



Students want clean, green campus energy

■ After passage of 'green fee' students will see surge of wind, water, other power energy

By Nick Vardamega
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Can OSU really go 100 percent green?

In last week's ASOSU general election, students voted 2,385 to 995 in favor of a \$8.50 per student per term fee that would allow the university to purchase renewable forms of energy.

In doing so OSU joined a growing number of universities around the country that are taking measures to curb their energy consumption and explore more environmentally-friendly sources of energy.

Proponents of the fee say that it will allow OSU to be powered completely by renewable energy, but many are still uncertain about how the green fee will work or what it will actually do.

"The students who worked on the campaign worked really hard to get out information [about the green fee]," said Andrea Norris, the director of environmental affairs for ASOSU. "[But] there is probably still

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Sex trafficking, politics, talked about in forum

■ University Honors College Honors Advisory Committee discusses issues affecting women

By Meghan Robison
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The students of the Honors Advisory Committee held a forum in the MU about 'Women in Politics Internationally' Thursday night.

They covered topics ranging from sex trafficking and mail order brides, to women's issues in developing nations, and their roles in non-governmental organizations.

The panel consisted of Janet Lee, a professor women's studies, Mari-

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A team of five officers (above), from Corvallis Police Department and Benton County Sheriff's Office, prepare to enter Reed Lodge in an exercise that prepared the officers to handle an "active shooter." One state trooper and one Corvallis Police officer (below) travel between the two empty co-ops.

Police pressured during drill

■ Tactical training exposes law enforcement officers to media, student, attention while preparing, clearing uninhabited housing

By Lauren L. Dillard
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The sounds of a single shot, then a dozen more, echoed across S.W. Jefferson Way.

"Get on the floor," came the collective shouting of three Corvallis Police officers in Reed Lodge. The shots continued from Heckart Lodge.

Thursday's training on OSU's campus brought the

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Vet Lab helps locate, test affected pets

■ Veterinary diagnostic lab helps vets identify poisoned pets via post-mortem operations

By Tim Pfarr
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab has recently been assisting local veterinarians locate traces of pet food contaminants in the systems of deceased animals.

In March, numerous brands of cat and dog foods were recalled after hundreds of pets nationwide were reported falling ill and dying. The American Veterinary Medical Association reported a total of 1,950 cats and 2,200 dogs had died as of April 26.

Currently, scientists suspect a chemical reaction between melamine, a chemical used in fertilizers and plastic cutlery, and cyanuric acid, a chemical used as a stabilizer in water treatment, to be at fault. The two combine to form an insoluble crystal in the kidney of the cat or dog and cause sudden renal failure. The previous theory was that melamine alone was at fault.

"It's the first good explanation," said Jean Hall, associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Melamine may just be a marker of contamination."

The American Veterinary Medical Association said symptoms of illness include loss of appetite, lethargy, depression, vomiting, diarrhea, changes in water consumption, and changes in the frequency or amount of urination.

While the FDA has traced the contamination back to China, the exact source and cause remain a mystery.

In Corvallis, the OSU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab has assisted local veterinarians locate traces of contamination by performing post-mortem operations and running tests.

Dr. Jerry Heidel, director of the lab, said they have seen at least one cat and one dog with evidence of poisoning.

"We are submitting samples to other universities for testing," Heidel said. "We work primarily with Michigan State University."

The actual research does not take place at the OSU lab.

Students are thrilled the university is doing their part to help out.

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Mom's Weekend Mix Master



Samantha Murillo is a junior in exercise and sports science, with an option in occupational therapy. She is the main organizer of the Mom's Weekend Events, which begin today. Murillo hopes to serve as a director — or in some similar capacity — next year for the MU.

How do you pronounce your name? It seems like people get it wrong all the time.

Well, it's actually a Spanish name — so I do. The actual pronunciation is "Mu-Ree-Yo." So, I do get that quite a bit.

You are organizing Mom's Weekend, is that right?

I am. So it's this weekend, it's going to be a big weekend.

What's going on this weekend that you've been a part of organizing?

On Friday night there is Sing — which the Greek houses are doing — so were not affiliated with that. But then all day Saturday we have activities out in the quad. We have vendors at the Arts Festival, dancing, singing on the entertainment stage, game shows, and then Saturday night the comedy show with Caroline Rhea, and dinner and then a breakfast to benefit the American Cancer society on Sunday morning.

The Caroline Rhea show is sold out. How long has that been sold out?

Let see, tickets went on sale the beginning of March, its been sold out for three weeks — two or three weeks.

Who's idea was it to benefit the American cancer society?

Last year Jaimee Colbert started the breakfast, that was the first year it had ever been done and it benefited a cancer clinic in Portland. And then this year we worked with one of the clubs — that is Colleges Against Cancer — and so all of the profits from that will go to benefit the Relay for Life and then to go to the American Cancer Society.

And for those events that haven't sold out yet, where

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Sunday, May 6

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison Street. Taizé Prayer.

Monday, May 7

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.
Engineers Without Borders, 6pm, Kelley 1007. General meeting. Pizza and soda as always!

Events
Unitarian Universalist, 7:30-9pm, Westminster House, 23rd and Monroe. Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry: Creedless Explorations of truth and meaning.

Tuesday, May 8

Meetings
Mountain Club, 7:30pm, Peavy 108. Join the Oregon Mountain Club to get in on the trips, slide shows, and more. Get outside!
Rainbow Continuum, 5pm, MU Board Room. The pride planning committee meets weekly to plan the annual Queer Pride Celebration (May 21-25). The Committee is open to all members of the OSU community.

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch: Come & go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

Wednesday, May 9

Meetings
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Board Room. Information and discussion on campus and national events.
Pro-choice OSU, 6-7:30pm, Women's Center. Pro-choice college students unite! Join us to promote reproductive rights.
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), 6-7:30pm, Women's Center. Join Feminists on campus to fight for equality for all! Everyone welcome.

Events
Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Come for mid-day Mass at the Newman Center.

Thursday, May 10

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!
Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Thirsty Thursday Alternative. Come for evening Mass at the Newman Center.
Women's Center, 5:30-8pm, Women's Center. We will be having a clothing exchange and make rag bags.

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"This is an important vote of conscience, of a statement of what America is, a society that understands that we accept differences."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., after the House voted to add gender and sexual orientation to the categories covered by federal hate crimes.

"I'm not personally today for gay marriage, but I will tell you it is an issue I struggle with. I struggle with it a lot. I worry about me feeling it's my job to impose my beliefs on those who feel differently."

Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, speaking Wednesday in Portland after the Oregon Senate approved a bill creating domestic partnerships.

BREAKDOWN

BOISE — About 14,800 marijuana plants with an estimated value of up to \$29 million have been seized in a remote area northeast of the state capital, Boise County Sheriff Drew Bodie said.

The plants found Wednesday on national forest land about 20 miles north of Arrowrock Dam were in the early stages of growth, but the elaborate operation was designed to supply plants for four to six major pot production sites, Bodie told the Idaho Press-Tribune of Nampa.

When mature, each plant could produce about 2 pounds of marijuana worth around \$4,000, and with normal mortality the crop would have been worth \$14.5 million to around \$29 million, authorities said.

No arrests were reported.

TOP STORY

Cuba says 1 killed in failed hijacking

HAVANA — Fugitive army soldiers tried to hijack a plane bound for the United States on Thursday and killed a military officer they took hostage during the failed attempt, the Interior Ministry said.

The ministry blamed U.S. policies that the communist government says encourage Cubans to emigrate to the United States and also said it was a result of Washington's tolerance of violence against Cuba.

The incident began before dawn when the fugitives commandeered a regular city bus near the airport and forced it to drive inside and onto the tarmac of Terminal 2, which services charter flights between the Cuban capital and the United States. The exact destination of the plane in the United States not known, but most charter flights out of Terminal 2 fly to Miami.

Army Lt. Col. Victor Ibo Acuna Velazquez was killed aboard the plane but there were no crew members or passengers on board at the time, the ministry statement said.

"Despite being unarmed, he heroically tried to prevent the commission of the

terrorist act," the ministry statement said of officer killed.

The other passengers on the commandeered bus were unharmed and the two fugitive soldiers were arrested.

The incident comes amid an ongoing political campaign by Havana accusing the U.S. government of protecting its archenemy, Luis Posada Carriles. Cuba alleges the 79-year-old Cuban militant of involvement in a deadly airline bombing three decades ago and a string of Havana hotel bombings in the late 1990s.

Hundreds of thousands of people marching in Havana on Tuesday to mark May Day protested against the recent release from U.S. custody of Posada Carriles.

"The responsibility for these new crimes lies with the highest-ranking authorities of the United States, adding to the long list of terrorist acts that Cuba has been the victim of for nearly half a century," the ministry statement on Thursday said.

Caridad Carbonel, who has lived in the shadow of Havana's airport for 34 years, said she was awak-

ened by gunfire and saw a vehicle roll onto the tarmac through a side checkpoint.

"Last night, there was a terrible shootout," the 68-year-old said, adding that she saw ambulances swarm the area and had heard about the death of a military officer several hours before Cuba's government confirmed it Thursday evening.

The two soldiers arrested were among three who escaped with automatic rifles from their military base on Sunday after killing a fellow soldier and wounding another. The statement said the third soldier who fled was captured earlier, but it did not say when.

There had been a massive manhunt under way for the three. The Defense Ministry over the weekend distributed wanted circulars around Havana, describing the fugitive soldiers as armed and dangerous and saying they were sought for abandoning their posts. Some circulars were displayed in public places, including post offices.

The men, all from the eastern province of Camaguey, were identified as Leandro Cerezo Sirut and

Alain Forbus Lameru, both 19, and Yoan Torres Martinez, 21. It was not immediately clear which two were involved in the attempted hijacking.

Throughout the day Thursday, there were rampant rumors of a shooting at the airport but the Cuban government and its official media were silent.

Several baggage handlers told an Associated Press reporter who visited the airport that police had told them to tell anyone who asked to say that nothing had happened there that morning. Even so, none of them had appeared to have heard or seen the pre-dawn incident.

Later Thursday, all was calm and there was no increased police presence at the airport's Terminal 2.

About 150 people who lined up outside the terminal for their outgoing flights, or waited for loved ones to arrive from the United States, seemed oblivious that anything may have occurred there earlier.

Two departures for Miami and one to New York later in the day were listed on time, as were the scheduled arrivals from those cities.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Venezuelan president says he will nationalize country's banks

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Thursday warned he would nationalize the country's banks and largest steel producer if they persist with what he described as unscrupulous practices. Chavez's threat did not seem to signal an imminent takeover but rather appeared aimed at strong-arming the businesses to contribute more to local industry as he made a wide-ranging speech promising that Venezuela was headed for a classless society. Coming alongside recent moves

to nationalize telecommunications, electricity companies and the oil sector, the warning was yet another sign that Chavez is serious about deepening his socialist revolution.



Presidential candidate Obama gets Secret Service detail

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Barack Obama was placed under Secret Service protection, the earliest ever for a presidential candidate, the agency said Thursday. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff authorized Obama's protection after consultations with the bipartisan con-



Led by The Dalles, Oregon's gas prices highest in nation

Oregon's average gas price has risen more than 15 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.28 per gallon, 31 cents higher than the national average of \$2.97 per gallon, according to AAA of Oregon. Only California and Washington drivers are paying higher prices. The Dalles hovered near the top of state prices, averaging \$3.38. — From wire reports

moms are the cats pajamas

Schedule of Events

OSU mom's weekend 2007

Friday May 4th

10:00 am-3:00 pm Lonesome Pottery Sale handmade pottery & glass, MU Student Lounge
 6:00 am-midnight Dixon Recreation Center family members get in free when accompanied by a student with a valid OSU ID card
 7:30 am-10:00 pm Valley Library self-guided tours
 8:00 am-5:00 pm Attend classes with son or daughter
 9:00 am-midnight Bowling MU Basement, \$
 10:00-noon Joint Services Review MU Quad
 1:00 pm Softball vs. Arizona State, softball complex, general admission \$6
 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Hinsdale Wave Research Lab and Tsunami Research Lab guided tours every 20 minutes
 3:00 pm-5:30 pm Mom's Weekend Welcome Table t-shirts, tickets, schedules, MU Quad
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm OSU Moms Connecting with Each Other Eugene-Springfield OSU Mom's Club conversation and hors d'oeuvres, MU Joyce Powell Leadership Center
 6:00 pm IFC SING LaSells Stewart Center, \$15 Floor / \$10 Balcony
 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Pottery Demonstrations free day pass to OSU Craft Center ceramics studio for OSU students and Mom's Weekend guest. Watch pottery demonstration and try your hand, OSU Craft Center, \$5
 9:00 pm IFC SING LaSells Stewart Center, \$15 Floor / \$10 Balcony

Saturday May 5th

All Day Mom's Yoga and Hot Springs Day Hike register 737-3736, \$45 for students, half-price for moms
 9:00 am Annual Pet Day and Open House with 5k Fun Run/Walk College of Veterinary Medicine, Magruder Hall
 9:00 am-11:00 am Mom's Weekend Brunch MU Lounge, \$12
 9:00 am-5:00 pm Mom's Weekend Welcome Table t-shirts, tickets, schedules, MU Concourse
 9:30 am-11:00 am Tour of Trees sponsored by Corvallis Civic Beautification Urban Forestry Commission, led by OSU Horticulture professor Pat Breen, all ages welcome, meet MU north steps
 10:00 am-noon Tour of Radiation Center Radiation Center
 10:00 am-noon Mother-Daughter Beauty Bash hosted by Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc., mini-facials, mini-manicures, a drawing, music, & fun! Centro Cultural César Chávez
 10:00 am-1:00 pm Hinsdale Wave Research Lab and Tsunami Research Lab guided tours every 20 minutes
 10:00 am-1:00 pm University Honors College Brunch & Talent Show all welcome! CH2M Hill Alumni Center Ballroom
 10:00 am-3:00 pm Upper back massages MU 211, space is limited, sign-up in advance at MU 103, \$15
 10:00 am-3:00 pm Mom & I Photos MU 109, \$10

Saturday May 5th cont.

10:00 am-5:00 pm Art Festival art, gifts, crafts, MU Brick Mall
 10:00 am-10:00 pm Dixon Recreation Center family members get in free when accompanied by a student with a valid OSU ID card
 10:00 am-10:00 pm Valley Library self-guided tours
 11:00 am 5K Fun Run with Intramural Sports at Avery Park registration begins at 10:30 am, sign up in advance at the Intramural Sports Office, FREE
 11:00 am-12:30 pm Fashion Show "Passport to Fashion," MU Ballroom, \$12
 11:00 am-2:00 pm Commemorative Silkscreen T-shirt silkscreen a Mom's Weekend T-shirt, OSU Craft Center, \$8
 11:00 am-2:00 pm Art Exhibit TOM NAKASHIMA, Recent Work Newspaper Collage on Canvas, Fairbanks Gallery of Art
 11:00 am-4:00 pm Mom's Weekend Entertainment Stage music, dancing, game shows, MU Quad
 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Pottery Demonstrations free day pass to OSU Craft Center ceramics studio for OSU students and Mom's Weekend guest. Watch pottery demonstration and/or try your hand, OSU Craft Center, \$5
 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Dixon Climbing Center open, must take belay skills session, \$6
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Fashion Show "Passport to Fashion" MU Ballroom, \$12
 1:00 pm Softball vs. Arizona, softball complex, general admission \$6
 1:30 pm Mom's Weekend Tea MU Lounge, \$12
 3:00 pm-4:30 pm Fashion Show "Passport to Fashion" MU Ballroom, \$12
 3:30 pm Mom's Weekend Tea MU Lounge, \$12
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Dinner "Swinging with Mom" CH2M Hill Alumni Center (next door to comedy show), \$19
 6:30 pm Comedy Show: Caroline Rhea LaSells Stewart Center, \$28 balcony / \$36 main floor
 7:00 pm Beatles at OSU: The Dark Side of Abbey Road Corvallis musicians recreate classic rock epics, profits go to the Center Against Rape, and Domestic Violence, Milam Auditorium, \$5

Sunday May 6th

9:00 am American Cancer Society Walk meet in MU quad, FREE
 1:00-5:00 pm Beginning Climbing Class Dixon, moms free when accompanied by a student with a valid OSU ID card
 10:00 am-midnight Dixon Recreation Center family members get in free when accompanied by a student with a valid OSU ID card
 10:00 am-1:00 am Valley Library self-guided tours
 10:00 am-2:00 am Organic Club Moms' Social, Tea & Garden Party at the Farm! Tea and biscuits! Gifts! Seeds! Activities! Directions: http://cropandsoil.oregonstate.edu/organic_grower/
 10:30 am PINK Breakfast Colleges Against Cancer, Benefit for American Cancer Society, MU Lounge, \$15
 noon-4:00 pm Pottery Demonstrations free day pass to OSU Craft Center ceramics studio for OSU students and Mom's Weekend guest. Watch pottery demonstration and/or try your hand OSU Craft Center, \$5
 1:00 pm Softball vs. Arizona, softball complex, general admission \$6
 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Dim Sum and Tea bring your mom and eat a traditional Chinese delight, sponsored by the Asian & Pacific Cultural Center
 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Dixon Climbing Center open, must take belay skills session, \$6
 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Spring Fling Moms Dance sponsored by Cool Shoes, waltz lessons 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, dance 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, Women's Building room 114, moms free, students \$4, community members \$7

MURILLO: Fashion show, dinner, breakfast for mom

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can you get tickets?

Tickets are on sale in MU 103 or if there are still tickets available they will be on sale at the events themselves.

How much work goes into organizing? You started how many months ago?

Oh, wow. I started probably the beginning of winter term and started meeting with the committee and my committee has been excellent, they've helped me a lot.

You ran for MU President or Vice-President?

President with Caitlyn DeMars.

Will you guys be involved next year as well?

Yeah. Caitlyn and I have talked to Michael Henthorne, who's the director of the MU, and talked about either being directors. We've talked to Kate and Matt about being directors and we've talked to Michael about even having, maybe, kind of similar to director but even more significant of a role.

Anything that's still open for Mom's Weekend that people can be a part of?

There's actually the fashion show is going to be three times during the weekend. It has student designers and stores from Corvallis, Eugene and Portland. So, that's really fun. There's still some tickets left for some of the meals, so the brunch, the dinner and the teas. But everything else is sold out so everyone should go to those things and definitely check out the quad because there will be food vendors entertainment and the arts festival on Saturday from 11 to 4.

Is your mom here yet or is she coming?

She's coming tomorrow afternoon. So that'll be nice to see her.

Where are you guys from?

From Bend, so it'll be nice to see her, I don't get to see her very often.

Does your dad come up for mom's weekend?

Just my mom, I thought about having him come just to see what I've been working on but it's my little sister's prom.

So, what's your next project with the MU?

I am working on Battle of the Bands and Roots Rock and Reggae; right now we are currently working on some advertisements.

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PET: Owners began checking labels in beginning of food scare

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"I'm very supportive of it," said Dannielle Cangemi, a sophomore in pre-veterinary medicine. "It makes me proud to be an OSU member."

Many pet owners in the area continue to count their blessings that their furry friends avoided the scare.

"I had a huge bag of cat food and I was wondering if it would kill my cat," said Max Brugger, pet owner and junior in mathematics. His 12-year-old cat Archie survived the scare without harm.

"I actually started reading the labels," Brugger said. "I never did that before."

While the investigation continues, officials can only offer advice.

"Keep up to date on current recalls," Heidel said.

For a comprehensive list of recalled foods, visit <http://www.avma.org/aa/menufoodsrecall/default.asp>.

"If you've got any of these foods, don't use them," Heidel said. "If your pet starts exhibiting symptoms, get your vet involved."

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Editorial

The gun issue

If it wasn't already clear that the tragedy at Virginia Tech would bring the heated gun control debate into the fray, just take a look at today's forum section. Two letters and a guest column all take on the issue (and it's purely random, by the way, that none of today's contributors are in favor of stronger gun laws).

Without question, Seung Hui Cho should never have been sold a firearm based on his mental status. A loophole — which has since been closed — was to blame. An immediate step that can be taken across the nation is to be sure such loopholes related to the mental status of potential gun-buyers are eliminated.

On that note, most everyone can agree. And that's where things diverge.

Some area calling for breaking down so-called "gun free zones" like many college campuses, so that if a shooter starts a rampage, the sophomore in biology in the seat next to you can try to take him down before more people fall victim. It's an interesting thought, but also somewhat troubling. What if the would-be hero mis-reads a situation and kills an innocent person in the process? What if a law enforcement officer makes a similar error, shooting the wrong guy?

Others call for an outright ban on guns, a position that won't get anyone anywhere. (After all, the day after the Virginia Tech shooting, a mayor in gun-free Japan was gunned down by a mobster.)

The sensible solution is strict background checks, waiting periods, enforcement of existing laws and the closing down of under-the-radar gun deals. And further restrictions on certain types of guns should be given a fair debate. It's difficult to argue that the framers were thinking of assault weapons when they penned the Second Amendment. And sure it's a clichéd argument — but where does the right to bear arms end? Why not let law-abiding citizens buy rocket launchers down at the local gun club? Sadly, nothing we do will end gun violence. Another school shooting is inevitable. But efforts to keep guns in the hands of only responsible and law-abiding owners — and perhaps stricter new laws — can help prevent further tragedies.

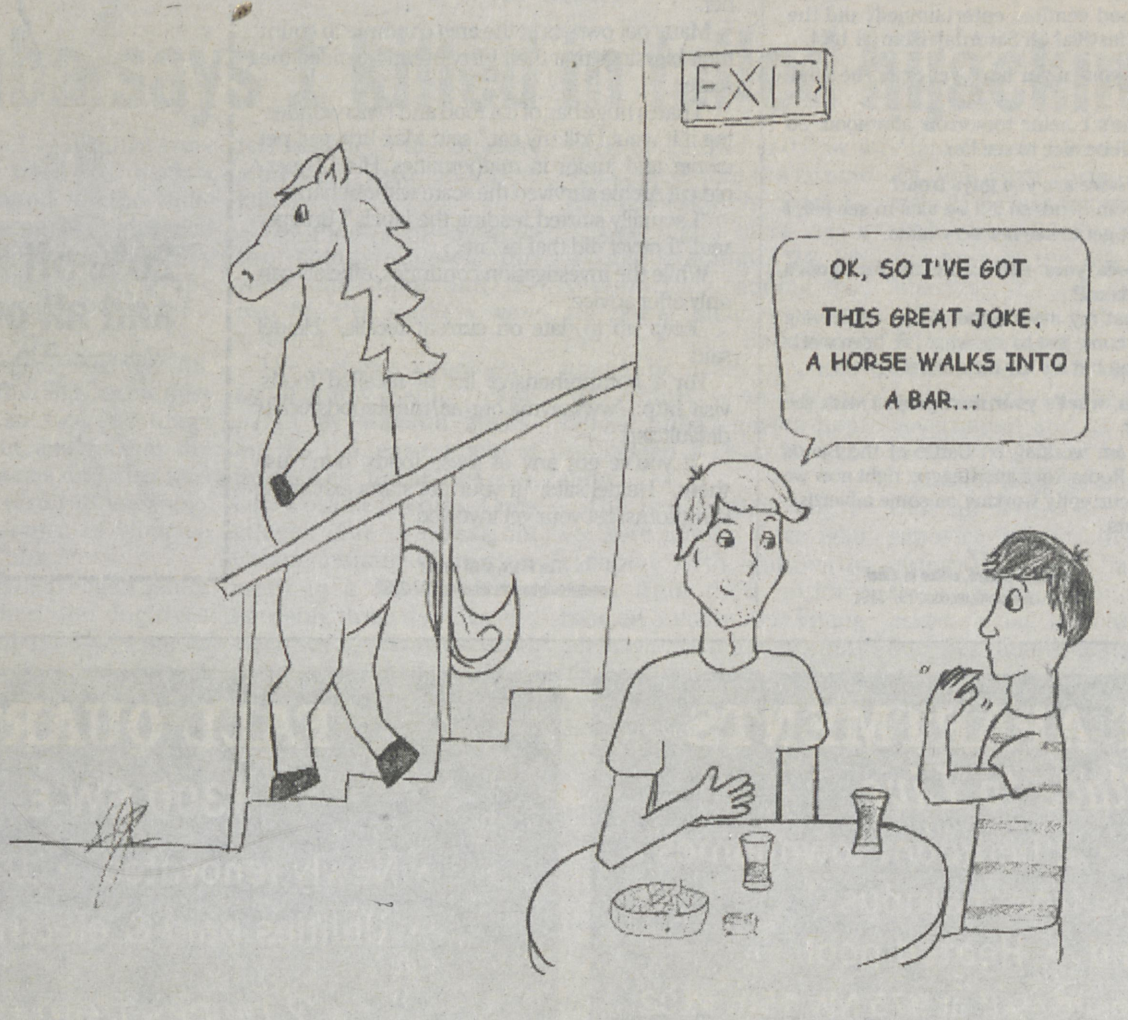
With the presidential election heating up, guns will almost certainly play a role in the discourse. Unfortunately, it's an issue that divides people. Like gay rights and issues of religion, gun issues are often used to drive a wedge into the dialogue, prompting sloganeering instead of sensible discussion.

On the basics, Democrats and Republicans can agree. Both parties must want to avoid massacres in malls, schools and suburban streets. Exactly how to do that is not a science.

Here's to hoping that candidates can engage in mature, intelligent debate over an issue that is freshly in the voters' minds.

But we're not making any bets.

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Rachel Spitler

Here's From me to World

Long live the revolution

It's time to cry out for revolution on behalf of adolescent girls. Where did this come from? You know you're in a university, right? Half of us have never been adolescent girls, and the other half have spent the better part of a decade getting over it.

I know that, of course. You couldn't pay me enough to be 12 again. I didn't get paid enough the first time. But it is a fact that back then, as far as I was concerned, college students were the ultimate age group. They had it all — hand-picked studies, long mornings, beautiful campuses, wacky romance.

Now, suddenly, I notice that I'm right in the midst of that once-ideal position. I have my own apartment, a husband, and my face in the freaking newspaper. We've all been quick to discover that not every day is an adventure (alas!), but I'm betting the middle-schoolers don't know that. In fact, they probably still think we're pretty awesome. Somehow that feels like a really important fact. I wonder if it gives us the power to be of some help.

So what am I on about? It starts with my teenage sister. Stereotype tells us that the youngest child in a family can do no wrong — if only in the eyes of the parents. In my family's case, it's legitimately true; she's got a perfect 4.0, for instance, which the other four of us didn't even try to do. And yet we all still like her.

When she was younger, I was sometimes called upon to serve as an undercover chaperone for the slumber parties and other shindigs that went on at our house. Surprisingly, it was a lot of fun — partly because I got to act like a little kid, and partly because the girls, unaccustomed to friendly older siblings, thought I was the coolest thing ever. I actually stayed up later than my sister did, just playing with her friends.

Being thus acquainted with a small troupe of pre-adolescent girls, all from slightly different backgrounds, I had the strange opportunity over the next few years of watching them all grow up. My sister has acted as a control variable in that, although she's growing and making mistakes and learning, she still has a good grasp on who she is. I'm hugely grateful for that, especially in comparison with some of her friends, whose experiences have made me profoundly sad.

Two specific conversations stick out in my mind. One was shortly after one of this group of girls entered middle school and started wearing makeup, when one of them revealed to my sister and me that she hated how fat she was. This girl was svelte, blonde, and beautiful; to this day, I have no idea what she was talking about. If she'd gained weight since elementary school it was in her backpack, and I told her something to that effect.

She was insistent, though, and raised her shirt a few inches to reveal the allegedly flabby belly in question. We

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Plastic, fire retardants, pesticides and your food

I don't know about you, but I find the thought of eating something called "1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine" to be slightly frightening (to say the least). In all honesty, I don't find the idea of eating plastic or fire retardant all that appealing either. With that said, I return to my diatribe concerning the tangled food system. I think it is important that we stop and really contemplate the deeply rooted implications of the recent food scare related to the appearance of melamine (the organic base formerly known as 1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine) in the human food chain.

After the March pet-food food scare, which led to the deaths of thousands of cats and dogs in the U.S. and around the world, it was only a matter of time until melamine, the toxic contaminant responsible for the scare, reared its ugly head in the "human food chain." Regardless of how nice and tidy it is to think of the human food chain as being entirely separate from the animal feed chain, the two are not so distinct as you might like to believe.

For example: remember BSE, the mysterious and little understood prion disease more commonly known as "mad cow disease" that was responsible for a wide-spread food scare earlier this decade? Remember the disease spread by feeding feed animals (herbivorous feed animals for that matter) remnants from other animals?

Will we ever learn nature's infallible lessons?

The melamine issue illuminates a huge, mucky can of worms that — apparently — Americans gen-

erally prefer to ignore: our food system is sorely, sorely broken and it is staring to make us (and the environment) sick. The very thing that is supposed to nourish us is killing us, and the sad part is: we are causing this ourselves.

For example: what genius came up with the brilliant idea of putting a chemical that is used in fire retardants and plastics (and is a cousin of pesticides) into animal feed? Perhaps this question elucidates why almost every college student in the U.S. is forced to endure a basic entry-level biology class in order to graduate. There is this fascinating, and very important process that is covered in basic biology which all meat eaters should know about: bioaccumulation, the process in which the toxins that are ingested by a consumer slowly accumulate in that consumer's body. As consumers consume other consumers, the predator's body toxin levels exponentially increase. The gist of the story is the higher a consumer is on the food chain, the more bioaccumulated toxins the consumer ingests, and the more toxic the consumer becomes. If we humans want to be on the very tip-top of the food chain, we might want to cogitate upon this.

As we think about the foundational concerns behind bioaccumulation, it is crucial that we dig a little deeper and realize

how dangerous playing with our food system truly is. As I believe I have preached before: humans are not gods and unfortunately (or perhaps rather fortunately) we are not omniscient, nor are we omnipotent. We can only imagine the long term impacts of our meddling fingers in the basic chemical composition of what we now know as food. Who is to say how pervasive an introduced toxin will become? Who is to say where it will end up?

Let me put it this way: In a world where parts of the same cow can end up being consumed on every different continent (and who knows how many burgers!), we need to be concerned about what is going into that cow.

Although providing us great diversity and access to a rich plethora of new and exotic foods, dietary delocalization — the enlarging of our food chain to spread beyond borders and across the world and the very system that spreads that cow from north to south — has come at the price of food security. I mean this not from the perspective of advocating isolationism, but from a concern for preservation. If we are to preserve the integrity of our food supply, it is necessary that we maintain a connection with how our food is produced, with where it comes from, and what it comes from. We are what we eat. And we are what we eat eats.

The recent melamine contamination has been traced back to producers in China. It could have been Mexico, Guatemala, India, or France for that matter. The geographic location in itself is some-

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Gun prohibitions and the illusion of safety

In wake of the horrific shootings at Virginia Tech I heard many people — on both sides of the political spectrum — voice their opinions about school safety. Some made ludicrous accusations against gun manufacturers, holding them responsible while others directed blame on the state of Virginia for not heeding the warning signs and detaining Cho. Both of these accusations are as absurd as the position of allowing everyone to own a firearm, however. Some people, through past offenses or mental handicaps, should be, and currently are, prohibited from owning firearms. The key is not new legislation, but in harshly prosecuting criminals who violate the hundreds of pre-existing laws already on the books.

Firearm manufactures must adhere to the tightest federal regulations regarding their products. Like many things in modern life guns are safe if used properly and with good intentions. If used improperly however they can be dangerous. The same absurdity exists when blaming the state of Virginia; hindsight is always 20/20. If they had in fact realized what the demonic Cho was capable of he would have most certainly been locked up or heavily monitored.

By placing blame on parties not responsible for the events that transpired people in effect let Cho off too easily. In the end he is the only one accountable for his actions. It's often difficult to comprehend, but deviants like Cho have and will always exist. The real question then remains of how we can protect ourselves and others from their violence.

Many universities, in their efforts to

David Faubion
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protect students and staff alike from violence, have made their campuses "weapon-free zones." People should look at this policy and consider what it truly accomplishes. If everyone were law-abiding citizens, the effect would be simple: safety from all weapons while on campus. Criminals though (by definition) do not and would not follow these laws. Therefore, all this policy does is allow those who would commit violence to parade around campuses with no fear, potentially committing violence on unarmed, helpless people — students, faculty, and guests alike.

Although security guards and law enforcement, in our case the Oregon State Police, patrol campuses, it is naive to pretend that they in and of themselves could protect us from evildoers. The reason is not because they are ineffective, but because of the sheer size of many campuses. Imagine how long it would take an officer to respond to a disturbance in one of the upper floors of a campus building — the third floor of Milam or the remote fourth floor of STAG. It would take at least several minutes and in that time a horrific number of people could be killed with much less sophisticated weaponry than handguns.

If universities allowed law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and fellow members of the university by legally carrying firearms, perhaps these instances would be thwarted entirely. In the least desirable scenario, it would still allow people to fight back. Some

would die, but hopefully not as many. Attaining a concealed-carry permit is not as easy as some believe. The process involves multiple photographs, rigorous background checks by the FBI, and what seems like a scan of every line on both hands. In Oregon completion of a firearm safety class is even required. The bulk of people who legally carry concealed are often invisible; no one, save the authorities, knows they carry. But if an incident was to occur, however, few could argue that these discreet people wouldn't be a blessing.

All concealed carry permits do is shake the confidence of vicious deviants inflicting their rage on helpless, law-abiding citizens whom they know to be unarmed as dictated by policy. If only a few people — professors, students, or other faculty — had legally possessed firearms when Cho launched his calculated attack on the helpless campus, he could have been stopped earlier.

Bullies prey on people they know to be helpless. But even they are not fearless. This is why they inevitably surrender or end their spree by suicide when they themselves are confronted by a threat. Disarming campuses wholesale only provides an opportunity for people like Cho to go about their offensive unchallenged before police arrive. The prospect of having a fire-fight scares them too much, evidenced in their resort to suicide when confronted by authorities. Implanting fear, and not disarmament, is the simplest way to contain these menaces.

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RUMORE: The 'hippie pipe-dream' of eating low on the food chain could prevent disaster

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what irrelevant (although I do have some interesting thoughts about China and her relationship to the global food system — we will save that for a future column). Regardless of the country of origin, the problem is that when our food, or the feed that feeds our food, comes from a far away nation with far different standards than our own, we are setting ourselves up for disaster.

What is to be done? How

can we mend this rapidly unraveling skein? As I have tried — perhaps not so eloquently — to convey, the current food system is a horribly Byzantine structure and honestly, it is rather impossible to entirely extract yourself from its grasp. And yet there is so much we can do to begin to free ourselves from the frightening complexity of this industrial food complex.

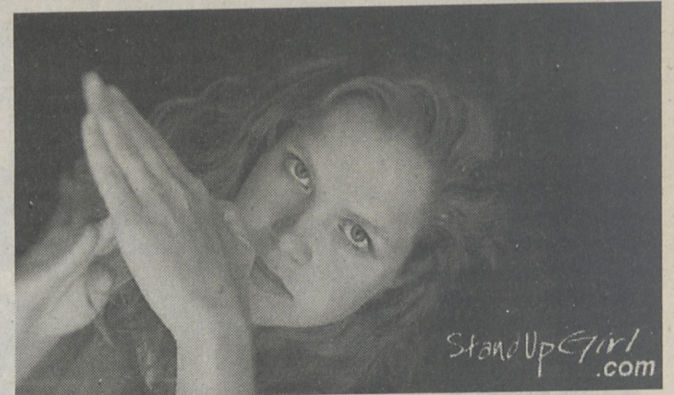
Perhaps most importantly,

the melamine scare reinforced — in my mind at least — the modern importance of "eating low on the food chain." What may sound like a hippie pipe-dream (or so I have been told) is actually very sage and sound advice for our personal health, the health of society, and the health of the greater environment.

If we can't easily control what our cows, pigs, chickens and other animals eat, we cannot control what WE eat. It is for this reason that we must be even more careful and concerned when we consume animal protein. You

don't have to be a vegan or even a vegetarian to extract yourself from this system (I personally proudly consider myself a "flexitarian.") Mending the system WILL require that we all eat less meat, but more importantly: mending the system will require that we vote with our forks (ah-that almost trite but oh so apt statement!) for a more humane, socially, environmentally, and food-safety sound system.

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Letters to the Editor

Response to professor's letter

You missed the point

Professor Magaña, If you're going to attack someone's "ludicrous" idea, then perhaps you should make sure you have a clear understanding of what their idea actually is.

There was never a proposal that "everyone" carry a gun, so when you get done laughing at such an "absurd" idea, perhaps you can stop vomiting out your pedantic nonsense and intelligently (You are a Professor, after all) discuss the matter.

We appreciated your expert analysis of modern-day weaponry, but you'll be hard pressed to find someone who doesn't already know that humans can't outrun bullets. Apparently, you don't get out of the computer lab much, so we'll point out the real issue: human responsibility.

The only victim in a "gun-free" zone is a law-abiding citizen who is unable to defend himself in a time of crisis. Believe it or not, Professor, guns actually require an external energy source in order to function. If one of your students blames their calculator for an erroneous math procedure, do you still give them full credit?

Please humor us and try

and bring yourself down to our inferior level of mental development by answering this question:

If a deranged killer comes into your classroom blazing away, you should:

- a. Try and reason with the killer and then be killed
- b. Submit and then be killed
- c. Wonder why this person is deliberately disobeying the law that says murder is illegal and then be killed
- d. Do whatever is in your power to oppose the killer (Throw your graphing calculator if that's all you have)
- e. Pull out your concealed weapon and kill the perpetrator
- f. Either D or E (Which ever is applicable)

The United States is far from being the most violent country, but regardless, you were absolutely right in that we don't have to accept complete vulnerability. We have the right to arm and protect others and ourselves. If you would like information on how to obtain a concealed handgun license, we'll gladly point you in the right direction.

Sincerely,
BRETT NUNLEY
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Letter response/V-Tech
Get the facts straight
Joe Bialek wrote a letter to the editor May 2, 2007 regarding gun control and the tragedy at Virginia Tech. He stated that there are only two reasons to own a firearm, either for hunting or for defense of the home which a handgun, shotgun, or shoulder rifle is more than adequate. Joe doesn't believe that we should own more powerful or sophisticated weapons (I believe he is referring to automatic and semi-automatic weapons here). He ends his thought stating, "Furthermore, if we had prohibited the purchase of more sophisticated weapons, several innocent victims would not have died at the hands of Cho Seung-Hui." This is the main point I would like to address in my writing.

Letter response/V-Tech

Get the facts straight

Cho used two handguns, .22-caliber Walther P22 handgun and a 9mm Glock 19 handgun. I would hardly refer to these as powerful and 'sophisticated' guns. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion whether I agree with them or not, but it is essential that one gets the facts straight first. Misinformation is a great way to skew a tragedy to work to convince others you are right. Please get all facts straight ... and then share your opinion.

AARON SEARS
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SPITLER: Some may never learn lessons

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stared at her. "That's not fat," I said, incredulous. "That's your intestines." I assured her that all women have curved stomachs, that I'd been studying figure drawing and knew this to be true, but she never seemed convinced, and was still downcast when she left.

The second conversation was some time later, with another of my young friends. There was an activity at church, and something was clearly bothering her, so when no one was around I asked her about it. Turns out that she had a huge crush on one of the boys present, which was surprising to me, because I knew the kid in question to be pretty rude most of the time. I guess she thought he was cute, though, and she took it really personally that he didn't behave differently toward her than everyone else.

That night she made the following lament: "He's so mean to me. Why doesn't he like me?" I didn't know how to react, so thereafter I watched him interact with his friends. Presumably he liked them just fine, but he

sure didn't seem to care about being nice to them. He and my friend never got together, but to this day she has continued to base her sense of self-worth on the opinions of other people, usually selfish male people. She never seems very happy.

No part of these stories should be any big shock. We've all heard the statistics by now: depression is on the rise, bringing with it eating disorders, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, and attempted or completed suicide. We've heard about it so often that we barely know what the numbers are anymore. Much less the reality behind them.

I fall prey to that numbness as much as anyone; our society spends a lot of time adrift in a haze of large, depressing numbers. It's hard to care about all of them at once. But a series of relevant coincidences has brought the relevance of this issue creeping back into my mind, culminating in a classroom earlier this week, where I cried a little. Of course at the time I hoped no one would notice, but now here I go blabbing.

We were watching a video about the effects of media on young people, and though of course the faces of the girls I know came to mind, that

wasn't most of what got to me. It was more the huge question that started echoing mercilessly around in my head: What can I do? How can I possibly contend with this terrible force that I'm so powerless against?

Viscerally, I want to run out into the world and talk to everyone face-to-face, like some kind of petite, encouraging Santa, and tell them life is better than this. I know that's silly, but realistically, I don't have time to restart my schooling and become a counselor or teacher or politician. It's difficult to think of anything in between.

What gives me comfort is the realization that, although I couldn't help my two friends as much as wish, they definitely knew I cared about them (and disagreed with them). Furthermore, I'm now better-equipped for any future conversations along those lines, and most comforting of all, there will be more chances. Even if I don't actually get to run around finding people who expressly want my help, I still come in contact with other humans every day.

What can I do? I can vote. I can teach my children. I can refuse to spend money on sources of entertainment that thrive on making people like my little sister or my daughters feel bad about themselves. I may not be a traveling miracle-worker, but I do know how to talk, and I know how to change the channel.

It lacks in guns or organized marches, but there's my resistance movement. I don't know that it's likely to have any effect on the media at large — what I know is that I'm not the only one fighting, and that I honestly love the people I'm fighting for. I know that if we stop asking for improvement, we'll stop getting it.

So here's your badge, your gun, and your uniform. Here's to our sisters, our daughters, our friends, and our former selves. Long live the revolution.

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Cindy Main struts her stuff at last year's fashion preview show on the Thursday before Mom's Weekend. This year there are three separate shows.

By Susie Bafico
The Daily Barometer

Your mom has the opportunity to go on a European adventure without ever leaving Corvallis with the "Passport to Fashion" show this Saturday.

"Other shows during the year are more to showcase student designs ... this is put on for the moms. Everything is just more of a performance," said fashion show director Kathryn Fitzgibbon.

Fitzgibbon said the theme this year is featuring all the different fashion capitals, such as Paris and Milan.

The show is student-run from the committees down

to the models, and the planning for the show begins in January.

Some committee members are retail coordinators for Eugene, Corvallis and Portland.

"We find stores to participate ... then we pick up the clothes right before the show and return them after," said Chelsea Miles, a junior in apparel design.

Miles is a student designer for the show and the Eugene retail coordinator.

She explained the show is divided into sections showing designs from stores in each location with sections of student designs in between.

"Some people don't realize what goes into (the fashion show), they don't know there are student designs," Miles said.

Miles is presenting two garments she's been working on from her design classes, a swimsuit and a formal gown.

Aspiring student-models auditioned in February and have been practicing once or twice a week since, Fitzgibbon said.

Miles added that retail coordinators also take models to the stores in their location to try on clothes.

Students on the committee come from a variety of majors, Fitzgibbon said. They

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MOMS: Sister Patterson named scariest mother of all time

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Bad Mother: Martha Stewart

What She Does: Homemaking Empire Goddess, parolee

Why She Sucks: When your mom has been in jail, she doesn't give a crap what happened to you throughout the day. "Oh, you didn't get enough sleep? Try eating filet mignon with a spork while a 300 pound woman named Bertha stands idly by waiting for you to make one mistake! Shut your mouth!" Could you imagine your birthday parties? "Oh, I'm sorry honey. I know you wanted hot dogs and hamburgers, but that food is for trailer folk ... and people who use plastic utensils."

Conclusion: This is another mother who would prevent you from doing anything fun. However, she can make you flowers made out of sugar. She'll never let you eat them, but they would sure look pretty. And what angry math professor doesn't love a lovely bouquet of sugar flowers? Martha gets four suck-stars

on the mom-o-meter scale.

Bad Mother: Sister Patterson

What She Does: Reality TV star, makes grown men cry

Why She Sucks: You really need to watch either "Flavor of Love" or "I Love New York" in order to grasp the cruelty and sheer evil that is Sister Patterson. Her eyes can drill a hole into marble. Her overly-red lips will conjure up images of wild beasts feasting on the flesh of mere mortal men. And her nails, good God, her nails. They look as if they belong to that creepy guy in "Saw." We've never known of anyone to exist who can put the fear of God into anyone at first contact. And we've never even met her.

Conclusion: This woman takes the cake. She controls with whom her daughter will end up. She inspires fear in the toughest of men. And we're pretty sure she is evil incarnate. Her obsession with controlling everyone's life is why we are giving Sister Patterson a whopping nine suck-stars on the mom-o-meter scale.

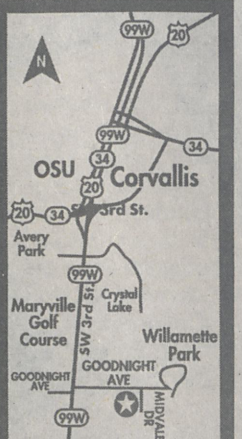
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By Andrew Merfeld
The Daily Barometer

Ari's pledge brother on **Entourage** comes to visit and introduce him to his fiancé. But Ari becomes jealous when the fraternity brother reveals that he invented Stamps.com and made \$65 million.

Meanwhile Eric tries to deal with the awkwardness that Amanda and Vince have created by sleeping together. Drama begs for forgiveness from a UFC wrestler and is caught on Pauly Shore's new television show, a "Punk'd" ripoff. Next Episode: Sunday, 10 p.m., HBO.

When the town of Quahog is convinced that **Stewie** is possessed by the devil, the Griffin family escapes to Texas.

While staying there they learn of a culture entirely different from their own, filled with pageant contests, free guns with booze, and an appearance by **Chuck Norris**, revealing that he doesn't have a chin underneath his beard, but in fact, another fist. Next Episode: Sunday, 9 p.m., FOX.

On **24**, Audrey is still in shock while the doctors attempt to diagnose her and get information regarding Cheng's whereabouts.

The Russian president contacts the White House, telling them that they know the U.S. has allowed the Chinese to capture the Russian algorithm chip. It is revealed that Lisa Miller, the vice president's pet, is a leak of information to a senator she is sleeping with. Meanwhile Jack Bauer escapes holding with the assistance of Doyle, to rescue Audrey and get the necessary information. Next Episode: Monday, 9 p.m., FOX.

On **Heroes** we get a glimpse of the future and the aftermath of the bomb. This new world involves much more fear as homeland security bears down on people with super-human abilities.

In X-Men fashion, these super-human people have been forced to hide their true identities in fear that they will be taken away. Claire plans on getting married, but her dad tells her that she needs to run. Next Episode: Monday, 9 p.m., NBC.

FOX's mid-season entry, **Drive**, has already been pulled off the airwaves. Drive, which starred Nathan Fillion, focused on different groups of people traveling to an unknown destination for a \$32 million prize.

But it never clicked with viewers, even resulting in hurting 24's ratings, which aired afterwards. **House** re-runs will instead replace Drive at its 8 p.m. time slot on Mondays. Next Episode: CANCELED.

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WWE enters film fray with 'The Condemned'

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Possibly the most frustrating part of the newest WWE film, "The Condemned," would be the fact that there is still a target audience for this material. Perhaps the most amazing quality is that the producers looked at the finished product and felt satisfied enough to send it out for mass production.

The general plot, as ridiculous as it is, follows 10 different death row criminals from around the globe so that they can fight each other to the death.

This is all put on by film producer Ian Breckel (Robert Mammone) so that he can upload the fight scenes over the Internet for a huge profit. Basically, "The Condemned" is playing off "The Most Dangerous Game" but with a twist that everything that happens has been manipulated and filmed for the general public.

There is some point near the end when director Scott Wiper tries to throw in some morality tale of how sad mankind is, not for the fact that Breckel created this atrocity, but that 40 million subscribers paid to view it.

It is tough to tell what the idea is behind this move, whether it be showing that we as a nation need to stop focusing on violence in movies, video games, television, etc., or to guilt trip the audience for paying to see a movie about that exact topic.

Whatever the idea behind this movie is, it comes across as hypocritical and absurd, considering that the film centers around how grotesquely humans can kill each other.

Something has to be said for having any expectations of "The Condemned" that weren't exactly fulfilled by the movie, but still, this movie is terrible. Maybe if it weren't for the plot, screen writing, production, camera angles and acting, this had potential. Otherwise the plot comes across as an excuse to make a movie about humans killing each other for their own survival.

The main man Jack Conrad (Steve Austin) is the closest thing to a protagonist in the movie, and ridiculous side tales of his work the American government and the girl he left back home are introduced in the hopes that the viewer will sympathize with Conrad, but even that comes off as cheesy and irritating.

All and all, this movie is terrible, and it is hours out of your life that you will never get back. Supposedly, people who are a fan Steve Austin, or pointless blood-bath action movies, may enjoy "The Condemned." For everyone else, pick a different movie.

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FASHION: Three opportunities to see student-run fashion show this weekend

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range from health management to apparel design. The majority of student designers are apparel design or merchandising management majors, with one or two other majors involved, Fitzgibbon said.

There are 19 student designers who are presenting anywhere from one to five garments.

"We're expecting a really good turn out this year," Fitzgibbon said. She added that more seating was arranged this year so there will be more room.

The fashion show has three performances Saturday in the MU Ballroom at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

"Everything is coming together really well, it's really exciting," Fitzgibbon said.

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Matt Lewis
 I Mean, Seriously
How to get your mom to do what you want

It's time for Mom's Weekend again. And you know what that means. Cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning. And for all you freshmen out there: Do not wait until the day before to start cleaning. I know how you live.

Every year, about one week before this most blessed of events, I start getting flashbacks to my freshman year Mom's Weekend. And I start getting the jitters. I think about everything I had to do — the tea, the fashion show, the wine tasting, the art fair — it's enough to bring back my nervous tick.

And that's not even taking into account the embarrassment factor that every parent brings with them. I learned that the hard way last year. But ever since, when going out into a public place I give my mom a debriefing of topics that are and are not appropriate for conversation around my friends.

Do not make the same mistake I did. First Amendment be damned. There are certain things moms should never speak outside of the immediate family. Like about the time she walked into my dorm room only to be confronted with a mini-mountain of condoms. But that's a story for another day.

I'll admit, I let my mom get the best of me my first year here, but never again. There are a few things I've learned and I feel it is my duty to impart this knowledge on all future generations of OSU students.

The following are several ways to get your mom to do what YOU want to do during Mom's Weekend.

1. Disrupt the focus.
 Mothers are very focused on what they do. An easy way to deter them from making a bee-line to that renaissance fair in the quad is to point out something else on campus, or remind them of something funny they did and how you can not look at a Chevy AstroVan without thinking of them.

A few years back, one of my mom's headlights went out. My dad, being the consummate handyman he is, decided that if he just tapped the light, he might be able to fix it. You know, just like any dad can.

My mom and I were sitting in the car while this was happening, and after just a few seconds of watching my dad "work his

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Matt & Nathalie's **GU**
Mom's W

Remember being 16 and wanting to go to the mall to cruise the hottie that worked at Hot Dog on a Stick? And do you remember how your spirits were dashed when your mom vehemently denied you access to her 1988 Volvo? Then you not-so-quietly uttered the phrase, "You are the worst mom ever." Did you ever think about what that really means? Sure, your mom may have embarrassed you in front of your friends by referring to a vibrator as a BOB (Battery Operated Boy-friend). She may have told your boyfriend about the two years you

Bad Mother: Dr. Laura
What She Does: Conservative radio host, self-help author
Why She Sucks: First of all, she looks like a scary skeleton with a bad wig. Nobody wants to have those genes. Second, she opposes sex out of marriage, living in uncommitted co-habitation before marriage, same-sex marriage, gay people ... and pretty much everything you might possibly consider to be fun. There are also rumored to be nude pictures of here floating around on the Internet from the '70s. No one wants to see that Dr. Laura's bush. Not even her husband.
Conclusion: Imagine yourself coming home from a hot date only to be beaten with a Bible. That's what you'd have to look forward to if you were Dr. Laura's progeny. We give her seven suck-stars on the mom-o-meter scale.



Bad Mother: Joan Crawford
What She Does: Actress, scary lady
Why She Sucks: Her adopted daughter, Christina Crawford, wrote an entire book about why she sucks. Whereas your mother chastised you for not hanging up your clothes, good ol' Joanie beat down her daughter for hanging up her clothes ... with the wrong kind of that, but Crawford allied affairs with many men was required to call "u
Conclusion: NO MOTHERS ... EVER! Joan Crawford's compulsion with cleaning her mom's clean toilet boy

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made people call you Ariel and pretended to be the little mermaid in the bathtub.

Hell, she might have even let lose one of your deepest, darkest secrets ever: that you were a registered republican.

But let's please remember that even though your mother's actions

have put you into years of therapy, it could have been worse. Far worse.

To prove this point, the following is a list of the worst mothers in recent history. Read over it, scarf down a big piece of humble pie and then give your mother a hug. Because she loves you.

Bad Mother: Britney Spears
What She Does: Former pop star, current trash

Why She Sucks: She'll steal your photos so she can pretend she's 16 again. She dropped her son when he was a baby and carried him on her lap while she sped through a Los Angeles neighborhood. And finally, she's embarrassed by spreading her business all around paparazzi cameras. It's not very hard to remember the panties, think of the children! For the love of God, think of the children. Some unfortunate children in the U.S. don't even have pants. How could you mock them like that?

Union: She's selfish, stupid, nude ... and she married a pedophile. They may have divorced, but it's still on paper. They're bringing that to the kids in the cafeteria. But, she's too air-headed to do anything incredibly malicious, so she gets five suck-stars on the mom-o-meter scale.



changer. Not only did she have many children, but she had a "Creepy" obsession with hanging her breasts in front of the camera. Her obsession makes your mother look pretty tame.

Thank your lucky stars that your mother isn't like that. Grab some yellow gloves and clean up the damn bathroom. We give Joan eight suck-stars on the mom-o-meter scale.



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Nancy Lewis



Moms are always right

How to get your student to do what you want

Well folks, this is it: my final Mom's Weekend with my eldest son, Matt. When I reflect back on years past, I can truly say that these were some of the most memorable times we have shared together as mother and son.

I have watched my son mature from a young eager student into a fine young adult ready to take on the world. I have met some of the most amazing young people that Matt has the privilege of calling his friends. I have seen my son go from not knowing how to do laundry to living in an apartment by himself and able to cook just about anything you can get in a box.

Every mother should take advantage of this weekend that has been set aside just for her whether you come for one day or the entire weekend. This is a perfect opportunity to see you child in a whole new light and create some wonderful memories.

Remember, the university has been hyping this whole "Mom's Weekend" for months. Your student will feel the pressure to put his/her best foot forward. Their rooms will be cleaned, they will dawn their best jeans and clean shirts and you will actually be introduced with a name other than "Matt's mom."

Since your student has known you were coming for this event, there shouldn't be any surprises. They have been anxiously preparing for this visit for weeks. They will roll out the red carpet and welcome you with open arms.

Unlike the time we had to come to Corvallis because Matt had an accident and was rushed off to the hospital. He didn't have time to prepare his room for the "parent visit." When we arrived at the hospital and they released him we took him back to his dorm.

Since he was in a leg brace and all banded up, we all sat in the lounge across from his room. All his friends came to visit and give their well wishes. Since the doctor instructed us to keep his leg elevated, I decided to go across the hall and get a pillow out of his room to prop up his leg.

I had to literally throw my body weight against the door to get it open because there was so much stuff on the floor in his room.

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MATT: Get mom to fight battles for you, buy you presents

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magic," mommy dearest leaned over to me and said, "Watch this."

She flipped on the brights, and my dad looked at us through the windshield like he had just conquered a small nation. A second later and she flipped them off. My dad looked confused and went back to tapping.

She flipped the brights back on. Same reaction.

This went on for a good 15 minutes before my dad finally keened on to the fact that we had been laughing hysterically the whole time.

I tell that story and I can safely say goodbye to the renaissance fair and hello to Clods. Learn from this little ones. Always have a story in your back pocket you can just whip out.

2. Guilt

My mom likes to say that guilt will get her anything, and usually she's right. But it can work the same way for the student.

Never forget: You are the one who is living hundreds, thousands, millions of miles away without the comfort of your family. You are the one who has to eat the same food every day in the residence halls. You are the one who lives on the college student budget of \$1, a 75-cent piece that may or may not be real, and a half-used tube of toothpaste.

Look at your mom with your best "puppy dog" face and say something like, "Mom, it sure would be nice to have some bread with my Top Ramen," and you'll have a three-course meal at the best restaurant in 50 miles before you can say Mom rocks!

I also know that you want to put on a good front when your mom first arrives, but keep in mind that the worse you look, the more clothes you will get.

I'm serious.

Moms do not like seeing holes in your jeans or coffee stains on your shirts. These are guaranteed to get you at least one go around at the nearest outlet mall. So even if you don't have a bad wardrobe and are just looking for some new clothes, go and stain something or rip a whole in something else.

You won't regret it. I promise.

3. Inspire the "Primal Mom"

Moms are very protective creatures. They also love being useful. What better way to combine both of these natural mother features than to have her fight your battles for you.

If there is something you need taken care of while she's down here, all you have to do is tell her about the injustice that is being done to you. Even if it's just someone who takes your favorite seat in class. Don't be afraid.

If your roommate is taking up more than his or her allotted half of your room, you just let your mom know and she will whip out the "Oh hell no, you did not just do that to my baby" routine faster than you can say "Oh, snap!"

Is there a professor who is giving you the shaft? Just tell your mom and she will go beating down his office door. No matter if he scares the bejesus out of you, Primal Mom doesn't care. She'll chew him up and spit him out. The next thing you know, he'll be bringing you coffee to class. You know, the kind you like with just a hint of mint.

Mom's Weekend is a special time and if nothing else, you should spend every second lavishing all the attention you can on your mother. It's a time for you to show your mom exactly what you've been doing and proving that those freakishly large loans they're helping you take out are really worth it.

It's also a good time to prove to your parents just how adult you are. So when you call them on Sunday at 4:17 a.m. telling them you need \$500 bail money, they might just cut you a little slack. Not that I know from experience or anything.

Do what your mom wants to do and she'll do what you want. And you'll have a great time doing it. I know I cherish these last five years and I'm glad that I could share them with my mother.

Now that I'm finished with this column I can start working on the important things. Figuring out just where exactly we'll be going to dinner on Friday and Saturday ... and then breakfast on Sunday.

Hurray for Mom's Weekend!

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NANCY: Unclean rooms leave lasting impressions, scars

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Once inside I grabbed a pillow and started to walk out. There was something on the floor that caught my eye. When I took a closer look I noticed that there were hundreds of condoms all over the floor.

Being the mom that I am, I was mortified to say the least. What on earth do they teach these kids down here? Then the voice of reason took over, "calm yourself," it said. "I'm sure there is a logical explanation for this."

But all that I could think of was, "My son is having premarital sex!"

I know that I should be thankful that he was at least having "safe" sex, but all I could think of was: "GOOD GOD, is he actually having that much sex?" Perhaps one day Matt will write a column on why there were so many condoms in his room. All I know is I can rest assured that I won't be a grandmother anytime soon. I'm much too young.

Don't be afraid that you won't know how to entertain your student for three full days; the Memorial Union Program Council has you covered. You can go to the Oregon State Web site and print out an entire itinerary of fun and "interesting" things to do.

I believe the "tea" falls under interesting things to do. I'm sure for some moms it is a very pleasant event however; with an 18-year-old son I don't advise it. I also wouldn't advise forcing the cucumber sandwich on young, impressionable freshman.

You're probably wondering, "How on Earth did she get her 18-year-old son to go to a tea in the first place?" Well moms, especially you first years, sit back and take note. I am about to share some of the finer tricks of the trade on "How To Get Your Student To Do What YOU Want To Do" on Mom's Weekend.

We all know that kids do things for their parents out of love, respect, obligation and my favorite ... guilt. You must learn to work the "guilt" factor to your advantage.

For example, as I sit here typing this article I am looking at the most beautiful bouquet of flowers that I received from my son Matt. You see, my birthday was on Sunday and he forgot. A simple e-mail from his dad the next day stating, "Mom's birthday ... did you forget?" and BANG! The guilt factor kicks in and I receive beautiful flowers.

For you first-year moms, you can take advantage of your student's lack of knowledge as to what goes on for Mom's Weekend to do just about anything you want. After the first year I can pretty much guarantee that you will never get your son to agree to go to a "Tea" again, especially if you force the cucumber sandwich. If your student isn't quite sure if they want to try what you have suggested, try using a few of these lines:

— "This sounds fun, let's try it."

— "Wow, look at the line to get in there, must be a really good event."

And then there's always, "Well, let's just pop in and see what's going on, we won't stay long."

I highly recommend all moms get their son or daughter to do the Mom & I Photos. I was just looking at the pictures we have taken over the last four years and was amazed at how much he had changed.

He looked so young that freshman year and then we had the long hair scruffy face look then back to short hair and all grown up. It's also quite entertaining to watch my own changes. And they talk about the freshman 15 ... Ha!

One year I even convinced Matt to go shopping at the outlet mall at the coast. All I had to do was entice him with dinner at Mo's and of course a few new articles of clothing for him didn't hurt either.

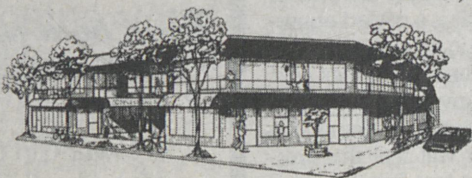
You see, bribery works just about as well as guilt ... that, and I think he was afraid I might suggest the "Tea" again.

Over the years Matt and I have learned how to have an amazing time just enjoying each other's company. Some of the best times we've shared were not planned, they just kind of unfolded. If you and your student have half the fun that Matt and I have shared over the last four years, it will be well worth the trip to Corvallis. I am looking forward to another fabulous four years with my daughter entering Oregon State next fall as a freshman.

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FASHION: Krisja is prepping for the day when she goes for practicality

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to industry parties at the ripe old age of 10 (or so) was begging her daughter to go clubbing with her. This girl, who had been mistakenly swapped in my stead 24 years ago, stared confused, embroidery needle in hand, exclaiming, "But mother, I don't want to go! There's a special on OPB tonight about the history of Hawaiian quilts!"

Alas, there's really no denying my maternity. Despite our difference, I am the spitting image of my mother. In fact, whenever friends see my framed picture of her and dear old dad in the '70s, they ask me who the weird guy I'm coying up to in the plaid leisure suit is. Shudder, gag, cringe.

Other old photos of my mother show her looking leggy in ultra-mini skirts, sultry in Spanish-style sun dresses, coy in bell-bottoms and midriff bearing tops and confidant in an itty-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow, polka-dot bikini. I came to wonder how my mom went from hot, stylish, mod girl in knee-high suede boots to ... Mom. At what point did she trade in her stilettos for slippers, her evening gowns for flannel night gowns? I couldn't help but ponder if I was doomed for the same fate.

My friends already check my socks each holiday to make sure they contain no bells, blinking lights, or similar festive attachments (a Sally holiday wardrobe staple). The woman has a full box of clothes and accessories for every holiday, including minor ones such as Saint Paddy's Day and the 4th of July. I can hear my friends whisper to each other, "I'll give her five years before she's wearing Christmas light necklaces and holiday package earrings she crafted herself."

There are some obvious reasons for my mother's change. I weighed 10 pounds, 8 ounces when I was born. No woman's body

is ever the same after delivering a Jabba the Hutt size bundle of blubber. After having children, her priorities shifted from being a trend-setting fashionista to being an amazing mother and wife. But I can guarantee if you showed my mother her Saint Paddy's leprechaun and clover covered patchwork vest back in the '60s, she would have burned it along with her bra.

Recently at a basketball game, I saw the other side of the spectrum; the "best friend" mom. She

was dressed exactly like her daughter, flirted with the players and was sporting Costco size muffin top (love the double chocolate chunk ones). Frankly, she looked pathetic.

There is also the mom who looks impeccable but has nannies watch her children all day so she can work out with her personal trainer, get her nails done, her hair blown out and shop on Rodeo Drive; equally as sad.

A lesson for all of us is that someday we will be moms and we will probably go for practicality and comfort over trend-setting style. The key is balance. My mom might not be the fashion leader she once was, but she still always looks well put-together and beautiful.

I now realize it's OK that my mom doesn't go out with me on Mom's Weekend. I prefer that she does the important stuff like sing the special song she wrote for me when I was little for when I'm sick (the one that starts "You know you are my sweet little tootsy-wootsy dumpling..." ahhh, I can almost smell the chicken noodle soup now). It would be fun to do the once-a-year Mom's Weekend bar hop with her, but that's just not her scene. And that's fine with me. I'll stay home and watch movies, eat her fresh baked cookies and listen to her tell stories of when she was dating four guys at a time back in her glory days. Hmm, I guess she is my mother after all.

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It's mom and papa Lorenson ... and they look happy to see you.

JONES: Students experiences with business leads to hopeful exciting career endeavors

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Working in music is all about contacts. Who knows you and whom do you know? Promoting clubs has helped him to establish a contact base with his ability to meet lots of different type of people. His work has allowed him to meet artists and producers.

Jones has also met lots of college-aged students from all around Oregon. With

the help of his partner, UO senior Erika Hartuickson, the goal is to encourage college students to join guest lists at clubs.

Networking hasn't been the only skill learned from promoting, he has also learned about the business world.

Recently, Jones was promoted to "head promoter," which has enabled him to

pick up even more business skills and knowledge by learning to deal with any problems that come his way. He also has to have good communication skills in order to communicate to potential guests, club owners, DJs and other promoters.

Lastly, he has learned to stay up to date with other current competitors and see how they promote.

"I have to learn to hustle, stay current with other businesses," Jones said.

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NEXT: Cage needs to look more carefully in the movies he does

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Unfortunately for "Next," all the laughs that come from this movie were unintentional. At the end of the movie his future seeing ability becomes laughable at times, as he walks into the middle of a fire fight, pointing in the direction of the bad guys so the SWAT team can take them out.

One of the other main pitfalls of this film is that out of the roughly 96 minutes, only the last 20 minutes were devoted to actually

stopping these terrorists, with the largest portion of the film displaying the FBI's incapability of capturing Cage.

One of the writer's of the film is Gary Goldman, one of the creative minds behind a different Dick story, "Total Recall." Unfortunately his second effort was anything but successful.

After this year's "Ghost Rider," Cage has two strikes. We'll see if he strikes out when his sequel to "National Treasure" is released at the end of this year.

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GOSSIP: Paparazzi leads to embarrassment


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Scarlett eats it: I just recently saw a video of sweet Scarlett falling down some stairs after an SNL after party in New York.

She was trying, as anyone would, to avoid the paparazzi by putting a coat over her head — which makes seeing difficult. Some of you may laugh, but I however, can relate. I have done many similar things.

Like a few weeks ago when I fell down seven stairs on my ass, or last week when I fell down in the shower, or last weekend when I fell in a sand pit. Things happen — and now that I see Scarlett doing the same, I no longer feel shamed. In fact, I feel powerful, empowered and like I have a chance with Justin Timberlake. FINALLY!

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Cage unable to see 'Next' bad film



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Above stars Nicholas Cage and Jessica Biel share a moment while Julianne Moore struts her stuff as a tougher-than-nails FBI agent (below) in Paramount Pictures latest release "Next."

By Andrew Merfeld

The Daily Barometer

It's unfortunate that Nicholas Cage was unable to use his ability to see the future of this film, as he'd have know ahead of time how badly it would bomb.

"Next," based very loosely on "The Golden Man," a story by Phillip K. Dick, stars Cage as Cris Johnson, a man who can see two minutes into the future.

Having this ability since birth, he was tested extensively as a child, resulting in him moving to Vegas to perform as a magician under a false name and to profit from his ability.

When it is discovered that terrorists plan to explode a nuclear device in California, it is up to Julianne Moore, FBI Agent Callie Ferris, to track down Cris Johnson and convince him to assist in their plan of taking down the terrorists.

The movie begins by introducing the key element in any movie based on a Phillip K. Dick story — the ability to suspend disbelief and to wrap your brain around unusual concepts. But what begins as a unique idea quickly turns into a train wreck.

It was rumored that Sony pictures dropped this before releasing it, with their reasons becoming clear.

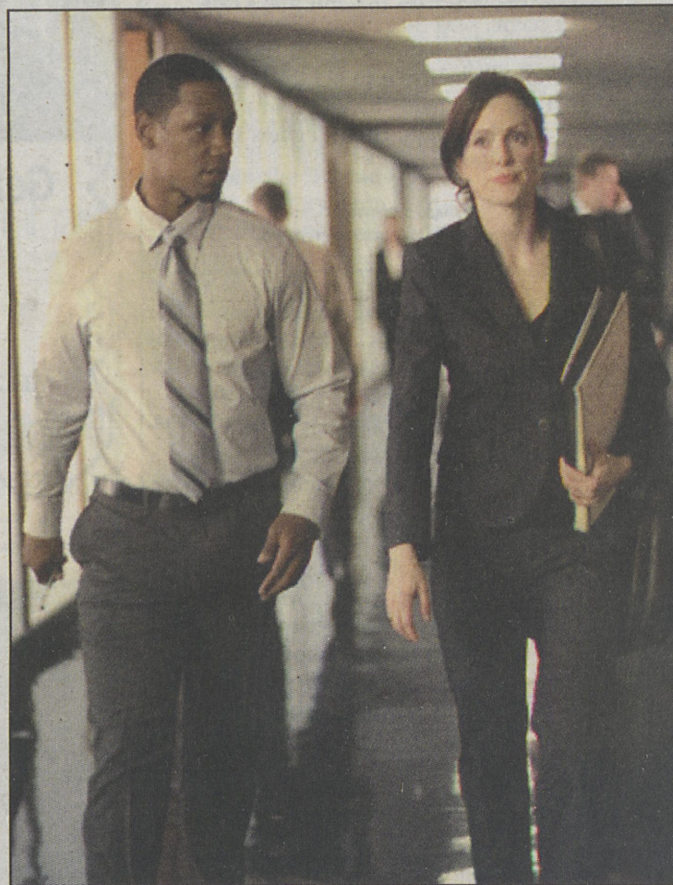
The film takes many liberties with Cage's ability to see two minutes in the future; he can dodge any bullets matrix style, beat up on groups of FBI and military guards, as well as dodge any flying debris with ease. One chase scene involves Cage narrowly escaping logs and other huge objects as he runs down a side of the Grand Canyon, only making you realize how fake everything is.

Julianne Moore's role of the "tough FBI agent" is ridiculous at times, with no real motivation why she is pissed off at everyone, including her fellow agents.

The only believable role in the entire movie comes from Jessica Biel as the lost, helpless girl, which she pulls off very well. Perhaps this role rang true for the young actress, as she soon began wondering how she stumbled onto the movie set.

A lot of suspended disbelief is required to continue following this movie, with it eventually reaching its limit. Cage being able to see two minutes into the future? Sure. Jessica Biel hooking up with Cage and becoming his love interest? Now they've stepped their bounds.

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This week in gossip

By Meagan Williams

The Daily Barometer

Tobey is no hero: Last week while an adoring fan went to snap a photo of Tobey McGuire's ridiculous face, ol' Spidey slapped the camera out of the kid's hand and onto the ground.

Now, he may have just been showing how powerful he is, but he did a bad job. Here's a hint — Tobey, everyone can do that. I slapped a phone out of someone's hand just last week. And you know what I did? I followed through. The fist fight was intense but I left her crying and I showed her who's boss.

Sandra's crazy fan: A fan in love with Sandra Bullock tried to run over Sandra's husband, reality TV star Jesse James.

However, after all five attempts the woman did not hit him. But she did it in front of Sandra and her son. I'm sorry, but if you're trying to impress someone — don't screw up. Of course, Sandra would have just pressed charges and sued the woman instead of running away with her to be her slave.

But at least go into court knowing that you did what you planned on. Don't go to jail forever knowing you're a failure ... that's what my Dad always taught me.

Lindsay's driver famous?: After running into the car of Tony Bennett's daughter, Lindsay Lohan's driver was heard saying "Don't you know who I am?" and I love it. I am so excited to hear that people remotely associated with celebrities think they're important.

The truth is, Lindsay probably just calls him "driver" and reads Cosmo in the back seat while he tells her about his kids and wife. Lindsay is on her iPod though so she can't hear him — but she sure does read about how to get the most out of your next date. So when he goes home, "driver" just pumps iron and thinks about all the famous people he's met by picking them up at a club.

He remembers the time he cleaned up Paris' puke in the backseat and thinks of how lucky he is. How important he is. And dammit — I'm not going to be the one to tell him he's wrong.

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Off the Rack

From mod to mom

By Krisja Lorenson

The Daily Barometer

Two Mom's Weekends ago, my mother sat with my roommates and me, knitting us washcloths and telling me I needed to quit my freewheeling ways and settle down with a nice, Scottish bagpiper (her ultimate dream). Meanwhile, other moms were out with their daughters at Corvallis bars wearing MILF shirts, pinching frat boys' rear ends and slurring, "Don't we look just like sisters?!"

I was positive I was switched at birth. Somewhere my true mother, a Jaid Barrymore type character (the woman who spawned Drew Barrymore and infamously took her

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Club promotions keeps student 'liquidated'

By Jenna Santelli

The Daily Barometer

Travis Jones, a liberal studies major, commutes to Portland to promote for "Liquid Productions." His job is to get at least 300 people on the guest list for different clubs downtown.

"Liquid Productions was founded by OSU Graduate, Tim Baggs. He and his two other partners, Amir Panahpour and Jamaal Brown, created drink products like their energy drink called "Liquid Charge."

"Many fraternities and sororities know about all our drink products," Jones said.

Jones started club promoting for Liquid Productions summer of 2006. He got his start at Greek Cuisine and Betty Ford Clubs downtown.

This past summer, he would go out on Thursday nights to Betty Ford after Portland Beaver baseball games and he brought 10 to 20 people with him and was asked by Amir if he would want to help promote the club.

"I wanted to be a promoter because I gain valuable networking experience and it helps me to make contacts," Jones said.

Jones is going to need contacts because he wants to have a career working in the music business.

"I want to be a music executive at a major record label," Jones said of his dream job.

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Junior Travis Jones poses in what can only be described as a "business" stance. Jones is currently lead promoter for "Liquid Productions," a company founded by an OSU grad.

GREEN FEE: OSU to change from coal

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some confusion in the student body."

Converting to 100 percent green energy sounds daunting, but Campus Sustainability Coordinator Brandon Trelstad, who served as the technical adviser on the green fee, said that it will not change the way OSU receives power. Trelstad was not involved in pushing the legislation.

"Our power structure will remain the same," Trelstad said. "What we'll be doing is buying offsets or renewable energy credits."

"And what those do is basically: we're buying green energy from somewhere else. And what that does is drive the demand up for green energy, so that investors are more likely to get into the green energy market."

Power for most of the Corvallis-Albany area is generated by PacifiCorp through a variety of different sources that include coal, hydro, wind and gas. The energy goes to a power grid that distributes it throughout the area and to OSU.

OSU is currently powered mostly by coal, with the green fee OSU will begin accepting bids from renewable energy provides which Trelstad and

Norris both said will most likely be wind power.

Norris said they do not yet have a date for when they will begin accepting bids.

"The easiest way think about energy in general is a pool," Trelstad said. "So if you have a pool you can have different streams going in and different streams coming out."

OSU will be shifting from using the coal "stream" to most likely the wind "stream."

However, coal will still be going into the "pool" and will still be used to provide power if there is a lack of wind.

"The more clean water [renewable energy] you put in, the cleaner it's going to be," he said.

Trelstad said that the 100 percent renewable energy does not mean that zero percent of OSU's energy will come from coal or other fossil fuels. It refers to the energy supply and demand. In other words paying the fee will guarantee that the amount of mega watt hours of energy consumed by OSU will be equal to the amount being produced through whichever renewable energy source OSU decides to use.

"So what will happen is wind will be going in at whatever rate it can at the time and that's offsetting a given amount of — in our case — coal," Trelstad.

OSU would receive 89,000,000 kilowatt hours

annually which would make rank it third on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of college and university consumers of green energy, behind New York University and the University of Pennsylvania.

However, since energy is distributed through a central grid it make be difficult to tangibly see any changes in consumption of fossil fuel.

Western Washington University — which is ranked ninth on the list — began purchasing energy in September 2005. Utility Manager Ron Bailey said that while there may not be marked change in consumption he said the value of the fee has been to create a greater awareness among students of environmental issues.

"Actual purchase of green power doesn't do anything but take more dollars away from the university," he said.

But he said since the passage of the fee many student groups have began engaging in other conservation efforts as well as efforts in the Bellingham community where Western Washington University is located.

"Since we started purchasing green power the thing that is the change in interest or change in perception of the impact energy consumption has on the environment."

Students at WWU pay \$10.50 per student per term for the fee.

At OSU members of student government and of the administration are attempting to lower the cost of the green fee for students.

A few weeks ago President Ed Ray expressed interest in having the administration foot the bill for half of the fee.

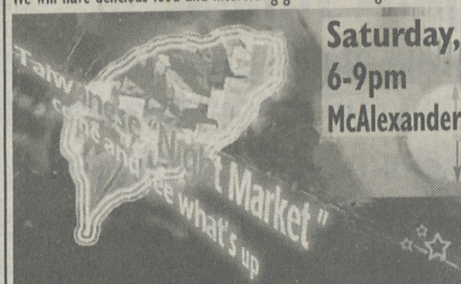
However at a meeting Wednesday morning Vice President of Finance Mark McCambridge informed ASOSU President Mike Olson and Norris that it did not fit into the university's budget and they wouldn't be able to help pay for it.

Norris said that they did discuss other ways to help ease the burden on students that included looking into payroll to create a place on faculty members paychecks where the can make a donation to the green fee. Another idea was as lobbying the legislature to increase the university's budget for buying green energy.

"The intent of the task is to decrease the fee over time," Norris said.

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DRILL: International students enjoy show from lawn chairs

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Oregon State Police, the Corvallis Police Department, the Benton County Sheriff's Office and the Philomath Police Department together in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy.

"In the light of what happened at Virginia Tech, we saw the opportunity to move this here," OSP Lt. Phil Zerzan said.

The training, an annual event, is usually scheduled to take place during the summer.

"Doing this on campus serves a lot of purposes," Zerzan said. The students watching the media presence put a lot of pressure on the officers, Zerzan said.

Twenty-two OSP Special Weapons and Tactics officers acted like students inside of the two empty co-op houses. The teams used Heckart and Reed Lodges as the scene for their scenarios. Thirty-five officers ran repeated drills; the scenario was different each time.

"It could be a hostage scenario, it could be an active shooter," Zerzan said.

One or two CPD squad cars would roll up in front of Reed Lodge — the scene of a "disturbance, possible shots fired." The officers would group and approach the lodge. As the officers worked to clear the structure, the SWAT officers who had been moved outside would yell and point to Heckart Lodge.

"Hey, there's a guy with a gun over here," yelled one SWAT officer.

Zerzan stressed that the officers must exhibit a flexible and timely response. The point of positioning the shooter in a different building than where the initial disturbance was reported, is to guarantee that the officers work to "reassess and redeploy," Zerzan said.

Five orange-vested safety officers monitored the scene. Two safety officers followed each team as they entered the buildings. The guns of the officers were disabled and only the "active shooter" inside Heckart Lodge was shooting blanks.

"It was really important to get the word out that this was happening," said Ellen Taylor, the director of Counseling and Psychological Services.

It was important, Taylor said, so that students weren't confused about what was going on Thursday. Students needed to know that the gun shots and police activity on campus were just a drill.

"I think we do the best we can," Taylor said. After e-mails to the entire campus, voicemails on all campus phones and signs posted in all residence halls, some students still did not know what the drill was as they walked past.

"I'm surprised that students don't know, either," said Josh Gana, assistant director of housing services.

During the drills, OSU Facilities Services, News and Communications Services, the Department of Public Safety and Public Safety Dispatch were participating in a 'Table-top' exercise.

Those groups were developing a timeline for what was going on on campus. Zerzan noted that OSP would be able to respond to Heckart lodge in under 4 minutes.

"I've been waiting for a week," said Daniel Wirtala, a junior in housing studies. Wirtala joined the line of media and students to watch the action unfolding in front of the co-ops.

A member of an Air-soft shooting club, Wirtala has run drills similar to those the police were engaging in — called CQC or Close Quarters Combat.

"We've run the gauntlet of different scenarios," Wirtala said.

While Wirtala paced the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street from the drills, three German exchange students unfolded lawn chairs to watch the action.

"Police have different strategies (in Germany)," said graduate student Hannes Hapke. Hapke has been in Corvallis since September. Something like the drill Thursday would "make people more afraid," Hapke said.

"We are sitting here in chairs like a theater show," said Sarah Beckers, a student in political science. Konstanze Kranich, an education and biology graduate student, Beckers and Hapke shared two lawn chairs while drinking coffee and watching the action.

"I don't think this is something they would do on a campus in Germany," Beckers said.

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College basketball 3-point line takes a step backwards

By Michael Marot
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INDIANAPOLIS — College basketball players might want to start polishing up their long-range shooting.

The men's basketball rules committee approved a measure Thursday that would move the 3-point line back one foot in 2008-09 — from 19 feet, 9 inches to 20 feet, 9 inches. If approved by the playing rules oversight committee on May 25, it would mark the first major alteration to the 3-point shot since its inception in 1986-87.

The move comes after more than a decade of debate about whether to move the line. The extended line has been used on an experimental basis in some early season tournaments and NCAA statistics have not shown a dramatic change in shooting percentages from the longer line. But the rules change had never previously passed the rules committee for regular-season and postseason games.

"I am a little surprised they have made the change, but I have no real problem with it," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "I am certainly glad they didn't move it back to the NBA distance and certainly glad the committee did not widen the lane along with moving the 3-point line."

"The rules committee looks very seriously at these issues, and they are hopeful that changes they make will indeed help the game. This particular change should create more space and give teams more movement on offense."

Chairman Larry Keating said the committee considered two proposals. The other would have moved the line to 20 feet, 6 inches, the same distance as international 3-pointers. Both are shorter than the NBA line, which is 23 feet, 9 inches at the top of the key and 22 feet at its shortest point in the base-

line corners.

"We made it a point to come up with a distance that was correct for us and that didn't necessarily mimic the international line," Keating said.

Women's rules committee chairwoman Ronda Seagraves said the 3-point line will remain unchanged in women's basketball, and Bruce Howard, spokesman for the National Federation of State High School Associations, said he's unaware of any discussion about moving it on the prep level. High schools also use the 19-foot, 9-inch distance.

The new men's rule would be adopted by all three college divisions, and Keating expects the measure to pass in three weeks.

"It (the committee) has passed what we've done for the most part unless there are financial or safety issues, so, yes, I think it will be approved," he said.

The reason for delaying the change until November 2008 is money.

Keating said it was unfair to charge schools a surprise expenditure when most of the budgets for next year have already been approved. Still, Keating has been anticipating change for two decades.

"I like to say the day that it passed was the day we began discussing moving it back," Keating said. "The basic percentages haven't changed. I think it's safe to say you might see some reversal on that (percentages) for men."

NCAA statistics show that 3-point percentages since 1992 have hovered between 34.1 and 35.6 percent each year. Stats from the experimental line showed shooting percentages between 34 and 35 percent.

Still, some coaches prefer no change.

"I come from the school of thought that if it's not broke, don't fix it," Indi-

ana coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Over time, everyone will adjust to the rule. I think the 3-point shooting percentages will stay the same, there just won't be as many kids shooting 3s. Coaches will have to be a little more judicious determining who can and can't make the shot."

Keating said the primary reason for making a change was to create more space between perimeter and post players. Ideally, that would help the rules committee continue on its mission to spread the floor and reduce physical play.

In another move, the committee approved a measure that would change the way players line up on free throws. Rebounders would have to move back one spot on the floor, following the same rules women's basketball teams currently use.

But the committee rejected adding the arch underneath the basket for charge-block calls, a line the NBA uses, in part because it believed there would be too many lines on the court.

It also passed measures that would allow officials to use replay monitors when trying to determine flagrant fouls and to assess who started a fight. Next year's points of emphasis will include the block-charge calls underneath the basket, enforcement of the coaches' box and palming.

The women's rules committee passed a measure requiring officials to use replay when a fight breaks out. Current rules allow officials to use replay monitors, but do not make it mandatory.

The points of emphasis in the women's game next year will focus on traveling, unsportsmanlike behavior and enforcement of the legal guarding position. The committee also rewrote its rules on technical fouls, which will now count toward individual and team fouls.

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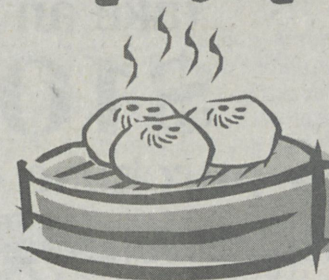


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both his home runs in Saturday's loss, smoked a ball over the centerfield wall and halfway up the batters eye over 400 feet away.

Barney has begun to swing the bat like he is capable of, raising his average to .302 and hitting his second home run of the season Sunday in Palo Alto. Infielder Jason Ogata is slowly working his way up the list for batting average on the roster while sneaking into the starting lineup at second base and designated hitter. He hit exceptionally well at the Sunken Diamond, going 3-for-4 with two runs batted in and a home run on Sunday.

"Ogata is a huge piece to our offense and people know how important it is when he is swinging the bat," Barney said. "I think the fact that our team as a whole is getting better and better has to

do with our confidence. Our offense is starting to work, getting our bunts down and executing."

The Beavers starting pitching looks to remain strong in Seattle as Stutes leads the way on Friday. Joe Patterson and Jorge Reyes will pitch Saturday and Sunday at Husky Ballpark after good performances at Stanford. The Beavers bullpen is hoping to comeback strong after a somewhat shaky performance against the Cardinal. Closer Eddie Kunz picked up his eighth save of the year Friday before blowing a save on Saturday. He bounced back the following afternoon and managed to notch save number nine in game three.

The Huskies and the Beavers are running out of time in the Pac-10 race and being tied for fourth in a tough conference will lead to a hard played series by both teams. UW is in the middle of a strong season and is only hampered by one thing; the absence of a dominating starting pitcher they had last season in Tim Lincecum.

"It is always nice because that guy was

so dirty," Barney said. "You were always nervous he was going to throw against you twice because he has a rubber arm. They are going to be a different team without him."

Matching up against Stutes on Friday will be sophomore Jason Erickson (2-1, 3.40 ERA), while a familiar face to Beaver fans from last season, Elliott Cribby, will take the hill Saturday. Cribby comes into the series with a 0-1 record and a 5.87 ERA on the year.

Offensively, the Huskies are led by first baseman Curt Rindal, who is hitting .340 with nine home runs and 41 RBI. Second baseman Bradley Boyer is also swinging a strong bat, hitting .338 with three home runs but is fresh off an ankle injury.

The Beavers and Huskies game at Safeco will be televised on Fox Sports Northwest at 7:30 p.m. after the Mariners game. They will continue at Husky Ballpark Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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SOFTBALL: Five seniors have been vital in team's success since they arrived in 2004

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Stanford, recording a loss and a scoreless tie in a game that stretched 12 innings.

"You never are playing at your potential," Longfellow said. "You always want to be better so I think we just need to keep focusing on getting those

little improvements to get better and better."

Longfellow, McGowan, McElroy, Johnson, and third baseman Sherina Galvan will all be playing their last home series at Oregon State this weekend. The five seniors have all made

a huge impact on the program, helping lead the team to its first Pac-10 Championship in 2005 and its first College World Series appearance last season.

The Beavers play at 3 p.m. against Arizona State today and will then face off against Arizona on Saturday and Sunday. Both games on the weekend are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

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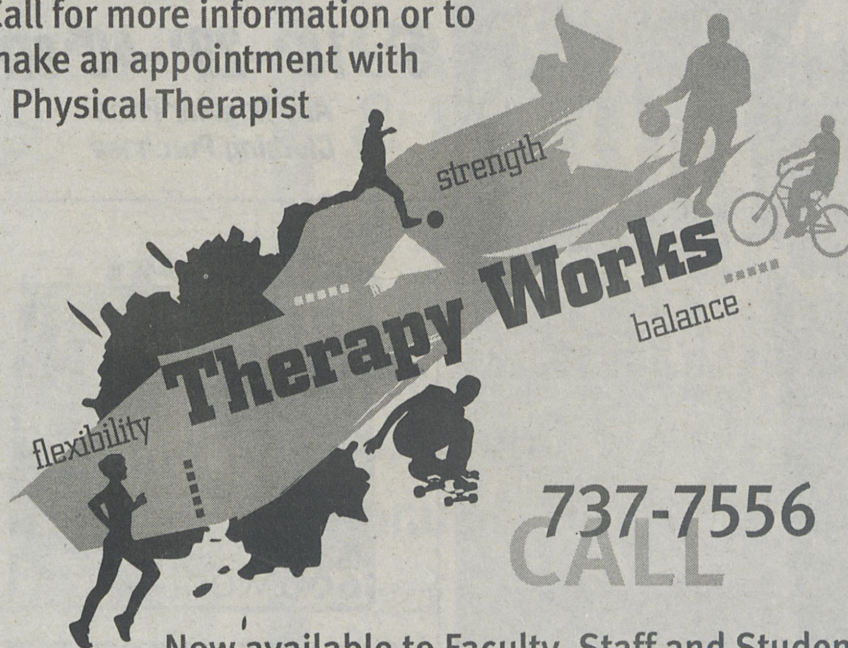
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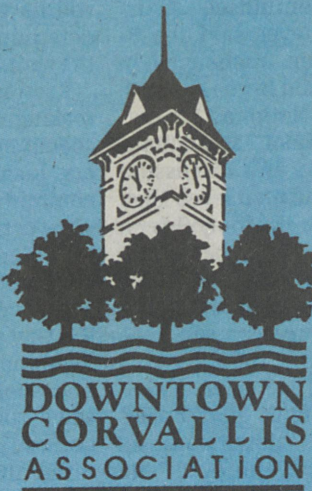
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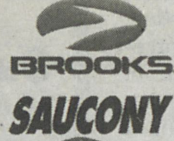
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Men's crew comes into weekend ranked No. 19

■ Beavers junior varsity 8+, novice 8+ will row against Washington this weekend before heading to Pac-10 championships on May 13th in Sacramento, Calif.

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Both the Oregon State men's and women's rowing teams are currently ranked nationally. According to USRowing Collegiate Poll, the men's crew is No. 19 and has been ranked as high as 18th while the OSU women's crew is now No. 20 according to the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/US Rowing poll and have been ranked as high as 17th this season.

Men's rowing is coming off a home regatta against No. 5 Stanford. The women also hosted Stanford's No. 18 ranked women crew along with Washington State.

So far in 2007 the men's crews have registered impressive wins over No. 20 ranked George Washington, Gonzaga and Purdue.

On the women's side of things the Beavers have notched wins over No. 18 Wisconsin, the University of Victoria, Washington State and Iowa.

This weekend the men's Junior Varsity 8+ and Novice 8+ boats travel to Seattle, Wash. to race at the Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta hosted by the University of Washington.

The women's crew is idle until next weekend's Pac-10 Championships at Lake Natoma near Sacramento, Calif., May 13.

Utah forces game seven on Rockets

By Doug Alden
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Instead of the second round, the Utah Jazz have Tracy McGrady and the Houston Rockets facing a Game 7.

Andrei Kirilenko had his best game of the series with 14 points and five blocks to lead the Jazz to a 94-82 victory Thursday night, forcing a deciding game back in Houston.

Mehmet Okur added 19 points, including four 3-pointers, as the Jazz finally started hitting from beyond the arc.

McGrady finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds for Houston. Yao Ming scored 25, but he also had eight turnovers — two more than his rebound total — as Okur and rookie Paul Millsap constantly pressured the 7-foot-6 center.

The home team has won every game in the series, which bodes well for the Rockets, who haven't played well in Utah this season or postseason. Game 7 is Saturday night.

Carlos Boozer added 22 points for Utah, and he and Okur both pulled down nine rebounds.

After falling behind by 11 late in the third quarter, Houston twice got within a point but never quite completed the comeback.

Kirilenko scored six points and blocked three shots in the fourth quarter. McGrady tried to drive on him once with the Rockets down three, but Kirilenko stayed on him and swatted the ball away.

"We had a game we had to win or we were going home," Kirilenko said. "That's hard to play with this kind of intensity on both ends of the court, but we had to win."

Kirilenko got a layup to roll over the front of the rim and in and added a 21-foot jumper during Utah's late run. Yao dunked to get the Rockets within 81-76, then the Jazz answered with a jumper by Williams, two free throws by Boozer and a 3-pointer from Okur, who went 4-for-7 from beyond the arc.

Okur was intense all night and it showed in the second quarter, when he took a hard foul from Juwan Howard. Okur got Howard in the air, then went up for a shot as Howard was coming down with a forearm.

Okur crashed hard to the floor and came up almost swinging. Instead he nudged Howard and got in his face before the two players were separated. Howard was called for a technical and was livid. He got right in referee Dick Bavetta's face and was yelling, but he was pulled away in time to avoid a second technical.

AWARD: Finalists will be named at CWS in Texas

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Association.

Canham is batting .369 with eight home runs and 50 runs batted in. Among the Pac-10 leaders through Sunday's games, Canham is tied for second in RBIs; is fifth in batting average, slugging percentage (.631) and on-base percentage (.492); and is tied for eighth in home runs.

Stutes has a 9-1 record with a 2.90 earned run average. Among the Pac-10 leaders through Sunday's games, Stutes is first in opponents' batting average (.198), tied for second in wins, fifth in strikeouts (77), tied for seventh in innings pitched (80 2/3) and eighth in ERA.

The Brooks Wallace Award is dedicated to the memory of Brooks Wallace, a shortstop at Texas Tech from 1977-80. After two years in the Texas Rangers' minor league system, he returned to Texas Tech as a graduate assistant and assistant coach. He was diagnosed with cancer in 1984 and died in 1985 at age 27.

The selection committee will narrow the list to 30 semifinalists in late May, then three finalists will be named during the College World Series in June. The 2007 award will be held July 3 in Lubbock, Tex., and will be televised by FSN.

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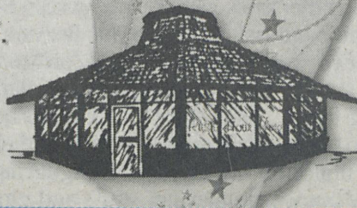
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Junior Darwin Barney and the No. 9 OSU baseball team will be playing its first game at a major league ballpark today since 1999 when they played Minnesota at the Metrodome.

"I'm a very lucky, I was going to say young man, but I'm a very lucky old man."

— Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino after receiving a 3-year extension that will keep him there through the year 2013.

No. 9 baseball gets major league feel in Seattle

■ Beavers will look to move ahead of Washington in conference standings with first game played at Safeco Field today

By Casey Grogan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Every season that the No. 9 Beavers head up to Seattle, it is a special series against Washington, and this year might be even more special.

The three-game Pac-10 series will begin today at the Seattle Mariners home, Safeco Field. Catcher Mitch Canham will dig into the same batters box Ichiro does, while pitcher Mike Stutes will toe the same bullpen rubber before the game that has been used to get Roger Clemens loose before a game. For the draft-eligible Beavers, this is a possible look at the future.

This will also be the first time that the Beavers have played on a grass Major League ball field. In 1999, OSU was swept by Minnesota at the Metrodome, while in 1993 UW took a series against Oregon State at the Kingdome.

"It's going to be fun and an experience not many people get," shortstop Darwin Barney said. "We are going there with business to take care of, trying to play our game and get a win."

The final two games of the series will be played at Husky Ballpark on the Washington campus. From game one to games two and three, the Beavers (34-9 overall, 6-6 Pac-10) and Huskies (21-20, 6-6) will be moving from grass and dirt to an all-turf infield and grass outfield, which is similar to the Beavers home, Coleman Field.

"The fact that we have turf now is going to take the difficulty away," Barney said. "Stanford plays very similar to how Safeco will. We have gotten used to going from turf to grass."

The Beavers are fresh off a Pac-10 series win over Stanford in which the bats that got hot against UNLV continued to blaze. Oregon State hit five home runs in two games against the Cardinal, two of which came off the bat of Jordan Lennerton. The first baseman, who hit

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Canham, Stutes up for Brooks Wallace Award

■ Juniors make list of nation's top college baseball players this year by College Baseball Foundation

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State catcher Mitch Canham and Beaver pitcher Mike Stutes are among 112 baseball players from across the country named as semifinalists for the Brooks Wallace Award, given annually to the nation's top collegiate player by the College Baseball Foundation. Canham (Lake Stevens, Wash./Lake Stevens HS), a junior, and Stutes (Lake Oswego, Ore./Lake Oswego HS/Santa Clara U.), a junior, were on the list announced Wednesday.

Canham is also among 50 semifinalists for the Golden Spikes Award, given the nation's top amateur player by USA Baseball, and among 50 players on the watch list for the Dick Howser Trophy, which is given to the nation's top player as selected by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers

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CORY REED / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sherina Galvan will be one of five seniors playing its final home series for the No. 15 Oregon State softball team. The third baseman has been a huge part of the Beavers success in the last four seasons, helping the team win a Pac-10 championship and make the College World Series.

No. 15 softball looks for redemption

■ On senior weekend, Oregon State looks to get back on winning track in Pac-10 play with three games against Arizona schools

By Sami Redmond
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the arrival of hundreds of moms come the Arizona Wildcats and Arizona State Sun Devils, who will make a short visit to the Oregon State Softball complex when they face the Beavers this weekend.

The No. 15 Oregon State softball team will play its final three home games on the season as the Beavers (36-18 Overall, 7-8 Pac-10) prepare to take on No. 9 Arizona State (45-13, 9-6) on Friday, followed by No. 5 Arizona (35-10-1, 11-3-1) on Saturday and Sunday.

In the first game of a three-game series earlier in the season, Oregon State came out swinging in Tucson against the Wildcats two weeks ago, but was defeated, 3-1.

"We'll stick with what we are doing," said senior shortstop Mia Longfellow, who will be playing her final home series in an OSU uniform. "We aren't getting a lot of wins right now but we are playing well. Offensively, we are putting balls in play and

making defenses work. We can do a better job of that and not get as many strikeouts."

Oregon State also faced Arizona State in the same series two weeks ago in Tempe. They won the first of two games with a 2-0 shutout victory over the Sun Devils. However, the Beavers failed to repeat in their second game in a heartbreaking 8-7 loss that stretched 11 innings.

"We're going to fire it up, come out strong and hopefully we are going to come back and win on Friday because I know we really want it," utility player Cambria Miranda said. "We should have won that game that went 11 innings."

Oregon State is looking for three happy endings in their series this weekend. The Beavers are coming off two wins and two losses in their last four games. Oregon State fared well last Friday against Washington in a 2-0 shutout, but lost the following two games, 6-3 and 5-3 against UCLA, respectively. The Beavers redeemed themselves in their last game on Monday in non-conference action against UC Santa Barbara in a 3-2 win.

OSU has been hitting well so far this season with senior outfielder Natalie Johnson posting a .331 batting average and Miranda with a .325 average, 41 RBI's and nine home runs. Senior pitcher Brianne McGowan has recorded a .294 batting average,

seven home runs, and has struckout 137 batters on the mound. Senior pitcher Ta'Tyana McElroy follows close behind McGowan with 94 strikeouts.

"We definitely know what the team is going to bring, so we just have to make adjustments and have a different approach going into the game," McElroy said.

Arizona State has some fire power behind their bats with Kaitlin Cochran batting a remarkable .513 with 51 RBI's and 15 home runs this season. Another heavy hitter for the Sun Devils is Bianca Cruz, who has a .306 average, 10 home runs and 63 runs batted in.

The Sun Devils are also strong in the pitcher's circle. Starter Katie Burkhart has posted 380 strikeouts this season, followed by Megan Elliot with 125. As a team, they are coming off a shutout win against Stanford before losing twice to Cal last weekend.

"We will work on not going at their batters the same way," McElroy said. "They definitely saw me a lot, so we have to just change up the pitching approach to their batters. We know what their pitchers are going to bring."

Arizona posted a huge win against Cal last weekend, shutting them out 6-0. The Wildcats then faced

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Publication ranks OSU football in top 25

THE DAILY BAROMETER

One of the nation's top college football publications has selected the Oregon State University football team No. 22 in its preseason rankings. Athlon Sports also predicts Oregon State to finish fourth in a strong Pac-10.

The Athlons Sports editorial staff has also selected junior offensive guard Jeremy Perry and senior place-kicker Alexis Serna as preseason second team All-Americans and first team All-Pac-10 Conference. Senior wide receiver/punt returner Sammie Stroughter, senior running back Yvenson Bernard, senior offensive guard Roy Schuening and senior linebacker Derrick Doggett also were selected first team all-conference.

Senior defensive lineman was named second team all-conference, while offensive lineman Andy Levitre was named third team all-conference.

Bernard is one of four players from the Pacific Northwest on Athlon's regional cover, which hits newsstands June 5.