



## Construction raises concerns

■ Upcoming summer construction will help pedestrians, requires removal of many campus trees

By Tracy Hoagland  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A large-scale revamping of Northwest 14th and 15th streets will take place over the summer and run until October.

The project is a joint venture between OSU and the city of Corvallis to widen 14th and 15th streets between Monroe Avenue and Jefferson Way.

But the Corvallis City Council has expressed concern about the scale of the project and the fact that nearly 30 trees will be uprooted in the process. So on Thursday, May 29 a tour was organized to show the council the scope of the project.

"The tour will give people the opportunity to see what is actually going to be there," said Corvallis City Councilor Stewart Wershow. "A lot of people are concerned about trees being taken out, but [the construction project] has been in the process for years."

There has been concern raised about an estimated 10 mature cherry and sweet gum trees that are slated for removal and that appear to date back to OSU's early days.

"It's not right that students really have no idea about this project," said Gretchen Peed, a senior in business administration. "Those trees are beautiful and add to the college's aesthetic appeal. Supposedly we are a very environmentally friendly campus, but obviously only when it is convenient."

The plans for the project have passed through a citizen advisory commission, as well as a bicycle pedestrian advisory committee — both of which include ASOSU representatives.

"There are big problems with buses making those turns, and we want it to be more pedestrian-friendly," Wershow said of the stretch of road known for its narrowness and congestion.

The project is being paid for in part by City of Corvallis transportation funds because of the plan to include bus turn lanes.

According to the Corvallis Gazette Times, the project calls for demolition of the existing streets, vegetation and trees and construction of a new street, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, raised pedestrian crossings, new signals, turn lanes, lights and storm drainage.

A city council meeting will take place today at noon to discuss the issue.

"It's too bad the trees are having to be taken out," said Ryan Picco, a senior in business administration. "But to make the streets safer for students going to class, I think it's worth it."

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Information from vote-smart.org and CNN.com

## Musicians dominate campus during weekend

■ Battle of the Bands, Flat Tail Festival bring professional, student artists to campus

By Lisa Riordan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

From the eastside dorms to Greek Row, music reverberated in and around the OSU campus throughout the weekend.

Battle of the Bands was held Friday, followed by the Flat Tail Festival on Saturday. Both events were hosted by the MUPC.

The Flat Tail Festival, featuring headliner Ghostland Observatory, was covered in an article printed in the Friday, May 30 issue of The Daily Barometer.

Honest To Empire won OSU's eighth annual Battle of the Bands, which featured an 12-band lineup, a beer garden sponsored by Rogue Ales and two opening bands that were not competing.

The second- and third-place winners were In Pursuit Of and Action Panther, respectively.

The battle started Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. and continued into the evening, with music lovers mingling in the MU Quad until roughly 11:30 p.m.

The event was a tremendous success with greater sound quality and "a cleaner stage set-up" than previous years, said accounting junior Ryan Weil, who has attended the popular Battle of the Bands for the past three years.

"Overall, I thought the whole thing went very well," Weil said. "I've helped with the setup and take-down process before in the past, and I thought they made great improvements this year."

Weil also described the crowd as more responsive than those of years past, and attributes this change to the shift in setup.

"The crowd was especially excited this time," Weil said. "I think the event was a lot more fluid than the last, and I thought the KVBR setup really added something."

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Above: In Pursuit Of performed at the Battle of the Bands Friday night in the MU Quad. The band earned second-place honors behind Honest to Empire. Below Left: One Third Kosher performed at the Battle of the Bands. Below Right: Ghostland Observatory performed at Saturday's Flat Tail Festival in the MU Quad.



## Dining out to help Boys & Girls Club

■ Local restaurants participating in event that began as student project; percentage of profits will be donated to Corvallis Boys & Girls Club

By Candice Ruud  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Today several Corvallis restaurants will dedicate a percentage of an entire day's profits to the Boys & Girls Club in the first ever: Dine Out with the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis event.

This event started as a group project for a business class, BA 462, Project Management, and it has turned into a community-wide fundraising effort.

It is expected to be so successful that plans have already been made to make it an annual event.

The business group in charge decided to make their project a fundraiser for the community club after encouragement by group member Jared Standerwick, a senior in business finance and management, who had preexisting ties to the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis.

All day, restaurants Bento Oriental Express, Block 15, El Sol De Mexico, Evergreen Cuisine, Papa Murphy's, Papa's Pizza, Qdoba and University Hero will donate a portion of their profits, ranging from 10 to 25 percent, to the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis.

"It was something everyone in the group was passionate about doing," Standerwick said.

"The hope is that this event will create more business for these participating restaurants, and it benefits both the businesses and the Boys & Girls Club."

The minimum amount to be donated is set at around \$900 total, but group members Standerwick and Dan Bowers, also a senior in business, expect that it could reach as high as \$2,500.

"I'm going to be eating lunch and dinner out tomorrow," Bowers said. "I'll be having lunch at Qdoba and dinner at Block 15."

Mike Schehen, manager of Papa's Pizza, revealed that the restaurant will be donating 10 percent of its food sales to the Boys & Girls Club today.

"We've been a long-time sponsor of the Boys & Girls Club and this is a good way to give some money back," Schehen said. "I think it's a great idea and I hope everybody helps them out."

Kristen Arzner, owner of Block 15, said her restaurant will be donating 10 percent of its sales today.

"We think it's a really good opportunity to give back to the community. It's a really good club to sponsor," Arzner said.

There were no costs involved for the group, mainly because of their ties with the Boys & Girls Club, who either covered the advertising costs or were able to pull strings in order to get the proper amount of advertisement out into the public.

While these students have learned a great deal sitting in class and taking notes, Standerwick admits that this was a different type of education.

"You learn a lot from doing a project like this, more so than doing a simulation in the classroom," Standerwick said.

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## High gas prices affecting students

■ Gas prices at all time high nation wide; students must find ways to save gas money

By Gail Cole  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Everything from driving to work to late-night 7-11 runs are becoming a lot more expensive.

Local gas prices are now more than \$4 a gallon, causing students to pay more and reevaluate their driving and spending habits.

"I've been paying double for what I normally did on gas," said Alysia Furman, a freshman in business.

She said she now spends \$40 per week on gas.

According to OregonGasPrices.com, gas prices in Corvallis ranged from \$3.97 to \$4.07 per gallon.

The site said the lowest price for gas in the state Saturday afternoon was \$3.83 per gallon in Hood River, while the highest was \$4.39 per gallon in Eugene.

Nationwide prices are extremely high as well. The Department of Energy's Information Administration

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### Monday, June 2

**Events**  
**Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Westminster House. Come join us for conversation, food, & worship. All are welcome!

### Tuesday, June 3

**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!

**Speakers**  
**Women's Center**, 4:30-5:30pm, GLFN Auditorium. A poetry reading by nationally-known poet Chrystos. She is an internationally known performer and an activist for land/treaty rights, prisoners and all issues pertaining to injustices against women.

**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.

### Wednesday, June 4

**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.

### Thursday, June 5

**Meetings**  
**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**, 8pm, Arnold Dining Center. Come worship and fellowship with us! Snacks afterwards.  
**OSU Juggler's**, 6-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Open juggling. Instruction available. All skill levels welcome. FREE Every Thursday!

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.  
**OSU Music Department**, Noon, MU Steps & Quad. Music à la Carte Outdoors: Rhythm & Beaus  
**OSU Music Department**, 7:30pm, First United Methodist Church. The OSU String Ensemble

### Sunday, June 8

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

### Tuesday, June 10

**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.

### Friday, June 13

**Events**  
**OSU Music Department**, 7pm, Corvallis Arts Center. OSU Student Recital: Katie Badowski, soprano, and Elizabeth Atchley, accompanist.

## TOP STORY

# Clinton ponders next move in marathon race

By Beth Fouhy  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The race is all but over, Hillary Rodham Clinton is determining how to end her historic candidacy with her dignity intact and future secure.

It's not an academic question, since rival Barack Obama is expected to secure enough delegates this week to claim the Democratic presidential nomination. The former first lady and New York senator is said to be considering a range of options, including dropping out of the race and endorsing Obama, suspending her candidacy to be available in the outside chance he stumbles or carrying her fight to the convention.

Clinton picked up 38 delegates in winning Puerto Rico's primary by a sizable margin Sunday, but Obama gained 17 delegates there, pushing him closer to the 2,118 necessary to seize the nomination. The last two contests in their marathon primary — South Dakota and Montana on Tuesday — offer just 31 delegates, not enough to put Obama over the top.

The nomination rests with the superdelegates, the prominent Democrats who can vote their choice at the August convention in Denver.

Advisers to both Clinton and Obama predict the some 200 uncommitted superdelegates will move quickly this week in making their choices. Democratic leaders, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, are eager to see the party united after the epic, nearly half-year primary

battle and are loath to see a protracted fight to the convention. That group includes some of Clinton's most stalwart supporters, who have reluctantly concluded that it's time to move on.

"It does appear to be pretty clear that Senator Obama is going to be the nominee," said Tom Vilsack, the former Iowa governor and a national co-chairman of Clinton's campaign. "After Tuesday's contests, she needs to acknowledge that he's going to be the nominee and quickly get behind him."

But Clinton herself on Sunday argued a case for staying in the race and even trying to capture Obama's own delegates. Flying on the plane with her was Kevin Rodriguez, a Virgin Island superdelegate who switched from Clinton to Obama and then recently back to Clinton again.

"One thing about superdelegates is that they can change their minds," she said aboard her plane in Puerto Rico before taking off for South Dakota.

She also said she is not committed to accepting the new 2118 delegate threshold for winning the nomination. "That's a question we will be considering," she said.

She continued to argue that she leads in the popular vote count — the way she counts it — and said "I have put together a much broader coalition" of voters than Obama.

The decision Saturday by the party rules committee to seat disputed delegations from Michigan and Florida at half strength extinguished the former first lady's last, slen-

der hope of slowing Obama's march to the nomination. Clinton won both states' primaries, but their results were voided because their early primaries violated party rules. Obama's name wasn't even on the Michigan ballot.

The committee, which includes several Clinton backers, rejected her argument that the contests were legitimate and the delegations should be recognized in full. It was a tacit acknowledgment by party insiders that Obama was poised to secure the nomination and that it was time to rally around his candidacy.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has been neutral in the contest, said as much in a statement praising the decision immediately after it was announced.

"Look forward to an historic convention focused on defeating John McCain in November and putting a Democrat in the White House," Pelosi wrote.

Still, the Clinton team signaled she might consider an appeal of the Michigan decision because the committee awarded the delegates based on a complicated formula devised by the state Democratic Party that did not reflect the votes as they were cast in the disputed Jan. 15 primary.

Clinton's top delegate hunter Harold Ickes, a Rules Committee member, said Sunday the committee had "hijacked" the vote. But he stopped short of saying she would make good on the threat to push the case forward.

"She'll be consulting with people, and she'll be making a

decision later on," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Indeed, observers believe Clinton is simply trying to keep all options open until Obama is declared the winner, at which point she'll reassess.

"I think it's a position the campaign is taking until the primaries are over. Until then, I don't think it can be seen as anything more than posturing," said Don Fowler, a Clinton supporter and Rules Committee member who voted for the Michigan compromise.

Even if she were to press for a change to the Michigan decision, Clinton would still lack the delegates necessary to secure the nomination of a point made by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Clinton supporter.

"I don't think we're going to fight this at the convention," Rendell said on CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday. "Because even were we to win it, unless it's going to change enough delegates for Senator Clinton to get the nomination, then it would be a fight that would have no purpose."

Publicly, Clinton and her campaign surrogates are using the reinstatement of the Michigan and Florida delegations to renew their claim that she is leading Obama in the popular vote — a debatable point since the popular vote was never tabulated in four caucus states and she includes the rogue contests in Michigan and Florida. But they believe some uncommitted superdelegates could be persuaded by the argument.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### Australian Government ended combat mission in Iraq on Sunday

BAGHDAD — Australia ended its combat operations in southern Iraq on Sunday, while the Iraqi government said it has differences with the United States in negotiations over a long-term security agreement.

The official statement by government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh comes amid growing opposition to the deal among Iraqis who see it as a possible violation of Iraq's sovereignty and are worried about an extended presence of American troops.

Talks "are still in their early stages and the Iraqi side has a vision and a draft that is different" from those being presented by U.S. negotiators, al-Dabbagh said.

He was not more specific about the points but insisted the Iraqi government was focused on "fully preserving the sovereignty of Iraq... and will not accept any article that infringes on this sovereignty and doesn't guarantee the interests of Iraqis."

The spokesman also said it was too

early to discuss dates for an agreement and said each stage of negotiations would be presented to the Iraqi national security council.

His comments came two days after tens of thousands of followers of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr took to the streets to protest the deal. Al-Sadr and his loyalists have called for the issue to be put to a public referendum.

U.S. officials insist they are not seeking permanent bases but have not otherwise commented on the negotiations, which the two sides hope to complete by July. The agreement is to replace a U.N. mandate for U.S.-led forces that expires at the end of the year.



### Vote aimed at curbing pot growing in California county

WILLITS, Calif. — Voters here took the state's official permissiveness on marijuana to new heights in 2000, allowing residents to grow up to 25 pot plants for medical, recreational or personal use.

But eight years later, some are campaigning to scale back the local law, saying it's time to weed out pot profi-

teers in this rugged region of Northern California.

"We want to take that welcome mat away," said Ross Liberty, spokesman for Measure B, which goes before Mendocino County voters Tuesday.

Opponents say they, too, want to evict large-scale, criminal operators, but maintain that Measure B will affect the wrong people.



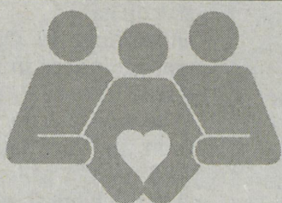
### Free online gambling seen as danger to Oregon's youth

SALEM — Teachers and community centers talk endlessly about the dangers of sex, drugs and alcohol. Gambling gets far less attention.

But a new survey shows that free gambling on the Internet is the most popular gambling activity among youths in Oregon, and that worries officials who say it grooms teenagers for the real thing.

"You're learning that gambling is fun, it's stimulating, and it's risk-free," said Wendy Hausotter, problem gambling prevention coordinator with Oregon Department of Human Services.

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# Fire at Universal Studios destroys sets, videos, films

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — King Kong's roar was silenced, and Marty McFly won't be going back to the future any time soon.

A huge fire raged through a lot at Universal Studios on Sunday and destroyed some of Hollywood's most familiar backdrops, including the courthouse square from "Back to the Future" and a streetscape featured in "Bruce Almighty," "Spiderman 2" and "Transformers."

It was the second fire at the historic site in nearly two decades, leveling facades, hollowing out buildings and creating the kind of catastrophe filmmakers relish recreating. This time around, thousands of videos chronicling Universal's movie and TV shows were destroyed in the blaze.

But Universal officials said that they were thankful no visitors were seriously injured — though several firefighters suffered minor injuries — and that the damaged footage can be replaced.

"We have duplicates of everything," said NBC Universal President and Chief Operating Officer Ron Meyer. "Nothing is lost forever."

Universal officials didn't immediately say what their plans would be for the site.

The blaze broke out on a sound stage featuring New York brownstone facades around 4:30 a.m. at the 400-acre property, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Michael Freeman said. The fire was contained to the lot but burned for more than 12 hours before the final flames were extinguished.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Damage was expected to be in the millions of dollars.

Along with the courthouse square, the famous clock tower used to help send Michael J. Fox's character through time was damaged, fire officials said. Two mock New York and New England streets used for moviemaking and as tourist displays were a total loss, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Darryl Jacobs said.

An exhibit housing a mechanically animated King Kong that bellows at visitors on a tram also was destroyed.

All three sites were either damaged or destroyed during another fire at Universal Studios in November 1990. That fire caused \$25 million in damage and was started by a security guard who was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to arson.

Concerns for air quality due to the acrid smoke prompted the South Coast Air Quality Management District to send a chemist to take air samples at the scene, said spokesman Sam Atwood. Results were expected Monday morning.

Hundreds of visitors who waited for hours outside the park gates were turned away after officials decided not to open the area Sunday afternoon. On a typical weekend day, about 25,000 people visit Universal Studios. NBC Universal said it would reopen the theme park Monday morning.

Universal CityWalk, a shopping promenade, was also closed. The MTV Movie

Awards, broadcasting live Sunday night from the adjacent Gibson Amphitheater, went on as planned.

Mike Herrick of San Diego watched the fire on television from his hotel Sunday afternoon before deciding to return to Universal Studios for a second day with his wife.

"By gosh, we're going to go and get whatever we can out of it," Herrick said. On Saturday, Herrick rode the tram that winds around the studio lot, snapping photos of the King Kong attraction, among other sights.

The fire broke out along New York Street, where firefighting helicopters swept in for drops and cranes dumped water on the flames. A thick column of smoke rose thousands of feet into the air and could be seen for miles.

"It looked like a disaster film," said Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge.

At one point the blaze was two city blocks wide, and low water pressure forced firefighters to get reserves from lakes and ponds on the prop-

erty. Several firefighters suffered minor injuries.

"The water pressure situation was a challenge," Freeman said. "This fire moved extremely fast."

Meyer estimated there were 40,000 to 50,000 videos and reels in a video vault that burned but said duplicates were stored in a different location. Firefighters managed to recover hundreds of titles.

The videos included every film that Universal has produced and footage from television series including "Miami Vice" and "I Love Lucy."

The streetscape that burned recently served as a backdrop in such television shows as "Monk," "Crossing Jordan" and "House," said NBC Universal spokeswoman Cindy Gardner. A set for the Clint Eastwood-directed movie "Changeling" featuring Angelina Jolie also was destroyed, Meyer said.

At one point the blaze was two city blocks wide, and low water pressure forced firefighters to get reserves from lakes and ponds on the property. "The water pressure situation was a challenge," Freeman said. "This fire moved extremely fast."

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said authorities would investigate the water problems to see if they reflect a larger shortfall in the area, which is part of his district.

"There's no question that there was a lack of adequate water pressure at least in the perception of a lot of firefighters," he said. "We're going to find out what the problem was."

Universal Studios, nine miles north of downtown Los Angeles, has thrill rides and a back lot where movies and television shows are filmed, including scenes from "War of the Worlds," "When Harry Met Sally" and "Scrubs."

## BATTLE: Great atmosphere; some confusion about judging

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Mike Wilson, a senior majoring in German and psychology, was pleased with the atmosphere of the music festival but cited concerns about the actual judging process.

"In my opinion, Break As We Fall was easily the best band out there, but they didn't even place in the top three... so I really have no idea how they determine the winners," Wilson said. "It doesn't make sense to me."

Senior in English, Nathan Becker, who has attended the event for the past two years, also expressed confusion about the judging process.

"You know, I've even asked some of the bands and none of them seem to know how they're being judged either," Becker said. "It's like the mysterious man behind the curtain is calling the shots, but nobody knows what criterion is actually used to declare who the winners are and who the losers are."

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## GAS: Gas price currently limiting students driving, recreational habits, vacation plans

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website said the average price of gasoline in the U.S. last week was \$3.94 per gallon, which was up 73 cents from a year ago.

The EIA's website also said that price variation among national regions is caused by gas stations' distance from imported supplies of crude oil, disruptions to supply (such as what happened after Hurricane Katrina in 2005), competition and operating costs of gas stations, as well as costs from environmental laws and programs.

Prices have caused students to find themselves with less money for doing the things they used to do.

"It's a burden to have to drive," Furman said. "It makes me not motivated to ride my horse or go to Lebanon."

"When it was cheaper... I would be able to go to the movies more and travel," said Joe Conrad, a freshman in

history and education.

Even when students do travel, their vacation plans change because of gas prices.

"[Gas prices] limited our opportunities because half our budget was [spent] getting here," said Tiffany Perkins, a freshman in housing studies, about a trip to Vancouver, Canada, she went on with fellow students. "We couldn't do a lot of things because we had to budget around gas."

"It ate the money out of my wallet," said AJ Aylett, a freshman in new media communications, about the trip.

Though the group did not drive slowly, they did other things to conserve gas.

"We drove without air conditioner on," said Perkins. "When we were stopped for long periods of time, we went into neutral. We were really conscious of saving gas."

Furman said she now uses the cruise control on her car

but has not made many other changes to her driving habits to conserve gas.

"I still have to go to Lebanon because I have to work," she said. "I can't change what I do."

Furman will continue to drive to Lebanon to work for the summer, but Conrad plans on living in either Lebanon or Corvallis, depending on where he will be placed for his job, in order to cut down on using gas.

On average, consumer demand for gas increases 5 percent in the summer.

If crude oil prices remain the same as they were at the beginning of the year, for example, this causes prices to increase 10 to 20 cents per gallon, said the EIA.

The EIA said that other reasons for changes in gas prices beyond summer demand are caused by imbalances in gasoline supply and demand and the price of crude oil.

This year's gas prices are affecting summer travel plans for students.

"I was hoping to go to

California and Montana, but I think I will take a train," Furman said.

"All my friends from college don't live around me but I'm not going to be able to visit them," Perkins said. "Half the reason why I'm working is for gas money."

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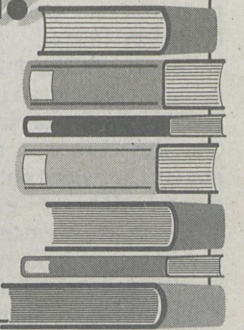


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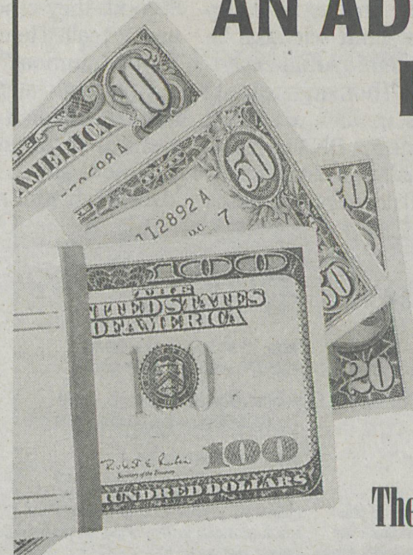
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Editorial

## Decision made too quickly

Dear Italian, we will miss you. Maybe one day you will return to us. Perhaps the university will resurrect you from your cold coffin that was marched around campus last week. Surely it will realize its mistake... we can only hope.

The impending loss of first-year Italian at OSU seems simply illogical. Future students will no longer have a chance to even explore the language.

Why cut popular classes that have been proven to bring extra money to the university? Why rob students of a chance to learn a valuable skill at a public university that is supposed to educate students, not take away opportunities?

It is proven that people who are bilingual make more money over a lifetime — why would OSU not want this for its students?

We ponder, why first-year Italian?

It may be because the Italian program is relatively young at OSU in comparison to other languages offered — but who knows amid the plethora of reasons the administration has been telling us.

Many professors in the older languages have been around long enough to have tenure, securing both their positions and, more importantly, their classes. We can't help but think this is a little bit more than unfair.

Why does the foreign languages and literatures department (amongst other undeserving departments) have to take a hit?

The College of Liberal Arts teaches a large majority of the classes provided on campus, and a great deal of those are required by the university in our Baccalaureate Core. Why does the university not provide the CLA with the funding necessary to maintain the classes that they deem as required?

These are some reasons why funding has become such a problem for the CLA's departments.

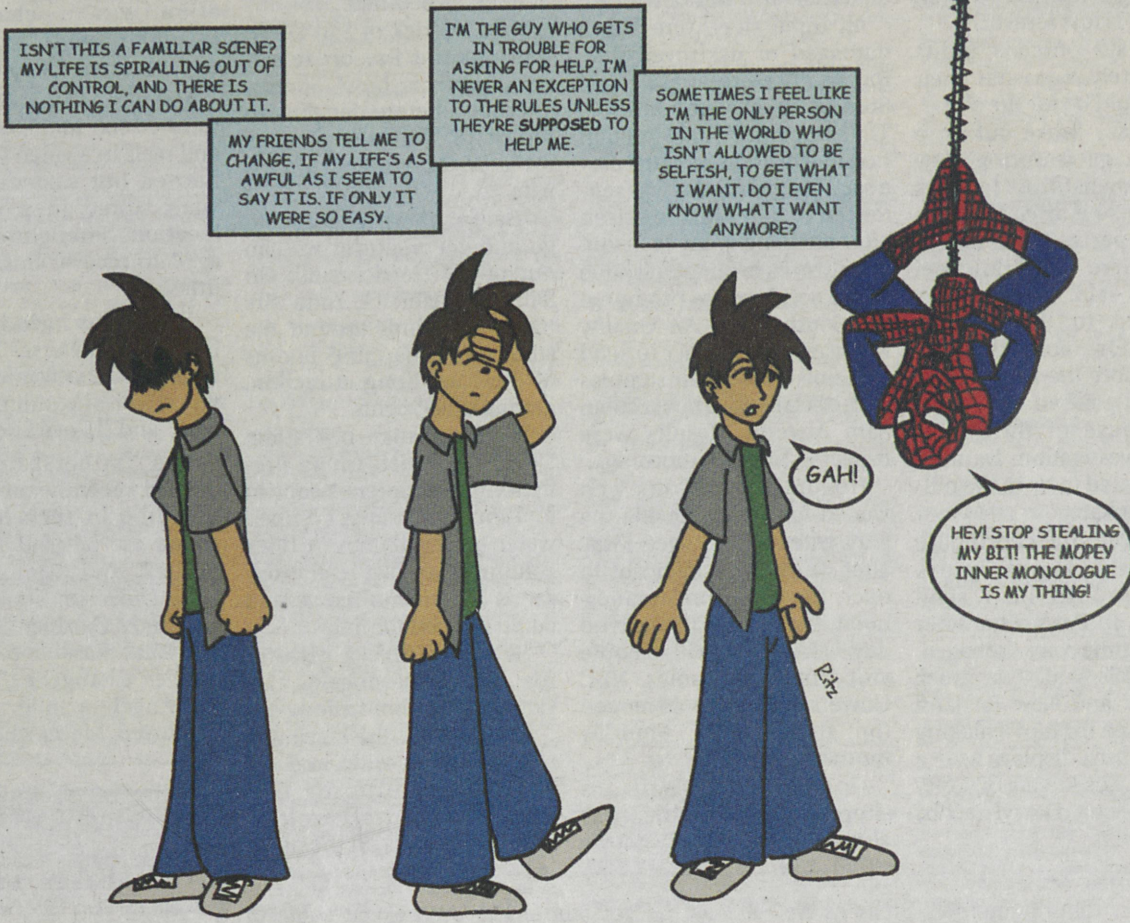
Certainly this is unfair for the students — present and future — and definitely to the faculty. Truthfully, no one likes class cuts, athletic cuts or any cuts in general unless they involve taxes or hair.

Then again, when there isn't enough money to go around, cuts need to happen somewhere. As much as we wish it weren't true, we realize that program cuts are simply a fact of life at any institution.

But as the saying goes, "Where there is a will, there is a way." If the university is trying to fix this situation, the students are not seeing it. There are other solutions besides taking away a class, but it does not seem that those solutions have been explored.

To outsiders the decision seems to be one that was made on a whim, and it is clear that at this time the university should strongly reconsider its current decision.

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## It's all in the name of science...

Of the experimentation in "The Island of Dr. Moreau," H.G. Wells wrote, "Oh, but it is such a little thing! A mind truly opened to what science has to teach must see that it is a little thing."

Two weeks ago, the British Parliament voted against an amendment that would have prevented scientists from creating human-animal hybrid embryos. The type of embryo that has received the most media attention is what has been dubbed a "cybrid," or cytoplasmic hybrid. Essentially, this would mean stripping an animal egg of its nucleus, inserting a human nucleus and allowing the human/animal DNA to combine.

This will yield embryonic stem cells while circumventing the difficulty of procuring human embryos (humans have the irritating trait of wanting to keep their own fully human babies).

But again, this is only one type of farming embryo to be allowed under the new British bill. According to Cordis News, others include combining a human egg with an animal sperm or vice versa (which as far as I can tell is biologically indistinguishable from simple cross-breeding), human embryos with animal DNA introduced into them, or "human-animal chimeras where human embryos are altered by the addition of one or more cells from an animal."

It's easy for those of us who are pro-life to be simply horrified by the flagrant disrespect for life this bill shows, but to be fair, we really shouldn't be surprised — after all, if embryos really are just a clump of cells, why shouldn't scientists be allowed to cut them up and experiment with them? If humans are really just the same as animals, what's the big deal about mixing DNA or cross-breeding, especially if it already happens in nature? If donkeys and horses



Dan Fitzpatrick  
 Man in the Arena

can naturally create mules, why can't scientists cook up a manbearpig?

One of the worst fruits of all this business is that regular citizens are being hustled by snake-oil scientists and politicians.

"The doctors and scientists I speak to are committed to what they see as an inherently moral endeavour that can save and improve the lives of thousands and, over time, millions of people," wrote Prime Minister Gordon Brown in The Guardian.

I am sure the prime minister has the best of intentions, but unfortunately good intentions have never helped anyone by themselves — and neither have embryonic stem cells. If you pay close attention to articles about embryonic stem cell research, they always talk about the cells' potential and never their practical applications. Why? Because embryonic stem cells have been used to cure approximately zero diseases. None. Zip. Zilch. Nada.

Author Ann Coulter explains that "the embryonic stem-cell researchers have produced nothing. They have treated nothing. They have not even begun one human clinical trial. They've successfully treated a few rodents, but they keep running into two problems: first, the cells tend to be rejected by the immune system. Second, they tend to cause malignancies called teratomas — meaning 'monster tumors.'"

Embryonic stem cell research is like an outdated government program that doesn't help anyone, but there are so many ideologues involved that for some reason it still

keeps on running. It's no wonder that scientists involved in the research are always demanding the government give them other people's money to continue their useless tinkering.

By contrast, adult stem cells (harvested without killing anyone) have been very effective.

The German Medical Association has sharply criticized the British bill, pointing out that while embryonic cells have treated no diseases, adult cells have helped treat over 70. Adult cells are providing patients real treatments; in spite of this, British citizens will likely soon be paying through the nose so that Dr. Moreau can fiddle around his laboratory, destroying human embryos.

Last year, scientists even discovered how to make a kind of cell similar to stem cells. These "pluripotent" cells were created by using DNA from skin cells, and have the ability to grow into any other type of cell.

With all of this information widely available, there seems no reason to even bother with the moral obstacles surrounding embryonic stem cells. And yet, the United States has also had to fight back similar legislation, and in 2003 Chinese scientists combined human and rabbit cells to create human-rabbit chimeras.

Western society has entered into a tragic paradox: we worship ourselves, our capacity to reason and our growing control over nature; at the same time, we see ourselves as animals or less, a self-aware conglomeration of cells with no purpose in being.

It has taken centuries to reinforce our cognitive dissonance that we are both brilliant and worthless.

We can see how we deceive ourselves by observing the writing of biologist and New York Times blogger Olivia Judson: "When, a couple of years ago, I first imagined put-

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Scott Dennis



Fantasyland Logic

## Hello there 21st century

Twenty-six years ago, the 21st century began. We had an extended monorail system, touch screens and the latest in voice-recognition robots. Our vision of the future was inspired by the wave of technological innovations sweeping the world.

Optimism was key.

Drew Barrymore was there at the dawning of the new century, as were Marie Osmond and a purple dragon named Figment.

Sure, the future wasn't exactly the sparkling entity that people had expected, but they discovered instead something of even greater value: an idea.

The idea was the Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow — EPCOT Center — representing the 21st century and the wonders of technology. At its opening in 1982, it was radically different from any other theme park in the world.

An offshoot of Walt Disney's concept of an EPCOT Center was not the working city Disney had envisioned. Rather, the intent of the park was to use examples of futuristic technologies and ideas to motivate everyday citizens to step up and make positive changes in their community and even the world.

The world at the time of EPCOT Center's arrival was an era marked by rapidly advancing technologies and community awareness. The DeLorean car was in production (sans Flux Capacitors, unfortunately), and a rise in the popularity of increasingly sophisticated video games and appliances enthused people about what the future would hold.

Disney's ground-breaking new theme park reflected and amplified the public's feelings about the future of mankind. The 1980s saw an advancement in public transportation with Portland's first MAX light rail system, an improvement that echoed the sort of progressive transportation concepts on display at Disney's EPCOT.

Today, sophisticated technology is so ubiquitous that the common person is more likely to take an interest in their MP3 player than in the future of technology.

For instance, most people probably know that new touch-screen devices are nifty, but how many have heard about a recent experiment involving monkeys, robots and marshmallows? Touch screen iPods may be cool, but the aforementioned experiment demonstrated that monkeys connected to electrodes could effortlessly manipulate an associated mechan-

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## Letters to the Editor

### Administration dealing with grad students

#### Can affect you

Graduate students at OSU do a large part of the teaching here. Most OSU students will take multiple classes that are at least partly taught by graduate students. Do you remember the best teaching assistant you've ever had? Remember how knowledgeable and enthusiastic they were? How about your worst TA? Now imagine having fewer good ones and more of the bad ones. This is a likely outcome if OSU does not take steps to become a more competitive institution and

attract outstanding graduate students. Graduate students (especially the most motivated, knowledgeable and articulate ones who will be excellent TAs) have choices about what school they'll attend to study and teach. Many departments at OSU are already running into difficulty recruiting the top graduate students they want.

However, instead of taking steps to improve conditions for graduate employees, in ongoing contract negotiations, the OSU administration is currently opposing even modest increases in take-home pay to keep up with increasing

fees and cost of living. If you care about the quality of instruction you receive from TAs and are concerned about this situation, I urge you to get involved and support the Coalition of Graduate Employees — the Democratic, member-run organization that represents graduate students in contract negotiations. There are lots of ways you can help: go to CGE rallies, attend bargaining sessions in support of CGE, get more informed about the issues and spread the word to other students!

JOE TYBURCZY  
graduate student, zoology

### FITZPATRICK: Lost sight of righteousness

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ting a nucleus from one animal into the egg of another, I found the idea unsettling. But that was because I was imagining something different: I had in mind the growing of animals, not the creation and swift destruction of a clump of cells. I worried that animals produced this way might not be normal.

"But then I learned more about the procedure and how it is done... Now my discomfort has gone away. It's been replaced by wonder."

Sadly, Judson will likely never realize her initial feelings were correct. As Dr. Moreau admitted in Wells' book, "The study of Nature makes a man at last as remorse-less as Nature. I have gone on, not heeding anything but the question I was pursuing."

That seems to be the problem of much controversial modern science — it has lost sight of morality in the effort to satisfy its endless curiosity, its insatiable desire to answer all questions and prove that there is nothing more to us than cells.

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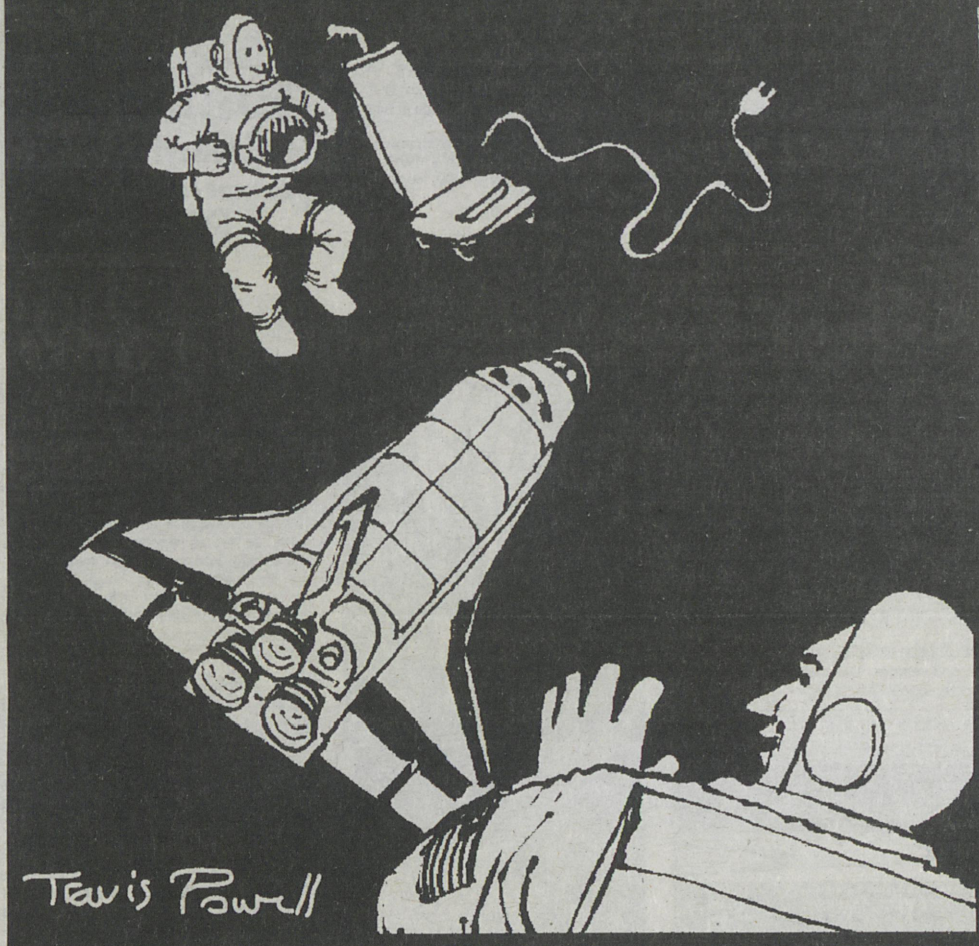
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"It sure is a lot easier to breathe now that you turned that thing off!"

### DENNIS: Promising potential of technology ahead, all about future

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ical arm to eat marshmallows and other tasty snacks.

This is the sort of "wow"-inducing idea that speaks volumes about the possibilities of the future, yet is largely unappreciated in popular culture. This dearth of awareness and oftentimes pessimism about the future is precisely why society needs to take an interest in the future again, and Disney needs to redirect Epcot (it's in lowercase letters nowadays) back to the future.

Pulling up the Epcot page on the Disney website, I found the four attractions featured prominently on the front page were Soarin', The Seas with Nemo and Friends, Mission: SPACE and Test Track.

The first, Soarin', is a simulated hang glider flight over California (because Disney didn't spend the money to create a new film when this California Adventure ride was copied to Florida). Nemo and Friends (featuring a ride through the story of "Finding Nemo") replaced The Living Seas, a series of scientific exhibits about research and discoveries in the world's oceans.

Mission: SPACE (where, according to Disney, "Each member of your astronaut team has a challenging role in a dynamic and daring cosmic mission dodging meteors and navigating nebulae") replaced Horizons, an omnimover ride that took guests through a show depicting the technologies and visions of the future. And Test Track (where, according to Disney, you can "Enter the hair-raising

world of auto testing on one of the longest, fastest rides in Disney history!") replaced EPCOT Center's World of Motion attraction, a ride that took guests through the history of travel and transportation.

These examples are symptomatic of the societal push toward cartoonization and fast thrills instead of a genuine interest in exploring the possibilities of technology. In 1982, EPCOT Center's Communicore included a tour of the large computer center that ran the entire park, a display on the latest in robotic technology and an exhibit forecasting the advent of the Internet.

Innoventions, Communicore's replacement, is a glorified arcade that also includes demonstrations of technologies many people are already familiar with (such as Segways and Velcro).

The EPCOT of '82 was influenced by the prospective technology and optimism of the early '80s. Today, Epcot isn't even an acronym anymore. The park's current incarnation reflects our culture's general feeling of content with the technologies already available. Innoventions is all about material technology already in use.

However fancy these devices may be, they're still rooted in the here and now. The old Epcot was about ideas, and while displays of today's fancy technologies can become tired and outdated, ideas can still change the world. Embracing the promise and potential of tomorrow's technology is about more than updated shows and character synergy — it about the future of humanity.

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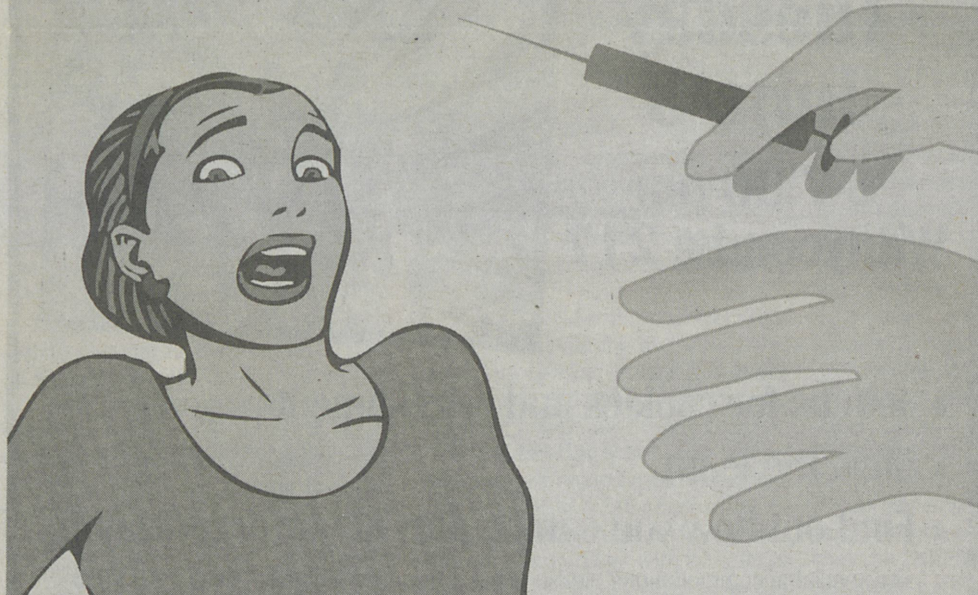
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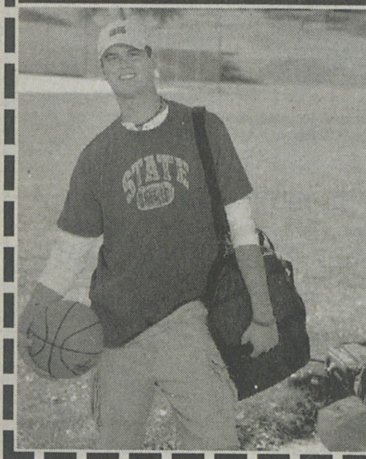
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## GRIFFEY: Griffey still attempting to become sixth player to hit 600

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ally walked Griffey later in the inning with Bruce on second base.

"I'm not worried about 600," Griffey said. "If you hit the ball hard enough, it will go. A lot of things happen between 599 and 600 — getting hits, getting guys over and a lot of small things."

So, his quest to become the sixth to 600 now moves to Philadelphia, where Griffey will face right-hander Kyle Kendrick on Monday. Griffey is 4-for-5 career off Kendrick without a homer.

No surprise if the historic homer comes away from home. Griffey's 200th, 300th, 400th and 500th homers have all come on the road — at Boston, Cleveland, Colorado and St. Louis.

## HORSTMAN: Great Beaver players in past few seasons, don't fret, 2009 season on it's way

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Patterson didn't have the prettiest game around, but when push came to shove no one could throw clutch strikeouts like Patterson.

This class of great Beaver ball players graduated and left Beaver baseball with a lot of talent but not a lot of experience. The two previous recruiting classes have been lined with stars, but national championships aren't made with the stars given to you by rivals.com.

For clarification, see Duck football.

This Beaver baseball team lacked one thing, and that was experience. From Day One this team just wasn't able to live up to the lofty expectations set by the great teams and high draft picks that donned the OSU baseball uniform before they did, but it wasn't because they weren't good enough.

Pat Casey was able to put

a team on the field this year that was talented as any other. At times that talent showed, as the Beavers came away with victories against some of the nation's best teams, including Georgia, Arizona State, Arizona, Cal, UCLA and Stanford. Midway through the season those victories were enough to earn the Beavers a spot in the top-25 rankings.

However, the inexperience was painfully displayed as the Beavers split games with an inferior Utah Valley State team, got swept by the Gonzaga Bulldogs and left on the wrong end of a 2-1 series against the Washington State Cougars in Pullman.

The Beavers sank to the lowest of lows when it mattered most. At USC late in the season and in need of at least two wins for a realistic hope of making the tournament, the Beavers got swept by one

Two rookies led the Reds to their 12th win in their last 13 home games. Cincinnati has been a lot like Atlanta in that regard — tough at home, roughed up on the road.

"I hope we can catch this momentum and whatever it is we have on the road and try to take it on the road," said Adam Dunn, who had a solo homer.

The 22-year-old Cueto had the most impressive debut ever by a Reds pitcher but has looked more like a rookie since. He lasted only five innings in each of his last two starts.

Cueto didn't allow a hit until Gregor Blanco led off the sixth with a bunt single. Teixeira homered with one out in the seventh, and McCann followed with the 14th homer allowed by Cueto.

Dunn hit 10 homers in May and got the new month off to a powerful start on the first pitch he saw from Hudson, hitting a 420-foot drive to right. d before," Bruce said.

of two teams that finished behind them in conference play. At that point it became apparent that the magic from the last three years had indeed all run out.

So why shouldn't we put our heads down and say thank goodness it's football season? Because a year from now this Beaver baseball team will be one year wiser, one year more experienced and one year better. Talent is defined as something that can't be taught; it can't simply be transferred from one person to another. It's something you're born with that makes you that much better. It's something this Beaver team is filled with.

The 2008 season was certainly not the most memorable in history, but it was just as important as any other. This team learned the hard way that it's not invincible, that it's human and that it can be beaten — lessons that every great team in any sport has learned over the years.

In 2009, look for a team with a chip on its shoulder. Look

felt like I let the team down. When you come here and you play at Oregon State, and you have the national championship banners flying in the background, there's more on the line.

"There's more than just the 25 other guys on this roster. We are representing everyone that came before us."

That pretty much sums up what kind of a guy Danny Robertson is. He is a selfless teammate, first and foremost.

Last week, before the Pacific series started, I was getting quotes from players after practice when Robertson walked by. I told him his profile would be in the paper next week, and I apologized for the lateness. He replied with something to the effect of, "Not a big deal. It will make a good story if we make the playoffs."

That's where you are wrong, Mr. Robertson. Despite not making the playoffs, you make a good story anyway. I am only sorry I couldn't have done it justice.

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## HOCHSTATTER: Guys like Robertson don't just happen, Pat Casey knew that, too

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dents' cases, your keg and/or bong — and listen up as I do my best to put the pieces together of this rare one-and-done senior.

It's not often that a player transfers schools for one season in any sport. The only one that even comes to mind is Chad Johnson when he came to Oregon State back in 2000 for his one and only senior season.

Thanks to whoever pulled that one off. Do you think Chad even had to go to one class during the fall? Don't get me wrong — I am not angry about it. Just a little jealous.

Anyway, the simple fact is, players do not make this move very often because it is a gamble. You have a limited amount of time to break through and show the coaches that you deserve to play over the other kid who has already cemented himself with the players and coaches.

Robertson came to Oregon State from Concordia University in Irvine, Calif., where he pretty much dominated. The 5-foot, 8-inch, 175-pound right-hander batted .415 with a school record 85 hits and 69 runs in his junior season.

When he was considering whether or not to transfer to OSU, Robertson needed only one thing: a chance.

"When coach told me there was a spot open, that was all I needed to hear," Robertson said. "My work ethic and the way I play the game pretty much took care of itself."

And Robertson's work ethic is no joke. He is one of the hardest working players, if not the hardest working player, on the team. On off days, he is the one getting in extra work.

In practice, he is all business. He runs the simplest drill just as hard as he runs every other one. Robertson knows only one speed.

Those of you who attended games this season might have noticed a guy who sprinted to first after every walk and around the base paths after a home run. It was Robertson.

He is the type of player every coach wants to have, and if I still had my recordings from Pat Casey, I would definitely be able to quote him as saying he would love to have 10 more guys just like him.

At the beginning of the season in my first interview with Casey, he told me a list of seniors he expected to step up this season. He included the usual names of Stutes, George, Lechelt, etc. Then he mentioned Robertson.

At first I thought to myself, who is Robertson? Danny was in the room at the time of that interview, and I just marked it up as the coach trying to be nice to a senior who was within hearing distance of the conversation.

That was one of my first lessons in sports writing: I don't know anything, especially when it comes to a coach and his players. Robertson not only stepped up, but he was outstanding.

Robertson was one of three players to play every game and was second on the team in average (.327), hits (64) and steals (8). He had 12 doubles, 27 RBIs and an on-base percentage of .419. Even after a solid statistical season, Robertson still felt like he could have done better.

"You always want to do more," Robertson said. "There are times this season where I

## WILLIAMS: Hick behind bars at time

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employed Clark.

In one letter to the News, Clark denied being involved in drugs or being a gang member.

Hicks was behind bars at the time of the shooting. The SUV was found abandoned a few days later.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan declined to comment on the specifics of the News story Friday, but said, "It's sure a nice first step to see something like that. And hopefully justice will prevail"

## Events of Juneteenth

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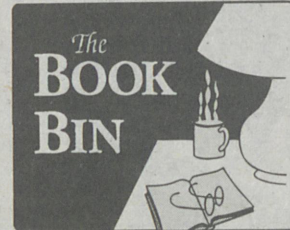
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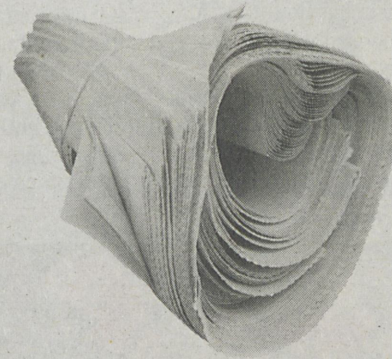
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## Denfeld competes at West Region Championship



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Lauren Denfeld is one of the original runners on the cross-country and track teams after reinstatement.

■ Denfeld finishes career at West Region Championships, finishes 24th in 3,000 meter steeplechase, starts legacy

SPORTS INFORMATION

The 2008 Oregon State women's track season came to a close Saturday evening as senior Lauren Denfeld came in eighth in her section at the NCAA West Region Championships in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Denfeld finished 24th overall with a time of 10:52.75. She had qualified for the regional with a time of 10:38.28 at the Jordan Payton Cardinal Invitational earlier this month.

Entering the regional, Denfeld was ranked 23rd. In her respective section, she had been running up as high as fifth place before re-aggravating a previous ankle injury in the second water jump of the race.

"Lauren had a bit of an off day today," head coach Kelly Sullivan said. "The week of the Pac-10s she had twisted her ankle, and we've been trying to rehab it back into shape. Twisting it in that second water jump really made it tough for her the rest of the way."

Denfeld ran at regionals for the second con-

secutive year. She is only the second Oregon State track runner to qualify for a regional since the program's return in 2004. Ashley Younce qualified in the 5,000 meters in 2006.

"I was very proud of how hard she fought today and how hard she trained after turning her ankle a couple weeks ago," Sullivan said. "It was unfortunate she twisted her ankle today, but she really fought hard through it."

Sariah Long of Weber State took the top stop spot in the race with a time of 9:59.63.

Pac-10 opponents Lindsay Allen of Stanford and Zsafia Erdelyi of USC finished second and third respectively.

Denfeld has had an illustrious track career at Oregon State. Last season she finished 19th overall in Eugene at the West Region Championships after being seeded 26th. This season she broke her own school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

"She has done a brilliant job in the Oregon State track program," Sullivan said. "Four years ago when she entered the program, neither of us thought she would be at the level she is right now. What she has done here is nothing short of fantastic. I'm very proud of her not only for her accomplishments running, but she has been a great leader for our team."

"She has done a brilliant job in the Oregon State track program."

-Kelly Sullivan

Terry Horstman



## Down, but not out

It has now been a week since the NCAA selection committee denied Oregon State baseball a chance to defend its second national championship. Beaver fans, it's time to get over it.

After Oregon State won its second straight title last summer and earned its third straight trip to Omaha, I, like many others, had very high hopes going into this season. Also like many others, I was a bit surprised to hear that our boys of summer weren't going to be invited back to the field of 64 with a chance to renew some of that post-season magic we witnessed last year. However, I have now come to terms with the fact that this year just simply wasn't our year.

Think about it: almost all of the pieces that translated into a national championship last year were lost. The talent of Mitch Canham was replaced with Ryan Ortiz, but it will take at least another year before Ortiz will be able to put an entire team on his back like Canham did. And who knows if Ortiz will ever develop the gangsta-rhymin' skills like our boy Mitchy Slick.

Darwin Barney's passion and charisma were replaced with Danny Robertson. Problem, though: Barney's ability to always come up with that one big play when the game was on the line is something that can't be taught. Players are born with that.

The crafty Joe Patterson graduated after last season, leaving an enormous hole in the Beaver pitching staff. See **HORSTMAN** / page 7

## Letter describes shooting of Denver Broncos' Williams

■ Letter found from "person of interest" in Williams case, recounts shooting from 2007

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A letter purportedly written by a "person of interest" in the fatal shooting of Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams says he fired shots into Williams' limousine when he was killed on New Year's Day 2007.

The Rocky Mountain News said Friday it obtained the letter, which carries the signature of Willie D. Clark. Denver police have said Clark worked for an alleged gang leader who owned the SUV believed to have been used in the shooting.

The newspaper published a redacted excerpt of the letter reading, "[Blank]

might say somethin stupd talk to law enforcements about the death of D-Will [Williams]. [Blank] seen me with gun + shoot out the whip [car]."

Williams, a 24-year-old former Oklahoma State standout, was killed when his rented limousine was sprayed with bullets minutes after leaving a New Year's party at a downtown Denver club.

Police and witnesses say Williams was at the club with other Broncos and members of the Denver Nuggets when people in their group exchanged words with two men who flashed gang signs.

No one has been arrested or charged in Williams' slaying.

Clark was arrested on a parole violation days after Williams' death and is in jail awaiting trial on drug charges.

Clark's attorney, Alaurice Tafoya-

Modi, did not immediately return a call Friday, and the News said she didn't return a call from the newspaper after she was faxed a copy of the letter. District Attorney Mitch Morrissey declined to comment.

The News said it obtained the letter from a Denver man who claimed he intercepted it while serving time where Clark was being held. The newspaper said the man, who has since been released, also turned the letter over to law enforcement.

The News said it was not identifying the man because he could be in danger for providing the letter.

The man told the newspaper he has met twice with state and federal prosecutors, and that the district attorney's office offered him money to relocate if he cooperates.

The man rejected the offer and sought more money because of the danger to him and his family. He also hoped to share in a \$100,000 reward offered by the Broncos, the News reported.

An independent handwriting analyst hired by the News said the signature on the letter matched previous letters written by Clark to the newspaper and to a federal judge.

In one letter to the newspaper, Clark denied he was involved in Williams' death.

Police have said little publicly about why they consider Clark a person of interest. Investigators say the fatal shots were fired from an SUV registered to Brian Hicks, a man they say was a gang leader who ran a drug ring that

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Kacy Hochstatter

## Sorry, Big D

My apologies to Danny Robertson. What can I say — I screwed up. That is pretty much all there is to say. This article was originally slated to be a profile in which I would have Danny Robertson's coach and friends say complimentary things about him and what he brought to the Oregon State baseball team.

Then came my shining moment where I pulled the classic move of recording over the quotes from those interviews. Oy!

For an instant I actually understood what it felt like to be George W. Bush (the only difference being that I can admit I made a mistake).

There is nothing I can do about it now. I am running out of time, and the story of Danny Robertson needs to be told because, quite frankly, it is a good one.

So everybody gather 'round the campfire — or in most stu- See **HOCHSTATTER** / page 7



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Cincinnati Reds outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. blasts home run No. 599. He is attempting to become the sixth player to eclipse 600 home runs.

## Griffey one closer, but Bruce stole the show

■ Ken Griffey Jr. hit 599 but Jay Bruce dominated Atlanta

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ken Griffey Jr. couldn't get the big homer in his hometown but came away smiling anyway.

Jay Bruce has that effect. Griffey remained one homer shy of 600, but Bruce completed his amazing debut week with a solo homer and a run-scoring single that led the Cincinnati Reds over the Atlanta Braves 6-2 on Sunday.

The new kid on the block is reminding Griffey — formerly known as "The Kid" — of what it's like to be a crowd-pleasing rookie on an amazing tear.

"He's having the time of his life," Griffey said. "From a guy who did it 20 years ago: It's definitely fun to see it, to see the kid smile day-in and day-out."

"Everybody knew he could hit, but it's been a lot of fun to watch."

Bruce went 13-for-22 with six walks, two homers, two steals and six RBIs in his first six games, the last three of them against Atlanta. The 21-year-old outfielder became the latest player to torment a team that can't do anything right on the road. Rookie right-hander Johnny Cueto

(4-5) returned to his first-game form, allowing only a bunt single through the first six innings. Mark Teixeira and Brian McCann homered off Cueto in the seventh, but the comeback stopped there — again.

The Braves have been nearly unbeatable at Turner Field, going 22-7. Away from home, it's nearly the identical opposite. Atlanta is 7-21 on the road, where it has lost its last 20 one-run games since August.

"It's mind-boggling," starter Tim Hudson said.

Atlanta wound up swept in Cincinnati for the first time since September 1996.

"We just caught them at a bad time," second baseman Kelly Johnson said. "We need to get a voodoo doll or something."

From the first inning on, the focus was on Griffey, who connected for No. 599 in the Reds' 10-inning, 8-7 victory on Saturday. Bruce ended that one with his first big league homer, a solo shot.

Griffey singled, doubled and flied out against Hudson (7-4), who left after straining his left hamstring in the seventh. The crowd of 35,942 booed when Blaine Boyer intention-

See **GRIFFEY** / page 7