



## Tactical drills will run today for local law enforcement

■ Even before the VT massacre, OSU already had implemented plans for emergencies

By Jennifer Meyer  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Training, exercising and running drills are some of the best ways to prepare for the challenges ahead.

The Corvallis Police Department, Philomath Police Department, Benton County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and the OSP Special Weapons and Tactics Team will be on campus today from 9 a.m. to noon running drills.

The agencies will run emergency scenarios in the Heckert and Reed Lodge area of S.W. Jefferson Way. The drill, though timely due to the tragedy a Virginia Tech, is regularly scheduled.

It is an annual training event that was scheduled to take place in Salem — but because of the Virginia Tech shooting and campus thoughts on safety — officials moved the training to campus.

S.W. Jefferson Way, between S.W. 30th Street and S.W. 26th Street will be closed for the training.

"I think this will show people that the law enforcement, as well as university leadership, really does think about these things often," said university spokesman Todd Simmons.

Lt. Phil Zerzan of the Oregon State Police, who responded to the Thurston High School shooting in 1998, expressed his daily apprehensions for student and faculty safety on campus and in the Corvallis community.

"Even before the shootings at Virginia Tech, I think about this everyday. It's one of my concerns for OSU," Zerzan said. "We hope for the best but plan for the worst."

Administrators have been talking about communication, Simmons  
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Kelly Volkman, a member of the International Health Club, dressed up as a white-kneed, bandy-legged mosquito and approached people in the MU Quad on Wednesday to try and raise awareness for Malaria Week. The idea of the Malaria booth was to raise money for malaria victims in Africa.

## Festivities seek to increase malaria awareness

■ Event in quad raises awareness for countries with malaria problems, hopes to raise money

By Tim Pfarr  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Do you have a minute for malaria?" said Madhu Bhadra of the International Health Club.

Sound familiar? For those passing by the Memorial Union Quad on Wednesday, it just might.

For the first time on the Oregon State University campus, International Malaria Awareness Day, which is traditionally held on April 25, has been increased to malaria awareness week.

Malaria is an infectious disease transmitted through mosquitoes that affects nearly 1 million

people each year, most being in sub-Saharan Africa where it is the leading cause of death for children under 5.

Events of the week began on Monday afternoon in the Kelley Engineering Center with a guest lecture by Dr. Matthew Lynch of Johns Hopkins University, program director of VOICES for a Malaria Free Future.

An organization funded by an \$8.7 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, VOICES aims to assist in fighting Malaria by raising awareness and getting people to work together.

"Our goal is to increase access for protective treatment," Lynch said. "[Malaria] really is a global emergency."

Lynch's lecture focused primarily on the status of the fight against the disease, monetary

issues involved and the steps that are being taken to combat malaria.

Events continued on Wednesday with another guest lecture, this time by Dr. Rochelle Rainey of USAID Global Health Bureau.

The presentation focused on the environmental impacts of Indoor Residual Spraying for Malaria control. According to public health officials, IRS is the process of spraying the interior of a building with insecticides, and can have damaging effects on crops.

Also on Wednesday, OSU's International Health Club set up a tent in the Memorial Union Quad to aid in fundraising efforts — cookies, shirts, wristbands and films were all for sale. To catch the eyes of passersby, International Health

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### IMPRINTS

## Standing on her own two feet, living life each day



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Amy Gin, a fifth-year senior in pre-pharmacy, walks with her team, "Amy's Heroes" at the Corvallis Multiple Sclerosis Walk on Saturday, April 21. Gin's team raised \$3,500, which will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society for educational programs, research and support groups.

■ Athlete turned pre-pharmacy major deals with diagnosis of multiple sclerosis at age 21, turns to helping others through OSU MS Clinic

By Ashley Slocki  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The regulars who walk into Dixon with smiling faces while Amy Gin is working have no clue how much an inspiration they are to her.

"There are so many people that don't even know that they are one of my main supporters, the people I see everyday at the gym when I work show motivation and drive," said Gin, a fifth year pre-pharmacy major.

Gin will be starting OSU's pharmacy program next fall — a dream she has had since her senior year in high school — but her story does not stop there.

Gin, a Beaverton resident, came to OSU thinking about the future and getting into pharmacy school.

In September 2005, Gin noticed she was not able to walk normally, but being an athlete in high school, she ignored it for a month, assuming it was just a pulled muscle.

"Then there was a point where I was dragging my right leg, and I was tripping and falling — I didn't know why," Gin said.

That day Gin went to Student Health Services. They sent her to the hospital.

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## Vet students partner with local Humane Society

■ Students benefit from hands on experience; one lucky dog gets a new lease on life

By Rachel Crews  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Having to perform a surgery without any experience sounds like a nightmare, but it's one that OSU veterinary school graduates don't have to experience.

This two-year-old program has allowed OSU juniors and seniors in the College of Veterinary Medicine to perform more than 500 surgeries through a partnership with local humane societies.

The Heartland Humane Society and the college celebrated their success in Magruder Hall on Tuesday.

"This is to celebrate our 300th surgery this year and our 500th surgery overall," said Kerry Mullin, executive

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**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.  
**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Come experience God with us!  
**Native American Longhouse**, 4-6pm, Native American Longhouse. Learn about Native crafts and make something too.  
**ASOSU Environmental Affairs**, 4-6pm, MU 213. Students Living Sustainably — an interactive workshop. Open to all! Free food!  
**Student Sustainability Initiative**, 10:50am-Noon, OSU Bee Lab. Green Roof Demonstration. Learn about green roof projects on campus. Meet at 35th & Washington at 10:50am.  
**Asian Pacific American Student Union (APASU)**, 11am-1:30pm, MU Lounge. Hollywood Stars Sung Kang, Roger Fan and Director Justin Lin will talk about Asian American Actors and race in the film industry.  
**Students Promoting Eating Disorder Awareness (SPEDA)**, 6pm, Women's Center. A movie! Come join us for a screening of "Flatly Stacked," a humorous yet poignant documentary that asks the question: How can a flat-chested woman find happiness in a world obsessed with big breasts? The screening will be followed by a discussion of the documentary, led by Patti Watkins.  
**Catholic Campus Ministry**, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Thirsty Thursday Alternative. Come for evening Mass at the Newman Center.

**Meeting**  
**STAND**, 6pm, Peavy 242. Cover and discuss upcoming events for Darfur awareness.

Friday, Apr. 27

**Events**  
**Department of Music**, 7pm, Benton Hall 303. OSU Student Recital: Julie Cherry, soprano.  
**Student Sustainability Initiative**, 4-8pm, 738 SW 15th St. Earth Week Reception and Open House. Get a tour of the future Student Sustainability Center. Free food and music!  
**Catholic Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Newman Center, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Come pray the rosary at the Newman Center. Stay afterwards for capture the flag and socializing.  
**Black Cultural Center**, 8pm-1am, Club Escape. 1st annual Ebony Ball. Dress up, grab some friends and have fun. This event is semi-formal, refreshments provided. DJ Hess will be the entertainment. Tickets available at Student Involvement.

Saturday, Apr. 28

**Events**  
**Department of Music**, 3pm, Benton Hall 303. OSU Student Recital: Jennifer Davenport, soprano, and Jennifer Webb, soprano.  
**ASOSU Environmental Affairs**, 11am-3pm, Oak Creek. Plant trees on your campus! Meet at the covered bridge on the west side of OSU at 11am.

Monday, Apr. 30

**Meetings**  
**Native American Student Association**, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Join NASA and be a part of the Native community and help plan the 31st Annual OSU Pow Wow.  
**Rainbow Continuum**, 7pm, Women's Center. Rainbow Continuum meets weekly to talk and play games. All though it is LGBT based, it is open to all members of the OSU community and surrounding areas.  
**Event**  
**Unitarian Universalist**, 7:30-9pm, Westminster House 23rd and Monroe. Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry: Creedless Explorations of truth and meaning.

TOP STORY

## Some scrutinize 5-minute period before police entered

By Kristen Gelineau  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLACKSBURG, Virginia — The bloodbath lasted nine minutes — enough time for Seung-Hui Cho to unleash 170 rounds from his two pistols, or about one shot every three seconds.

During that time, Virginia Tech and Blacksburg police spent three minutes dashing across campus to the scene. Then they began the process of assembling a team, clearing the area and trying to break through the doors, which took another five minutes.

Seconds later, after they blasted through the chained doors with shotguns, Cho put a bullet through his head and died in a classroom alongside 30 of his victims. Two others were shot earlier in a dormitory.

A timeline of the rampage emerged Wednesday as police provided new details about what they uncovered in the 10 days since Cho committed the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The five minutes police spent breaking into the building proved to be crucial. During that time, Cho picked off his victims with a hail of gunfire.

State police spokeswoman Corinne Geller praised the officers' response time, noting

that had police simply rushed into the building without a plan, many would have likely died right along with the staff and students.

"If you go in with your backs turned, you're never going back," Geller said. "There's gotta be some sort of organization."

Some police and security experts question the five-minute delay, saying authorities should have charged straight into the melee.

"You don't have time to wait," said Aaron Cohen, president of IMS Security of Los Angeles, who has trained police special weapons and tactics (SWAT) teams around the country since 2003. "You don't have time to pre-plan a response. Even if you have a few guys, you go."

Police rapid response to school violence has become an important issue in the last decade.

After the Columbine massacre in 1999, police around the country adopted new policies for so-called "active shooters." Police would no longer respond to emergencies such as school shootings by surrounding a building and waiting for the SWAT team. Instead, the first four officers rush into the building and attempt to immediately end the threat. This system was used to end a

2003 school hostage standoff in Spokane, Washington.

At Columbine, no officers entered the building until about 40 minutes after the first emergency call from the school. Critics have said that decision might have contributed to the death of a teacher who bled to death from gunshot wounds.

Tom Corrigan, former member of the NYPD-FBI terrorism task force and a retired New York City detective, said five minutes seems like a long time when gunfire is being heard, but he added it's tough to second-guess officers in such a chaotic situation.

"I would have liked to have seen them bust down the door, smash windows, go around to another door, do everything to get inside fast," he said. "But it's a tough call because these officers put their lives on the line on a daily basis and I am sure they did the best they could."

Al Baker, a former 25-year New York police veteran who has done extensive law enforcement training, echoed that sentiment, but said sometimes officers have to do whatever is necessary to enter a building — whether it is throwing a rock through a window or driving a car through the door. He said the crucial issue is ensuring that

officers have the proper training and equipment.

"This is a seminal moment for law enforcement as far as I'm concerned because it proves that minutes are critical," he said.

State Police Superintendent Col. W. Steven Flaherty, who is overseeing the investigative team looking at the shootings, said police have been unable to answer the case's most vexing questions: Why the spree began at the West Ambler Johnston dormitory, and why 18-year-old freshman Emily Hilscher was the first victim.

"We talk about possible motives and theories and whatnot, but we don't have any evidence to suggest anything," Flaherty said.

Witnesses place Cho outside West Ambler Johnston shortly before 7:15 a.m., when he fired the two shots that killed Hilscher and 22-year-old senior Ryan Clark, a resident assistant at the dorm, Flaherty said.

It is not known how Cho got in.

Police searched Hilscher's e-mails and phone records looking for a link. While Flaherty would not discuss exactly what police found, he said neither Cho's nor Hilscher's records have revealed a connection.

NEWS IN BRIEF



### Iran and EU signal progress in nuclear talks, plan meeting

ANKARA, Turkey — Senior Iranian and Western envoys signaled Wednesday that they may have made progress in trying to break a deadlock over Tehran's defiance of a U.N. demand to suspend uranium enrichment, saying they planned to meet again in two weeks.

In announcing the additional talks, neither European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana nor Ali Larijani, Iran's top international negotiator, revealed details of their two meetings Wednesday, including a previously unscheduled dinner session.

But an official based in a European capital said the two touched on having discussions of what would constitute a suspension. A more flexible definition of a freeze acceptable to both sides is "the key issue," said the official, who was briefed on the day's talks.

There was also mention of a "double time out" — a simultaneous freeze of Iranian atomic activities in exchange for a commitment not to impose new U.N. sanctions, said the official, who agreed to tell The Associated Press about the private talks only if not quoted by name.

Both Solana and Larijani were upbeat after their meetings.



### House passes bill ordering troops to begin coming home

WASHINGTON — A sharply divided House brushed aside a veto threat Wednesday and passed legislation that would order President Bush to begin withdrawing troops from Iraq by Oct. 1.

The 218-208 vote came as the top U.S. commander in Iraq told lawmakers the country remained gripped by violence but was showing some signs of improvement.

Passage puts the bill on track to clear Congress by week's end and arrive on the president's desk in coming days as the first binding congressional challenge to Bush's handling of the conflict now in its fifth year.

"Our troops are mired in a civil war with no clear enemy and no clear strategy for success," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer.

Republicans promised to stand squarely behind the president in rejecting what they called a "surrender date" handed to the enemy.

"Al-Qaida will view this as the day the House of Representatives threw in the towel," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The \$124.2 billion bill would fund the

war, among other things, but demand troop withdrawals begin on Oct. 1 or sooner if the Iraqi government does not meet certain standards. The bill sets a nonbinding goal of completing the troop pull out by April 1, 2008, allowing for forces conducting certain noncombat missions, such as attacking terrorist networks or training Iraqi forces, to remain.

House and Senate appropriators agreed to the legislation earlier this week. The Senate was expected to clear the measure Thursday, sending it to the president.



### New Oregon recycling estimate spares plastics makers

SALEM — A new estimate of recycling in Oregon has spared manufacturers more stringent requirements for plastic bottles and containers.

In December the Department of Environmental Quality said that the plastic recycling rate had dropped below 25 percent, as measured by an estimate for 2005.

That made manufacturers unhappy. They would have had to increase the recycled content of their bottles, use bottles made of materials that are recycled at a rate of more than 25 percent or use bottles that can be refilled at least five times.

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## SAFETY: Stereotypes can be damaging for minorities, apparent safety, student health

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said. They have been asking if they can talk to each other and to students in a more effective manner.

"In light of the tragedy that occurred at Virginia Tech, we, along with other campuses, are looking at what lessons can be learned and improvements made," Zerzan said.

Ellen Taylor, the director of university counseling and psychological services is a part of OSU's Critical Response Team.

The team is comprised of members from Student Health Services, Student Conduct, law enforcement, student peer educators and is chaired by Dean of Student Life Jackie Balzer.

"They collectively come together and discuss these situations and bring everyone's best thoughts to bear," Simmons said. "If there are situations on campus that are potentially problematic, they talk through them."

The team meets monthly, not just when an incident occurs, to discuss policies and improvements that might be made in order to keep a bad situation from getting worse.

"People's natural reactions (to the Virginia Tech shootings) are grief, shock, horror but that doesn't always necessarily require professional counseling, mostly support," Taylor said.

"I think one of the most important things to prevent violence is building community, and that means a community where everyone is welcome," Taylor said.

"People want to believe they can prevent this by identifying a profile of someone who might do something like at Virginia Tech but that just leads to people making natural tendencies to say 'oh, that person reminds me of the V-Tech shooter, he could be dangerous,' and that can lead to stereotyping."

Students are highly encouraged to report suspicious persons. The Department of Public Safety and Oregon State Police can be reached at 737-3010.

"When a person is angry there is hurt, and if we can build a community where people are included and not teased or bullied, that can reduce the risk of violence," Taylor said.

University Counseling and Psychological Services is frequently contacted by law enforcement on campus when necessary.

"They do a very good job of monitoring those who are troubled," Simmons said. "There's been a lot of discussion about the way the university engages in very appropriate ways with students who are troubled."

OSU consistently engages in meetings and discussions with officials and different departments to ensure the smooth operation of the university even in an emergency situation.

"We are hearing from students and parents who are concerned with what we do," Simmons said.

Simmons said there was a meeting about avian pandemic flu just last week. Now, OSU is left to "shore up" plans to make them better.

"Oregon State takes preparations all the time. Drills and rehearsals are conducted in conjunction with Oregon State police on a regular basis. It's a never ending process," Simmons said.

Information regarding safety procedures from the Department of Public Safety and Oregon State Police can be found at [http://oregonstate.edu/dept/security/emergency\\_info/crimes\\_in\\_progress.php](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/security/emergency_info/crimes_in_progress.php).

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# Budget cuts eliminates state funding for student parents

■ Student parents may lose the only form of state funding they have

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The Senate is considering a budget cut that would eliminate the only state-funded program designed to help student parents stay in school.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Service, the Student Child Care Program gives Oregon a limited amount of funds to help students pay for childcare.

Currently, 230 people statewide get this funding, but there is a waiting list of 1,800, according to Stephanie Duckett, the OSU student parent advocate.

"The budget cut will only affect about five students at OSU," Duckett said. "If I put someone on the waiting list when they enter OSU as a freshman, then they might see the money as a senior."

Although the budget cut will not affect

many students at OSU, it will affect many students statewide.

"Students are asking why this is happening," said Courtney Sproule, the OSA communications director. "Child care costs are higher than tuition costs."

This proposed budget cut prompted the organization of a rally in May.

"We will be collecting 'helping hands' cards," Sproule said. "Students will be able to write on these cards how the program benefited them."

ASOSU has stepped up to help student parents with the extra costs.

"As long as the student government has stepped up like ours has, we will have no problems," Duckett said.

The budget for the Student Child Care Program has been decreasing in the last few years and it is no surprise to that the budget is getting cut, Duckett said.

"Final reduction of the program is the end result. Frustrating, yes; surprising,

no," she said.

Some students at OSU are disappointed as well.

"Child care is something that is important," said Amy Carnahan, a senior in liberal studies and pre-education. "It is more important than what people give it credit for. If we cut that program then however many students that have that funding will not be able to come back to school."

Sproule is not just worried about the students who are having their funding cut, she is also worried about what will happen to the future generations.

"Getting a degree is the best thing that a parent can do for their children," Sproule said. "Not only will it give the parents a better job, but it will give their children a better chance to go to a university in the future."

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## VET: Humane society link led to program with OSU

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director of Heartland Humane Society. "It's huge. It's amazing."

Dr. Scott Gustafson, a board certified orthopedic surgeon and OSU professor, helped start the partnership with the Heartland Humane Society that made the program possible.

"He was very interested, when OSU brought the small animal clinic here, that it was done in the most humane way possible," Mullin said. "He wanted it to benefit the animals the surgeries were performed on."

The program has grown to 100 students and 19 agencies that recommend their clients for the surgeries.

"These are surgeries that are typically not available to shelter animals in most circumstances," said Stephanie Crawford, veterinary technician for the college. "We are able to utilize these patients as a teaching opportunity, allowing our students to gain valuable experiences that,

when they graduate, they will have a full suit of skills."

One lucky dog that received help from this program is Ferdinand, a shepherd mix. Ferdinand came to the Heartland Humane Society with hardly any hair and was severely underweight. He also walked on only three legs most of the time because of a painful hip injury.

Humane societies simply can't afford to perform all the necessary surgeries for every stray that comes through their doors. But with the OSU vet school program, Ferdinand was able undergo a major hip surgery and was neutered.

Now, with all necessary surgeries completed and walking on all four legs, Ferdinand is on hold for adoption, as of Tuesday.

"The students are doing so much more than learning how to perform surgeries," said Jamie Fitzpatrick, director of operations for Heartland Humane Society. "They come to realize what a difference they are making to animals and animal lovers throughout the state."

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## MALARIA: Thursday event at Avalon Cinema

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Club member Kelly Volkman was dressed as a giant mosquito made of PVC pipe, insulation and a backpack frame.

"I'm a female anopheles mosquito," Volkman said. Anopheles mosquitoes are carriers of the disease.

A sample mosquito net was also on display with students sitting under.

"We're helping raise awareness and money to aid in areas where malaria is running rampant," said Mike Rondhuis, a volunteer who spent the morning under the net.

Malaria week continues Thursday at 7 p.m. with a screening of the film, Waves of Compassion, at the Avalon Cinema and Friday at 6 p.m. with Africa Night at West International House.

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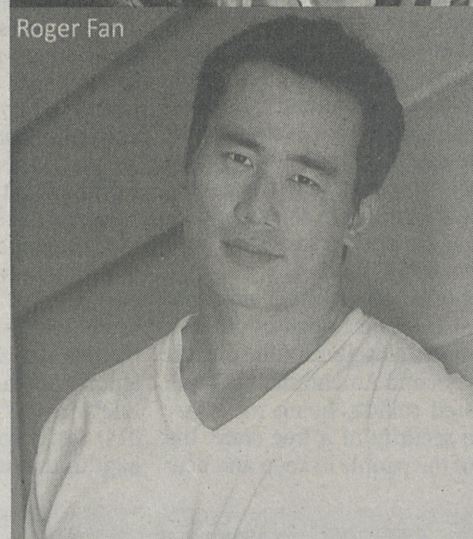
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Guest Editorial

## Tobacco tax; just do it

State legislators have been fretting about whether to raise the tobacco tax for the first time since 2002. "Can't raise taxes; wouldn't be right!" some say.

Tell that to the pregnant woman dragging deep on a cigarette because she never has learned what nicotine does to her unborn child. Or to the middle-school student experimenting with a flavored cigarette. Or to an adult who'd like to quit but can't recall how to contact the state's free help line.

Oregon used to have a great tobacco education and prevention program to reach all these folks and more. It could have such a program again. And it could lower smoking rates and raise revenue, all by raising the cost of a pack of cigarettes. That's smart policy all around.

Whatever the fate of House Bill 2201 — Gov. Ted Kulongoski's sweeping effort to insure most Oregon kids — the 84.5-cent-per-pack tobacco-tax increase tied to it deserves passage this session.

The state has a clear interest in making it hard for people to take up smoking and easy for them to quit. Lower-income Oregonians smoke in greater numbers than the general population, and they suffer disproportionately from diseases caused by smoking. Getting them to quit or cut back will improve their lives and save taxpayers money.

What's more, tobacco companies have our kids in their marketing sights. Oregon needs to fight back on all fronts.

Raising the price of a pack of cigarettes is the first step — the hefty increase will price many youngsters out of the market. No legislator should have a moment's twinge of conscience for this "tax increase."

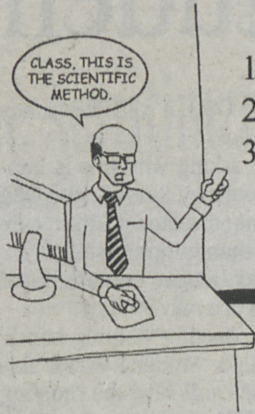
Reviving the state's tobacco education program — looted during lean budget years — must follow. Tobacco companies have the bucks to target our young people with sophisticated marketing. The state has been doing the job on a shoestring. If that were enough, we wouldn't see 20 young Oregonians take up smoking each day.

This isn't about Republicans and Democrats. It's not about no-new-taxes. It's about health, especially the health of young people.

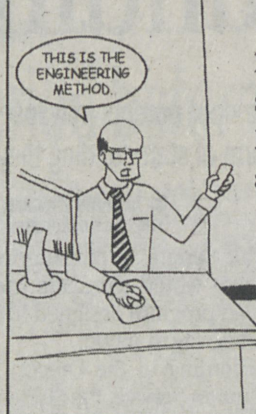
It's about keeping today's teens and preteens from dying prematurely from smoking-caused illnesses. It's about seeing that people across the state get anti-smoking support. It's about fewer low-birthweight babies, fewer children with asthma, and more years to enjoy one's kids and grandkids.

Legislators: This makes sense; make it happen.

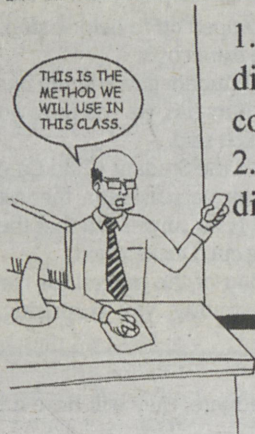
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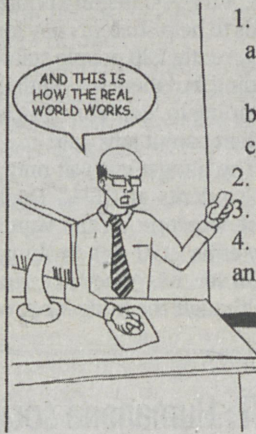
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  - b. Something causing cancer
  - c. Stuff causing pollution
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## Is gun legislation to blame for tragedies?

Is current gun legislation to blame for tragedies such as the one at Virginia Tech?

The debate over gun control vs. gun rights has been around all our lives. Every time something like Columbine or Virginia Tech happens, however, the argument reaches its boiling point. In times like these it is vital that we as citizens take a hard look at the current gun legislation to examine its effectiveness.

I never really considered myself an advocate for gun control. Perhaps it was the fact that my family had a gun collection. It could have been that my friends frequently go hunting. But for whatever the reason, it is safe to say I bought into all the propaganda that gun lobbyists have put forth over the years. It has taken a tragedy to make me re-examine what I thought I knew so well. People must make an attempt to veer away from scare tactics and propaganda, and instead look at statistics and data as a means to decide on this issue. An examination of the reasoning behind the right to bear arms in contemporary American society may also be helpful in making up one's mind about this highly debated issue.

It is often said that guns don't kill people, people kill people. However, the fact is, guns make it a world easier. If Seung-Hui Cho's weapon of choice was a knife instead of a gun, it is safe to say that he could have done significantly less damage. In a way the popular adage is correct, though. People should ultimately take responsibility for their actions. Unfortunately, we do not live in any form of utopian society and the average person is far from being another Gandhi.

A popular argument against gun control lies in the Constitution. Yet if one were to closely examine the text of the Second Amendment ("A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear

Jessica Montgomery



Down the rabbit hole

arms, shall not be infringed.") they would find that it is fairly ambiguous. What arms does it speak of? Should people be allowed to carry bombs? How about bazookas? Just as it is illegal to scream "fire" in a theater where there is no fire, this right ought to have reasonable limitations subject to change depending on the circumstances. Certainly one could argue that a string of major shootings over the past decade would qualify as a circumstance which calls for change.

The Second Amendment is also tied in with the collective self-defense argument. The theory is, if the government were ever to turn into a tyranny, the people could form a militia in order to regain control. As valid as this argument may have been when the Constitution was written, it does not apply today. With a defense budget of more than \$400 billion in the U.S. and the most powerful weapons in the world, a militia of American civilians with guns would stand no chance. Along the same lines, if the United States were to be invaded by a foreign power, a couple guns in the hands of untrained civilians would not do much to alleviate the situation. Our armed forces, which are no doubt among the best in the world, would be able to aid in that situation instead.

Another popular argument that gun rights advocates use is that guns can be used for self-defense. This can be true in certain situations, but the counter-arguments are hard to ignore. Research done by The New England Journal of Medicine (vol. 314) has, however, shown that a gun kept in the home is 43 times more

likely to kill a member of the household or friend, than an unwanted intruder. Research done by Scientific American (vol. 256) has found that the use of a firearm in resisting a violent assault usually increases the victim's risk of being injured or killed. So how beneficial is it to keep a gun in your household for safety purposes when it will more likely be used on a family member than a burglar?

The fact is that guns are too readily available and there is no good reason why. I have no problem with guns in the hands of people who are responsible, mentally stable and trained in gun safety. Yet in light of recent events, one must look at the system. Cho, the Virginia Tech shooter, had purchased two handguns between February and March. He was subject to background checks at both times, yet passed them despite a judge's ruling in 2005 that he presented an imminent danger to himself as a result of mental illness. How exactly did this happen? Because according to the state law, the sale was legal because Cho had ordered outpatient treatment at a psychiatric hospital instead of being committed to it. This loophole in the legal system has had a terrible cost.

There is currently legislation that will improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System if passed. This bill proposed by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), called H.R. 297, hopes to close some of these loopholes. This piece of legislation, however, cannot hope to fix all the gun problems in the U.S.

Perhaps gun manufacturers should be held responsible for the damage that their products cause. Many of the propositions put forth by gun control advocates are flawed, yet we all know that something has to change. If

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Robert Sanchez

Perspectives and Choices

## The F word

That's right, I'm going to say it. Feminism. Combining social, political and philosophical sciences, feminism is a movement whose goal is equality for all people. Seen in this light, wouldn't we all like to call ourselves feminists? There is a somewhat negative stereotype associated with feminism, that of the angry man-hater, androgynously dressed, with hairy pits and legs. We are all trained to avoid deviation from social norms, and the images associated with feminism keep many from investigating what it's really all about. However, most of us are feminists without really knowing it.

Remember the ethics expressed in the Declaration of Independence? All people are created equal, endowed with certain unalienable rights, inherently equal in dignity. To deprive anyone of equality does harm to everyone. If you believe in these ideals, then you are a feminist.

There is a politics of control whose mantra is divide and conquer. Black must be against white, poor against middle class and rich, citizens against immigrants, those who want jobs against those who want to protect the environment. This is what makes the world go round. Without the politics of power dividing us against each other, the public would have more power than any government, and we can't have that. Who knows what might happen if people decided that they knew what was best, that experts and the rich who steer our country don't really have the average person's interests in mind. Feminist ethics refute the politics of control, stating that no one should be deprived of the shared rights of humanity. Society should act to ensure equality: equality under the law, equality of opportunity through equal access to resources, and equality of dignity.

Feminism has its roots in the oldest democratic traditions. Perhaps the beginnings of an organized feminist movement were facilitated by urbanization; as more and more families moved into cities, larger numbers of women could see how others lived, and could get together and talk. Women wanted to vote. Women wanted legal rights to own land. Women wanted society to no longer condone the violence of men, the social control by men. And by directly involving themselves in the democratic process, by speaking out and refusing to be silenced, women have achieved marvelous advances toward equality. But the struggle for equality continues still, as illustrated by last week's Sexual Assault Awareness activities.

Violence, and social domination by men, is with us every day. We see it all the time in the media, in music, in the classroom and in the streets of every city. We see men talking down to women, using rude and disempowering language. Men are taught by society to debase women and

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## Letters to the Editor

### ASOSU elections

#### Do your research and vote

What a very exciting time for everyone who is a part of and especially those participating in the ASOSU/MU elections this year. I write this letter with great enthusiasm and admiration for all of the current candidates-Palin/Collins & Purdy/Honda for the ASOSU Presidential ticket and Murillo/DeMars & Normandin/Vancil for the Memorial Union Presidential ticket. Having gone through the elections process in a number of capacities I commend and applaud all the work, energy and passion that has been generated during this year's election process.

I would first like to address the Memorial Union candidacy. These four individuals are outstanding candidates for next year's Memorial Union Presidential ticket. I have had the unique privilege and honor of working with each of them in a wide-variety of events. I am completely confident that each one of these tickets would do a superb job in serving all students on our OSU campus. I encourage you to not only take a really good look at the voter's guide [asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections/](http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections/) to find out more about Murillo/DeMars & Normandin/Vancil, but I also encourage you to find them in the quad today and discover for yourself how truly talented and qualified these individuals are ... p.s. I think they all have suckers ... mmm!

I would next like to address the ASOSU presidential tickets. Although I am confident that these four individuals will all serve the OSU students with the best of intentions-as I am sure they would, I am extremely confident in the experience and qualifications that Palin/Collins bring to the table and their ability to adequately represent all students and more importantly the best interest of the students here at OSU. Palin/Collins are a very strong ticket by virtue of their experience as well as their knowledge and qualifications throughout the ASOSU entities. I have had the privilege

to work closely with Mr. Collins during my time here at OSU on several occasions and the passion and commitment he brings to responsibly representing all students is more than commendable. Mr. Palin and I have served on several committees together this year and it has been very apparent of his dedication and diverse background in a plethora of student issues and services.

I urge you as students on this campus to seek out the appropriate information regarding the experience and service that these students represent and make your own decision based upon an educated vote. Be sure to applaud all of the candidates in this year's election because they have all exceeded the bar for elections in the past.

Thank You and get out there and VOTE!!!

JAIMEE COLBERT

Memorial Union President 2006/2007  
senior, political science

### ASOSU elections

#### Palin, Collins have what it takes

It's that time of year again when the quad fills up with signs, and as you are walking around campus people begin handing out flyers about the current campus elections. I know this can seem bothersome as you are making your way to class, but take a moment and become informed about what's going on. These students could be representing you all of next year. I'm placing my trust and vote in the hands of Trevor Palin and Brian Collins. These are some of the most down to earth people I know and have an uncontested amount of experience and passion that they can put to work for the students. I have had the opportunity to work with both these individuals first hand over the last 2 years. From serving on the Student Incidental Fees Committee with Brian, experiencing his passion for fiscal responsibility when it comes to the student's dollar, and with Trevor,

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### SALAD DAYS



by JASON BACH

## MONTGOMERY: Much like past commonalities, restriction needed

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things such as Columbine and Virginia Tech keep happening, it is possible that all citizens could lose the rights to own guns, even for purposes of self-protection. Although right now it seems that guns are a common feature in American life, a few generations ago it was normal to beat one's children. A few decades before that it would be permissible to enslave African Americans. Certainly we would not

think to do these things today.

Just as society has changed for the better in the aforementioned situations, it can change with this one. With the future leaders, lobbyists, and legislators of this country I encourage you all to think long and hard about the actions that need to be taken to alleviate this long-standing problem in our society, because it is our generation that will be left with the burden.

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## SANCHEZ: 'Feminism is not about women wanting power, or women being angry at men'

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put themselves above them in terms of social power. Women are taught by society to grin and bear it. It's in our culture. It's how we've learned to relate to each other. If you think it's time to learn something new, to start teaching ourselves and our children something new, then you are a feminist.

Over time, people involved in the feminist movement realized that the hierarchical division between men and women was only one of many such divisions. Injustice is injustice, regardless of who it is directed against. It is culture and society that create and recreate injustice, and discrimination will remain an accepted way for people to relate to each other unless we decide to change. More and more people are making this decision, but culture changes slowly, and we are just beginning to see the results of the changing atti-

tudes of past generations. The more we talk about the uncomfortable evils that cling to society, like terminal parasites, the more we look our problems in the face, the faster society will adjust. Feminism works toward the goal of eliminating the roots of discrimination by asking us to look at ourselves, by creating space for dialogue and collaboration; it could just as easily be called humanism.

Feminism is not about women wanting power, or about women being angry at men; it is about recognizing that society would be richer and fuller if it gave everyone an equal change to contribute. The celebrated feminist Betty Friedman said "Men are not the enemy, but the fellow victims. The real enemy is women's denigration of themselves." While women suffer from gender inequality in more concrete ways, men suffer as well. The

creative and loving energy that comes from people working together is stifled by inequality, and everyone is harmed.

The OSU campus has many resources for those who want to get involved in working for gender equality, or for those who just want to learn more. The Women's Center has a wealth of information for those seeking to educate themselves, and offers support for both women and men. MARS, male advocates for sexual responsibility, offers information and help for men in specific. Many other campus and local groups exist that can help and educate.

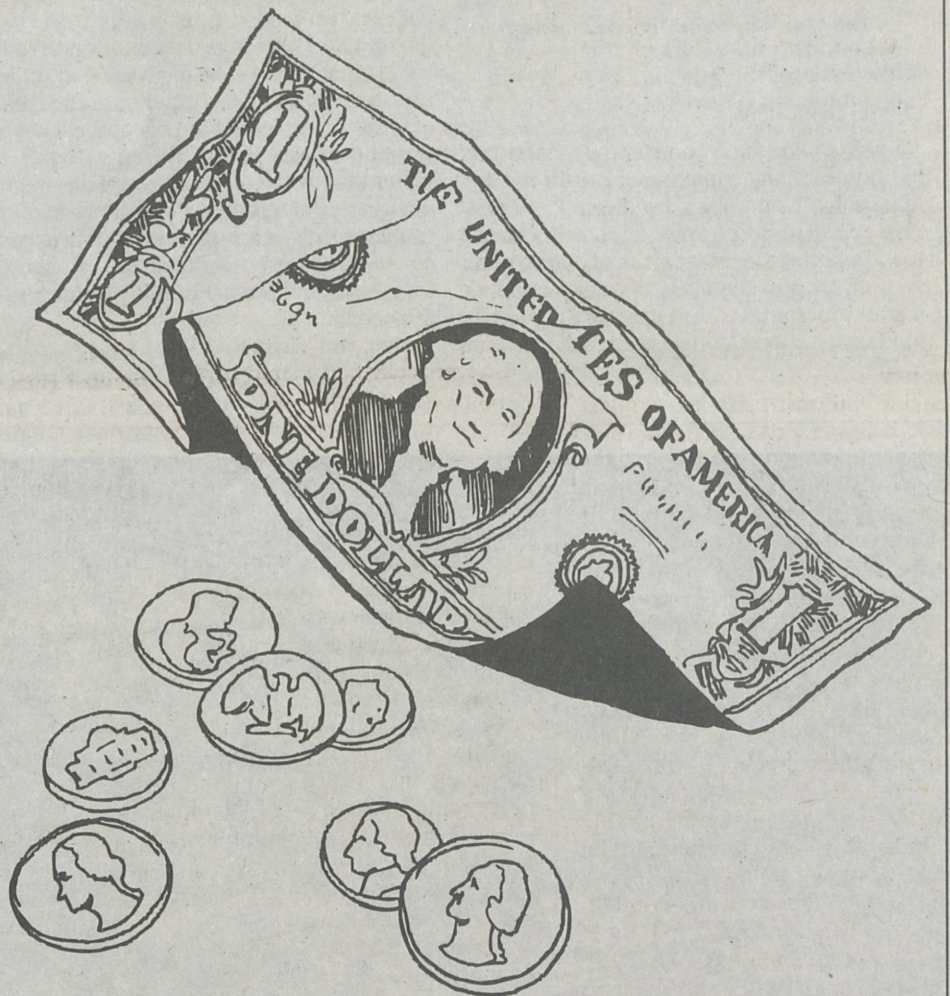
We can change the world for the better if we only work together. There is a power in the human spirit that cannot be suppressed, a deep yearning at the heart of us all for peace, for justice, for equal chances and equal treatment.

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educating new students at orientations about all the opportunities that the student government and getting involved on campus provides. These things are just the tip of their iceberg of experience, check out the Web site on their signs and you'll see what I'm talking about. Trust me when I say that these are the people that we want working for us over the next year. Take a minute to listen to what they have to say and decide for yourself. Vote Palin/Collins for ASOSU President/Vice-President

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**ASOSU elections**

**Palin, Collins have needed experience**

When you sit down to fill out a scholarship or job application or create your resume what is the one thing you focus on above all else (besides spelling)? Experience. I have heard it repeated over and over "oh that would look good on my resume." During my time here at OSU I have had the opportunity to work with two individuals who have quite a lot of experience. They have experience lobbying for student funding both in Washington DC and right here in Oregon. Last year they were part of a very successful campaign that convinced Sen. Smith to vote NO on a bill that would have cut millions of student dollars. Their experience is not just political though. They have both served ASOSU in multiple capacities and they have taken time to get experience off campus, whether that was bagging groceries at a local supermarket or taking six months to work as a corporate accountant. When you go to vote for ASOSU President and Vice President on April 25/26 I encourage you to put Trevor Palin's and Brian Collins' experience to work for you.

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**ASOSU elections**

**Collins dishonest**

I was reading the Barometer the other morning, and something interesting caught my eye. Apparently Brian Collins, candidate for ASOSU Vice President and former Student Incidental Fees Committee member, claimed that he never said anything to the effect of "why should we pay for your mistake?" in regards to a request for funding to support students with children at an

SIFC meeting last year.

Unfortunately for Collins, the room was not empty that night. I was there, as were dozens of other people. It makes no sense to try and deny something that was said in front of an audience (and discussed for days afterward, as that sort of comment has no business being uttered in the first place), and it makes even less sense for Collins to claim he has always supported student-parents. I remember him going to extraordinary lengths to sink a proposal for the future of Our Little Village, a program designed to support students with children.

So, Mr. Collins: While you might think you've always supported students with children, the record shows otherwise. If you can't own up to your mistakes (by the time you're in graduate school no less), you have no business being part of ASOSU. And don't worry; you'll find that people can be very forgiving if you're willing to be honest with them. I promise.

DENNIS DUGAN  
'06 OSU graduate

**Reaction to Barometer Endorsement**

**Purdy, Honda will do more for students, OSU**

In another show of over-estimated political power, the Barometer Editorial staff has chosen to again wield their journalistic pen, just as they do everyday with their classroom assignments, and write a paper without doing their homework! In so doing, they have chosen to endorse candidates for the ASOSU executive office who too have failed to do their homework and are relying on grossly overstated political lobbying experience.

The homework that failed to get accomplished was the simple task of knowing, or even researching the Oregon Legislative Calendar. For the 2007-2008 academic year the Oregon Legislature will only be in session for a whopping total of 20 days! Couple this limited timeframe with the fact that the Higher Education budget for the next two academic years will be decided in the next 30 days, the endorsees' overstated lobbying experience will be of no value to students next year. As such, the experience that will be of great importance is the political capital here within the walls of our University. That is why rather than voting for the ticket with the most lobbying experience, students must look to a candidate's direct action experience here within our own university, and therefore will find that Greg Purdy and Nadine Honda provide best for this need.

Next year change will not occur inside the

capitol in Salem where the lights are off and no one is home, but rather the change that will affect students most will occur here at OSU inside the Kerr Administration Building. Candidates Trevor Palin and Brian Collins would like you to believe that their lobbying experience will be put to work for you, but I ask "How?" Do you plan to yell at the marble walls of the capitol's exterior hoping for a response from the Golden Pioneer on its top? Because our Legislators will not be there to help us next year!

In casting your vote for ASOSU choose for yourself the candidate that will best represent you as a student to our OSU Administration, because our OSU Administration is going to be the place to turn next year when we want to see positive change on the OSU campus. The ticket with the most direct action experience here at OSU, the proven track record to make this campus safer and more embracing of all students, the experience necessary for our experience as students should be the choice that we make when we cast our vote this week, and those candidates are Greg Purdy and Nadine Honda.

DREW DESILET  
OSU student

**VT/Iraq**

**Honor all fallen**

There is no doubt the tragic violence that occurred last week at Virginia Tech has affected you in one way or another. In a horrific and heinous act of hatred, a disaffected and disturbed student massacred over 30 of his peers. This event is truly sad, but it can also give us a sense what is happening in Iraq as I write. In a nation approximately 1/15 our population, hundreds die weekly. In fact, two days after the VT shooting 170 died in one day of gruesome, indiscriminate carnage. Innocent men, women, and children die daily in what has become non-newsworthy bombings and violence. American servicemen and women still die daily, as well. Sadly, the nine soldiers who died only days ago in a single bombing won't even get a read in the newspaper.

Students, we need to continually recognize the condition and persistence of severe violence in Iraq, both against American servicemen and Iraqi civilians. How is it that the deaths of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines in Iraq don't elicit the same national sadness and introspection that the VT shootings receive, certainly, they are no less worthy of recognition. Flags lower in respect for the dead in Virginia but not for those lost in combat. This doesn't add up. Therefore, I

propose that as long as servicemen are deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan the flags remain at half mast as a daily reminder that they are still over there, they are still fighting, and they are still dying. If you agree, please email Ed Ray at ed.ray@oregonstate.edu and ask him to keep the flags on campus lowered until the troops are back home.

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**Anti-violence rally, story**

**Protesters need to re-think the validity and effectiveness of their cause**

I had to laugh when reading about the "anti-violence" rally in Tuesday's Barometer — what a joke. The organizers can't even get their facts straight (i.e. "the homeless man being killed" when he was actually shot in the leg). What violence at OSU are you guys rallying against? Your cause is not even clear— or wait, actually— non-EXISTENT. Your energy would be put to better use to support the Virginia Tech victims and their families rather than protest something that does not even exist on our campus. This is like a slap in the face to Virginia Tech and the people who have actually lost loved ones in this tragedy. You guys look like a bunch of clowns in their eyes. Perhaps you could put energy towards revising the campus' concealed carry law on campus — Virginia Tech also had this law in place, but it proved to be ineffective. Why? This may come as a shock, but CRIMINALS do not follow the LAW. Therefore, a criminal is not likely to stop and think—"wait, the campus has a law against carrying weapons ... maybe I should re-think this plan to massacre all these innocent people." GET REAL people. Had a military student or retired police force staff member been carrying at VTech, they might have been able to take out the gunman before he went on to continue the slaughtering of more innocent people. Sure, we all want peace and nonviolence on campus — but you need to think logically, look at the facts, look at what will actually WORK to prevent things like this, and work to give students the KNOWLEDGE and ABILITY to PROTECT THEMSELVES. Do you actually think non-violence education is going to stop someone like Seung-Hui Cho from massacring 32 people? Get real people, and do something that will actually help save lives should something terrible like this ever happen again.

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## GIN: 'Champion' lives life each day, makes sure to be happy with each day at a time

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Gin had an MRI and a spinal tap while alone in the hospital, waiting for her mother to arrive.

"A neurologist came in and said you might have MS, and I had no idea what it was," Gin said. "I have never felt so alone and even when people came I still felt I was out in my own world."

Waiting for the official results, Gin isolated herself from everyone, in total denial about her potential diagnosis. By November she was officially diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 21.

Gin explained MS as having a "gap" in the brain, or a short circuit.

"Your brain knows what you're trying to do, but can't communicate well with the rest of your body. My brain may be trying to balance, but my body is not getting the message."

"The neurologist found old lesions in both Gin's brain and spinal cord — it is rare to have both — and said that she could have had MS from as young as four, but it didn't become active until September 2005.

Gin was released from the hospital after a steroid treatment, which is used to "calm down the flare ups." She did not return to school for two weeks.

The steroid treatment lasts three to five days, about three hours each day.

"It was pretty hard when she first was diagnosed because it was different from what I experienced earlier in our relationship," said Colin Jones, Gin's boyfriend of three and a half years and an OSU graduate. "I was shocked pretty much ... and I didn't really know what it was."

One of the first things Jones did after leaving the hospital was look up as much information he could about MS.

Gin told her brother, who lives in Washington, and he said "you will get through this, I need you."

Gin said it was very emotional and it made her realize that not only does she rely on people, but people also rely on her. Shortly after Gin was diagnosed her roommate, Amy Tran, returned from studying abroad in France.

Tran graduated in March with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science with pre-therapy and allied health options — and since 2004 has been working at the OSU MS Clinic. The MS clinic has been around for several years, said Dal-hyun Moon, coordinator of the program.

Moon said the student volunteers are there to assist participants with MS while doing physical exercise and also serves as a meeting place for others in the community with MS.

"I knew Amy volunteered at a clinic, but I didn't know that it was a MS clinic," Gin said.

"I had been doing that (work at the MS clinic), and to find out that one of my closest friends and roommate had it ... I didn't take it too well," Tran said. Although now Gin is focused on her life as a whole, right after being diagnosed she too didn't take the news well.

"I didn't know what to expect," Gin said.

Gin explained that the first few months were like living in a fog, and the fog did not start clear until January 2006 when she began to go to the MS clinic with her roommate. Since then things have become very clear.

"When I went to the clinic it was one of the scariest moments of my life," Gin said.

Gin explained that she is the youngest participant in the clinic and that most of the participants were in wheelchairs.

"I felt out of place, but then I realized that they were doing the same exercises I do," she said.

Gin explained the exercises at the clinic are to improve range of motion.

"Hopefully we can prevent or slow down at least their relapses," Moon said. Relapses can be anything from loses of vision, numbness in limbs, bladder and bowel dysfunction, dizziness, or a change in cognitive function.

Gin considers clinic participant Michael Clarke, who was diagnosed at the age of 38, one of her greatest inspirations.

"It's a surprise to me that she called me an inspiration," said Clarke, a 1978 OSU graduate. "I am wheelchair bound at this time and really just haven't dropped the ball ... I just see myself as still being in the game."

Gin said Clarke is such a great inspiration because of his strength.

"Michael said he has been in a lot of pain, and that his meds made him lose a day — he sacrificed his meds to live his life, even if he is in pain," Gin said.

Gin has now accepted her disability.

"My life is not predictable anymore," Gin said.

Around New Year's, Gin was working at RiteAid in Beaverton and experienced a relapse at work.

"I was thinking faster than I could write, and I lost the strength in my hand," Gin said.

The incident forced Gin disclose her disease with her coworkers. Gin regained the strength in her hand, but still has damage to her optical nerve from the flare up. Gin has the type of MS known as relapse/remitting.

"I lost function — relapses — with steroids and I get back most of my function — remitting," Gin said.

Clarke on the other hand has primary/progressive MS, which means once a function is lost it will never be the same as it was before.

"She was a little more hesitant to tell people at first, but now she is more open about it," Jones said.

Gin's dream of being a pharmacist did not seem possible when she was first diagnosed.

"I had to rethink my life goals, because a pharmacist in a wheelchair is one of my worst fears ... well me being in a wheelchair," Gin said.

"I did not apply to pharmacy school because I didn't know what the next year would hold for me."

Gin went into career services to get some suggestions about a career besides pharmacy and was told to "focus on the ability not the disability." This has become Gin's life motto.

"That made me look at my knowledge rather than my body. I knew I was still capable of things, and people have assumptions of 'oh you have a disability you can't do that,'" Gin said.

"I doubt the lady who told me even remembers me, but she truly inspired me," Gin said.

Gin, as well as her parents, had doubts about applying for pharmacy school. She decided not to apply school until she thought things out. After completing 2006 MS walk, Gin knew she could tackle pharmacy school.

"I now live on a day-to-day basis, the future may hold my ability to thing, but my goal is to be what I want to be. I still want to live my dream — to be a motivator for other people, my motivation and drive is a big factor at how I am living my life," Gin said. "I don't focus about the future and what could happen and make sure that I am taking each day and making sure I am happy with that day."

When Gin does have a relapse, she looks to her professors, ser-

vices for students with disabilities, friends, classmates and the office of student life to help her through it.

"She really is a champion," said Debby Widroy, assistant to the dean of students. "She has a contagious personality, she has accepted her diagnosis and is letting it be a part of her life instead of the making it who she is. MS is not what identifies her, but she doesn't ignore it."

With all the support Gin has she hopes to spread her message to others.

"She is just really trying to make people aware of all disabilities, just because they are not visible doesn't mean its not there," Jones said.

"Looks are deceiving," Gin said.

"I want to let customers know that they are not the only ones ... I am in the same boat," Gin said about her future career as a pharmacist. "If I end up in a wheelchair I want to show them I can still do it, and I am who I am. I am still capable of doing what I do, I haven't lost that momentum."

Gin said even if she loses some cognitive functions, her heart and passion will always be there.

She has to get monthly shots, on top of any treatment in the case of a relapse and knows the cost of the medication, even with insurance.

This year's Corvallis MS walk took place Saturday, April 21. Gin's team — "Amy's heroes," consisted of 70 people and raised \$3,500 from sponsors, including the office of student life. Gin alone raised \$2,200.

The morning of the walk her team — which was the biggest in the Corvallis MS walk — met at Dixon and made shirts that said "Amy is our hero." The team also gathered for a breakfast before the walk.

"I looked at my team and said 'wow,' these are the people that inspire me to stand on my own two feet," Gin said. "The only reason I am still here is my attitude about it and the inspiration of everyone."

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## House panels vote subpoenas, immunity in probes on prosecutors

By Laurie Kellman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Putting their congressional control to work, Democrats approved new subpoenas Wednesday — and a grant of immunity — for probes ranging from the prosecutor firings and White House political activities to President Bush's justification for the war in Iraq.

Democrats said the broad array of investigations represents a revival of Congress' role after six years of little oversight of the Bush administration by Republican lawmakers.

The White House is pushing back, refusing to allow officials to testify under oath about the firings and arguing that top officials — including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, subject of one of the subpoenas — already have answered questions about the administration's now-discredited claim that Iraq was seeking uranium for a bomb.

"I am beginning to wonder whether the White House has any interest in the American people learning the truth about these matters," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Congress' effort isn't driven solely by Democrats. Republicans have barely restrained their disdain for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' accounting of the firings, including his claims of a faulty memory.

Sen. Arlen Specter, ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, co-signed a letter with Leahy Wednesday urging Gonzales to freshen his memory and provide answers within a week.

"We are reviewing this request," said Justice Department spokesman Dean

Boyd.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told reporters in New Hampshire as he officially declared his presidential candidacy that he would have more to say on Gonzales on Thursday.

Then, he told CNN's Larry King that he was "very disappointed" in Gonzales' performance and, asked whether Gonzales should step down, said: "I think that out of loyalty to the president that that would probably be the best thing that he could do."

Congress was ramping up investigations of the White House on several fronts:

—The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee voted 21-10 to issue a subpoena to Rice to compel her testimony on the Bush administration's pre-war claims about Saddam Hussein seeking weapons of mass destruction.

—Next door, the House Judiciary Committee voted 32-6 to grant immunity from prosecution to Monica Goodling, Gonzales' White House liaison, for testimony on why the administration fired eight federal prosecutors. The panel also unanimously approved — but did not issue — a subpoena to compel her to testify. In addition, the committee scheduled a May 10 hearing for Gonzales.

—Across Capitol Hill, Leahy's panel approved — but did not issue — a subpoena in the firings matter for Sara Taylor, deputy to Bush political adviser Karl Rove.

—The House oversight committee also issued subpoenas for the Republican National Committee for testimony and documents about White House e-mails on RNC accounts that are said to be missing. The RNC

released a letter to the panel listing 37 White House officials who have RNC e-mail accounts, including Rove.

Gonzales, meanwhile, was trying to mend fences in his first visit to Capitol Hill since his punishing appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

He met privately with Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., who has contended Gonzales wasn't truthful with him about the dismissal of the U.S. attorney in Little Rock. The outreach didn't take.

"I reiterated with the attorney general, face-to-face, that I think he should resign," Pryor told reporters after the meeting. "I think it's the best thing for the Department of Justice and it's probably the best thing for him personally and the administration."

Lawmakers say they want to force into the open the story of why the eight U.S. attorneys were fired.

Pryor's harsh words on Gonzales were echoed by lawmakers in both parties, though Republicans tended to leave out the actual call for his resignation. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, noted a pragmatic concern: The waning months of the Bush administration complicate prospects for confirming a new attorney general.

"I'll be as vigilant as ever in overseeing the Justice Department and working with other senators, both Republicans and Democrats, for accountability from the attorney general and the department he leads," Grassley said.

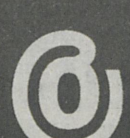
On the uranium issue, Rice's allies maintained that she has for years answered Congress' questions under oath, as well as media inquiries, about her knowledge of Bush's claim about Iraq.

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# European astronomers find potentially habitable planet 120 trillion miles away

By Seth Borenstein  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — For the first time, astronomers have discovered a planet outside our solar system that is potentially habitable, with Earth-like temperatures, a find researchers described Tuesday as a big step in the search for "life in the universe."

The planet is just the right size, might have water in liquid form, and in galactic terms is relatively nearby at 120 trillion miles away. But the star it closely orbits, known as a "red dwarf," is much smaller, dimmer and cooler than our sun.

There's still a lot that is unknown about the new planet, which could be deemed inhospitable to life once more is known about it. And it's worth noting that scientists' requirements for habitability count Mars in that category: a size relatively similar to Earth's with temperatures that would permit liquid water. However, this is the first outside our solar system that meets those standards.

"It's a significant step on the way to finding possible life in the universe," said University of Geneva astronomer Michel Mayor, one of 11 European scientists on the team that found the planet. "It's a nice discovery. We still have a lot of questions."

The results of the discovery have not been published but have been submitted to the journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Alan Boss, who works at the Carnegie Institution of Washington where a U.S. team of astronomers competed in the hunt for an Earth-like planet, called it "a major milestone in this business."

The planet was discovered by the European Southern Observatory's telescope in La Silla, Chile, which has a special instrument that splits light to find wobbles in different wave lengths. Those wobbles can reveal the existence of other worlds.

What they revealed is a

planet circling the red dwarf star, Gliese 581. Red dwarfs are low-energy, tiny stars that give off dim red light and last longer than stars like our sun. Until a few years ago, astronomers didn't consider these stars as possible hosts of planets that might sustain life.

The discovery of the new planet, named 581 c, is sure to fuel studies of planets circling similar dim stars. About 80 percent of the stars near Earth are red dwarfs.

The new planet is about five times heavier than Earth. Its discoverers aren't certain if it is rocky like Earth or if it's a frozen ice ball with liquid water on the surface. If it is rocky like Earth, which is what the prevailing theory proposes, it has a diameter about 1 1/2 times bigger than our planet. If it is an iceball, as Mayor suggests, it would be even bigger.

Based on theory, 581 c should have an atmosphere, but what's in that atmosphere is still a mystery and if it's too thick that could make the planet's surface temperature too hot, Mayor said.

However, the research team believes the average temperature to be somewhere between 32 and 104 degrees and that set off celebrations among astronomers.

Until now, all 220 planets astronomers have found outside our solar system have had the "Goldilocks problem." They've been too hot, too cold or just plain too big and gaseous, like uninhabitable Jupiter.

The new planet seems just right — or at least that's what scientists think.

"This could be very important," said NASA astrobiology expert Chris McKay, who was not part of the discovery team. "It doesn't mean there is life, but it means it's an Earth-like planet in terms of potential habitability."

Eventually astronomers will rack up discoveries of dozens, maybe even hun-

dreds of planets considered habitable, the astronomers said. But this one — simply called "c" by its discoverers when they talk among themselves — will go down in cosmic history as No. 1.

Besides having the right temperature, the new planet is probably full of liquid water, hypothesizes Stephane Udry, the discovery team's lead author and another Geneva astronomer. But that is based on theory about how planets form, not on any evidence, he said.

"Liquid water is critical to life as we know it," co-author Xavier Delfosse of Grenoble University in France, said in a statement. "Because of its temperature and relative proximity, this planet will most probably be a very important target of the future space missions dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial life. On the treasure map of the Universe, one would be tempted to mark this planet with an X."

Other astronomers cautioned it's too early to tell whether there is water.

"You need more work to say it's got water or it doesn't have water," said retired NASA astronomer Steve Maran, press officer for the American Astronomical Society. "You wouldn't send a crew there assuming that when you get there, they'll have enough water to get back."

The new planet's star system is a mere 20.5 light years away, making Gliese 581 one of the 100 closest stars to Earth. It's so dim, you can't see it without a telescope, but it's somewhere in the constellation Libra, which is low in the southeastern sky during the midevening in the Northern Hemisphere.

"I expect there will be planets like Earth, but whether they have life is another question," said renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking in an interview with The Associated Press in Orlando.

"We haven't been visited by little green men yet."

Before you book your extrastellar flight to 581 c, a few caveats about how alien that world probably is: Anyone sitting on the planet would get heavier quickly, and birthdays would add up fast since it orbits its star every 13 days.

Gravity is 1.6 times as strong as Earth's so a 150-pound person would feel like 240 pounds.

But oh, the view. The planet is 14 times closer to the star it orbits. Udry figures the red dwarf star would hang in the sky at a size 20 times larger than our moon. And it's likely, but still not known, that the planet doesn't rotate, so one side would always be sunlit and the other dark.

Distance is another problem. "We don't know how to get to those places in a human lifetime," Maran said.

Two teams of astronomers, one in Europe and one in the United States, have been racing to be the first to find a planet like 581 c outside the solar system.

The European team looked at 100 different stars using a tool called HARPS (High Accuracy Radial Velocity for Planetary Searcher) to find this one planet, said Xavier Bonfils of the Lisbon Observatory, one of the co-discoverers.

Much of the effort to find Earth-like planets has focused on stars like our sun with the challenge being to find a planet the right distance from the star it orbits. About 90 percent of the time, the European telescope focused its search more on sun-like stars, Udry said.

A few weeks before the European discovery earlier this month, a scientific paper in the journal *Astrobiology* theorized a few days that red dwarf stars were good candidates.

"Now we have the possibility to find many more," Bonfils said.

# Seventy-four dead after attack on field

By Anita Powell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia on Wednesday blamed its rival Eritrea for an attack on a Chinese-owned oil exploration field that killed 74 people, raising tensions between the neighbors who have yet to resolve a border issue following the end of a two-year war in 2000.

The rebel Ogaden National Liberation Front, which has been linked to Eritrea in the past, claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack, which killed 65 Ethiopians and nine Chinese. At least six Chinese workers also were kidnapped, said Xu Shuang, general manager of Zhongyuan Petroleum Exploration Bureau's Ethiopia operation.

The rebels, ethnic Somalis who have been fighting for independence since 1984, have warned against any investment in eastern Ethiopia that could benefit the U.S.-allied government.

Abdullahi Hassan, president of the region in Ethiopia where the attack occurred, told The Associated Press the attackers were wearing Eritrean military uniforms.

Eritrea issued an angry denial, with Information Minister Ali Abdu calling it was "a habitual nonsense statement" from Ethiopia.

Relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea have been strained since Eritrea gained independence from the Addis Ababa government in 1993 following a 30-year guerrilla war. A truce ended the two-year border war in 2000, but the boundary between the country has yet to be fixed.

The dawn raid was the deadliest in a string of attacks against Chinese interests in Africa in recent months.

China's oil firms began investing in Africa since the late 1990s, after double-digit economic growth outstripped supplies

from domestic fields. The communist nation's trade with Africa has grown fourfold this decade to reach \$40 billion in 2005.

But Beijing's interests in Africa — the world's poorest and most corrupt continent — have come at a price. Sixteen Chinese were kidnapped in three separate incidents this year in Nigeria, where gunmen are seeking greater control of oil revenues. And in January, gunmen in Kenya killed one Chinese engineer and injured another working on a highway project.

There is simmering anger among some Africans over China's presence on the continent, which has led to cheap Chinese goods flooding the market and the perception that Beijing's attention is a neocolonial resource grab.

The bodies of the nine Chinese oil workers were flown to Ethiopia's capital Wednesday from Abole, a small town 300 miles to the east near the Somalia border.

Sun Qing, a Chinese embassy spokeswoman in Addis Ababa, said the bodies would be repatriated to China. She also said negotiations were under way to win the release of the hostages and that all Chinese staff were being evacuated.

A spokesman for Beijing's Sinopec oil company, the state-owned parent company of the Zhongyuan Petroleum Exploration Bureau, said the attack would not cause China to pull out of region. The company began working in Ethiopia's volatile Somali Regional State last year.

"There is no way we would stay away from Africa due to the fear of risk," the spokesman said on condition of anonymity in line with company policy. "This is not a game for us. We will try to improve security in future, but there is no way we will withdraw from our projects there."

But Africa analyst Gus Selassie said Tuesday's attack could affect foreign investment in Ethiopia, a desperately poor country. Ethiopia does not produce oil, but Zhongyuan and Malaysia's state-owned oil giant Petrobras have signed exploration deals.

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**Arrests**  
**2:04 a.m., Wednesday** — Travis Gardner, an OSU student, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was stopped for a moving violation and also was charged with reckless endangerment. His BAC was .10 percent.  
**1:44 a.m., Tuesday April 24** — Shiwoo Lee, 37, an assistant professor in the industrial and general engineering program was arrested for DUII. Lee was also cited for reckless endangerment.  
**2:58 a.m., Sunday, April 22** — Jamie Elizabeth Burg, 19, from Tualatin was arrested for a DUII after committing multiple light violations. Her blood alcohol level was .15 percent.  
**9:45 p.m., Thursday, April 20** — Shaun Carrol was arrested in a warrant from another agency, he was also cited for possession of methamphetamines and carrying a concealed weapon. Carroll was located at S.W. 6th Street and S.W. Adams Avenue.

**3:30 a.m., Saturday, April 14** — OSU Student Sara Renee Billings, 20, of Hood River was arrested for a DUII after driving 35 MPH in a 25 MPH zone. With a BAC of .11 percent she was cited and released.  
**11:50 p.m., Saturday, April 14** — Faith Alyssa Clark, 19, of Corvallis was pulled over for following too close. She was arrested for a DUII and registered a BAC of .06 percent.  
**Saturday, April 14** — OSU student Brian David Peterson, 21, was pulled over for numerous traffic violations. He was charged with DUII, registering a .17 BAC,  
**1:24 a.m., Saturday, April 14** — Brian Jens Dimick, 21, of Milwaukie was arrested for a DUII after failing to maintain a single lane of travel. He registered a BAC of .11 percent.  
**2:11 a.m., Saturday, April 14** — OSU Student Jessica Renee Cole, 20, was given a ride to her residence after being cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor in possession by con-

sumption. She registered a BAC of .19 percent.  
**Saturday, April 14** — Stephanie Daniel Humphrey, 24, from Albany was arrested for DUII, registering a BAC of .16 percent. She was pulled over for a traffic violation.  
**Friday, April 13** — Amanda Renee Lowenberg, 24, was arrested for second-degree possession after a traffic stop for unlawful parking found drug paraphernalia a baggie of cocaine.  
**Sunday, April 8** — Grant Wesley Shenk, 37, was arrested on a warrant from Clackamas County for unlawful use of a firearm. He was

also charged with second-degree criminal trespassing. He has been excluded from the OSU campus.  
**4:20 a.m., Saturday, April 7** — OSU student Erik Richards, 18, was cited for harassment, minor in possession by consumption and second-degree criminal mischief after urinating on a housemate's face and bed. The incident occurred in Avery Lodge. Richards had a BAC of .15 percent.  
**Saturday, April 7** — Melissa Louise Mallman, 36, of Corvallis was arrested for second-degree possession after a meth pipe was found in her purse. She was also cited for identity theft — she had a stolen credit card application. Cynthia Jo Druba, an OSU employee, also in the car, was arrested for second-degree possession. She had another meth pipe in her purse. The pair was stopped for expired tags.  
**10 p.m., Friday, April 6** — OSU student Christopher Takeshi Miwa, 26, was stopped for failure to stay in a single lane. He was arrested for DUII. He was also

cited with possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. He had a BAC of .02 percent.  
**Thefts**  
**Wednesday, April 11** — A Kodak EasyShare digital camera, which was checked out from the chemistry department, was stolen from 153 Gilbert. The camera was valued at \$200.  
**Monday, April 9** — An iPod was stolen from and unlocked room in the facilities shops between 3:10 and 4:50 p.m. The iPod was valued at \$160.  
**Friday, April 6** — a bicycle was stolen from Wilkinson Hall between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The bike, locked with a cable lock, was valued at \$800.  
**Other**  
**Friday, April 6** — A fire extinguisher was set off in the basement of Strand Agriculture Hall. The event was reported at 6:22 a.m.

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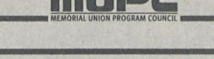
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# Riley earns contract extension through year 2012

## Head football coach led Oregon State to one of its best seasons in school history last year

THE DAILY BAROMETER

On the heels of one of the most successful football seasons in the history of the Oregon State University program, head coach Mike Riley has agreed to a contract extension, Director of Athletics Bob De Carolis announced Wednesday.

The newly structured extension will have Riley under contract through 2012 with rollover provisions.

The 53-year-old Riley will make a guaranteed base salary of \$850,000 in the first year of the contract, rising incrementally to \$1.1 million in the final year. The contract also has several bonus related contingencies (including number of wins, bowl games and academic success rate) that could raise Riley's total compensation in the first year to an estimated

\$1.245 million.

Riley's contract also stipulates that a year will be added for every season the team participates in a bowl game. A bowl game appearance will also trigger bonuses for Riley's assistant coaches.

"We are thrilled to have Coach Riley under contract for the foreseeable future," De Carolis said. "The program has made tremendous strides on and off the field, and having stability at the top is a proven plan for future success.

Coach Riley is a well-respected person and is a great ambassador for Oregon State University."

Riley will enter his seventh year as the head coach at Oregon State this fall. He has led the program to a record of 38-34, including 30-20 over the last four seasons. The Beavers have won all three bowl games they have participated in under Riley, including last season's dramatic 39-38 victory over Missouri in the Sun Bowl. The three-game bowl win streak is the

longest active mark in the Pac-10 Conference.

"We've done some very good things at Oregon State over the last few years and this is another sign of the commitment this university has to not only the football program, but the entire athletics department," Riley said. "I want to stress that this contract is as much about rewarding our talented group of assistant coaches as it is me. We are all very grateful to Oregon State University."

## Men's golf grabs seventh place finish

### Oregon State makes significant progress on last day of Pac-10 tournament by moving up three spots in team standings

THE DAILY BAROMETER

EUGENE — The Oregon State men's golf team climbed two spots on the final day of play to finish 7th at the Pac-10 Men's Championship on Wednesday, at the Eugene Country Club. With their tournament finish and recent outstanding seasonal play, the Beavers are in a position to make their first NCAA Regional appearance since 2003.

OSU improved each round, scoring a 357 final round, an 8-stroke improvement from their third round 365. Their tournament total of 1,458 was one stroke shy of sixth place finisher, Arizona who finished with a 1,457. USC won its first Pac-10 title since 2002 with a 51-under-par 1389, 36 strokes ahead of second place UCLA.

Shooting a 3-under-par 69 on the final round, James Allenby was the Beavers top finisher, placing 14th. Allenby has finished under par in five of his last six spring tournaments and his 1-under-par 287 was the best score at the Pac-10 Championships by any Beaver since the 2000 tournament. Vincent Johnson was also under par on the day, shooting a final round 71. Johnson's tournament total of 292 placed him in a tied for 28th. Diego Velasquez came in one stroke back of Johnson, with a 293 and placed 31st. Paul Peterson tied for 34th after recording 294 for the tournament. Mitch Gillis improved his score each round, eventually shooting a 2-under-par 70 on

Wednesday in the final round of play. Gillis's tournament total of 298 tied him for 46th. Alex Williams came in 54th with a 302.

"The team played a great round of golf today," head coach Brian Watts said on Wednesday. "Considering that we had no chance of winning the tournament, the guys showed a lot of character and heart out there. We're disappointed in a seventh place finish, but we really took ourselves out of the tournament on the first day. For the guys to come back and finish the tournament the way they did, I'm extremely proud of them. They hung in there and fought really hard all week. Mitch and James played really well today — good solid golf. Because Mitch is our only senior, I walked with him today. He had an up and down round early, but his last 13 holes were real solid golf. James probably could've shot much lower than his score indicated, but he had several putts lip out. He really played a phenomenal round today."

"We've got a couple weeks to get some really good work in," Coach Watts commented about the upcoming regionals. "Having the opportunity to go regionals and nationals, that's what we play and work for all year long. I'm really proud of them. With the way the guys are playing, I think we're in a good position. We're looking forward to the opportunity."

Individually, USC's Jamie Lovemark led each round of the tournament to take home medalist honors with a 19-under-par 269. USC had three individuals place in the top-5.

OSU is looking forward to May 7, when regional berths and locations will be announced. Tournaments will be held May 17-19.

## Women's cross country adds three recruits for next year

### Head coach Kelly Sullivan brings in arguably his top recruiting class since arriving in Corvallis to begin program

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State received letters of intent from three nationally recruited runners during the spring signing period. Joining the Beavers for the 2007-08 academic year will be Mel Cleland (Lower Hutt, New Zealand/Lower Hutt HS), Jennifer Macias (Hermiston, Ore./Hermiston HS) and Casey Masterson (Eugene, Ore./Sheldon HS), OSU head coach Kelly Sullivan announced Wednesday. The three join fall signee Marsha Lampi (Portland, Ore./Lincoln HS) in OSU's recruiting class.

"This is a red letter day for our program," Sullivan said. "Each of these women was highly recruited nationwide and are considered among the top prospects at the Division I level. All four are outstanding students — if not 4.0 students overall, right near that — so that again adds to one of our missions within the program. Each of them come from great families and winning programs and coaches."

Sullivan said the four recruits who will join the program next fall mark a huge step for the Oregon State program, which was revived in the fall of 2004 after having been discontinued in 1988.

"We can now honestly say we have made the jump from a new program to one that now has to be considered one of the top rising programs in the country," Sullivan said. "In the end, though, we will continue to make it a fun and exciting venture while they are here. I know that is what they are all looking for, also."

Cleland, one of New Zealand's top prep runners, won her country's junior title in the 1,500 meters earlier this year; that victory came after she had placed second in the 3,000 the night before. She has run personal records of 4:29 at 1,500 meters, 9:55 at 3,000 meters and 16:56 in the 5,000 meters on the track this summer.

Cleland recently represented New Zealand at the World Junior Cross Country Championships in Kenya, running brilliantly despite becoming ill on the trip. Cleland has also won a number of cross country and road race titles.

"Mel comes from a great family and has had very knowledgeable coaching," Sullivan said of Cleland, who plans to major in engineering. "She's full of life and someone I clicked with really well. Her best days are very much ahead of her, and I know she is very excited about making the journey to be a student-athlete and being part of a collegiate team."

Macias was the state cross country run-

ner-up as a senior and junior, third as a sophomore and ninth as a freshman. She is currently having an outstanding senior season in track, highlighted recently with a clocking of 10:16 in the 3,000 meters.

"Jennifer has been among the top runners in the state since her freshman year," Sullivan said of Macias, who plans to major in business. "I love her family background and the work ethic her family shows. She is a team-first type of person; she really loves people and is very talented and competitive."

Masterson earned the prestigious Steve Prefontaine Award at the recent Oregon Sports Awards. She won the state Class 6A cross country championship last fall and was the 2006 state runner-up at 1,500 meters in track. So far this spring, she has recorded personal bests of 4:37 in the 1,500 and 10:10 in the 3,000. She also has personal bests of 2:14 in the 800 meters, 4:56 in the mile and 17:50 for 5,000-meter cross country.

Masterson is a three-time cross country district champion, a four-time qualifier for the Border Clash that features the top prep runners from Oregon and Washington, and she placed in the top five at the cross country state meet each of her last three years at Sheldon. In track, she is a multiple district champion in events including the 800, 1,500 and 3,000. At the state championships, she was seventh in the 3,000 as a freshman, sixth in the 800 as a sophomore and second in the 1,500 as a junior.

"Casey is what you would call a 'rising star,'" Sullivan said. "It's just been in the last year that she has begun to focus on running, having also been a very successful soccer player. She took the state by storm this past fall by winning the 6A state title, then she backed that up with a great performance at the Footlocker West Regional."

Lampi, who signed last fall, is having an outstanding senior season of track this spring. Her personal records are 4:38 in the 1,500 meters and a recent time of 10:10 in the 3,000 meters.

"Marsha is an outstanding student," Sullivan said of Lampi, who is interested in engineering. "She is a team-first person and that was a major factor in our recruiting her. Plus, her dad is an OSU graduate and her family is very special and supportive."

Sullivan also credited the work of his two assistant coaches, Cynthia Castro and Conor Holt, in attracting the four recruits to OSU.

"In the end, we all stressed the importance of relationships," Sullivan said. "And I feel that was a major factor in all four of these tremendous young women signing with us this year."

## OSU athletes receive scholarships

### Four standout performers in classroom will continue their academics next fall

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Oregon State University student-athletes Melissa Onstad (soccer), Neoma Palmer (cross country), Bobby Pfennigs (wrestling) and Jeremy Larson (wrestling) have been awarded Pacific-10 Conference Postgraduate Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth \$3,000.

Onstad, from Castro Valley, Calif., has applied for admission to the physical therapy program at Samuel Merritt College in Oakland, Calif. She lettered four years as a goalkeeper and posted OSU career records for goals-against average (1.13), shutouts (24) and finished second in saves (337). In addition, she was selected to the Pac-10 All-Academic Team twice.

"Melissa has been an outstanding student-athlete in

every sense of the word," women's soccer coach Steve Fennah said. "She has excelled on and off the field, and has been a leader in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. It has been a pleasure to be her coach and the entire program wishes her well in her future endeavors."

Palmer has been accepted to the University of Washington Physical Therapy program. The Portland, Ore., native has been a member of the Pac-10 All-Academic team and has posted several of the school's best times in the distance events.

"When we started this program three years ago, Neoma played an integral part," track and cross country coach Kelly Sullivan said. "She has consistently been one of our top competitors and there is no question she has a very bright future and will become a great success."

Larson is completing coursework in general science and will attend Oregon Health Sciences

University studying dentistry. The Hermiston, Ore., native qualified for the NCAA Championships three times during his career and finished one win short of earning All-American status at the 2007 NCAA Championships. He also was a three-time Pac-10 All-Academic selection.

Pfennigs, from Great Falls, Mont., has applied for acceptance into the master's degree program in business administration at Oregon State. He wrestled in the NCAA Championships twice and earned Pac-10 Academic honors as a senior.

The Pac-10 Conference awards postgraduate scholarships for four student-athletes from each institution. Student-athletes must be in their final year of eligibility and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.20. Recipients may select an institution of their choice to pursue a graduate degree.

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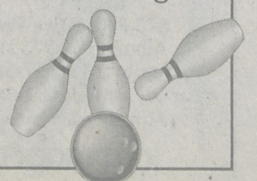
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## Women's golf finish 10th in tournament

■ OSU can't find a way to move up in team standings on final day in Seattle

THE DAILY BAROMETER

SEATTLE — After the third and final round of the Pac-10 Championship on Wednesday, the Oregon State women's golf team finished in 10th place. The Beavers posted a 330 in the third-round and finished with a total team score of 982 at Broadmoor Golf Club a par-72 6,196 yard course. Jillian Ferrante registered three birdies on the

back nine of today's final round to lead the Beavers with a 5-over-par 77. Ferrante shot a team low 242 for the tournament and finished in a tie for 32nd, five places better than her finish yesterday.

Other OSU scores included Martha Burkard and Brittany Stewart tying for 39th place with a 249, Julianna Uhrig finished a tie for 43rd with a 251 and Jessi Gebhardt finished in 45th with a 253. Arizona State ran away with the Pac-10 team title with a three-round total of 897, 18 strokes better than nearest opponent

UCLA. Arizona State scored their second consecutive 300 to secure the championship.

Taking the individual Pac-10 title was UCLA's Tiffany Joh in a sudden death playoff victory over two-day tournament leader Arizona State's Anna Nordqvist. Joh shot a final round 2-over-par 74 to overtake Nordqvist who shot a 4-over-par 78 on the day. Each shot a 218 for the tournament. At the award ceremony following the tournament Gebhardt was acknowledged with All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention honors.

## SOFTBALL: OSU threatens in seventh inning but can't score

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"I think we fought throughout the whole game," third baseman Sherina Galvan said. "We did well, but it just didn't go our way."

OSU had another strong inning in the bottom of the seventh when catcher Stefanie Ewing hit a double down the first baseline followed by DeAnn Young's RBI double that drove Ewing home to score. The Beavers scored their fifth run from Ewing, who ran home off a RBI single by Galvan.

In the fourth inning, the first three OSU batters reached base, but the inning ended with an Oregon double play that ended the Beavers' scoring threat.

"It is definitely a tough loss when you get so many good hits," Galvan said. "We were hitting her all day long and just things happened for them at the right time when they didn't happen for us and that's just the way the game goes."

Oregon State saw a turn for the worst in the start of the sixth inning with three RBI singles that brought the Ducks ahead, 6-5.

"Our defense fell apart in that inning," Walker said. "They had four balls in the infield, we couldn't stand on our feet and we couldn't play

ball."

The Beaver defense crumbled when Barnes hit a single right in between second and third base. Four Beaver fielders dove in an attempt to field the ball, but their effort came too late, and a run was scored.

"I just think it found the right spot," Galvan said. "Definitely, sometimes the ball just finds the holes and you can't do anything about it."

The Beavers were given an opportunity for a comeback in the bottom of the seventh with two walks and a pinch hit by Kelly Dyer that left the bases loaded as Longfellow stepped up to bat. Longfellow hit a solid line drive, but it was caught by Oregon's second baseman to end the game.

"She's got a good eye," Walker said. "She sees the ball well and she's got a good bat, so we were hoping that she had a good pitch to hit and she'd do something with it."

Oregon's defense proved to be a strong match for the Beavers, taking several hits away from Oregon State, many with runners in scoring position. As a result, OSU left 11 runners on base.

"It's just another ball game, it's a tough loss, and it's a disappointing loss," Walker said.

OSU plays this Friday in Seattle against Washington at 1 p.m.

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## GYMNASTICS: Need to improve on 196.15 team score for 2007

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The Beavers will also face No. 6 Ashley Reed from Florida, No. 11 Kiara Redmond from Oklahoma, and Morgan Dennis (No. 16), Ricki Lebegern (No. 17) and Terin Humphery (No. 20) from Alabama.

Oregon State currently has two gymnasts ranked in the all-around in sophomores Lanz (No. 8) and Smith (No. 22).

"We are going in there with no pressure," Lanz said. "Those teams have pressure, they have something to lose, and we have nothing to lose, but everything to gain from this."

Despite the Beavers' individual performances, Oregon State's emphasis will be on its team score as they try to advance to the Super Six. The Super Six is comprised of the six final teams which will compete for the national title. The top three teams in each session earn the right to compete in this group.

"We are going out there trying to make it to the Super Six," Mandi Rodriguez said. "We are just going out there, we have nothing to lose. We are just going to do our best and see what happens."

Last year at nationals, the Beavers were knocked out during the preliminary session of the competition. They placed fifth in the open-

ing session with a 196.15 team score, but their struggle on the vault cost them the chance to move on.

During their last week before Salt Lake City, the OSU gymnasts trained through their anticipation and excitement, pouring their hearts out onto the practice floor. Despite the tough competition the Beavers will face, it all comes down to a single routine and a single moment of time. A gymnast can deliver a perfect routine, but the score is in the hands of the judges.

"Your goal when you are competing at the national championships is to get as close to that national title as you can," Chaplin said. "You know you're going after that, but there is so much that is out of your control, all you can really control is the performances themselves."

The Beavers will dance, spin, flip and jump to the best of their ability on Thursday.

"We know we are a legitimate team," Lanz said. "We were seeded second and we proved to everybody that we deserve to go. This is an exciting opportunity for us to prove that we deserve to be there and to show everybody who Oregon State is."

Competition starts on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Jon M. Huntsman Center as the Beavers fight for a spot in the Super Six.

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## THOMSON: Finished with big personal best in her hometown of Eugene at Hayward Field

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"Coming out of high school, running wasn't going very well for me," Thomson said. "I had the opportunity to walk on here at OSU. I wanted to do cross-country, and if I improved I would do track."

And the improvement happened. Coming out of high school, her previous best in the 1,500 meters was four minutes and 57 seconds. She has cut 23 seconds off of that time in just a mere one and a half seasons of track here at Oregon State.

"She's always had a lot of talent," Sullivan said. "It's been real exciting to see someone who thought in the back of her mind that this might not happen. It's been fun to watch her step up and do as well as she has."

Thomson, a graduate of Sheldon High School in Eugene, highlighted her season when she returned to her hometown last weekend and left her mark on the track she dreamed of racing on for much of her youth. Although she never made the state championships in high school, she had always watched from the stands.

On Saturday, she was no longer the viewer, but the competitor as the long wait paid off. Thomson recorded the sixth best time in OSU school history in the 1,500 meters with a mark of 4:34.21 seconds. She was previously in the 10th slot on the all-time list for the event, but her performance on Saturday firmly cemented her name in the record books.

"Hayward Field is always a treat," Thomson said. "I loved it."

Thomson's coaches could not be more pleased with the hard working yet humble member of their team.

"She's a coaches dream, all-around hard working and dedicated," assistant coach Cynthia Castro said. "In a short amount of time she has accomplished a lot."

"She is confident and humble," manager Angie Sabuco said. "That is the kind of girl she is."

You would never hear those words come from Thomson though. The humble student athlete is short on words when it comes to herself. The coaches are not.

"We have to do the brag-

ging for her," Castro said.

Thomson credits much of her success and resurgence to Sullivan, who gave her an opportunity to run. "Coach Sullivan is amazing," Thomson said. "He has really helped me out a lot so far."

Thomson is a sophomore majoring in art, and currently has a 3.5 GPA. Those marks are easily good enough to earn Academic All-American honors. She came to OSU to get away from home, but not too far away, and has not looked back on her decision to come to OSU.

"I love it here at OSU," Thomson said. "The campus is beautiful, and it's been an awesome experience so far."

According to Thomson, this season has already been a successful one in her mind. "I have already met my goals this season. Now my goal is to just continue to improve."

Although when asked if she has any higher goals this season, Thomson replied the only way she knows how.

"Yeah, but I'd never tell anybody," Thomson said.

Some people are quick to speak about themselves with loud words. Holly Thomson does her talking on the track.

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## MCLEAN: Big market schools are still receiving more attention

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rounder due to a lack of strong linebackers in the 2003 class. But hey, he was a first rounder for crying out loud and our first since Terry Baker in 1963.

Despite the success of those guys, I think OSU still gets pushed aside at times when NFL teams are looking to make their decisions on draft day. Guys from big time schools like USC, Notre Dame, and Miami receive ample attention because of who they are, and some of their players have no right being drafted. When backup quarterbacks from these schools that never saw the field in college are getting drafted, that's a sign even the draft has some flaws, and that it can be a popularity contest.

But then again, it's the best feeling when ex-Beavers like T.J. Houshmanzadah get drafted in the final round of the 2001 draft and become productive players, like he has in Cincinnati. Or Tim Euhus going in the fifth

round and giving the Buffalo Bills a quality backup tight end. They can recall that day when they got a call from a general manager during the draft weekend and laugh at all the overrated guys that were drafted ahead of them and never did anything in the Not For Long League.

We have made huge steps in the last decade and with the number of guys getting drafted into the professional ranks. It's a testament to just how good we have become in recent years, and that we can recruit and produce NFL-caliber players. The draft weekend has become an event that I look forward to, and even with the spring game being slated for the same day as the first three rounds, I know I will be tuned in on when our Beavers get selected.

Maybe it won't happen the first day, but when Sabby Piscitelli, Joe Newton and the others receive that call from a NFL G.M., that team will get a great player. It's what we all know in Beaver Nation, and it's what the NFL is beginning to figure out.

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## Beavers look for Super Six finish

■ Oregon State will look to build off its 11th place finish from last year's national championships

By Sami Redmond  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beaver gymnasts are excited. Their grips are packed and shoved into duffle bags along with beam shoes, hair ribbons and leotards. The No. 8 Oregon State gymnastics team is on its way to Salt Lake City for the NCAA National Women's Gymnastics Championships hosted by the University of Utah.

"I am really excited and I think the whole team is really excited," gymnast Jami Lanz said.

Oregon State is prepared and has nothing to lose this Thursday when the Beavers take on the top teams in NCAA Division I gymnastics. OSU qualified as the second seed in the South Central Regional competition and is set to compete against No. 1 Florida, No. 2 Georgia, No. 3 Alabama, No. 6 Nebraska and No. 10 Oklahoma in the preliminary round.

"Every team that we are competing against is solid and has a tradition of going to nationals and are very good teams," coach Tanya Chaplin said. "You're competing against the top three finishers in the SCC and in the nation right now."

It was not guaranteed that the Beavers would qualify for nationals this season. Although they managed a clutch performance to qualify over Stanford last year, Oregon State had to fight for tenths to earn their qualification this season.

"On that last event we could feel the pressure that we really needed to get our job done on floor," junior Yuki Lamb said. "I think we knew that we could, but I had in the back of my mind what would happen if we didn't go because we had trained the whole season in order to get to that point."

During the last rotation of the regional competition, OSU needed to score a 9.9 on the final floor routine to take the second seed over Arizona and earn the trip to Salt Lake City. With one routine left, Tasha Smith stepped up, tumbling and moon-walking her way to a 9.925. Later, the Beavers exploded in cheers upon hearing that they were on their way to nationals.

"On our last event we knew that it was a battle between Arizona and Oregon State," Chaplin said. "Obviously, like anything, you're elated when you find out that you're the team that's getting to move on."

Nationals are going to be a bumpy road for Oregon State as they face the top three teams in the preliminaries. Their competitors will prove to be a tough match in the all-around due to Georgia's Katie Heenan, who is ranked first in the nation in that category, and Tiffany Tolney, who is fourth.

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Holly Thomson proved critics wrong when the sophomore from Eugene entered the top 10 in school history in the 1,500 meters. Last weekend, her winning time of 4:34.21 placed her in sixth all-time.

## Not another face in the crowd

■ After struggling in high school, Holly Thomson has returned to her middle school form when head coach Kelly Sullivan gave her a chance to run

By Kacy Hochstatter  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Holly Thomson is your typical OSU student athlete. Or so you would think. There is nothing typical about this Academic All-American who currently is on the all-time top 10 list in the 1,500 meters at OSU. Her path to a solid track career, however, was not an easy one.

Running cross-country and track was not necessarily in Thomson's future before she came to OSU. She had never made the state championships in high school and was not doing as well as she had in her youth.

"By the time her senior year came around, she was not running as quickly as she was earlier in her career," coach Kelly Sullivan said. "She wasn't somebody that was on our radar coming out of high

school, cause her fastest times were as an eighth grader. I was recruiting her on my belief that talent doesn't go away."

Sometimes, all a person needs is an opportunity. Thomson would take advantage of hers.

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Oregon State outfielder Natalie Johnson looks to bunt a runner over in the Beavers heartbreaking 6-5 Civil War loss to its in-state rival Oregon. They now will travel up the I-5 corridor to take on Washington this weekend.

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## Bragging rights for No. 14 Oregon against No. 13 OSU

■ Beavers defense falls apart as Oregon comes back from two runs down to win Civil War series

By Sami Redmond  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The No. 15 Ducks earned Civil War bragging rights yesterday in a 6-5 victory over No. 13 the Beaver softball team at the Oregon State Softball Complex.

"It's sad that they didn't trust their defensive ability," coach Kirk Walker

said. "When you don't trust your ability, you're going to fail. And that's what happened."

OSU came out with strong defense in the top of the first, allowing only one hit from Oregon outfielder Sari-Jane Jenkins.

In the bottom of the first, the Beaver bats were on fire as they faced Oregon pitcher Melissa Rice. Shortstop Mia Longfellow hit a double down the first base line, followed by a sacrifice bunt from outfielder Dani Chisholm. Outfielder Cambria

Miranda followed and managed a hit as Longfellow was thrown out while attempting to score. The fourth consecutive hit came from McGowan, who hit a two-run home run over the left field wall.

Down by two in the top of the first, the Ducks answered back with back-to-back home runs by Neena Bryant and Joanna Gail. During Oregon State's turn at-bat, Longfellow hit a RBI single that maintained the Beaver's lead.

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"It's like playing God. They can almost dictate the race instead of the drivers doing it. It's happened too many times this year."

— NASCAR driver Tony Stewart on his last performance where officials threw four cautions for debris on the track which left him very unhappy afterwards

Sean  
McLean



## Current Beaver trends

Growing up, watching football always meant a good time for me. It was one of the best things about the fall, because it got your mind off the fact that school was starting again.

And I always loved watching pro football on Sundays.

It was my bread and butter. College football was great of course, but when my favorite pro team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, were winning games, and my beloved Beavers weren't, I went with the winner.

Pro football is great, but 10 years ago, it was missing just one thing: Oregon State players. With the lack of talent we produced for way too long, we never watched OSU athletes evolve into NFL material.

Minus the success of former Beaver safety Reggie Tongue, whose ball hawk ability, monster hits and durability kept him playing on Sundays for a decade, we had no one. It was almost as if you guaranteed no spot in the pros if you played your ball in the Jerry Pettibone wishbone offense era at Oregon State.

Well, here's to times changing and current head coach Mike Riley.

Implementing a new offense that actually could work in the pass-happy Pac-10 while recruiting some underrated players like Ken Simonton and Jonathan Smith was the answer. He got us out of the cellar and paved the way for a guy named Dennis to take us to a game called the Fiesta Bowl.

Winning brings you better players, and better players play in the NFL. In the end, watching pro football is more exciting with Beavers in the league.

Which also means that every year, we can look at numerous NFL mock drafts online and watch the draft to see where Beaver players will land.

It is stunning how 10 years ago, if a Beaver player was drafted, it was the biggest deal in the world. It still is of course, but now it has become an annual event, a tradition, you could almost say. I went from not caring about the draft to watching it with my friends every year. Hell, we have a party to tell you the truth. It's that relevant now for Beaver fans.

At this point, we have a good solid crop of former Beavers that are doing quite well in the NFL. Chad Johnson came out of nowhere and became a second rounder with an amazing combine performance. Now his funny touchdown antics and clever trash talking have made him one of the most popular players in football. Oh yeah, he's also one of the top receivers in the game.

Steven Jackson plowed his way over defenders in college and was physical enough and fast enough to be a first rounder in the draft.

Nick Barnett was a surprise first

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