



**Transition Accomplished**  
Distance Runner Lauren Denfeld made big change for big payoff

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## MUPC aids in suicide prevention

Program put on by MUPC provides solutions, support for suicide prevention

By Aleks Cherednichenko  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, and nearly 9 percent of surveyed Oregon State University students have seriously considered suicide in the past. Each day there are approximately 12 suicides among youths ages 15 to 24, according to the American Association of Suicidology.

Today is Suicide Awareness and Education Day, and the Memorial Union Program Council will be putting on programs to educate and inform the OSU community about suicide and suicide prevention. The day's programs will take place in the Memorial Union.

"The purpose of the day is to encourage people at OSU to pay attention to those who are showing

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## ONAMI professor shares innovation in chemistry

OSU professor Doug Keszler explains new technologies, products made in campus labs

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Creating new "green" materials for energy and process efficiency are the main goals of Doug Keszler's research at OSU.

Keszler, distinguished professor of chemistry and leader of the Oregon Nanoscience and Micro-technology Institute, gave a public lecture Tuesday in the MU Journey Room about his recent work.

The title of "distinguished professor"

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Construction on the Van Buren Bridge began in March. The painting/construction is addressing small structural repairs and rusting rivets. There are plans in the works to construct a new bridge for traffic leaving the city of Corvallis. The bridge is closed to traffic from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

## Van Buren Bridge painting causes closures

Oregon Department of Transportation orders construction on nearly century old bridge

By Jennifer Meyer  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Van Buren Bridge, a connection point between Corvallis and Highway 34, is getting a face lift. The third oldest bridge crossing the Willamette River was built in 1913 to replace the city's ferry transportation system.

The bridge is owned and maintained by the Oregon Department of Transportation and is currently under construction Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Hired contractors are sandblasting and painting inside the containment structures on the east side of the bridge.

The Van Buren Bridge renovations began in March of this year. The bridge is being stripped and repainted during this time to ensure its continued use. A large containment structure has been built surrounding the bridge to keep the old lead-base paint and other debris from polluting the river below.

During the bridge's evening closures, workers are in the process of moving the containment structure to the next phase of the bridge for further maintenance. "It's the only way to protect the river and repaint the bridge," said Joe Harwood, public information officer of ODOT, regarding the closure of the historic landmark.

Within the next three to four years, ODOT plans to build a new bridge for vehicles to cross the Willamette River out of Corvallis.

In the 1970s the bridge was judged to be 'functionally obsolete' and had been slated for replacement since that time according to the ODOT milestone project.

The bridge will eventually be renovated into a pedestrian and bicycle pathway.

Currently, structural repairs and any rusting rivets found by contractors will be revamped during current maintenance, but no major issues exist with the bridge as of now, Harwood said.

Traffic exiting Corvallis on Fridays tends to be heavier for travelers using the one-lane Van Buren Bridge to leave town. Michael Rondhuis, a sopho-

more in history, often uses the bridge route to get out of town. He believes the bridge is reliable, but because it has been around since 1913, it could use some reconstruction.

"Traffic gets congested by the bridge, but that is a combination of people getting out of Corvallis and maybe the construction," Rondhuis said.

Ben Beatty, a student in political science, usually leaves Corvallis two to three times a month and hasn't really been affected by the construction.

Students and members of the Corvallis community know alternative routes out of the city.

"There is more than one way out of Corvallis," Beatty said. "If the bridge is closed, you can just go down 15th street, cross Western, and take a left on Philomath."

Eastbound traffic will be temporarily detoured across the Willamette River using the Harrison Street Bridge during construction. Further information is available on the ODOT Web site.

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## On Campus Chords



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The Corvallis - OSU Symphony Orchestra performed "From Russia With Love" Tuesday Night in the LaSells Steward Center Auditorium. The concert featured pianists Nikita Fitenko, Katerina Zaitseva, and Alexander Tutunov.

## Oregon clouds lead to greater risk for cancer

Before going outside, even in clouds, students should take steps to prevent skin cancer

By Mickey Clark  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When the topic of weather in Oregon comes up some might be inclined to think of one word: rain. However, as the season changes and the sun comes out more often, so do Oregonians.

Those seeking some fun in the sun on the nice hot and sunny days may not be aware of the dangers of overexposure.

The state Public Health Division reported that in 2003, 1,472 Oregonians were diagnosed with Melanoma, which is 23 percent higher than the national average.

Melanoma is a potentially deadly skin form that occurs when melanocytes become cancerous. The American Academy of Dermatology said melanocytes are pigment-producing

cells that affect skin, hair and eye pigments.

The American Cancer Society said cancer of the skin is the most common.

"Melanoma accounts for about 3 percent of skin cancer cases, but it causes most skin cancer deaths," the American Cancer Society reported.

Dermatologists are unable to explain why the rates of melanoma tend to be higher in Oregon, but some rather unassuming factors may be at work.

Veronica Carter, a registered nurse at the cancer center in the Corvallis Samaritan Hospital, was unable to give a definite answer as to why rates in Oregon tend to be higher.

She speculated that one cause could be that Oregonians are not extremely diligent about wearing sunscreen on overcast days.

She said Oregonians tend to take part in more outdoor activities than do people in other parts of the country.

"They're into much more of the out-

door types of sports and activities," Carter said. "Even though it's cloudy or overcast a little bit, especially on the coast, people are out doing activities and they don't realize they're getting as much sun exposure."

Another cause can be the use of tanning beds, which also can be a source of skin damage, especially at early ages.

Near campus is the Bare Naked Tanning salon, located on Monroe Avenue for students who are looking for some artificial sun.

Katie McPherson, a freshman in psychology and a certified tanning employee, said it's hard to tell if skin cancer can be due to tanning salons.

"A tan is your skin burning, and the color changes in reaction to the burn," McPherson said.

When the skin is burned too much, it's not only painful but damaging too.

"There are healthy ways to tan that offer more protection for your skin,"

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Wednesday, May 23

**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.

**Speakers**  
**Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society**, 6pm, Ed. Hall 129. DHE, NFM and HDFS professional panel. Guest panelists from these fields will be available to answer student questions. Free pizza and beverages.

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

Thursday, May 24

**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**, 4pm, Women's Center. Ever wonder what a "ZINE" is? This is your chance to find out. Brief discussion on the history, purpose and impact Zines have had on various movements.  
**Halsell Hall**, 5pm, Southside courtyard at Halsell. Rock the Green! Free food, music, games and environmental fair. Come early, stay late, bring a friend.

Friday, May 25

**Events**  
**Black Student Union**, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. The Black Comedy Tour featuring Benji Brown and Ewonda White.  
**Women's Center**, 4-6pm, Women's Center. Hear from international women students about their experiences and cultures.

Sunday, May 27

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

Monday, May 28

**MEMORIAL DAY!**  
**Meetings**  
**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.

TOP STORY

## Agreement near on Iraq funding bill — without withdrawal timeline

By David Espo  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Flinching in the face of a veto threat, Democratic congressional leaders neared agreement with Bush administration Tuesday on legislation to pay for the Iraq war without a troop withdrawal timeline.

Several officials said the emerging \$120 billion compromise would include as much as \$8 billion for Democratic domestic priorities — originally resisted by the White House — such as disaster relief for Hurricane Katrina victims and farmers hurt by drought.

After a bruising veto struggle in which Bush vetoed one Democratic-drafted measure and threatened to reject another, congressional leaders in both political parties said they hoped the compromise would be cleared for President Bush's signature by Friday.

In power less than five months, Democrats coupled their war-related concession with a vow to challenge Bush's policies anew, and quickly.

"We're going to continue our battle, and that's what it is, to represent the American people like they want us to represent them, to change the course of the war in Iraq," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Lawmakers in both parties claimed victory in legislation that contained no binding

limitation on Bush's powers as commander in chief.

"I view this as the beginning of the end of the president's policy on Iraq in this war," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill. "It ends the blank check of more troops, more money, more time and more of the same. And it begins the notion that we have to have a new direction to Iraq that has accountability, standards that you can measure progress and not."

Emanuel, Reid and other Democrats pointed to a provision setting standards for the Iraqi government to meet in developing a more democratic society. U.S. reconstruction aid would be conditioned on progress toward meeting the goals, but Bush would have authority to order the money to be spent regardless of how the government in Baghdad performed.

And despite the Democratic claims of success, Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters she is unlikely to vote for the war money because it lacks "a goal or a timetable" for a troop withdrawal.

Republicans said that after weeks of struggle, they had forced Democrats to drop their demand for a troop withdrawal timetable.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House GOP leader, said: "Democrats have finally conceded defeat in their effort to include mandatory surrender

dates in a funding bill for the troops, so forward progress has been made for the first time in this four-month process."

But Republicans agreed to concessions, as well, in terms of billions of dollars in domestic spending that Democrats wrung from them and the administration. Republican leaders had hoped to persuade the White House to make a tougher stand against the Democratic demands, but it appeared that they were undercut by the desire of the GOP rank and file for money for farmers and others.

Final details of the measure remained in flux, although Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said at an early evening news conference, "we're very close to having things tied down."

In all, officials said the measure included about \$17 billion more than Bush initially requested. Of the \$17 billion, about \$9 billion would go for defense-related items and veterans' health care. The balance would be for other domestic programs.

The bill would also include the first increase in the federal minimum wage in more than a decade. Both the House and Senate have passed measures raising the current level of \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour in three separate 70-cent increases over 26 months.

Those measures included modest tax breaks, mainly aimed at helping businesses that hire low-skilled or handicapped workers.

Obey outlined an unusual procedure in which lawmakers in the House could cast two votes, one on the war-related provisions, and a second on all other items. That would allow liberal Democrats to oppose the war funds, confident that Republicans would supply the support needed for it to prevail. The opposite would be true for the domestic spending, which draws more support from Democrats than Republicans.

The bill would then go to the Senate, where senators would have to vote yes-or-no on the entire package.

The Iraq war has dominated the early months of the Congress that took office in January, as majority Democrats promised to pressure Bush to change course. While Republicans have largely backed Bush, they, too, have grown nervous over the prospect of supporting a war that is increasingly costly and unpopular with the public.

The collision led to a veto of legislation that contained a timeline for a troop withdrawal. The House failed to override the veto, and that led to negotiations involving the administration and key lawmakers in both houses.

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"They are just terrorists in suits. This doesn't exonerate him. There is no one in the leading, commanding circle of Hamas who has immunity."

Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh, speaking in regard to Hamas' top leaders, including Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, after a Palestinian rocket attack killed a woman in southern Israel.

"I'm frustrated."

Democratic Congressman Joe Baca, a member of the Blue Dog coalition, a group of conservative Democrats who favor a new bill that will give troops in combat the resources they need to fight the war in Iraq.

"I found myself in a pickup truck with other people. Some of them were bleeding and yelling."

Fadhil Hussein, who sells spices in a Baghdad market where a car bomb killed 25 people and injured 60 others.

BREAKDOWN

WASHINGTON — President Bush, trying to defend his war strategy, declassified intelligence Tuesday asserting that Osama bin Laden ordered a top lieutenant in early 2005 to form a terrorist cell that would conduct attacks outside Iraq — and that the United States should be the top target. The information mirrored a classified bulletin from the Homeland Security Department in March 2005, reporting that bin Laden had enlisted Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, his senior operative in Iraq, to plan potential strikes in the U.S. The warning was described at the time as credible but not specific and did not prompt the administration to raise its national terror alert level.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Israel threatens Hamas political leaders a day after woman dies

JERUSALEM — Israel's deputy defense minister threatened Tuesday to target Hamas political leaders, calling them "terrorists in suits" after a rocket attack by the Islamic militant group killed an Israeli woman. The harsh words were backed up by action. Israel airstrikes Tuesday and early Wednesday targeted four suspected arms caches and three other Hamas sites across Gaza, and an Israeli helicopter strafed a rocket launch site with machine-gun fire. Palestinian officials said 16 people were wounded.



Birth-control pill that eliminates women's periods wins approval

WASHINGTON — The first birth-control pill meant to put a stop to women's monthly periods indefinitely won federal approval Tuesday. Called Lybrel, it's the first such pill to receive Food and Drug Administration approval for continuous use. When taken daily, the pill can halt women's menstrual periods indefinitely and prevent pregnancies. Lybrel is the latest approved oral contraceptive to depart from the 21-days-on, seven-days-off regimen

that had been standard since birth-control pill sales began in the 1960s. The pill, manufactured by Weyth, is the first designed to put off periods altogether when taken without break.

The pill isn't for everyone, an FDA official said. About half the women enrolled in studies of Lybrel dropped out, said Dr. Daniel Shames, a deputy director in the FDA's drugs office. Many did so because of the irregular and unscheduled bleeding and spotting that can replace scheduled menstruation.

"If you think you don't want to go down this road, this is not for you," Shames told reporters.

-The Associated Press

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 Women's Center

ALL WEEK: MONDAY MAY 21 - FRIDAY MAY 25

Queer Pride Celebration Info Tent & Prize Depot 10-4PM | MU Quad  
 Be An Ally Campaign 10-4PM | MU Quad  
 Out in the Underground 10-5PM | Art Underground, Fairbanks Hall

TUESDAY MAY 22

Lunchbox Series: Queer Women's Health 12-1PM | MU Quad  
 Hierarchy of Oppression 2-3:30PM | MU 205  
 Coming Out Faithful 2-3:30PM | MU 205  
 Guess the Het! 3:30-5PM | MU Lounge  
 Trans 201 4-5:30PM | MU 205  
 Queer Hold'em 5-9PM | East Conference Room, West Dining Center

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

Scavenger Hunt: Gender Inclusive Restrooms 11AM-3PM | MU Quad  
 Erotic Cake Bake 12-2PM | MU Quad  
 Lube Olympics & Drag Racing 12-2PM | MU Quad  
 Fun in the Sun for Kids 3-5PM | MU Quad  
 What's a ZINE? 4-6PM | Women's Center  
 Slumber Party and B Movies! 8PM | Pride Center

THURSDAY MAY 24

Lunchbox Series: Real ID Act 12-1PM | MU 205  
 We're Talking Sex: More Than Just the Act 1-2PM | MU 205  
 Special Studies 199: Sex Toys 2-4PM | MU 205  
 Honoring Ceremony 5-7PM | MU Main Lounge  
 Queer Vox 9-11PM | Iovino's Ristorante

FRIDAY MAY 25

Lunchbox Series: Equality Ride 12-1PM | MU 205  
 Drag Show 8-10PM | MU Ballroom  
 GenderFunk: Post-Drag Show Dance 10PM-2AM | MU Escape

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## SUICIDE: Prevention day focuses on warning signs, ways to intervene, campus resources

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warning signs and help them get proper treatment," said Jaime Colbert, MU president. Representatives from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will participate in the event to teach those attending about preventative measures to suicide. Ross Artwohl, a licensed clinical worker for CAPS, will be one of the speakers at today's event. "We'll be putting on workshops for those who may be intervening in a suicide attempt," he said.

There are two main resources on campus for anyone affected by or contemplating suicide. CAPS and the Student Health Services employ trained professionals who are able to assess an individual's risk of suicide, or to help someone identify warning signs of suicide. Artwohl plans on using the day as a teaching tool. "We have three goals for the event," he said. "We want people to become familiar with warning signs and know the right way to intervene. Many

people may not know how to talk to a person who is considering suicide in a productive manner. I will also discuss resources students can use on campus." Major depressive episodes are the leading cause of suicide for college students. "It's such a painful experience, and very hard to understand if you haven't gone through something like that," Artwohl said. "Sometimes suicide can seem like the only solution." Problems with sleeping and eating, lack of motivation and loss of pleasure in things one once enjoyed are all red flags for suicidal behavior. Nearly

two-thirds of people who have completed a suicide attempt suffered from major depression episodes. In 2006, the American College Health Association performed a survey at OSU in which 887 students participated. Out of those who participated, 37 percent reported difficulty functioning due to depression within the past year, and 1.4 percent reported having attempted suicide. Today's event seeks to prevent such statistics. Suicide Awareness and Education Day runs from noon to 4 p.m. at the MU and is free to the public.

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## Cold War rivalry resuscitated between Britain and Russia

By Paisley Dodds  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Britain's move to extradite a former KGB bodyguard to face murder charges in the poisoning death of an ex-Soviet spy is stirring fresh hostilities between the Cold War rivals already at odds over energy disputes, spying allegations and diplomatic shenanigans. Andrei Lugovoi is facing murder charges in the death of Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB agent turned Kremlin critic whose tea was allegedly

poisoned with a radioactive substance at a London hotel where he met with Lugovoi. Prime Minister Tony Blair's office urged Tuesday that international law be respected, but Russia said a law prohibiting the extradition of its nationals trumped any international agreement. "Murder is murder; this is a very serious case," Blair's spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government policy. "The manner of the murder was also very serious because of

the risks to public health." Radioactive traces were found at a dozen sites across London after Litvinenko's death on Nov. 23, including three hotels, a soccer stadium, two planes and an office building used by self-exiled Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky. More than 1,000 people in Britain and abroad were tested for polonium-210 contamination. On his deathbed, the 43-year-old Litvinenko accused President Vladimir Putin of being behind his killing.

## KESZLER: Professor's speech explains new developments in green materials, light bulbs

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is earned by making a significant advancement in research and scholarship in one's field. "Most available materials for highly efficient solar cells are very expensive, very rare or toxic," Keszler said. Keszler's lab is trying to find plentiful, inexpensive materials that are just as efficient as currently available sources. Keszler also uses "green" materials and processes, which are nontoxic and do not harm the environment. He said general lighting uses about 25 percent of power in the United States. Fluorescent

light bulbs are about three times as efficient as more commonly used incandescent lights. In fluorescent lights, mercury is "excited" and sends photons to the material that lines the bulb. Then it sends a combination of green, red and blue light to the viewer's eye. Keszler's lab has discovered more efficient and less toxic materials for fluorescent light bulbs. The lab also developed a process for layering inorganic compounds — in layers only nanometers thick. One such application is

the use of layered materials in printed electronics. The lab has made ink that serves as a component in electronics. The layering of materials in nanoscale could result in complex electronic equipment, a major advancement in the field of nanotechnology. Paul Newhouse, a chemistry student, said Keszler's lecture was very good. He added that Keszler always does a good job speaking with a general audience. "Keszler always explains the applications of his work, which is very helpful in understanding the nature of his work," said Pete Hersh, student in chemistry.

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## MELANOMA: McPherson: sun-tan lotion is one healthy way to protect skin from burn

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McPherson said. She suggested using lotion to keep the skin moisturized, as well as fake tanners and high-pressure tanning beds as alternatives. High pressure beds expose the user to UV-A rays instead of UV-B, which involves a slower tanning process but is less harmful to the skin.

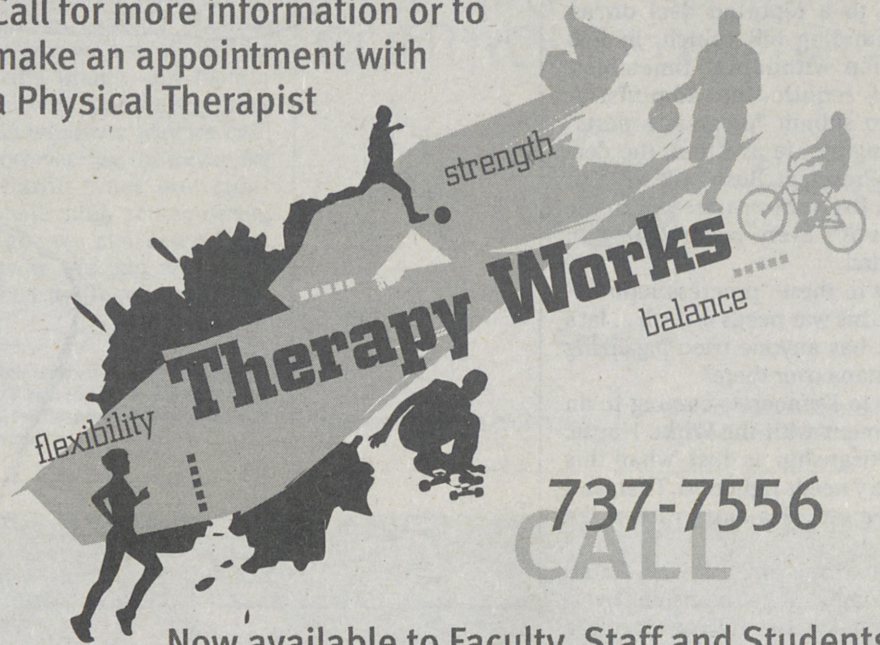
Students think perhaps the cause of more cases is ignorance of using proper protection. "Weather patterns in Oregon tend to change from rainy to sunny day to day," said Justin Madison, a senior in history. "[On sunny days] people get excited and want to go out and enjoy it. They probably just forget [to wear sunscreen]."

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 8,110 deaths due to melanoma this year. Those who may be interested in or concerned about melanoma will be able to have their skin screened on June 22 at the Relay for Life in Albany. Two dermatologists and a dermatologist's physician assistant will be present and conducting screens.

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Editorial

## Yeas & Nays

**Y**ea to Queer Pride Week and the "Live Homosexual Acts" tent in the quad. What was really going on inside that tent? Scrabble. Those fabulous bastards!

**Nay** to forecasts predicting a strong hurricane season. CNN's Anderson Cooper has already stockpiled a three-month supply of disposable combs and tear-resistant, reporter-strength makeup.

**Yea** to a reported deal on an Iraq funding bill, which, in lieu of troop withdrawal timetables, would require the administration to submit "progress reports" to Congress. In addition, the deal says, President Bush will have to take a five-minute time-out in the corner for every car bombing in Baghdad.

**Nay** to these "progress reports." What this war needs is ... uh ... let's see ... has anyone tried legalizing marijuana over there?

**Yea** to Democrats coming to an agreement with the White House. Bipartisanship is just what this country needs right now. That, and the remote. Has anyone seen the remote?

**Nay** to researchers who found that Viagra helps hamsters overcome jet lag. In a related story, the drug also increases the amount of hot, unabashed hamster sex in airplane restrooms.

**Yea** to this great leap forward in hamster science. Next, we should send hamsters to space, feed them some Viagra, and see if they find life on Mars.

**Nay** to Mars, where, according to Space.com, scientists have found more evidence of water. Boring! Let us know if they find gas for less than \$3 a gallon.

**Yea** to all of this exciting space news. First there was that new Earth-like planet, now this new Mars-water discovery. Oh, right, and we're pretty sure Venus is up to something requiring that we bomb it. Bomb Venus for freedom!

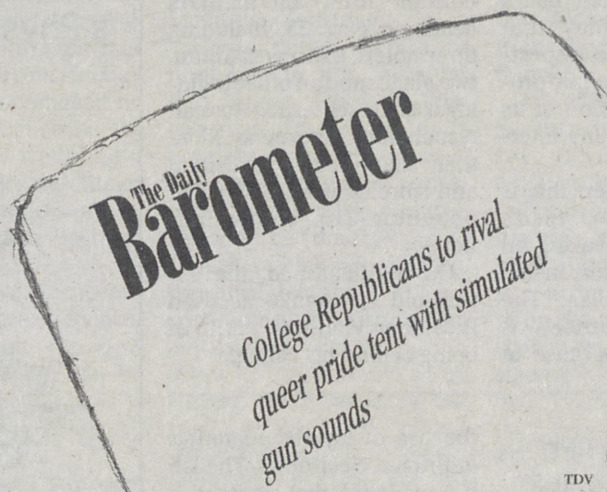
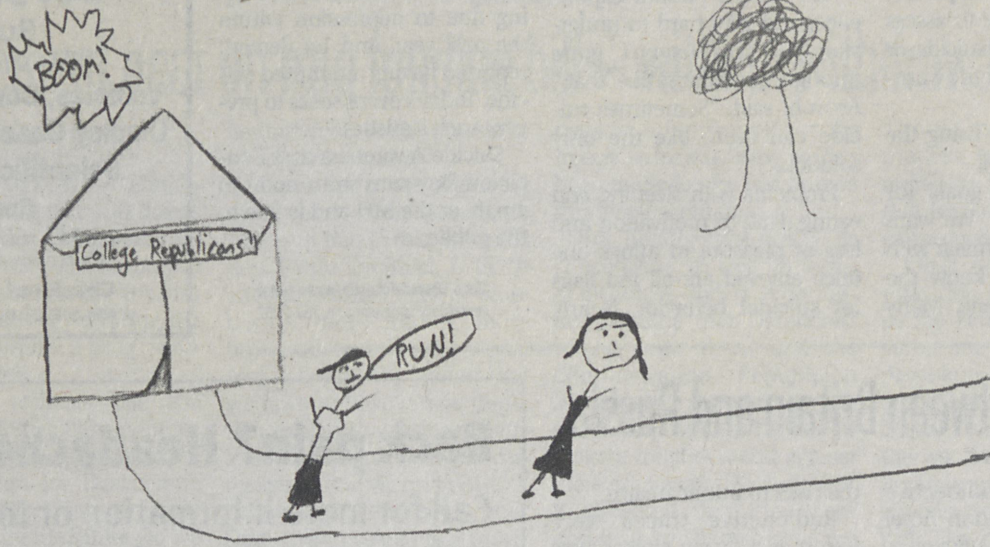
**Nay** to the Oregon Senate, which on Tuesday passed a bill which would ban smoking in the state's bars, taverns and bingo halls. We're fine with bars. We're even fine with taverns. But when you f--- with our bingo — you've gone too far.

**Yea** to the proposed smoking ban. Now just lift the ban on drinking in public and we've got a real good thing going.

**Nay** to this being Week Eight. It's going to be a little hard to catch up and finish the term for those of us who just woke up from Cinco de Mayo.

**Yea** to scientists who revealed this week that Abraham Lincoln had smallpox when he made his Gettysburg Address. In an equally important story, it was revealed this week that Rutherford B. Hayes, while making a speech about the economy in Pittsburgh, was on Day Two of a week-long acid trip.

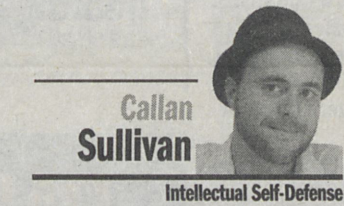
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## Bush administration v. science

**O**n May 2, the New York Times reported that Julie MacDonald, a deputy assistant secretary at the Interior Department, had resigned in the wake of a report in which the department's inspector general concluded she had engaged in political censorship of scientific information. MacDonald, who oversaw the Fish and Wildlife Service, had "heavily edited biologists' reports on sage grouse," evidently to prevent the species from being listed as threatened or endangered, which might interfere with the access of oil and gas industries to federal land in the Rocky Mountain West. MacDonald had also "demanded that scientists reduce the nesting range" for the Southwest willow flycatcher, "so it would not cross into California, where her husband has a ranch." Moreover, MacDonald violated the department's rules by giving internal department documents to industry representatives and lawyers from the industry-backed Pacific Legal Foundation, which frequently sues the Interior Department to prevent implementation of endangered species protections.

Of course, there's nothing new about political suppression of science; in 1633, Pope Urban VIII put Galileo under permanent house arrest for having written a book in which one character claims that our solar system's planets revolve around the sun. Under Stalin, Soviet doctrine resulted in bans on the study of genetics. In the U.S., some other recent presidential administrations faced well-documented charges of scientific censorship



Callan Sullivan

Intellectual Self-Defense

— most prominently the Reagan administration, which forbade its surgeon general, Everett Koop, from speaking publicly about AIDS during Reagan's first term. "I have never understood why these peculiar restrictions were put on me," Koop wrote in his memoirs. During Reagan's first term, Congress uncovered a "hit list" wherein the administration rated scientists by their political views in order to stack the membership of government scientific advisory panels and bring the panels' recommendations in line with conservative political agendas. The list, writes author Chris Mooney, "labeled [those whom the administration considered] objectionable scientists with epithets such as 'a Nader on toxics' and 'bleeding-heart liberal'" prompting then-EPA head Anne Gorsuch's resignation when the list became public.

However, despite previous administrations' misdeeds, scientists' charges of political censorship have reached unprecedented levels (for the modern era) during George W. Bush's administration. In 2004, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), a nonprofit advocacy group of scientists and citizens, released a statement accusing Bush's administration of widespread scientific censorship (signed by 62 "leading sci-

entists and 20 Nobel laureates," and since expanded to "10,000 scientists and 52 Nobel Laureates") and a report documenting numerous examples. One instance involved a leaked 2001 EPA memo regarding the White House's demands for changes to the EPA's draft Report on the Environment. Requested changes included removal of references to a National Academy of Sciences review (requested by the administration) that had supported the claim that "human activity is contributing to climate change," along with deletion of temperature records in order to emphasize (according to the memo) "a limited analysis [which] supports the administration's favored message," and the addition of numerous qualifying words like "potentially" and "may" — which, said the memo, amounted to the frequent insertion of "uncertainty" on climate-related matters in places "where there is essentially none." (The EPA eventually scrapped the report's "climate change" section altogether.)

Bush's administration also terminated a 2002 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) project that identified comprehensive (i.e., non-abstinence-only) sex education as being effective, and removed the project's information from CDC's Web site, including research showing that "education about condoms does not increase sexual activity" and information about proper condom use. A 2001 National Institutes of Health review cited by Mooney showed that condoms have a break-

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## Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins



## Community and family

**W**hat does community mean to you? Is it a safe haven from pain? Is it a place to go when your heart needs a lift? Is it like the song from Cheers, "Where everybody knows your name?"

For me it is many things. It is summertime, when my family gathers from all over the country to support other family members who are taking part in our annual Cheyenne new year, the Sun Dance. It is the students from the Longhouse. It is my family by blood, my family by heart. It is also the people I know and love who are from various races and religions, who I am fortunate enough to have in my life, who live all over the globe.

When a Native person is struggling financially, sometimes our community will do something as simple as having a 'pounding.' No, this does not mean that we offer a mass beating to our community member; it means we bring a 'pound of this and a pound of that' to our neighbor who may not have food. A pound of sugar, a pound of flour, corn, fruit, bread, cereal — whatever we have that we can share, we do.

This is a powerful community here at Oregon State. We have a multitude of groups here, all seeking awareness and understanding for their individual causes and all working to make a difference in our community and in our world.

This week I have really struggled to write this column, as I, like you, have my own challenges with classes and with life. The real challenge is not to write about genocide, as my heart burns to refute the minimizing of this tragedy, this real horror that is occurring around the world as we speak. The minimization and co-opting of this term for a movement that is political in nature and horrific in delivery, the anti-abortion movement as presented on campus by a group that does not deserve naming in my column.

This is the fourth column I have started this week, and all of them have come back to this. Therefore I must respect the feelings within me, those who guide me and strengthen me and encourage me to look beyond my meager boundaries, and I must reach out in whatever way I can to attempt to strengthen others as well as myself.

What is genocide, really? According to my handy-dandy dictionary, 'genocide' is the "murder of entire ethnic group; the systematic killing of all the people from a national, ethnic or religious group, or an attempt to do this."

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## SULLIVAN: HIV/AIDS advisor to Bush said condoms ineffective

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age and slippage rate of only 2-4 percent, "and have been positively proven effective in the prevention of HIV, gonorrhea and unwanted pregnancy ... the study also noted that condoms have been shown to block 'particles of similar size to those of the smallest STD viruses,' suggesting that ... proper condom use should protect against [other STDs] as well."

But after this review, Mooney writes, Tom Coburn — "a conservative physician" and then-co-chair of Bush's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS — claimed in a press release that "condoms do not prevent most STDs," ludicrously declaring that the NIH review unmasked "the 'safe' sex myth for the lie that it is." As the Atlanta Journal Constitution noted that year, "The message that condoms work has been proved to save lives; likewise, any false message to the contrary has real potential to kill people. Those who would spread and defend that false message become conspirators in unnecessary deaths."

More example from UCS: The administration posted inaccurate information suggesting abortion-breast cancer links on the National Cancer Institute's Web site (replacing, and later replaced by, accurate information suggesting no such link). Former USDA microbiologist James Zahn testified that his superiors had prohibited him "from publicizing research on ... potential health hazards posed by airborne [antibiotic-resistant] bacteria" near hog farms. Administration members also asked some potential advisory committee appointees — including University of New Mexico psychologist William Miller — questions about their political stances and whether they'd voted for Bush. Engineer William Howard was told he'd been rejected as a candidate for the Army Science Board because of contributions made to John McCain's presidential campaign — which were actually made by someone else with a similar name.

While UCS is a liberal-leaning group, this fact alone hardly offers reason for ignoring the charges of Nobel laureates, and moderate Republicans like Russel Train — EPA head under Nixon and Ford — also supported the UCS report.

More recently, NASA climatologist James Hansen claimed that government officials had warned him of "dire consequences" if his statements regarding global warming continued, and this March, environmental groups denounced the administration's demand that traveling government scientists refrain from publicly discussing global warming, sea ice and polar bears.

Ultimately, the administration's suppression of scientific information could do more than supply social conservatives and industry with erroneous ammunition. As Mooney notes, if partisans continue manipulating science for ideological purposes — to the point where most people simply choose their "science" based on their pre-existing political views — then "the scientific endeavor itself could lose legitimacy" in the eyes of the public.

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## ROMAN NOSE: Does genocide sink in, or roll off our shoulders?

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'Genocide,' a word formed in 1944 by Raphael Lemkin, a Polish-Jewish scholar seeking to find a word to describe the horror of the Holocaust. Today, it continues just as it once did in our own country against the indigenous people throughout the American continent.

My question is, have the continued genocidal acts throughout the world over the past 100 years, and especially in the past 20 years, served to numb us against them? When we hear of a genocidal act in Rwanda, Sudan, Darfur, Bosnia, Iraq, do we just listen and think, "Oh, how sad," and then go about our privileged lives?

Native people of the American continent are very familiar with this term, as it has been used against us since 1492, since before it had an official name of its own.

A week ago there was a group in the quad that spoke out against genocide, against the very real genocide happening today in Darfur. Please support STAND (Students Taking Action Now for Darfur). Maybe you don't have any money to 'pound' your fellow starving students, but you do have time to write letters, to make phone calls, perhaps to join STAND or volunteer.

I realize that you, like me, are weary of genocide, isn't it time we did something about our weariness? Isn't it time we 'pounded' our fellow humans in Darfur with love and caring rather than indifference and the continued threat of death they are currently trying to overcome? Can we realize, finally, that we are all human beings, all in need of love, food, shelter, a caring community, a safe home, a safe haven to run to when we need a shoulder

to cry on, a helping hand, a prayer from a friend to strengthen our hearts and minds?

At what point do we, as a community, get involved in saving another community? How can we do that? What can we do? I recommend contacting STAND. Write to your elected official. I don't care if you are Republican, Democrat, Independent or don't vote at all — I just care if you take time to make a difference.

I know, just as you do, how limited your time is. Good news: it isn't as limited for you as it is for a resident of Darfur. I encourage you — nay, I implore you to take a few minutes to write a letter, to take a stand against genocide, against the further loss of human life in Darfur, against the loss of our brothers and sisters who live on the wondrously diverse continent of Africa and struggle just as you do to get through each and every day — only many of them struggle just to live, just to protect their children and families for one more day.

Let's give them that day. Let's 'pound' them with caring, with love, with the brotherhood that we share as fellow human beings who have evolved beyond calling one another 'savages,' who have grown beyond ethnocentrism, having reached the understanding that we are all on this wonderful, life-giving planet and have a responsibility to protect it and everything that lives upon it in whatever way we can. However small, however big, however we can. Let's show Darfur what one community can do — one vital, active, caring community. Together we can extend our community to Darfur. We can reach out to families who need us. Together we can make a difference.

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## DENFELD: Credits teammates, coaching staff for strong improvement

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accomplished something that only one other person at OSU has done since the women's track program was reinstated in 2004. Denfeld has qualified for the NCAA West Regionals that will take place this weekend at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Denfeld will compete in the 3000-meter steeplechase after she automatically qualified at the Stanford invitational in March with a time of 10 minutes and 46.24 seconds. That time placed her in first place on Oregon State's all-time top 10 list in the event. Not bad for someone who wasn't a long distance runner until she entered college.

For Denfeld, this weekend is going to be another golden opportunity to get better and gain vital experience in what is some of the best competition in the country.

"I want to be aggressive and try to see if I can improve on my own personal best — that is my goal this weekend" Denfeld said. "Every race is a great opportunity to learn."

She credits much of her success to her teammates. "My teammates are great," Denfeld said. "They are all really supportive and I could not have done this without them. Next year, I will be bringing a lot of my teammates with me."

Sullivan has also been a big reason for Denfeld's success.

"I think everyone on the team would say he is the biggest reason that any of us have had any success this year," Denfeld said. "He's been great."

Sullivan was quick to compliment Denfeld as well. "In the three years she has been here, I have never had one moment of an issue with her," Sullivan said. "I am really proud of her. The thing I love about her is that she finds a way to beat people that are faster than her."

The transformation is complete. Denfeld has proven that she does, indeed, belong with the best of the Pac-10. Few would ever attempt the transformation into a long distance runner. Even fewer could ever accomplish what Denfeld has in such a short amount of time.

She is a shining example to everyone that anything is possible, no matter how difficult the obstacle may seem.

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## LILJA: Displays passion, emotion while commentating on Oregon State athletics

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ous bowl games in football, the NIT in men's basketball and won a national championship in baseball. Just something to think about.

Parker is finishing up his eighth year calling games for the Beavers and has managed to win the Oregon Sportscaster of the Year award four times. Parker has won in '99, '02 and back-to-back years in '05 and '06.

Much like former Beaver basketball player Judie Lomax shooting free throws, regardless of how unorthodox his delivery might be, it hits. It seems as if the lack of perfect professional objectivity has won Parker more than just the admiration of the Oregon Sportscaster of the Year award-givers.

But it has also won over the fans. He is loved by everyone in Beaver Nation, has his own fans and even has a fan club on Facebook — now that's legit. Can the U of O play-by-play announcer say that? And regardless of what he thinks, people love his passion and excitement.

"I go a little too crazy, I think, when I listen back sometimes," Parker said. "I think, 'Man, there's a guy that's going absolutely nuts.'"

But that's what fans love. "I like Mike Parker because he speaks with as much passion about the team that I have as a fan," said Brandon Williams, a junior in exercise sport science. "I like to listen to someone who cares just as much as me."

He isn't just sitting in a booth telling fans what is occurring in front of him. He is relaying the information with emotion and passion to

the point that it is nearly piquant. The refusal to be unaffected when a player strikes out on a bad pitch to end the game or when the football team takes a lead on a two-point conversion to win is what sets Parker apart.

"It's difficult to maintain any focus or professional objectivity in moments like that," Parker said. "I throw it all out the window and go nuts. Now it may not be the best thing as a professional, but it's a lot of fun to cut loose like that."

Sure, the professionally objective thing for him to do would be to sit back, collect himself, then say that the breaking ball pitch fell off the outside half and was a questionable call, or that the converted two-point attempt gives the Beavers the lead.

But that's not Mike Parker. "When Van Orsow knocked down the pass against USC ... at that moment I was on top of the press box in Reser, up on the table in front of me, high-fiving Jim Wilson," Parker said.

Some people in the Pac-10 media might not agree with his philosophy. Some might think he is unethical, not objective enough or just plain crazy. Others, like Beaver fans all over, know that professional objectivity isn't significant because it's just the fan in Parker coming out.

"Those games have just been awesome to be apart of," Parker said. "I still get chills thinking about them."

And to them, that's a good thing.

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## BASEBALL: Paterson threw eight plus innings on birthday

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started the series off for OSU with a solo homer over the right field bleachers, landing just to the side of the red wall on the ROTC obstacle course. The shot scored one of OSU's three runs in the 4-3 loss.

"I can't really control [the offense], and their guy went out and really did his job," Stutes said.

On Saturday, the Sun Devils starting pitcher Josh Satow threw eight innings of one-hit baseball and went 1-2-3 in half of those innings. He was relieved in the ninth to complete ASU's shutout of the Beavers.

"All I really try to do is get them to ground out and fly out," Satow said. "Luckily, I had all three pitches working for me. I just tried to stick to my game plan and didn't try to do too much."

OSU starter Joe Paterson threw what looked like his best performance of the year on Saturday. On his 21st birthday, Paterson retired the first 10 Sun Devil batters he faced. In the fifth, Paterson surrendered a leadoff double before Jared Bogany golfed a low pitch over the left field wall to give ASU a 2-0 lead. In the ninth, Paterson gave up his second home run of the game to Eric Sogard. He was removed a batter later to a standing ovation from Beaver Nation.

"Joe pitched outstanding," coach Pat

Casey said. "He threw great, probably his best outing of the year."

On Sunday, absolutely nothing went right for Oregon State in an 8-1 loss. After securing their first lead of the series, the Beavers went on to allow three runs before everything went wrong in the fifth. ASU's first batter reached on an error before scoring on a big home run by Brett Wallace. Sogard moved around the bases on two separate errors, scoring the third of five runs in the inning for the Sun Devils. ASU starter Brian Flores finished the game with a complete game one-hitter having retired the final 14 batters in a row.

"[ASU's pitchers] have been real good this week," Casey said. "They've been outstanding, awfully good."

The Beavers will head to UCLA this weekend with their playoff lives at stake. Baseball America released a projected tournament field this week that did not include Oregon State. It will be tough to keep the Beavers from the tournament as Arizona State coach Pat Murphy — who is on the selection committee — told CSTV's Eric Sorensen.

"If you think about what Mitch Canham and Darwin Barney have done for the sport of college baseball, being defending national champions and everything, it'd be a crime if they didn't get in," Murphy said.

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## WOMEN'S CREW: Team recognized academically

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ing Towne as scholar-athletes are senior Erica O'Connell (Alease, Ore./Alease HS), juniors Rebecca Franceschi (Portland, Ore./Central Catholic HS), Claire Hanway (Beaverton, Ore./Jesuit HS) and Jane Ivey (Nelson, New Zealand/Nelson College for Girls) and sophomore Melissa Penwell (Eugene, Ore./Churchill HS).

The award recognizes student-athletes with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher that competed in at least 75 percent of her team's 2006 spring races. Also, the student-athletes selected must be upperclassmen (2nd, 3rd, or 4th year) in terms of eligibility.

The CRCA also honored Vita Scaglione with the West Region's Assistant Coach of the Year award. Scaglione's award recognizes the coach that fits the following criteria: leads their team to outstanding success during the season, demonstrates great team improvement from the prior season, pushes the team to fulfill its potential, and demonstrates a high level of professionalism and integrity as a coach.

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With a time of 10:46.24 in the 3000-meter steeplechase, junior Lauren Denfeld became the second woman since the program was reinstated to qualify for the NCAA West Regional. Her time is also the fastest in school history for the event.

## Diamond in the rough

■ In three short years, Lauren Denfeld went from running 300-meter hurdles in high school to OSU's second Regional qualifier

By Kacy Hochstatter  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Running long distance is a difficult task. We all have to run for an extended period of time at some point in our lives. Whether it was in physical education class in grade school or while chasing after your car as it coasted down the hill when you forgot to put

the emergency brake on, we have all felt the burn.

Few, however, are capable of — or even willing to attempt — to transform from being a sprinter to becoming a top-tier distance runner. That was the task that Lauren Denfeld set for herself when she came to Oregon State in 2004.

"I didn't do cross country in high school," Denfeld said. "I had not run anything longer than a 400 [meters] in a couple of years."

Not only was she attempting to do something she had never done before, but she was going to do it against some of the best competition in the nation

in the Pac-10 conference.

"It was a big change, in three or four months, to be running cross country in the Pac-10," Denfeld said. "So I had to learn a lot."

"The easy thing for her to do would have been to go to a small college," coach Kelly Sullivan said. "To step into the Pac-10 and Division I in a completely different event area — I give her a ton of credit."

To say that her transition has been a success would be a huge understatement. Not only has her collegiate running career been a success, but she has

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## Women's rowing team member earns national honors

■ Kaylie Towne earns First Team All-American honors, Caroline Leibinger takes second team

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Eight Oregon State women's rowing team members were honored when the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) announced several national and regional awards Monday.

Junior Kaylie Towne (Myrtle Point, Ore./Myrtle Point HS) was named to the CRCA West Region first team, while senior Caroline Leibinger (Neu-Ulm, Germany/St. Hildegard Gymnasium) was selected as a second team member. The honor is the first for Towne, who rowed in the six-seat of OSU's Varsity 8+, while Leibinger, who rowed in the stroke seat, was a first team selection in 2006.

Towne was also among six OSU rowers to earn the title of CRCA National Scholar-Athlete. Join-

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## No. 23 baseball puzzled over Sun Devil pitching

■ Beavers lack of hitting costs them last weekend at home against No. 6 Arizona State

By Casey Grogan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Despite two strong pitching performances, the No. 23 Beavers were unable to get anything done offensively as they were swept by No. 6 Arizona State.

As the offensive powerhouse Sun Devils (41-12, 17-4 Pac-10) arrived in Corvallis, it was apparent that the Beavers (36-16, 8-13 Pac-10) and their struggling offense would need a string of good outings on the mound to keep them in the series. With the season winding down, the Beavers were in search of a successful weekend after losing two straight series against the Washington schools.

All weekend long, the Beavers had their backs against the wall, playing with a lead only once during the three-game set. Arizona State's pitching staff held the Beaver bats to nine hits all weekend, while the Beaver staff surrendered 27 to ASU.

The hits that OSU allowed led to victories in all three games.

Different Sun Devil players took advantage of the OSU pitchers throughout the series. In Game One on Friday, it was Eric Sogard who finished the day 3-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a stolen base. OSU starter Mike Stutes, however, was able to contain the lethal Sun Devil bats as he struck out nine, leaving him one short of 100 strikeouts on the season.

"They are all great hitters," Stutes said. "Those guys go out their and rake every game."

Stutes and freshman reliever Blake Keitzman were able to keep Sun Devil first baseman Brett Wallace at bay, as Arizona State's top hitter went hitless in the first game of the series. The Beaver offense on Friday was led by outfielder Mike Lissman, who was 2-for-3 with a bunt single in the sixth. Second baseman Joey Wong was 2-for-4 with a hard hit double to the wall in left field and a line drive shot over the short-stop. Beaver catcher Mitch Canham

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Nick Lilja



## Objectivity Is For Birds

I'm almost positive the ethical police are going to find me, cuff me and Rodney King me. Either that, or Lindsay Schnell will be on my doorstep later today, ready to kick me in the shin. Oh well. It's a tough life being me. Keeping my job 100 percent professionally objective isn't that much fun.

What's okay to say, and what isn't? Meh, I say phooey to that. If I'm lucky enough to have anything in common with Mike Parker — the voice of the Beavers — it's that I, too, think 'professional objectivity' isn't as much fun.

Who came up with that phrase anyway? And who decided it was so important for sports?

I've been told that anything but professional objectivity isn't ethical in the media. To me, it seems like the exact opposite. Not cheering for the team I cover — that's what doesn't seem ethical. To me, that sounds like giving a boy a candy bar and only letting him look at it. How ethical is that? That's just mean.

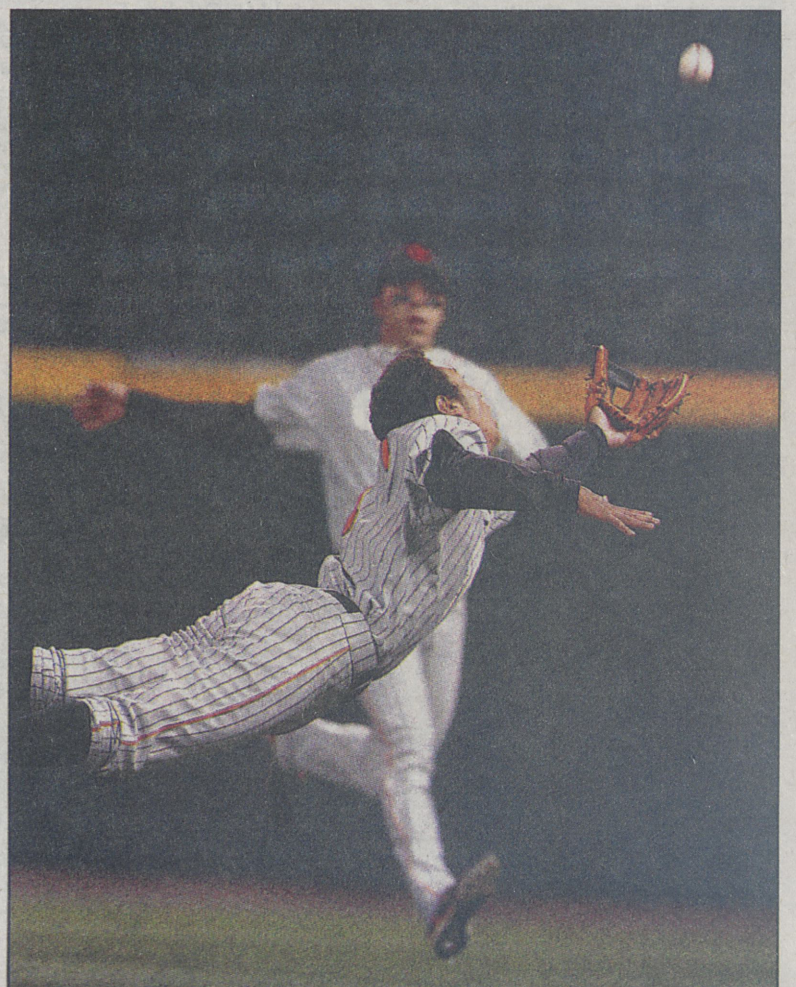
Besides, skirting that line of professional objectivity has landed Parker one hell of a career. I don't see people complaining — I see people applauding. Parker has managed to create his own sort of alchemy. He has turned a radio broadcast into a spectacle that people now keep on their computers and mp3 players (even I'm guilty of that).

Since he first began in 1999, Mike Parker has been a blessing to the Oregon State Beavers.

"My first football season was '99, which also coincided with Erickson's arrival, so after 28 straight losing seasons in football, I had the sheer joy of being able to call the night against Cal when the 28 years of losing were put to rout," said Parker in a March 13th interview on The NickelBlock on KBVR.

Shout out to fans. Think about this: His first season was 1999. Since that time, the Beavers have gone to numer-

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Second baseman Joey Wong and the No. 23 Beavers never got going on offense last weekend and will need to figure it out against UCLA.