave well before the mandatory check-out time.

Eventually, I'd have to make my move east toward Roseburg. Short of Roseburg, I would stop in Winston at the Wildlife Safari and take my time driving through the park.

I would admire each of the endangered species equally. I would especially take time to observe the lions and giraffes.

I would park my car and enter the walk-through portion of the park. I'd make noises and funny faces at the monkeys as I pass by and then catch a ride on the miniature train. I would ride the train all the way to the elephants exhibit.

On my way out of the park I would sneakily pick a couple flowers and hide them in my backpack. I would leave some change in the tip jar to thank the animals for sharing.

I would make sure I take the long route back to Roseburg in order to stop for a quick round of golf at On the River RV Park and Golf Course. After I enjoy my Tiger-like round of short-iron play, then go slightly north of Roseburg to the Winchester Fish Ladder and watch the fish battle their way upstream.

Damning myself for leaving my fishing pole behind, I would wander to my car and start east. Torn between seeing Diamond Lake or Crater Lake, I decide to just drive east and figure it out as I got closer.

I'd be pulling into the Diamond Lake Resort — it is much colder here. I can predict that the tubing slope is closed, so I'd get a hot cocoa

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Letters to the Editor

Foreign Language and Literatures classes Pressured to reduce class offerings

As you might know if you caught our Tower of Babble installation in the MU Lounge on Tuesday, May 13, this year was designated by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as the International Year of Languages.

Yet, at this time when the needs for international cooperation and multilingualism are stronger than ever, OSU's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is pressured to dramatically reduce its class offerings for next fall. Because of inadequate funding, we have to close sections in all languages, and it appears that first-year Italian will be eliminated, despite its enormous popularity.

Students will find it increasingly difficult to register for language classes, a situation which deeply upsets the whole faculty and staff of this department.

Furthermore, since most language classes are offered in sequence and only once a year, underfunding will make it even harder for students who need to complete foreign language requirements to graduate on time. It also means larger class sizes and less personal attention, factors that are especially detrimental to

learning languages.

This situation is all the more absurd since the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures makes money for the university. Under a budgeting model where tuition dollars follow the students, we see that Foreign Languages' finances are completely in order: we generate more money than we need to operate at current capacity. Instead of which, through the use of an unfair budget model, we find ourselves with a deficit of \$250,000 and threatened with job losses.

We simply ask for the funds to complete our public service mission of teaching languages to students, as mandated by the Oregon Legislature. So are foreign languages important at OSU or is it just a pretense? Is this the International Year of Languages or is it the year we get cut?

Signed by the following Foreign Languages and Literatures faculty members:

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Dr. Sex and Health Promotion Department Great job on open communication

Every week I look forward to reading Kathy Greaves' column. Although our society seems to pride itself on its sexual freedom, we, paradoxically, also seem to try to ignore the fact that people have sex, including teenagers and the elderly. The more information people have the better able they are to make positive decisions concerning sex. The open, direct communication and information in Greaves' column is very valuable and beneficial to the OSU community.

In addition, the posters put out by the Student Health Services Health Promotion Department are amazing. Using condoms and other barrier methods such as dental dams can prevent the transmission of STIs and reduce the chances of pregnancy. Making barriers more available and for free will only help in the prevention of STI transmission. Thank you to both Kathy Greaves and the Health Promotions Department! Great Work!

LAURA YODER
senior, English

GRUBER: Unusual ideas for rides at possible theme parks

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Thorpe, has an absurd amount of claims to fame for its piteous size and lack of brand-name establishments. One of these attractions is the historic Mauch Chunk Switchback Gravity Railroad site, which was a coal-mining train that eventually took passengers for thrilling 5-mile-an-hour trips down the mountainside, assuming the role of the first ever "roller coaster."

The "This is what a roller coaster was supposed to be!" Park adopts a more traditional, historic interpretation of "roller coasters" and their amusement park counterparts. After you hop on the coal train, you'll roller-coast right into the coal mine, where you'll be led on a spooky haunted house tour of the dark mine by some little kids with coal-dust-

ed faces and the whisper of Black Lung hanging in the future. Sound drastic? Try realistic.

Other rides featured in the park would be that ride with the big pirate ship that swings back and forth until you're hanging in mid-air. And when you're safely grounded, you'll be attacked by real pirates who will rob you blind and steal your women and children. Doesn't it fill your heart with true amusement?

But perhaps the most successful ride will be the "Lost Childhood" swingset. You'll spend an exhilarating few minutes flying through the air on the swings. And when you alight back on park soil, you'll weep with the memories of your faded juvenile innocence and mourn for what could have been — an appropriate time to make your way to the "Oh, so that's how it would have turned out" Park.

The "Let's ignore the serious problems facing our community and head to the theme park" Park: This park offers

the most radical proposition thus far: a place where you can come and drop 40 bucks, not including refreshments, to jump onto rides that fill you with primal fear associated with defying the laws of physics so that you can't think of the recessing economy if you tried.

Along with the rides would be other less-intense amusements, such as a fun boat trip through a briar patch in the old South, forgiven its faults, because in this ride bunnies and bears play all of the racist characters, so it's totally cute!

The day will culminate in fireworks and a parade full of icons such as less-than-personable princesses, superheroes and other people we teach our children to strive to become. This park's philosophy is, if it's shaped like a Barbie or doesn't have to pay bills, then put it in the parade.

Cassidy Gruber
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

CLEWETT: Wrapping up extended weekend; remembering meaning true of Memorial Day

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and sit on the deck looking out over the lake. Every now and then I'd hear some yelping and hollering come from the water and I assume that someone has caught a fish. I knew I should have brought my pole.

I'd pull "Heroes" out of my backpack and begin to read.

Tomorrow's journey is still ahead, and I'd want to get a head start, so I would leave for Crater Lake.

It draws a gasp from me every time I see it, even at this time of night.

I'd make my way into the lodge and get a room looking out over the lake. It is such a beautiful view that I decide to leave the shades open.

After such an adventurous day, I quickly fall asleep. The sun shines through the window and pulls my eyelids open.

As Sunday morning rolls around, I would grab my stuff together and take a bagel and juice from the continental breakfast bar. I'd like to go all the way back to the coast — It's a long drive.

"These caves have a myriad of calcite formations, and they make up the decorations you see on the walls," the tour guide would say.

When the tour group walks through the "Passageway of the Whale," I always feel like I am Geppetto.

I am worried, standing in Monstro's stomach waiting for Pinocchio to come to the rescue. After the 90-minute tour, I would get another souvenir.

It may be overpriced, but I need something to help me remember the way I felt standing in the belly of a whale.

Back on Interstate 5, I set the cruise control and drive north. It has been a fun trip so far, and now I am going to pick up my friends in Corvallis and we would spend the night at Silver Falls State Park just outside of Salem (just south of Silverton).

I meet the guys at Exit 228 and they pile in. They have already reserved us a yurt, so we check in and then go straight to our campsite.

I am relieved to get out of the car and we all decide to go on a short afternoon adventure through the forest.

After a while we wander back to our yurt. One of the

guys starts a fire, the other gathers wood and I go into the yurt to get the hot dogs and marshmallows.

We all sit around the campfire telling stories and eating s'mores late into the night.

The next morning we wake up — no need to shower, we are spending the day hiking. There are many trails and waterfalls. We want to see as many of them as possible. After a full day of hiking into waterfalls, we pile back into the car and drive down to Corvallis.

Classes start again on Tuesday, but I would think to myself that I still haven't seen "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

We would close the weekend by going to the theaters for the 9 p.m. showing.

After a vacation like that, I will be forced to eat Cup Noodles and Wonder Bread for the rest of the term, but at

least I will have a legendary weekend that I will always remember (thanks to my souvenirs).

These events might just be some memories of the past, some memories I want to reminisce about or some things I want get a chance to reexperience — either way they would make for an amazing extended weekend.

In reality there is no way to fit everything into this weekend, thus I will not be able to have my fantasy Memorial Day weekend — but I will make sure I get to Newport.

Whatever you do this weekend, please take a moment to remember the women and men who have died in military service. After all, that is what this holiday is all about.

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Tigers find light after sweep of Ms

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Jim Leyland has seen this before: The Tigers score a few runs, win a few games, then revert to the form that made them the high-priced disappointment of the early portion of the season.

After losing six of seven and only scoring 14 runs in the process, the Tigers scored 30 in a three-game sweep of Seattle, culminating in a 9-2 win Thursday that Leyland hopes will build some lasting momentum.

"We've gotten some pitching, we've scored some runs and we've won some games, so everyone feels better about themselves," the Tigers manager said. "We've gotten excited before, though, and then we went back into the poor habits that surprised me, so we have to see if we can keep this going."

Brandon Inge hit a three-run homer, Matt Joyce also went deep and Gary Sheffield had three hits to raise his batting average to .202 for the Tigers.

"This is the type of thing that will remind us that we are a good team," Inge said. "We just need to relax and play."

Series at a Glance

Jeremy Bonderman (3-4) won for the first time in four May starts, allowing two runs and eight hits with two walks

in six innings. He struck out two.

"We'd been playing terrible baseball coming into this series, so it helps to get a sweep," Bonderman said. "I threw the ball pretty well, and the guys got some hits for me."

Freddy Dolsi picked up his first major-league save with three shutout innings.

Miguel Batista (3-6) fell to 1-4 in his last six starts, giving up five runs — four earned — on seven hits in three innings.

"I'm not very happy with the way I pitched," Batista said. "It's very hard to explain, because my command was better than my last start, and I was throwing hard."

The Mariners had a runner on third with none out in the first but failed to score, and the Tigers went ahead 1-0 on Magglio Ordonez's RBI double in the bottom of the inning.

The Tigers expanded their lead to 4-0 on Inge's three-run shot in the second. Left fielder Jeremy Reed reached over the fence and got his glove on the ball, but his impact with the wall caused the glove to come off his hand and fall into the Tigers bullpen.

"I thought he had it — I knew I got jammed and I didn't think it would get out," Inge said. "I guess I just got enough of it."

The Mariners got a run back in the third on an RBI single by Raul Ibanez, but Edgar Renteria's sacrifice fly restored the four-run margin.

Seattle loaded the bases with no one out in the fifth, but Ibanez hit into a double play to help Bonderman get out of the inning allowing just one run.

"They say that double plays are a pitcher's best friend, and there's some truth to that," Leyland said. "It's huge to get that, especially against someone that I believe is one of the best hitters in the league."

The Tigers left nine players on base, six of them in scoring position, but the Mariners couldn't take advantage. They stranded eight, five of them on second or third.

"We put ourselves in the hole every night," Seattle manager John McLaren said. "I know we are capable of winning, but we just aren't doing it. There's no easy fix — we are just in a rut."

Joyce hit a two-run homer — his fifth in eight games — to make it 7-2 in the fifth, then made a diving catch to save a run in the sixth.

"He's just a kid, and he's having fun out there," Leyland said. "That catch was huge, because no one knows what happens if it gets by him."

JOHNSON: LaConga Coliseum, instead of Gill would be more popular than Sexson swing

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something.

Remember in the 1990s when every NBA team set a new level for horrendous uniform trends? That's where I'm thinking OSU should go, because even if they lose, if they're wearing uniforms that leave fans speechless, they can at least walk away from the game knowing that half the people watching paid more attention to the uniform rather than the poor play on the court. And if they win, then they can be called trendy.

It seems like the overall mentality of OSU basketball is changing with the new addition of head coach Craig Robinson, and with him, hopefully more wins. So why not try to be trendy? It seems to work for Duck

football. They go 6-6 and the national media call them the most underrated team in a bowl game. They lose three out of their final four games in a season and the national media say they are the best team not playing in a national championship game. Are they ever really that good? No. But because they're so outrageous it brings them some pretty good attention.

Also, Gill Coliseum is a thing of the past. We need new, fresh sponsorship capabilities for the upcoming renovation. Think fresh beef, packed with potatoes, cheese and hot sauce, all wrapped up in a wonderful tortilla. That's right, I'm talking about La Conga Arena. Think about the marketing possibilities with that one. Besides,

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By the way, the Mariners just lost again. And I'm pretty sure I watched Richie Sexson strike out three times in the time frame in which I wrote this column. Can Ken Griffey Jr. just hit home run No. 600 already? Because as soon as he does you know he'll be traded to Seattle and end his career as a Mariner.

Look, all I'm saying is that the University of Oregon takes a year-in and year-out

mediocre football program and brings it to the forefront of the national sports media because of its out-of-control antics and oddball uniforms. At no point has Oregon ever been good enough to compete for a national title, yet the Ducks have gotten to the point where their school gets kicked around among the nation's top 15 every now and then.

So why not us? OSU basketball is in dire straits right now. They just set a record for the most regular season losses ever by a Pac-10 team. And guess what? That record will always belong to OSU. So let's give it a shot. Let's see what we can do by masking a potentially not-so-good team with out-of-control uniforms and new sponsorship. It couldn't hurt, could it?

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GOLF: Tournament paired men, women

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at the Trysting Tree Golf Club in the Giustina Memorial Classic, where they played alongside their Beaver counterparts, the men's golf team. Schools were paired up with one man and one woman from each team playing in a foursome with another pair from a competing school.

The Beavers won the tournament with a combined men's and women's score of 1743, beating the Washington State Cougars by three strokes. Individually, the women's team came in second to the Cougars by 14 strokes with a score of 900.

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BASEBALL: Decorated senior class plays for last time in Goss, ceremony Sunday

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Pitchers Mike Stutes and Reed Brown, catcher Eric Ammon, infielders Drew George, Lonnie Lechelt and Jordan Lennerton and outfielders Chris Hopkins, Braden Wells and Daniel Robertson will all be recognized.

This is arguably the most decorated senior class in any sport in the history of Oregon State athletics and if things do not go in the Beavers' favor this weekend it could be the last time they will wear the Oregon State uniform. Either way it has been a great ride for

many in this senior class.

"It's been fun," George said. "It's been nice since I'm from nearby Lebanon. My family has been able to come to my games, and it's been great. I always grew up wanting to be a Beaver. It's been a fun time."

For those of you unable to get tickets this weekend, Saturday's game will be televised on Fox Sports at 2 p.m. Friday's game is a 5 p.m. start, and Sunday is a 1 p.m. start.

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LAMB: Consideration means maintaining 3.2 GPA, competed in 50 percent of meets

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earned a role in the floor exercise lineup before a leg injury prevented her from performing on the event early in the season. Lamb set or tied career highs on all three of her events in 2008, including scores of 9.925 on vault, 9.875 on the beam and 9.875 on floor. Along the way she captured four of her five career individual titles.

In March, Lamb was named a Pac-10 All-Academic first team member and is also a three-time NACGC/W (National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women) Scholastic All-American.

Nominees for the at-large team were taken from student-athletes in the sports of bowling, crew, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis and water polo with each NCAA institution allowed to submit three total nominees for consideration.

In order to be considered, athletes must have a minimum 3.20 cumulative grade point average, have reached sophomore standing both academically and athletically, have completed at least one full academic year at their current institutions, and participated in at least 50 percent of their team's competitions.

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Last gasp for Oregon State Baseball

■ Beavers try for spot in postseason but need three-game sweep against Pacific University this weekend

By Kacy Hochstatter
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The scenario is simple: The Oregon State baseball team has to win all three games this weekend if they are going to have any chance of making the postseason for a fourth consecutive season. And even if they win all three games it does not guarantee anything for the two-time defending national champs. The Beavers are two games under .500 in conference play and in eighth place headed into the final weekend.

A lot can change after this weekend with several big Pac-10 series being played in the next three days. The Beavers still have more conference wins than three teams ahead of them, but it will take a couple of weekend sweeps if the Beavers are going to jump up in the conference standings.

"We just gotta play hard and try to have fun," center fielder Chris Hopkins said. "We can't take [Pacific] lightly. We still have a chance."

There is still a chance of postseason aspirations, for several reasons.

Although the Beavers had a much better non-conference record last year that boosted their resume, they also had fewer conference wins with only 10. Not to mention Oregon State played one of the hardest schedules in the nation this season with games against so many ranked teams it would discourage your brain to read them all in one sentence.

There is still hope, but there is no room for error this weekend.

"We gotta stay positive and just focus on winning tomorrow," third baseman Drew George said. "That's the biggest thing. Hopefully we can get some wins and keep on playing."

The Beavers have a good chance to do some damage this weekend against the Tigers, as Pacific (14-38) has struggled though a tough season. As a team they bat only .266 and only three players hit over .300 on the season led by freshman outfielder Nick Longmire at .335. The Tigers do have a weapon on the base paths with catcher Joe Oliveira as he has 24 stolen bases on 27 attempts on the season.

The pitching has not been a strong point either as the team ERA is 6.38 and opposing teams hit .327 on the season. Oregon State has not scored in the last 15 innings and needs to get on track offensively if the Beavers are going to give themselves a chance. Consistency has been a problem for this young team all season as they have won a lot of big games and lost a lot of bad games. That is a trademark of a young team, according to coach Pat Casey.

"I think there are some times where this team has done some great things, and there are other times when we have shot ourselves in the foot," Casey said. "We are a young team, and that is what happens when seven of your first 11 pitchers are freshman."

This is going to be a big weekend as well for the seniors on the OSU roster. Sunday's game is Senior Day, and Oregon State will honor nine seniors before the start of the game. See **BASEBALL** | page A7



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Senior Chris Hopkins rounds third in Goss Stadium. The Beavers run support should be easy as the Pacific bullpen has an ERA of 6.38.



Kye Johnson

Rallying a different legend

I see on osubeavers.com a press release from Athletic Director Bobby D. that was issued recently, reassuring everyone that the legend is indeed being rallied. "About 800" people have signed up to rally this legend so far. By the way, who is the legend? I've been thinking about that a lot lately.

It begs the question: How much is it going to take for Oregon State basketball to bring itself to a level of respectability, let alone to the level of the University of Oregon? I see the Ducks doing all these crazy things in football, year in and year out, sort of masking the fact that their team isn't that good just to draw a lot of attention to the program. It got me thinking: If OSU basketball turned itself into the U of O of college football team, would we be better off?

And I'm not talking about just doing a few things completely out of line, I'm talking about going all-out here.

It starts with the uniforms, of course. So for the home uniforms, the shorts are completely orange with no stripes or anything on them. The top piece could be half white, half orange with a giant logo of Benny the Beaver chasing after something streaking across the chest. Like Wile E. Coyote chasing the Roadrunner or

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Veal is No. 1

■ OSU runner breaks all-time mark during Olympic Trial

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Junior Sylvia Veal, running in her last race of the season, broke Oregon State's all-time school record in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:27.52 in the USA Olympic Trials Qualifier at Hayward Field.

"It was really, really good to see Sylvia come out and do what she did today, especially after the tumble at Pac-10s last week and all of the frustration that happened there," head coach Kelly Sullivan said. "It was an elite field and Sylvia as well as our other two runners hung with the best."

Senior Jean-Marie Peterson ran the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:35.55. Thursday's competition was her final race in an Oregon State uniform.

"This was a great race for Jean-Marie to finish her career and get some closure after how things transpired last week," Sullivan said. "What happened there was as unfortunate and disappointing thing I have ever seen happen to two fine athletes. It really shows their character to come out here and do what they did."

Also, freshman Casey Masterson, running unattached, set a new personal best in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:31.67 in her last race of the season.

"Casey ran really well today. Again, a great way for her to finish her season," Sullivan said. "What she put together today is very encouraging for her career at Oregon State."

"This race was nice to have," Sullivan said. "Because of our location we were able to get in here on such short notice and compete as well as give a lot of people an opportunity to see us one more time. It was great to have so many of our women out here showing their support for our three competitors today."



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OSU women golfers finished Pac-10 Championship 90-over.

Women golfers hole another season

■ Oregon State women's golf finish season with accolades and promising start to next season

By Taryn Luna
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The women's golf team ended the season with a disappointing 10th place finish at the Pac-10 Championships with a team score of 90-over-par, 942. The three-day event began April 21 in Palos Verdes, Calif., and ended with the Beavers trailing the USC tournament champions by 82 strokes.

Junior Martha Burkard's three-day total of 18-over 233 earned her an Oregon State-best 29th place finish in the tournament. Senior Julianna Uhrick tied for 32nd place with a three-round total of 20-over 233. Sophomore Lauren Archer tied for 43rd place with a score of 30-over 243, while senior Jessi Gebhardt finished in 45th place at 31-over 244.

Despite the last-place finish, coach Rise Lakowske sees

promise for the future.

"The golf course and the hole locations were difficult throughout the tournament; however, I think we have a great group of players to work with and a terrific base to build successful teams in the future," Lakowske said. "We will use this result to motivate us as we go forward."

During the regular season the Beavers were led by junior Jess Gebhardt with a 76.65 season stroke average, the fifth-best single season average in OSU women's golf history. Gebhardt earned a 2008 All-Pac-10 Conference honorable mention, becoming the first Beaver to earn a All-Pac-10 honors since 1999. Gebhardt earned Pac-10 Conference All-Academic first team honors, and Uhrick earned honorable mention status for the 2008 season as well.

Beyond the usual Pac-10 tournaments, the Oregon State women's golf team entered tournaments in Colorado, Hawaii, North Carolina and New Mexico. The Beavers' best finish of the season happened on their home turf

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Lamb earns more academic honors

■ Beaver senior gymnast selected to CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District

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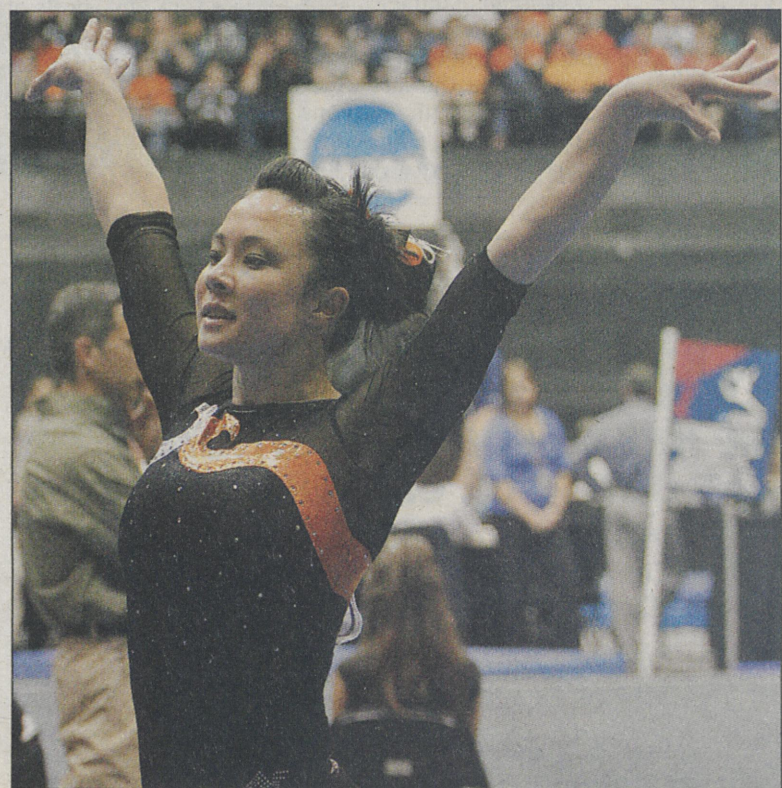
Oregon State gymnast Yuki Lamb was recognized on the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 8 women's at-large first team Thursday.

Lamb, as a first-team honoree, advances to the national ballot, which determines the Academic All-America team, which will be announced in June.

Lamb, a senior, is studying business administration with options in international business and marketing and expects to graduate from OSU in December. She will spend the fall term studying abroad in Austria.

Lamb was an integral part of the vault and balance beam lineups in 2008 and earned All-American status on the vault as a senior. She performed as OSU's lead-off for the beam lineup for most of the season and also had

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Senior Yuki Lamb salutes to conclude her beam routine. She finishes her four year career with another academic honor. ESPN saluted Lamb with a selection to their all-district team

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It might not be 'Lord of the Rings,' but C.S. Lewis' imagination does run wild — as does our review for 'Prince Caspian.'

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Looking for some fun summer advice from the Diversions staff? No? Well, we provide it anyway.

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C.S. Lewis' imaginative 'Chronicle' continues

By **Brianne Tedders**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It has been one year since Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy have left Narnia. One day, they are suddenly called back to the land they once ruled and find that everything has changed. One year for the

children in the real world is 1,300 years in Narnia. Their palace is in ruins, everyone they know is long gone and it seems like all the magic of Narnia has been drained. The country is now occupied by a race of humans called the Telmarines ruled by

the evil Lord Miraz and the magical creatures and talking animals are now merely legend. Prince Caspian, Miraz's nephew and true heir to the throne of Narnia, must now join with the Pevensie children to fight to return peace to Narnia.

There are some familiar faces from the first movie that return to Prince Caspian. The actors who played the Pevensie children are all the same, just a little older. There are some new faces and voices as well. Prince Caspian is played by British stage actor Ben Barnes — who is gorgeous. A dwarf named Trampkin is played by Peter Dinklage (Elf, Death at a Funeral) and Eddie Izzard (Ocean's 13, Across the Universe) lends his voice to Reepicheep, the noble and witty talking mouse. Andrew Adamson (Shrek) returns as the director. The crew included award winning makeup and costume designers, an Academy Award nominated visual effects team, and a musical score written by Harry Gregson-Williams (who also did the score for the first movie). Together, they were able to re-create C.S. Lewis' magical world and translate it onto the big screen.

The transition from book to film was easy for the imaginations of the filmmakers. Georgie Henley, the actress who played Lucy Pevensie, said of Lewis' books, "They're just brilliant because of the way C.S. Lewis wrote them. He didn't put too much description in, so Narnia is almost our complete imagination. We can interpret it however we like. I think that



The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Walt Disney Pictures
Rating: B
Run Time: 147 minutes
Synopsis:
We find the Pevensie siblings pulled back into the land of Narnia, where a thousand years have passed since they left.

most people have their own interpretation of these books and these characters."

Adamson, his crew and the actors were able to put as much of their own creativity into the movie as Lewis did in his books. Adamson decided to make Prince Caspian a little older than his character in the book and added an interesting encounter with the White Witch from the first movie. He also added a dramatic night raid of Miraz's castle.

Though Prince Caspian was visually stunning, there were a few details that left me a little confused. Apparently Narnia has been occupied

by 15th century Italy since the Pevensies left. Lord Miraz was played by prominent Italian actor Sergio Castellitto and many of his men were also of Italian or Spanish descent. This wasn't my problem though. My problem was with Caspian's accent — where was he supposed to be from? It was kind of all over the place and he couldn't cover it up with his looks alone.

Another problem with the movie was the storytelling. It was covered up by A LOT of battle scenes, some of them were impossible to see because they took place at night. I also found it disturbing how much destruction (including a fight to the death) they were able to fit into a family movie.

Other than that, the movie was excellent. It had a much darker, serious feel to it, but the same humor and heart of the first one is still present. Here is my conclusion — I enjoyed it. Prince Caspian was hot. You will be entertained.

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Diversions Calendar

Friday, May 23

- ▷ Arcweld, The Wobblies, and The Angries, 9pm at Calapooia Brewing, \$3
- ▷ Mare Wakefield makes a stop in Corvallis, 8pm at Bombs Away, \$8
- ▷ Swing Habit bring their country swing to the dancefloor, 9pm at Sahalie Wine Bar, this show is FREE!
- ▷ The Wizard of Oz, 6:30pm in LaSells Stewart Center, this show is FREE! (Continues all weekend!)

Saturday, May 24

- ▷ David Samuel Project plan to provide their uplifting set, 9pm at Sahalie Wine Bar, this show is FREE!
- ▷ Future Roots, 9pm at Bombs Away Cafe, \$5, 21+
- ▷ Glasses Malone (Sony Recording Artist), 10pm at Club Platinum, \$10, 21+
- ▷ Normal Bean and Ken Peterson (Plastic Ono Band), 9pm at Peacock Bar and Grill, \$3

Sunday, May 25

- ▷ Tragedy, Blowback (Japan), and The Angries, 9pm at Fox N Firkin, \$7

Tuesday, May 27

- ▷ OSU Chamber Choir with the South Albany Concert Choir, 7pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, FREE!

Thursday, May 29

- ▷ 6th Annual Divine Nine Step Show Yard Fest, 11am in the MU Quad, this event is FREE!

Friday, May 30

- ▷ Oregon State Battle of the Bands, 4pm in the MU Quad
- ▷ Next week Diversions will showcase a number of the acts participating in the event

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Mates of State keep it in the family

By **Alex McElroy**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kori Gardner and Jason Hammel of Mates of State have understood how to make a great indie record since their first record, "My Solo Project," in 2000, and fortunately they still know how to make one. With their latest album, "Re-Arrange Us," Mates of State is back with the catchy, up-beat songs they have come to call their craft.

Their songs have always combined a handful of sugar with skill, and the songs on this album are no different. The album begins with the single, "Get Better," a song that can most readily be described as attractive.

The lyrics and synth beats will burrow into your brain and follow your every move, iPod or not. They perfectly blend lyrics with beats, featuring lines such as, "Everything's gonna get better / Even if it never gets better." Those might not sound like they would fit with vibrant organ and drum accompaniment, but there is nothing farther from the truth. Gardner's and Hammel's voices mix to create a surreal experience that has a way of making even somewhat sad lyrics sound cheery and vivacious.

The deeper you go into the album, the more intertwined you feel, as if you have become one with the band. They have been criticized for their use of excessively happy tones and have at times even been called bubbly, but there is much more to their songs than a knack for catchy beats. Songs such as "My Only Offer" and "Jigsaw" show off their ability to not only create fun,

Mates of State
Re-Arrange Us

Grade: A
Check Out: "Get Better," "My Only Offer," "You Are Free"
Skip: Any other CD you may be listening to



captivating lyrics, but ones that delve into the coming-of-age associated with first marriages and starting a life.

Their album stays energized throughout, with many songs that could be pictured rubbing their noses and taking frequent bathroom trips. The only times that the album dips into a slow pace are for "Blue and Gold Print" and "Lullaby Haze." Both of these perform very well on their own as ballads but may feel like bit like the answer to the question "Which one of these is not like the other?"

Longtime fans will be able to deal with this change of pace, as it has been seen in previous albums, but newer fans might not be expecting it. By no means are the songs bad; they actually provide a very nice change of pace, but that might not be what you want if you're using the other eight tracks as background music to the dance-off in your basement.

Even if they do get a little sentimental at times, can you really blame them? They are a married couple who seem to be breaking the all the rules: They're still together after their bands performed together in 1997. After meeting they decided to leave their respective bands and perform with

each other. They moved to San Francisco and began their motto of "Play. Anywhere, anytime." They performed at house parties and small venues along the California coast. They've moved up in the world since then, touring all across the U.S. and Europe.

In 2001 both Gardner and Hammel quit their jobs to focus solely on the band, and it has paid dividends. Their talents have grown exponentially since their decision to concentrate on music, and I, for one, am glad they did.

Mates of State will perform in Bend with Death Cab for Cutie and The Decemberists on May 24. The band will also be at the Sasquatch Festival. If you have the chance to attend their shows, I would recommend going — they are some of the best performers around, known for their inability to take their eyes off each other without compromising their sound.

The latest album is nothing new, but with the tendency for so many bands to change their sound, it's refreshing that this album is just on-par with their best and won't disappoint longtime fans.

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IAN GROGAN DOES THE 80s



■ This week's guide to the majestic 80s toys we all know and love, or don't

By Ian Grogan
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I was a kid of the 1980s, as I assume most of you were, and I loved my toys.

When I look back on it now the toys seem to be quite simple compared to the technologically advanced toys we have today. They may be more advanced today, but toys of the '80s were in many ways more exciting.

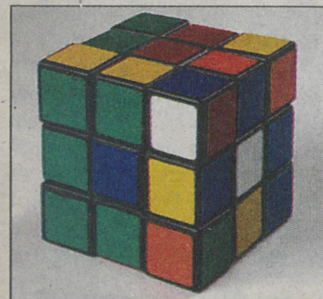
Stuffed animals were a big part of the '80s, many of which were either based off cartoon shows or made into cartoon shows. The Care Bears were a prime example. Based off of a greeting card line, the Care Bears were turned into plush bears in 1983. Each bear had a symbol on its stomach to demonstrate which attitude it had and the power it held.

There were also the ever-popular Cabbage Patch Kids, a must-have Christmas gift for much of the decade. Given to the world in 1983, after being known as the "little people dolls," the Cabbage Patch Kids' popularity quickly took off. The popularity kept growing, and the Cabbage Patch Kids even became the official mascot of the Olympics in 1992.

One other doll I'd like to go over is the Monchichi. The Monchichis were monkey-like dolls who lived in the forest land of Monchia at the very top of tall trees well above the clouds. In 1980, America was introduced to the creatures in a TV show that ran for 130 episodes.

But stuffed animals are just the tip of the iceberg; there were also fun and challenging games to play with while keep your mind occupied.

Lite-Brite was a huge toy of the '80s and still is a small part of pop culture today. In the '80s Lite-Brite was a series of pegs punched into a piece of blank paper atop a special board that made the pegs light up. They often came with pre-made stencils of clowns and wizards. A bomb scare in 2007 used several Lite-Brite look-a-likes to make figures of the great Mooninites to promote the new "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" movie.



TOP 5 ACTION FIGURES OF THE 80s:

5. Got to hand it to the Japanese for bringing the US some really crazy robot action figures like Gundam and Voltron, crazy toys, yet really radical looking.
4. Hasbro brought us the world of the Transformers. Entertained kids for hours because you couldn't actually figure out how to correctly transform them.
3. He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. Anyone who owned the set had...THE POWER!
2. The Thundercats. Come on, you know you loved the show, and you have to admit you thought Cheetra was hot.
1. G.I. Joe. Although he wasn't a spawn of the 80s he was still the coolest around, with his comics, tv shows, and video games. Best action figure, ever!

Another mind-bending puzzle toy of the era was of course the Rubik's Cube. I don't think I have to go into detail about this — I think everyone should know how impossible these things are.

Yet another great one was the "Speak and Spell," a fancy toy that had five different games all revolving around word play. What was so fun about this toy was it would actually speak to you — a mind-blowing concept in the '80s!

One of my favorites as a kid were the Garbage Pail Kids. They were trading cards you could collect and share with your friends, and they were a pretty extreme parody of the Cabbage Patch Kids. There were characters like Creepy Carol, Mauled Paul and the famous Adam Bomb. The cards were a fun contrast to the mainstream toys of the '80s.

All in all, games and toys of the '80s had personality, had a story to tell, and they kept you busy for hours. You were cool if you showed up to your class with a Cabbage Patch Kid or showed your parents your latest Lite-Brite creation. Why don't they make toys like that these days?

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Randomonium

■ ATM nudity sparks new campaign strategies, American Idol futures

By Ruben Casas
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Some people refer to cat-calls as wolf-whistles — that goes in the *Things That Are True* pile. At least it's true in New Zealand, where Adrain Bathgate reported that an Israeli tourist stripped for a group of road workers who "wolf-whistled" at her.

The woman, who was in line to use an ATM, said that she was "fed up with the wolf-whistles," so she took all her clothes off, withdrew cash, then put her clothes back on, according to the New Zealand Press Association.

After the incident the woman was taken to the police station where she explained that New Zealand men had been pestering her, so she wanted to "show them what [she] had."

Police Sgt. Peter Masters commented that the woman was, in fact, "not an unattractive looking lady," but then admonished her against the behavior, saying that what she did was "inappropriate in New Zealand." However, Masters had nothing to say about making cat-calls/wolf-whistles/whatever at women walking along the street. Presumably that type of behavior is acceptable.

In the *Things That*

Might Be True pile we find a new set of campaign strategies (as if we hadn't seen it all). There is, for example, a corpulent candidate for mayoral office in the Black Sea port of Constanta. People call him "The Elephant," so he got himself an elephant and paraded down the town's main thoroughfare.

"It eats peas," the candidate told reporters of the elephant when the two large creatures stopped to rest.

Another mayoral candidate, this time for the city of Arad, released a poster in which he and 11 of his colleagues sit behind a long table in imitation of the iconic "Last Supper" painting by Leonardo Da Vinci. The message that the portrait is supposed to convey? That he "believes" in his team.

Another candidate for mayor of the city of Bistrita has hung a number of banners around the city that show a finger with a condom wrapped around it. The candidate hopes that the banners will help show how his leadership will serve as a "protection against corruption."

Maybe one of these tactics could finally set one Democratic candidate from another should he/she adopt one of these ideas as we near a presidential nomination.

And in the *Things That Aren't True At All* stack we put the notion that "there

is no life after 'Idol.'" There is life after "American Idol," at least for David Archuleta (and maybe the other final six contestants), though not necessarily for you if you don't successfully reintegrate yourself in society in the next couple of days.

Why can we say that there is life after 'Idol'? Well, never mind that Archuleta could have — should have, maybe — won as easily as David Cook did. That's what the judges indicated at the end of Wednesday's night show, and that regardless of not walking away with the title he will probably get a record deal and might even star in some commercials, maybe even a feature flick.

No one will be surprised if these happen. What makes us so certain that you don't just disappear after "Idol" is the inordinate number of returnees to the "American Idol" stage in Thursday's finale. Let me just name-drop in case you weren't watching (or weren't yet born) when some of the talent first made their "AI" appearances: David Hernandez, Michael Johns, Carly Smithson, Mikalah Gordon, Matt Rogers and closest to home, Carrie Underwood and Jordin Sparks (in a gold lame dress!). Heck, even Sanjaya Malakar got some screen time... and he's only parking cars.

So what will you do after "Idol"?

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MC CHRIS: Paying close attention to finished product

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album more commonly acceptable, hopefully he can get some air time this go-around.

The whole album is quite a delight to the ears; Chris continues his way of making albums you can listen to over and over without tiring of it.

A few songs for recommended listening are "Hoodie Ninja," "Pizza Butt," "Rollercoaster" and "On*" — just be careful because "On*" is a little racy in its lyrics. He also brings back his hilarious skits and the gang of nerds known as the "Imperial Senate" who plague most of MC's CD's skits.

MC can be seen this summer as a part of the Warped Tour, and you even may get to hang with him in his newly added zombie merch tent he'll be showing off at the event.

Overall, I believe "mc chris is dead" is one of MC Chris' better albums. It's a change from his other music, and he uses it to prove that he can make things surprising with every new release.

MC Chris will always have new and exciting tricks up his sleeve. MC Chris gives hope to all of us nerds and geeks out there that we can make it somewhere in life with a little effort and some badass beats in the background.

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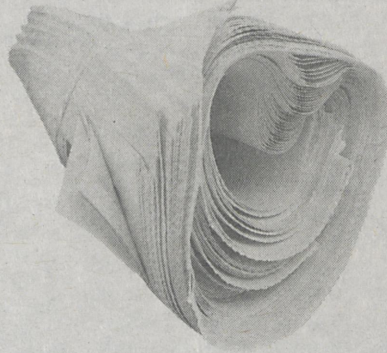
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- Family Guy creator, Seth MacFarlane discusses the intense cult following of the show and its impact on American culture.

Arbitrary Argument: American Holiday Style!

■ Which National holiday will you choose this week?

By Ruben Casas & Alex McElroy
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, the last Monday of each May, on which Americans traditionally gather around the grill to remember things they've forgotten, has been relegated to a Macy's store-wide sale. Now, I'm not saying you shouldn't get that new two-piece you promised yourself you'd fit into by the second week in June, or that you shouldn't get your dad another golf-themed gift pack that includes a pair of boxers, a tie, socks, tie, pen and pencil set, business car holder, Rolodex, cufflinks, wallet, hip flask and baseball cap advertised at \$7.99 in time for Father's Day. In fact, please do these things, but also remember to recall all the memories you've forgotten this year. Have friends over for a barbecue (after you hit the sale) and do it together. Depending on what there was to forget, you'll find that alcohol helps jog the memory.

The first Memorial Day was observed during the American Civil War. On this particular day the teenaged men in the Union Army got together to remember, as accurately as possible, how many women they had promised to come back and marry, how many they had left pregnant, who they really wanted to marry, who they really wanted to get pregnant, and once they

made their way through all the Elizabeths, Victorias, Beverlys and Anas, they also remembered that they were fighting to ensure that the population of slaves in the South didn't count toward the number that helped decide how much tax revenue each state got and how many representatives they were able to send to Washington. The Confederacy probably observed a similar holiday when those soldiers remembered that they were fighting for the ability to count all of their slaves, but also for the right to deny them freedom.

Thankfully for you, the extent of your forgotten memories doesn't extend past band camp the summer before your senior year when you got mono from either Kelly or Kyle. You guess it could have been both. So there's that to remember.

Oh, and also how you wanted to do really well this term in all your classes, how you were going to get all your assignments done and in on time, how you were going to study for midterms. Damn. And hadn't you said something about "hittin'" Dixon more often — maybe taking a yoga class? Oh well. Wasn't there something about keeping up with the news, current events? You were going to do less Facebook-stalking and more newspaper reading? Get familiar with the upcoming election, the candidates, the issues — all that? Wait, when was the Oregon primary?

You'll remember all these things this Memorial Day.



Heck, maybe you'll have so many things to remember that you'll make a weekend out of it. Macy's will.

The thing is, you can expect to forget these things just as soon as you sign in to your MySpace to look up "that cute guy by the keg that kept looking at me the whole night — yeah, did you see him? Well after I told him to stop, he kept on trying to put his hand up my shirt — I know, creepy huh? — he gave me his number. I'm going to call him for sure. Wait, OMG he has like almost 2,000 friends. That is so cool, right? Okay, should I friend him? Is that weird, you think? Yeah, I'm gonna... Oh my god, look — he has a yellow ribbon on his profile. That is totally cool, finding a guy that, like, cares about stuff. Yeah, totally cool right? I friended him. It would be like totally cool if I hooked up with this guy, I think. I love barbecues. This one was so much fun! What was the occasion — do you remember?"

Labor Day

With Mother's Day just past us and Memorial Day right around the corner, I feel it is right to bring up the holiday that combines the two of them flawlessly: Labor Day. Since Congress declared it an official holiday in 1894, it has been the best way to celebrate the struggle and pain of maternity.

How exactly was the idea for Labor Day conceived? Well, it started the same way we all start: as a twinkle in the eye of the premature Women's Rights Movement.

After failing to earn themselves the right to vote with their constant lobbies, women decided to compromise with the Senate. They weren't given equal wages or respect, but they were given a holiday to celebrate the dilation of their cervixes!

Some out there will tell you that this information is bogus, that Labor Day was formed as an act of the Central Labor

Union's desire to make a "day off for the working man." To them I say, "Malarkey." Wikipedia supports that definition as Labor Day, and I've already learned my lesson with Wikipedia. (My apologies yet again to Sinbad's family for the premature condolences I left you.)

I know what you're thinking now: If Labor Day isn't just about a day off from work, then how the heck do I celebrate the darned thing? Well, my friends, the answer is simple: For those who like to celebrate with a day of barbecues in the dwindling summer, just make a few adjustments. You may have to do a little research, but nothing says "great party" like an excessively researched party. Find your birth certificate, track down the doctor who de-uterized you, and ask him how long your birth took. If he doesn't remember who you are, just ask for an arbitrary number. (As long as you do the research, who cares if it's accurate?) After calling him back five to nine times and convincing him that you are indeed serious, write up your invitations.

Now that you know how long it took you to enter into the world, you know how long to celebrate it.

Decorations can be the trickiest detail of Labor Day. I would suggest going to your finest adult shop and requesting their assistance in the formation of helium-inflated balloons with photos of birth-giving — but still classy looking — women. Instead of using streamers, ask your local

hospital what they do with the leftover umbilical cords. And of course, be sure to offer all guests epidurals and enemas to make their experience real.

Now, if you're on the other side of the coin, you're either an eagle or a building. Haha, just felt a joke was necessary.

Anyway, when deciding which Labor Day celebration to attend, make sure to choose the right one for you. Your mailbox will fill with invitations during the third trimester of summer and you sure as heck won't be able to attend them all.

Here's some advice: If you're a party animal, attend your rebellious friend's party — if he was a rebel at 45, then he was probably one at 0, refusing to follow what the man wanted him to do and get birthed without a fight. If you're looking to party-hop but not hurt feelings, label your Labor Day antics "C-Day": your attempt to hit every Caesarian section party in the county. If you feel like taking it easy, keep the family in and gather the kids to watch everyone's favorite coming of age family flick, "Knocked Up."

This September, the choice is yours: Do you celebrate Labor Day with those gullible squares who believe the Central Labor Union's lies, or do you commemorate labor as it was meant to be celebrated, with dirty jokes and helium-filled births?

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Summertime hints to keep things interesting!

By Rachel Love
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What could be better than a Slip-n-Slide in the middle of the night along a busy street? Not much! But when temperature rises and you're stuck sweating your brains out in your \$200 attic room half an hour from campus, it's hard to think of awesome things to do. Let me give you a hint: Everything you did as a child is much more fun now, because you're an unsupervised pseudo-adult. Here are some ideas!

Bike to Avery Park. The stream is muddy and hard to get to, the trails aren't well-marked, the "rose garden" makes me a little sad, but it has fields of grass galore! While it may not be the best place to lounge by a crystal clear stream (mainly because the stream looks like a pit of mud), it is a great place to have a picnic, play Frisbee, go for a walk... and dare I suggest mud wrestling?

Have a water fight. Do you remember those? When I was little I was lucky enough (that's sarcasm) to live across the street from three. Boisterous. Young men. I will omit their names. Because I had three older sisters, I was completely unaware of the full-out warfare that could grow from an innocent water fight. I'm talking frozen water balloons, water cannons filled with gritty mud (and probably something else, judging by the smell), total disregard for the safety of home base and broken windows.

But this is Water Fight, Version 2.0:



College. Omit the mud and keep the ice for your margarita on the rocks. Grab your old water guns, and with some duct tape and plenty of stolen water from your neighbor's hose (water is spendy, OK?) you should be ready to go. This version is better because it will probably devolve into nudity, debauchery, and... well... probably more broken windows. Just leave cat poo out of it! (Thanks, Thomas!)

Make a hammock. Make a what? A hammock. Why? Because buying one costs money that can be used to buy alcohol. How? Grab a sheet and some rope. Tie it to a tree. Hope it works. If it doesn't, build a fort!

Go to Platinum. Now, this isn't something I would typically recommend — the last time I went there, I got in a fight with a flight of stairs, and — well, let's just say I won't be wearing skirts again for a while. So why is it a great hot weather activity? First off, Platinum is in a basement. Remember how much fun basements used to be? It's guaranteed to be cooler than the heat wave sweeping everything at street level, and the \$1 drinks don't hurt. But the main reason I recommend Platinum is for the exercise. It's a horrible chore having to work out in 90-degree heat, but it's awesome when the workout is a dance party and the heat is coming from two hot drunk guys you just met. Just make sure you leave with the same people you came with; you don't want to tell your future children that you met daddy at a sweaty dance party in the basement of a college bar.

Have a front yard barbecue. Why? Backyard barbecues are sooo last year. You want to rub the fun you're having with all your friends in the face of every passerby, right? This one is easy. Just move the grill to the front yard, pull out a beer pong table, and maybe stick some lawn chairs on the roof for good measure. Then act like it's still really



early when it gets dark outside, even though we're all well aware of the fact that dusk is getting closer and closer to 10 p.m. This will ensure that everyone knows you're having way too much fun to go to bed at a reasonable hour despite the fact that it's Monday and we all have finals coming up. While you're at it, you should throw in some rooftop karaoke.

Backyard campout. Need I say more? Yes, I do. Actual camping requires driving, which is getting to be so expensive that it's barely worth it, especially after you throw in the campground rental fee (if you're that classy) and the food and drinks. So instead, pitch a tent or two in the back yard, pile the friends in, build a (well-enclosed) bonfire, tell scary stories that will most likely dissolve into drunk giggles and rounds of "10 fingers," and then pass out covered in sticky s'mores residue.

Bonus?! You'll be able to walk into the house to use the toilet and shower instead of going in the bushes. Unless you really want to.

I hope that helps! Just remember that any childhood activity is 10 times better now that you're allowed to incorporate all the naughty things adults can do — like crossing the street unsupervised!

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'MC Chris is dead'

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For those of you who don't know him, MC Chris is an underground hip-hop artist who can be seen as one of the founding fathers of the nerdcore genre, although he claims he has no part in it.

Nerdcore is a genre that incorporates nerdy topics (i.e. "Star Wars," "Dungeons and Dragons," science fiction and zombies) in songs. MC Chris wrangles the nerdcore genre, breaks free of its boundaries and spits it out into catchy rhymes that will be stuck in your head all day.

Chris Ward, a.k.a. MC Chris, became well-known with his works on the cartoon television network Adult Swim. He helped produce shows including "Sealab 2021," "The Brak Show" and "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." In "Sealab" he was well-known as the recurring character Hesh, and on "Aqua Teen" he is the nefarious rapper in several episodes (known as MC Pee Pants, Sir Loin and Little Brittle).

MC Chris' most noticeable trait is his cartoony voice, which makes everything he does unique. He also worked with the voice of Brak to create one of my favorite songs "White Kids Love Hip-Hop," which sums up the hardships of a middle-class white kid.

Chris' fifth album release, "mc chris is dead," is quite an accomplishment for being

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Grade: B+
Check out: "Hoodie Ninja," "Pizza Butt" and "On*"
Skip: "Reese" and "Never Give Up"

unsigned. The new album is definitely a switch compared to his other releases, and the change is evident among many of his fans, but not for the worse.

His first apparent switch is in his use of more electronics. MC Chris worked more in-depth with his DJs on this release, adding more beats to his music and some professionalism to his repertoire.

One thing I felt was kind of a bummer was his cleaner lyricism. MC Chris is known for being raunchy and having several drug references in most of his songs, yet for the new album he cleaned things up. But by making this