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ASOSU graduate senate chair position contested by undergraduate

■ Two students receiving write-in votes tie for graduate senate position, undergrad contests

By Aleks Cherednichenko
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Two students tied for the position of graduate senate chair during the 2007 ASOSU/MU elections. One problem: one of them is an undergraduate student.

Dann Cutter, an undergraduate student in biochemistry/biophysics, and Wesley Frey, a graduate student radiation health physics, both received the

same number of write-in votes.

Both candidates were quickly informed of the tie. Cutter approached Lindsey Johnson, the chair of the ASOSU elections committee. He informed her that he would let go of his bid on the position.

Frey, shortly thereafter, accepted the position of graduate senate chair via e-mail. He stepped down, not long after accepted the responsibilities of the position.

The spot was back open.

In a meeting, which took place on May 24, the ASOSU elections committee voted unanimously to not

allow Cutter, who was the next logical choice for the position, to assume the graduate senate chair position because of his undergraduate status.

"We were thinking that if we were graduate students, we wouldn't want an undergraduate making important decisions for us," said Katrina Machorro, ASOSU public relations liaison, and a member of the elections committee. "I think that the only reason why [Frey] stepped down in the first place was because Cutter was contacting him through e-mail telling [Frey] that if he stepped down he could take a graduate senate position for the college of

engineering."

Indeed, according to official transcripts of the e-mails between the two candidates, Cutter suggested that Frey "decline the position, but take a Grad Senate position (which the GSC can appoint) for the college of engineering... and if at any time you want the GSC, I would resign in your favor," Cutter said via the e-mail.

Currently Cutter is appealing the decision made by the elections committee to the ASOSU judicial board.

"Right now there aren't enough members on the judicial board to reach a quorum, so the decision may not be

made until fall," Machorro said.

In his claim against the decision to the judicial board, Cutter holds that the graduate senate chair is not a part of the legislative branch, but actually a part of the executive branch, citing Article IVA.1 of the ASOSU constitution.

For now, the position of the graduate senate chair is vacant. "If [Frey] decides that he wants to serve as the chair, the position is still his," Machorro said.

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To audition or not? Shakespeare thinks you should



■ Bard in the Quad brings classic by Shakespeare to MU Quad

By Jennifer Meyer
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last year's success of the outdoor production of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare, put on by the OSU Theatre Department, has made the affair into an annual program.

The second annual Bard in The Quad will present Much Ado About Nothing, yet another Shakespeare work, late July. Auditions, held June 4 and 5, are open to students and community members.

After two rounds of auditions, actor hopefuls will find out Wednesday if they made it for the callback.

The director, Scott Palmer, expects to have a full cast of approximately 60 actors, for the extravagant production, which will feature a WWII era style, military uniforms and swing dancing.

The two lead roles of Beatrice and Benedick have already been pre-cast, but other major roles are open and a number of supporting actors are also needed.

Last year's production, drew nearly 3,000 audience members and Palmer hopes to attract 4,500 people to this summer's program.

Palmer emphasized the importance of putting forth the effort in self-preparation for auditions.

"I look for students who show evidence of preparing and who understand Shakespeare verse and have loud vocal strength. Actors need to be aware of the challenges that come with outdoor performances,"

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Phil Allen, left, and Eric Nepom, right, audition for Much Ado About Nothing. The play, set during World War II, is scheduled to open July 25th.

Top 10 finish for students who love outdoors

■ Magazine article features OSU in nation's top 10 colleges for those who enjoy the outdoors

By Mickey Clark
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In a recent Outdoor Life magazine, Oregon State University was featured among the top ten best universities in the country for students passionate about the 'great outdoors.'

The OSU fish and wildlife program offers a unique experience. An experience that helps put OSU's name right near the top of the list. The program offers a number of benefits for

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Senior project leads to environmentally beneficial discovery



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Christen Glarborg, Patrick O'Connor, Heather Paris, and Alana Warner-Tuhy (from left to right), seniors in chemical engineering, created a new polymer. The polymer, created from biodiesel and by-products of wine, has many applications.

■ Group of chemical engineering students discover new approach to manufacturing polymers, substance with undiscovered abilities

By Lisa Riordan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Four chemical engineering students discovered a new, more environmental approach to manufacturing polymers while working on their senior project.

Class instructor David Hackleman worked closely with students, offering potential project ideas and plenty of guidance along the way.

"We had weekly meetings to figure out what we doing, how it was going and how to proceed from there," said Hackleman, OSU faculty member and Linus Pauling Chair.

Heather Paris, Patrick O'Connor, Christen Glarborg and Alana Rae Warner-Tuhy created the new polymer as a part of their CHE 406 class, also known as 'senior lab.'

"I think we were the only ones to actually file for a patent this year," said Paris. "Not only does it look really good on a resume, but it feels really good too!"

The new polymer was created by blending waste products from biodiesel and wine production.

"We used citric acid and glycerin to make a highly versatile and biodegradable polymer," said Paris. "It has tremendous possibilities, we're very excited."

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Meetings

Mountain Club, 7:30pm, Peavy 108. Join the Oregon Mountain Club to get in on the trips, slide shows, and more. Get outside!

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.

Women's Center, 3-4:30pm, Women's Center. Join Johanna Voght from CAPS for a unique program about women and their bodies. Wear comfortable clothes, bring along your yoga mat — and get ready to relax & discuss!

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.

Women's Center, 11am-3pm, MU Quad. Join us on the MU Quad for a day of fabulous feminist fun! Booths, food, music.

Events

Department of Music, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte. The OSU Jazz Ensemble.

Department of Music, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center. OSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble & the OSU Concert Band: Wind Colors.

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.

Events

Sigma Pi Fraternity, 10am-2pm, MU Quad/Across Campus. A.C.E. Project — Altruistic Campus Experience. Campus clean-up event which is open to the OSU community.

Events

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

Events

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

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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.

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"I did have a choice to go to a pay jail. But I declined because I feel like the media portrays me in a way that I'm not and that's why I wanted to go to county, so show that I can do it and I'm going to be treated like everyone else. I'm going to do the time, I'm going to do it the right way."

Heiress Paris Hilton before she checked into a Los Angeles County jail to begin a three-week stay for violating her probation.

"The differences among us are minor. The differences between us and Republicans are major, and we don't want anybody in America to be confused."

Presidential contender Hillary Clinton, comparing herself with her rivals for the Democratic nomination during the second Democratic debates.

BREAKDOWN

NEWYORK — Until a suspected terrorist plot was revealed, few people even knew there was a pipeline of highly combustible jet fuel snaking beneath the nation's largest city. But authorities said Monday that it's one of countless lesser-known targets — including waterway retaining walls, dingy rail yards and tunnel ventilation systems — that they struggle to protect from attacks.

WASHINGTON — Big-city murders rose sharply in 2006 as violent crime increased nationally for the second straight year, the FBI reported Monday. Homicides committed in small towns and mid-size cities took a dramatic downswing — resulting in an overall 0.3 percent increase in the murder rate across the country, the new preliminary data show. Year-end totals for murders rose in eight of the nation's 10 largest cities: Chicago, Houston, Las Vegas, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Antonio and San Diego. That contributed to a 6.7 percent murder rate increase in cities with populations over 1 million people.

TOP STORY

Grand jury indicts Louisiana Rep. Jefferson in bribery investigation

By Lara Jakes Jordan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Louisiana congressman William Jefferson received more than \$500,000 in bribes and sought millions more in nearly a dozen separate schemes to enrich himself by using his office to broker business deals in Africa, according to a federal indictment Monday.

The charges came almost two years after investigators raided Jefferson's home in Washington and found \$90,000 in cash stuffed in his freezer.

The indictment lists 16 counts, including racketeering, soliciting bribes, wire fraud, money laundering, obstruction of justice and conspiracy. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 235 years.

He is the first U.S. official to face charges under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which prohibits corporate bribery overseas.

Jefferson, through his lawyer, claimed innocence. He will be arraigned Friday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

The schemes were complicated and Jefferson set up front companies to hide the money and disburse it to family members, prosecutors said.

"But the essence of the charges are really very simple: Mr. Jefferson corruptly traded on his good office and on the Congress," said Chuck Rosenberg, the U.S. attorney in Alexandria.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to push this week for Jefferson to be stripped of his seat on the Small Business Committee, according to a leadership aide who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision had not yet been announced.

"If these charges are proven true, they constitute an egregious and unacceptable abuse of public trust and power," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "Democrats are committed to upholding a high ethical standard and eliminating corruption and unethical behavior from the Congress."

House Republican Leader John Boehner of Ohio said Jefferson should be expelled from Congress if he is found guilty and refuses to resign.

Jefferson, 60, whose congressional district includes New Orleans, has said little about the case publicly. He was re-elected last year despite the investigation.

His lawyer, Robert Trout, on Monday called the indictment

"lengthy and creative" and accused prosecutors of "trying to create an offense."

"Even after they turned over every rock, they did not allege in this indictment that (Jefferson) promised anybody any legislation. There is no suggestion that he promised anyone any appropriations. There were no earmarks. There were no government contracts," Trout said during a news conference in Los Angeles.

Trout also said Jefferson has no intention of seeking a plea bargain. "He's obviously not happy about being indicted, but he's confident that when the facts are known he will be vindicated," Trout said about his client. "He is committed, he is confident and he is ready to fight."

Two of Jefferson's associates have struck plea bargains with prosecutors and have been sentenced.

Brett Pfeffer, a former congressional aide, admitted soliciting bribes on Jefferson's behalf and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Another Jefferson associate, Louisville, Ky., telecommunications executive Vernon Jackson, pleaded guilty to paying between \$400,000

and \$1 million in bribes to Jefferson in exchange for his assistance securing business deals in Nigeria and other African nations. Jackson was sentenced to more than seven years in prison.

Both Pfeffer and Jackson agreed to cooperate in the case against Jefferson.

The impact of the case has stretched across continents and even roiled presidential politics in Nigeria. According to court records, Jefferson told associates he needed cash to pay bribes to the country's vice president, Atiku Abubakar.

Abubakar denied the allegations, which figured prominently in that country's presidential elections in April. He ran for the presidency and finished third.

In Lagos, Nigeria, Abubakar spokesman Garba Shehu said the former vice president "has always denied wrongdoing in the matter."

"He has only had official interaction with the congressman, who the vice president felt deserved a hearing because he was a ranking member of the U.S. Congress," Shehu said. "The vice president was in no way cited in this thing, so we feel vindicated."

NEWS IN BRIEF



Al-Qaida front group claims to have killed U.S. captured soldiers

BAGHDAD — Insurgents linked to al-Qaida issued a video Monday claiming they killed all three U.S. soldiers captured in an ambush last month. "They were alive and then dead," a voice said during a sequence of images that included the military IDs of two Americans still missing.

The nearly 11-minute video by an al-Qaida front group, the Islamic State of Iraq, offered no proof that the soldiers were killed and buried. The U.S. military insisted the massive manhunt south of Baghdad will go on.

"We condemn the tactics used by these terrorists, and are using all means available to pursue those responsible," said Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner, the chief military spokesman in Baghdad. "We continue to search and hope that our two missing soldiers will be found alive and in good health."

The video, posted on a militant Web site, included grainy black-and-white footage said to have been taken during the May 12 pre-dawn ambush. It also showed credit cards, money and other personal items the militants called "booty." A headline said: "Bush is the reason of the loss of your POWs."

The video was likely a show of strength by al-Qaida-linked militants, who find themselves increasingly engaged in violent battles against more moderate Sunni insurgents in Iraq.



Fire in Sequoia National Forest, California burns 2,400 acres

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. — Firefighters were trying to contain a wildfire that had burned about 2,400 acres of grass and brush in Sequoia National Forest and was spreading into wooded areas Monday.

Officials asked residents in a recreation area called Horse Meadow to evacuate their cabins and trailers after the Goldledge Fire inched about a mile away from the private property, said Geri Adams, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman.

"We're getting some really strong winds and the humidity is low, so the fire is really active," she said.

The fire started across the street from the Goldledge Campgrounds on Sunday, about 10 miles north of Kernville, she said.

"It was definitely caused by humans," Adams said, though she did not have more details.

Firefighters were still at zero containment Monday afternoon though they were able to keep the flames away from nearby Kern River Golden Trout Resort, she said.

The area where the wooded area where the fire spread was at 7,000 feet altitude and has a mix of different pine trees.

At least 450 firefighters from Kern and Los Angeles counties, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the

Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service were helping the U.S. Forest Service with the fire, Adams said.



Former Ore. counselor sentenced for massive child porn stash

PORTLAND — A former elementary school guidance counselor caught with what federal prosecutors called the largest collection of child pornography ever seized in Oregon was sentenced to 97 months in prison Monday.

William Arthur Knudsen, 65, pleaded guilty in February to one count each of receiving and possessing child pornography. The U.S. Attorney's Office said over 800,000 images of child porn were found on his computer equipment and that authorities confiscated hundreds of discs and video tapes and 51 loose-leaf binders containing printed images of child pornography.

Some of the images included those of prepubescent children and of minors engaged in "sadistic, masochistic and violent conduct."

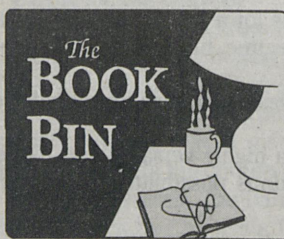
Prosecutors said materials seized included homemade images he had created by superimposing nonpornographic images of children onto images of child and adult pornography.

There was no evidence that Knudsen ever abused a child or distributed child pornography, prosecutors said.

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students who have an affinity toward wildlife and for those who choose to pursue a career path that leads out of doors.

The program is small, with only around 220 students enrolled at any time. Despite the numbers in the program, the involvement of the Fish and Wildlife Club is among the largest and most active in the university.

The program offers students a variety of choices and fields to specialize in. There are more than twenty specialization choices, ranging from law enforcement and natural resource education, to environment management and wildlife rehabilitation.

"There is no other program like it that we know of," said Nancy Allen, head adviser of the OSU department of fisheries and wildlife. "Students come in looking for learning outside of a classroom."

The program requires that students go through two internships — in case they find that they are unsatisfied with their first choice.

"This is a really good way for folks to get experience. The internship requirements

get students jobs," Allen said.

Students, knowing that they like animals but not knowing what to do with their passion, often find opportunities through the fish and wildlife program.

"It's hands on, working with animals and swimming with fishes — that's what we do," said Rebecca Goggans, internship coordinator for the program.

Many of the faculty and students are interested in conservation, which has many applications abroad and close to home, located in the forests and streams of Oregon.

Kari Page, a graduating senior in the program, received internship experiences working with a cheetah conservation program in Africa. Page also volunteered near home at the Wildlife Society Meeting, where she volunteered with wildlife professionals.

Beyond the logistical advantages at OSU, the community for wildlife enthusiasts is another advantage.

"The professors are all cool and accessible, they know every student by their first names," said Ed Hughes, a senior in the fish and wildlife

program. "It's very inclusive and undergraduates influence research early on."

Outdoor Life also noted that OSU is in an ideal location for students to be active outdoors. Students in other areas of study also expressed their interest for wildlife, such as hunting and fishing, as recreation.

Claire Redfearn, a student in communications, enjoys the atmosphere of the fish and wildlife community.

"This place really gets you a lot of individual attention," Redfearn said.

Devon DuBose, a senior in chemical engineering, is an avid camper and fisherman who is familiar with Oregon's outdoor areas.

"I would say the only places you can find better would be Montana or Colorado," DuBose said.

A few of his favorite locations for backpacking and fishing in Oregon are the Jefferson Wilderness Area and the Pamela Lake Area.

DuBose said the Pamela area requires a permit; however, it's free from a ranger station nearby.

"You can backpack, fish, hunt and you'll never even see another person if you really want to get away from OSU," DuBose said.

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POLYMER: New substance plus sawdust creates clean-burner

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Paris hopes the polymer could someday be used to alleviate unnecessary landfill bulk. She cites plastic shopping bags as an example of a product that could be improved with the use of the new biodegradable polymer.

The substance may also be useful for adhesives, fire logs or packaging material.

"When sawdust is added, it creates a clean burning compound," said Hackleman. "But the manipulation of other conditions, like heat, creates entirely different possibilities."

Hackleman says the research is still somewhat preliminary, and they need more time to determine the full implications of the discovery.

"We don't know what all we can do with it

yet," said Hackleman. "But we do know it's an incredibly useful product."

Team members hope to continue working with the polymer despite the challenges of graduation and changes in location.

"It's kind of hard to say," said Glarborg. "We'd love to keep working on the project but I don't know how that would work for everyone."

Glarborg and Paris plan to pursue graduate degrees at University of Oregon, and are thinking about continuing their research in Eugene.

"The more we learn, the more questions we have," said Glarborg. "So we would love to incorporate it into a class or something, just so we could keep working on it."

Hackleman is proud of the work accomplished by his students, and describes the polymer project as "a perfect example of some good engineering."

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AUDITIONS: An understanding of characters, Shakespearean prose helps student try outs

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he said.

Kimberly Holling, a senior majoring in theater and apparel design is the assistant director for the production.

"I took this position because it's a good experience for you in learning new ways to enhance performance on stage," Holling said. "It gives you that other perspective that actors don't always see."

Holling believes that demonstrating a good understanding of one's character and a good grasp of Shakespearean verse is extremely

important.

Lyndsay Klink, an actress auditioning for the play, was hesitant before trying out. "I'm not a nervous person in general, I'm not nervous interacting with people, not nervous to perform on stage, but auditions will always be nerve-racking no matter how many times you do them," Klink said.

Klink has been an actress since she was a toddler. She likes to try and lighten the atmosphere before taking the plunge.

"Before auditions, I eat a food that I like or listen to a

favorite song to put myself in a more relaxed mood — but not too relaxed — because adrenaline from the tension [of auditioning] helps my performance," Klink said.

The script will feature new verse, WWII era poetry and original source materials used by Shakespeare in his writing of the play. The director hopes for a 4,500 people turnout at this year's event.

Auditions for Much Ado About Nothing will be held today at Withycombe Mainstage Theater, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Second Annual Bard in the Quad will be held July 25 through 28 and August 1 through 5 at the MU Quad.

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User data attached to Apple iTunes songs raises concerns

By May Wong
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc.'s recent rollout of songs without copy protection software at its iTunes Store has given consumers new flexibility, but questions have emerged over the company's inclusion of personal data in purchased music tracks.

Are the songs that are being billed as free of so-called digital rights management technology really "DRM-free" or are there still strings attached?

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a consumer watchdog group, said the embedded user information in the purchased track raises privacy issues.

Apple declined to comment.

The trendsetting Cupertino-based company has always embedded user information — a user name and e-mail — into its copy-protected tracks. But until the market-leading iTunes Store began offering DRM-free music last week, no one raised much of a ruckus.

DRM technology puts a sort of software lock on digital songs or movies, dictating where and how the content can be played and distributed. With DRM-free content, some songs purchased from

iTunes now work directly on portable players other than Apple's iPod, including Microsoft Corp.'s Zune.

Though piracy of digital music over the Internet remains unabated even with the growth of legitimate online retailers like iTunes, Apple's debut of DRM-free songs could tempt some of its users to share their purchased tracks with others online.

Technology blogs Ars Technica and The Unofficial Apple Weblog were among the first to reveal that personal data remained in the unrestricted iTunes tracks. Their reports last week prompted speculation that the data could be used to trace copies uploaded to online file-sharing networks back to the people who originally purchased the tracks, opening those users to music industry copyright lawsuits.

The Recording Industry Association of America, whose piracy lawsuits have ensnared organized outfits as well as individual grandmothers and youths, declined to comment. EMI Group PLC, the major record label behind Apple's inaugural batch of DRM-free songs, also declined to comment.

"DRM prevented us from playing the music we have

purchased on all of our devices. We asked that this be removed and we got what we were looking for," said Erica Sadun, a prolific technology blogger on TUAW.com and author who conducted her own tests of Apple's embedded identification tags.

"But I'm on the fence in terms of the privacy issues," she said in an interview. "Consumers should always know what they're getting into."

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, which also analyzed the DRM-free song files on iTunes, said it did not want to jump to any conclusions on Apple's reasons for embedding the personal data.

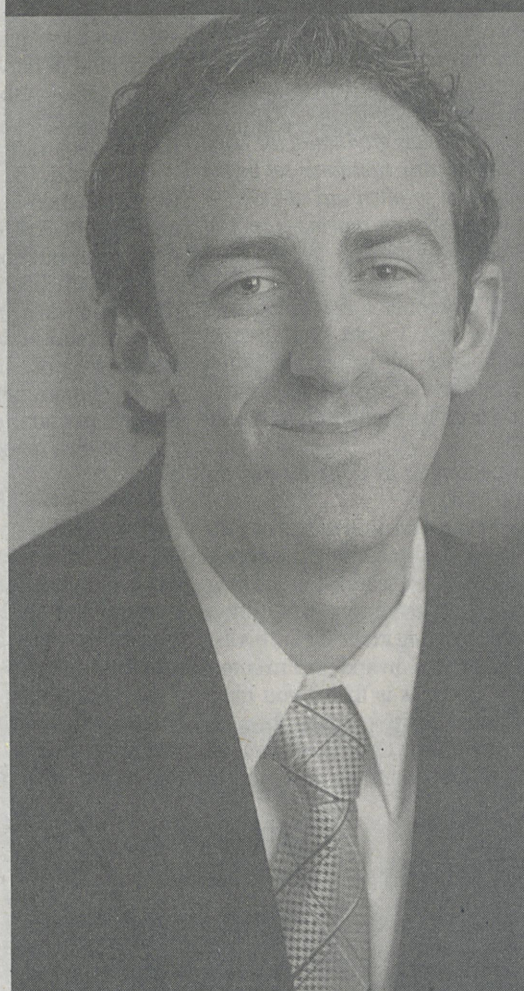
Besides, users can remove their identifying data from the files simply by burning the tracks to a CD and then ripping the songs back to their computer in the MP3 format, said Fred Von Lohmann, an attorney with the San Francisco-based group.

Still, the group takes issue with the fact that the personal information stored in these type of song files is not encrypted. If someone were to lose their iPod or have their laptop stolen, for example, anyone using simple software tools could access the personal data in the songs, von Lohmann suggested.

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Guest Editorial

Censorship doesn't make friends

San Diego (U-WIRE) — "For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people," John F. Kennedy once said.

Freedom of speech is the knot that holds the loose ends of a democracy together. Without a collection of various points of view, a democracy cannot work. It has no room to grow.

In America, a recognizably proud democracy, our First Amendment rights stabilize the basic context in which we live. We sue for our freedoms, we fight for them and we die for them.

It's encouraging to see Venezuelans step up to the plate for their democratic justice as well.

On May 27, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had Radio Caracas Television, the oldest TV station in the country and an anti-Venezuelan government station, taken off the air by not renewing its broadcast license. The last time Chavez was popular in American tabloids was when he infamously called President Bush "the devil." And unlike that incident, this wasn't an action that was quickly forgotten.

Upset Venezuelans hit the streets in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, for three days in a row and chanted inspirational, democratic ideals, such as: "We are not afraid!" and "They will not silence us!"

They had every right to a peaceful protest, exactly how RCTV had every right to publicize criticisms of the Chavez administration. But when police showed up and shot tear gas and rubber bullets at the thousands of protestors, it crossed the line from Chavez's cowardly abuse of power into an obscene, tyrannical demonstration. It proved that Chavez can shut down what he doesn't like and shoot down those who disagree with his decisions.

Chavez claims the station that replaced RCTV is more democratic because it's for public use, according to www.cnn.com. But one must ask, which is more democratic: a station that is state-funded or a station that is wanted by the people?

In addition to Chavez providing twisted excuses about his governmental moral, he also gave threats regarding more censorship.

"I recommend you take a tranquilizer and get into gear, because if not, I am going to do what is necessary," Chavez said to Globovision (another oppositional TV station).

Chavez is to America now what Josef Stalin was to America more than 50 years ago: an outspoken, aggressive figure who is not afraid to abuse his power because he's afraid of the power of his people.

A total of 259 protesters were arrested from the uproar in Caracas, according to the Times.

But Chavez demonstrated that if you're not with him, you lose your rights instead. Some president.

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Vivo Il Sogno

A world beyond familiar

June is upon us and with it comes the realization that it has been over two months since I first touched down on the tarmac in Milan. Although my time here will continue on for another month or so this will be my last opportunity to speak of my experiences through my articles and because of this I suppose that a sort of conclusion is in order.

To sum up my experiences here is no easy task. In fact, I find it nearly impossible. If asked — by someone who is not here with me — how my trip is, I simply respond "great," or maybe throw in an "excellent." It's as if I'm claiming that the emotions that I have had can be summarized in a simple word.

Yet, those who have been in my position before surely can understand the grand nature of the thoughts that pass through your mind, and the sheer immensity of the emotions felt.

It is one thing for me to be able to show pictures of the numerous sights I have seen, or talk about the food I have had or the people I have met, but to merge all of these things together to form a kind of synopsis of all of this is something I simply cannot do.

On top of all of this I feel as though I myself have changed —, or maybe I have simply come to better understand the person I have always been — I have yet to decide. What I do know, though, is that my perspective on life has changed immensely.

Before my adventures in Italy, I had made the mistake that so many do of growing far too comfortable with my surroundings and gaining too much confidence about who I was — possibly who I still am.

Oregon State has been a hell of a place to me, one full of friends everywhere I look and memories I won't soon forget. Still, it is a place just like any other place. A place that at times must be left behind in order to appreciate what you had and who you were when you were still there. Then, when you finally are able to return you go back to a place that holds just as much promise as the first time you were there.

This kind of perspective on life is what traveling is able to provide for us. I understand that there are those out there who find no great pleasure in escaping their respective lives through travel, and although I don't feel it is right to say how one should live their lives,

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A whale of a tale repeating itself

Editorial Note:

Once again we bid farewell to a columnist who has left his mark on the OSU community and The Daily Barometer. Mr. Lewis has served the Barometer as a columnist, editor for the Diversions section, managing editor and anything/everything in between. In all of these positions, Mr. Lewis has demonstrated unmatched passion — coupled with an undeniable tinge of humor.

As Mr. Lewis graduates, we hope he exceeds any standards set before him as he so often did at OSU — and maybe even provide a spot of humor along the way.

Remember a few weeks ago when I said that sometimes life is just too funny that you don't even have to make a joke because it's pretty much already there?

I'm beginning to think it's just an Oregon thing.

Like taking a tire iron to one of your competitors, or becoming the center of a national sex scandal, or stealing gay sheep, or heading a prostitution ring while playing in the NFL. This list could go on and on and on, I'm sure.

My hypothesis is that if you have ever lived in, visited, driven through or just stepped on Oregon soil you are bound to do something enormously

stupid at least once in your life.

I'm kind of nervous for what mine will be, and you should be, too. But getting back on track, it seems that life has struck again.

On Sunday, May 27, a 40-foot gray whale beached on the Oregon coast near Seal Rock. This may seem like a non-event, but considering Oregon's history with beached whales, I got pretty excited.

I'm not sure how many of you know about Oregon's sordid past when it comes to mammals of the sea, so I'm going to put on my professor hat and give you all a quick lesson in Oregon history.

In November of 1970, the Oregon Highway Division was notified by one Bill O'Conner about 45-foot sperm whale that had beached about a mile south of the Siuslaw River. Because apparently whales and highways have a lot in common.

According to a Eugene Register-Guard article from that time, the Highway division spent the whole day trying to figure out what to do.

Matt Lewis



I Mean, Seriously

The. Whole. Day. We're talking major man hours.

And even after that whole, gueling day of racking their brains with ideas, the best they could come up with was to stuff it full of dynamite and blow it up.

I'm going to repeat that one more time so it will sink in. They decided to blow it up. Using twenty 50-pound boxes of dynamite.

What the hell were they thinking?

I'll tell you what they were thinking. They were thinking that the whale would just break apart into small chunks that seagulls would eat. They obviously didn't take into account the fact that they would be blowing up the whale — with dynamite — and that it might scare the birds away.

In all their hours of deliberation and problem solving, it never once occurred to them to maybe bury the whale, or maybe attach a tether to it and drag it's big whale ass back out to sea?

You know the person in charge of the Oregon Highway Division at the time was one of the guys who grew up pretending he was the guy on "Dr. Strangelove" who took a ride on the atomic bomb as it fell from the plane. He was one of those kids who took magnifying glasses to ants.

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BOYDSTON: Fearing unknown worse than facing your fears

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I will say that I feel sorry that such people will not have the opportunity to put their own experiences at home into context.

As I have said before, the greatest things I have come to learn here have nothing to do with Italy — or with Europe — but rather have to do with myself and where I come from.

You can spend your entire life within the confines of one city, one state or even one country, but you can never really understand what it means to be from that place until you make the conscious decision to part ways with that place — if even for a short time.

Throughout my life, when I have actually had a say in what I do, I have constantly tried to battle the urge to live among the familiar. Friends, family, personal possessions and a home are all wonderful things to have, yet the idea that we must remain close to such things at all times of our lives is an idea that I have tried to distance myself from entirely.

To travel and explore is not always a comforting experience, especially when talking about traveling in a foreign country. Cultural etiquette and procedures are usually different, if even in the most miniscule ways. The language barrier is almost constantly an issue

and the locals are often less excited to see you as you might have hoped. Yet, the struggle that is often confronted when abroad is a sort of addictive pain that some — not all — become infatuated with.

I quickly became one of these people.

After living in Europe for over two months, my mind has already moved to contemplating my next voyage. Although I don't feel as though I have experienced all that is Europe — or even Italy — I'm anchoring for a new challenge to present itself.

The cultural challenges that I may, and indeed intend to confront, are merely obstacles on my path to gaining a better understanding of the world I have read about and seen in movies and on TV.

It is an unfortunate thing to be stranded outside of one's comfort zone, away from all things familiar. Yet, it is unquestionably a more unfortunate thing to live in doubt about what exists beyond the confines of such comfort.

There is an entire world out there filled with people who need to be met and places that need to be seen. Although challenges will arise, as they always seem to do, I fully intend to meet such people, see such sights and experience the world to the fullest degree.

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LEWIS: Blowing up a whale classic example of Oregon quirkiness, higher-ed help needed

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Those are the people we put in charge in Oregon.

Now, you know I never like to give any kind of credence to the conservative movement, but how could this have ever been dubbed "responsible spending?"

What line-item on the Governor's budget did this expense fall under?

And who in the capital ever looked at the proposal and thought, "Yes, that sounds like a reasonable plan?"

Anyway, things went as scheduled. The whale was stuffed, and crowds gathered to watch what I guess they were calling a normal procedure.

The whale was blown up. Chunks flying as high as 100 feet.

I've said it once, and I'll say it again: Whales were never meant to fly. And I was proven true.

According to Paul Linman of KATU fame, who was on-site reporting for the local station, was quoted on air as saying "The humor of the entire situation suddenly gave way to a run for survival as huge chunks of whale blubber fell everywhere."

Forgive my language, but, no s---. Apparently I am the only one of the line of thinking that if you blow up something that weighs about eight tons it's going

to reign hellfire down on you.

The Highway Division was surprised when huge chunks of whale started falling all around them, hitting people and demolishing cars. The Oregonian called it an "ill-fated attempt to dispose of a dead whale."

I think that's maybe the understatement of the century. I would go so far as to call it dumb. Possibly stupid. Maybe even mind-shatteringly idiotic.

If you doubt my recollection of these events, feel free to go to www.theexplodingwhale.com to check out news articles and video coverage of the event. It's actually the fifth most-watched video on the Internet.

The scene itself is pretty humorous when you picture it:

People gathered around the detonation site, sitting in their folding chairs eating popcorn and snapping pictures.

They cheer as the whale is blown up. They "oooh" and "ahhh."

Then, all of a sudden, the sun is blotted out by the massive plume of whale blubber that immediately begins falling all around them. They scream and yell. They're terrified.

The people get up and start running, only to find that they have no place to go because the whale chunks are destroying

everything around them.

Yeah. Funny.

It's more like a scene from one of those movies where, you know, the world ends. Only this time, instead of getting to blame an asteroid or some alien race, we have no one to blame but our state employees. And Bruce Willis was nowhere to be found.

Sadly, there were no explosions last week. I guess the Highway Division has been left to deal with things more highway-like and left nature to people who are smarter than the concrete they pour.

Curious onlookers did, however, decide that it would be a good thing to start stealing pieces of the whale. So many took pieces that the state police had to issue a statement telling people not to.

Maybe I'm the only person who thinks it's weird to take pieces of a dead whale, but it sounds pretty disgusting. And what did those people plan on doing with their stolen booty once they got it? Mount it? Eat it? Sick.

If this isn't all proof that Oregon needs to be reinvesting in higher education, I don't know what is.

Thank you. And goodnight.

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Letters to the Editor

Green energy

ASOSU is doing their job

In response to the letter-to-the-editor by Joe S. in the Monday, June 4 edition, I would like to clear up some things. While 2,385 students voted for the green energy fee, 3,532 of the 17,642 total student headcount participated in the election, or 20 percent of the student population, which is the highest it has been in recent history (for spring 2007 enrollment figures, see: http://oregonstate.edu/admin/aa/ir/enrollment/ES_Spring_2007.pdf). While turnout is certainly lower than state and national elections, it is still indicative of the will of the student body as a whole with an overwhelming 70 percent of voters in favor of the fee in the election, to which every student had access online for 48 straight hours. The ASOSU has been and will continue to work on conservation efforts to reduce OSU's environmental impact (and the green energy fee) with the OSU Sustainability Coordinator and the Student Sustainability Initiative. Because the purchase of renewable energy is so large, some of that money will come back to the university in the form of sustainability project funding, which can be used for renewable energy production. The fee is not just a "feel good," but a strategic investment.

The ASOSU is a large organization — comprised of 10 task forces led by staff and developed by interns and volunteers. While Environmental Affairs works on green issues, State Affairs has been lobbying with the Oregon Student Association all legislative session to lower the overall cost of education and textbooks, Campus Affairs is standardizing the classroom remote system, and many other issues are being fought for and won by students from campus to DC. It is easy to pick on one campaign, but overall, I know first-hand that the ASOSU is effectively representing and leading the student body on all kinds of issues that affect everyone.

KEVIN GRANT

ASOSU Student Advocate, Class of 2005

Wilson column

It's called a salad bowl, not a melting pot


In response to Wilson's article I have many things to say. First I must address the fact that I am writing this response as a white male, a member of the most represented population

on this campus, from which Wilson too originates but fails to recognize as he writes from his lofty spot atop the cultural and social strata. The problem with Wilson's article is that he thinks he's got the best view. Look down Wilson and see whose shoulders you are standing on top of for that view! I recognize that I too stand atop the same stratum, however I have tried to step down from the shoulders I stood on in the past, attempting to understand the world from the strata below.

Wilson's desire for a "melting pot" and "assimilation" are coupled together because their outcomes are the same. Take the analogy of the melting pot. Imagine a box of different colored crayons are put into a melting pot, they melt together to create one single color, wherein no one color is distinguishable from its previous identity other than the one crayon whose color is still represented by the final melt. If those crayons were people, the resulting color in this analogy is white. Here, a more inclusive and welcoming analogy, better than melting pot, would be salad bowl. In a salad bowl each individual is different and unique and adds to the overall content. Some are carrots, some cabbage, others spinach, and still others the dressing, and so on. Together the final product is one, yet every part of the whole is unique and does not lose their identity.

The last point I seek to make about Wilson's article is that he tries to assert the cultural centers are not welcoming because he's white. He suggests, "I wouldn't feel comfortable walking into a cultural center that is not of my own race for fear of discrimination." Wilson, Oregon State University, and in fact this entire country, is a white cultural center! You and I, and every person here in this country — Renee Roman Nose included — lives everyday in a white cultural center, yet they walk in it everyday in order to live. Wilson, do you know how to live any other culture than your own? I bet not, because I don't either! But what I do know how to do is educate myself and seek to learn about life from other people's perspectives, rather than assuming that my view on life is the same for everyone else. Visit the cultural or resources centers. They will share with you their own life experiences as a minority, and you may even leave this university with a little better education.

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Judges at Guantanamo throw out 2 cases, a reversal from Bush administration past

By Andrew O. Selsky
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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Military judges dismissed charges Monday against a Guantanamo detainee accused of chauffeuring Osama bin Laden and another who allegedly killed a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan, throwing up roadblocks to the Bush administration's attempt to try terror suspects in military courts.

In back-to-back arraignments for Salim Ahmed Hamdan of Yemen and Canadian Omar Khadr the U.S. military's cases against the alleged al-Qaida figures dissolved because, the two judges said, the government had failed to establish jurisdiction.

They were the only two of the roughly 380 prisoners at Guantanamo charged with crimes, and the rulings stand to complicate efforts by the United States to try other suspected al-Qaida and Taliban figures in military courts.

Hamdan's military judge, Navy Capt. Keith Allred, said the detainee is "not subject to this commission" under legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Bush last year. Hamdan is accused of chauffeuring bin Laden's and being the al-Qaida chief's

bodyguard.

The new Military Commissions Act was written to establish military trials after the U.S. Supreme Court last year — ruling in a case brought by Hamdan — rejected the previous system. Defense attorneys argued the new system is full of problems.

The judges agreed that there was one problem they could not resolve — the new legislation says only "unlawful enemy combatants" can be tried by the military trials, known as commissions. But Khadr and Hamdan had previously been identified by military panels only as enemy combatants, lacking the critical "unlawful" designation.

The surprise decisions do not spell freedom for the detainees, who are imprisoned here along with the others suspected of links to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"It is very difficult when practical conditions for him don't change," Joseph McMillan, one of Hamdan's civilian attorneys, told reporters Monday night. Hamdan's military attorney, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift, said Hamdan "is relieved" by Allred's ruling.

"He hopes he gets a fair trial and, like the rest of us, is patiently waiting for it," Swift

said.

Khadr was 15 when he was captured after a firefight in Afghanistan in 2002 in which he allegedly killed a U.S. soldier and was wounded himself. He is now 20.

Khadr, appearing in the courtroom with a beard and wearing an olive-green prison uniform, seemed uninterested when his judge, Army Col. Peter Brownback, threw out the case. Khadr focused on his own image on a computer screen that showed a live TV broadcast of the proceedings.

The chief of military defense attorneys at Guantanamo Bay, Marine Col. Dwight Sullivan, said the dismissal of the case against Khadr could spell the end of the war-crimes trial system hurriedly set up last year by Congress and Bush after the Supreme Court threw out the previous system.

But Army Maj. Beth Kubala, spokeswoman for the Office of Military Commissions that organizes the trials, said "the public should make no assumption about the future of military commissions."

She said they will operate openly and fairly and added that dismissals of the charges "reflect that the military judges operate independently."

Medical transport plane carrying 6 people goes down in Lake Michigan

By Carrie Antfinger
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — A medical transport plane carrying six members of an organ transplant team went down Monday afternoon in Lake Michigan shortly after the pilot signaled an emergency, authorities said. Rescue teams were searching for any survivors.

Nearly three dozen divers were looking near debris and an oil slick in about 20 feet of water, Milwaukee Fire Chief Doug Holton said.

The pilot of the Cessna Citation issued a distress signal within five minutes of taking off at 4 p.m. from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said.

The plane was headed for Willow Run Airport near Detroit, a 42-minute flight, Molinaro said.

The plane dropped off radar screens just after the pilot requested to return to the airport, and authorities notified the Coast Guard, Molinaro said.

Coast Guard searchers

found what they believe was the plane around 4:20 p.m., about 20 minutes after being notified, Petty Officer David Warfel said. The debris was found about six miles northeast of Milwaukee, Molinaro said.

There has been no sign of the four passengers or two crew members, Molinaro said.

The plane was leased by the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, according to a university statement. The team was returning from Milwaukee with unspecified organs for transplant to a patient in Michigan.

When health system officials learned of the crash, they notified the transplant team in Michigan to stop preparing the transplant candidate. The patient was in critical condition, the university said.

The university wouldn't release any information on the patient, citing confidentiality.

The university identified those on the plane: Dr. David Ashburn, a physician-in-training in pedi-

atric cardiothoracic surgery; transplant donation specialists Richard Chenault II and Richard Lapensee; pilots Dennis Hoyes and Bill Serra; and cardiac surgeon Dr. Martinus "Martin" Spoor.

"The thoughts of the entire university community are with the families of those involved this evening, and we take consolation in the fact that the team was on a mission to help another," said Dr. Darrell A. Campbell, chief of staff of the University of Michigan Hospitals & Health Centers.

The plane is owned by Toy Air and based at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Around 4 p.m. light rain was falling at the airport with winds at 12 mph, gusting to 22 mph, according to J.J. Wood, meteorologist the National Weather Service.

U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Bruce Jones said the water temperature was 57 degrees and survivors could live for 16 hours. He said they have not found any bodies.

"Our primary focus is on finding any survivors there may be from this incident,"

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BASEBALL: Turpen starts game against Virginia after relieving earlier against Rutgers

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terfield, his seventh homer of the year. To that point, Lennerton had been 0-for-6 on the day with four strikeouts and a pair of errors.

"The strikeouts and the errors and letting my team down, and time after time they kept picking me up," Lennerton said. "I wasn't doing anything to contribute, so it felt great to hit the ball out of the park and give us a little insurance."

Oregon State had gotten on the scoreboard to pull within 3-1 in the top of the sixth inning. Virginia starter Pat McAnaney hit Wong to begin the inning and Barney dunked a single into center-field. The Cavaliers turned to Rule and he got Lissman to hit a grounder to third baseman Patrick Wingfield; Wingfield stepped on third base to retire Wong, then his throw across the diamond got away from first baseman Doolittle. Barney tried to round third and collided with Wingfield, who was called for interference to allow Barney to score as Lissman went to second.

Virginia took a 3-0 lead with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning against Turpen and reliever Blake Keitzman. Beau Seabury started the inning by grounding a single through the left side and Jeremy Farrell singled to center, then Wingfield sacrificed them to second and third. Mike Mitchell hit a sinking line drive under the glove of onrushing OSU right-fielder Braden Wells and it got past him for a double, scoring both runners. Keitzman entered the game at that point and got Tim Henry to

fly out, then Tyler Cannon doubled to the wall in right-field to score Mitchell.

Oregon State is now 19-6 in the postseason over the past three years. The game was the 29th time in 60 games this season that the Beavers have held an opponent to three or fewer runs.

Earlier in the day, Oregon State's Jorge Reyes and Daniel Turpen combined to pitch a seven-hitter as the Beavers beat Rutgers 5-2 to advance to play Virginia. Lonnie Lechelt was 3-for-4 with a home run for OSU.

On Monday afternoon, the Beavers reached the 40-win mark for the third straight season. OSU committed four errors and left 13 runners on base — eight in scoring position — but managed to eliminate Rutgers (42-21), the Big East regular season and tournament champion.

"This time of year, you just take wins however you can get them," Casey said. "Offensively, we were very, very average. We had opportunities at the plate and we didn't seize them, we didn't compete up there in some situations. We were very fortunate to beat a very good team."

Reyes picked up the win to improve his record to 5-3 this season, pitching six innings and allowing two runs on six hits and four walks while striking out four. Turpen then pitched the final three innings for his second save of the season, allowing one hit and one walk while striking out two.

"I didn't feel like I had my best stuff," Reyes said. "I just

pitched with my heart instead of my arm and that got me through it."

It was the 28th time in OSU's 58 games this season that the Beavers limited their opponent to three runs or fewer.

Oregon State took a 5-2 advantage in the bottom of the seventh inning on a towering home run over the leftfield bleachers by Lechelt off Rutgers reliever Matt Paterson. It was Lechelt's first homer since March 29, 2005, when he homered in back-to-back games in which he played against Dallas Baptist and Brigham Young for the only two hits of his freshman season.

In OSU's three games at the tournament, Lechelt is 5-for-12 with a homer and a double; he had finished the regular season batting .211.

"I'm just seeing the ball well and relaxing, staying focused," Lechelt said. "I'm just trying to put a good swing on the ball and it's happening right now."

Joey Wong was also 3-for-4 for the Beavers and Mike Lissman was 2-for-4 with a run batted in.

The Beavers had pushed their lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Wong led off with a single against Rutgers starter Matt Giannini, was sacrificed to second by Chris Hopkins, wild-pitched to third, and scored on Lissman's two-out single through the left side.

Rutgers drew within 3-2 on Frank Meade's homer to left-field in the top of the sixth inning against OSU starter Jorge Reyes. The damage wasn't more because the previous hitter, Tim Querns, had popped up a sacrifice bunt attempt that Reyes snagged and turned into a double play

when he caught baserunner Jon Gossard off first base.

The Scarlet Knights had picked up their first run on Ryan Hill's two-out single to right after Reyes had walked Todd Frazier and balked him to second base.

OSU scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning to go in front 3-0. Rutgers righthander Matt Giannini walked Scott Santschi to start the inning and Jordan Lennerton's grounder was mishandled by Scarlet Knights third baseman Querns to put runners at first and second, then Lechelt beat out a bunt for a hit to load the bases. With Joey Wong at the plate, catcher Meade's throw back to the mound got away from Giannini and Santschi scored with Lennerton taking third; Wong then bounced a single up the middle to score Lennerton.

Oregon State took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Hopkins drew a leadoff walk and Jason Ogata singled; both runners broke with the pitch as Mitch Canham struck out swinging. Meade threw to second but no infielder was covering the bag, allowing Hopkins to score and Ogata to take third.

OSU managed to hold Rutgers scoreless in the top of the first inning despite Reyes giving up a pair of walks and a double. Catcher Canham threw out Frazier trying to steal second after he drew a leadoff walk. Then with two out and Mike Bionde at first after another walk, Dave Williams doubled just inside first base; rightfielder Santschi dug the ball out of the corner and first baseman Lennerton's relay to Canham was in plenty of time to get Bionde trying to score from first.

MEN'S CREW: Faced brutal regular season schedule with three ranked Pac-10 schools

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"For us to make nationals, we had to perform well in the Pac-10 and we did fairly well against them," Todd said. "Three of those schools are some of the best in the country, but for us to really feel like we were going to have a really good season was to execute and we did."

His recent success with the freshman 4+ boats instantly carried over to the other boats this season. Although the Beavers only got one race in during the fall season, their perseverance in the offseason translated to positive performances in the spring. They kicked off the season in Canada against the University of Victoria and then entered a month-long stretch of one ranked opponent after another. Oregon State, ranked in the top 25 since the beginning of the spring schedule, faced off against six schools ranked nationally.

Rowing in one of the nation's stronger conferences, the Beavers held their ground against the likes of No. 1 Washington, No. 2 California, and No. 4 Stanford. Although the team did not come away with any upsets, it made them stronger in the long run. During the regular season, they would beat No. 20 George Washington and would go on to row into fourth place at the Pac-10 Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

With a strong enough conclusion to the regular season and the conference meet, the Beavers qualified for the IRA Championships for an incredible 13th straight season. Getting stronger and stronger as the three-day event went along, the Beavers' endurance landed them into the top 10 in all three boats. The freshman 4+ boat, which used to be Todd's stomping ground, led the way with a fifth place finish nationally. Both the varsity 8+ and Varsity 4+ boats took 10th place, respectively.

This season, it was Ryan Schanno that led the young squad for Oregon State. The senior, who was entering his third season as a starboard on the Varsity 8+ boat, was one of the key members of the Beaver team. At season's end, the Montana native was awarded with a first team all Pac-10 selection, the first of his career.

"There are multiple ways to have a strong boat, but with Ryan, his experience was definitely one of the qualities we needed to help us with success," Todd said. "He's done everything that has been asked of him, and he leaves everything out there."

Along with Schanno, junior Jeff Halleck and senior coxswain Lindsay Connors, the Beavers boat successively built on their 14th place finish at nationals last season, even with a first-year coach in Todd.

The Beavers conclude the season with its ninth top 10 finish since 1995 and will return all but four rowers for the 2008 campaign. With experience and an up-and-coming head coach in crew, another good season maybe on the horizon for OSU.

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LILJA: Pac-10 has most titles than any other conference

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that, they have sent five teams to the Elite Eight, three to the Final

Four, two to the championship game and one has won it all (Arizona in 1997). Those numbers only fall short of the ACC and compare quite nicely to the Big 12 and Big East.

Then there is baseball, where the Pac-10 has sent a total of 15 teams, and had at least one team, to the College World Series every year during this span. As well as played in the College World Series Championship Series six times and won it all twice (USC in 1998 and Oregon State in 2006).

If you lost count reading all of that, you aren't alone.

All of that has been done in about a decade. But you know, it's not fair to point out just the big three sports and limiting this list to last 10 years. Sports

cover far more ground than just football, basketball and baseball, and hell, they go back farther than 1997. How about the all-time list? Where does the Pac-10 stand all-time?

Of the top 10 schools with the most national championships, three are in the Pac-10. The schools are UCLA, Stanford and USC with nearly 300 total NCAA Championships between the three schools. In strictly men's sports, UCLA, Stanford, USC and California are all in the top 10 and for the women's sports, UCLA, Stanford, USC and Arizona find themselves in the same group.

So where is this bias coming from? If the Pac-10 is a constant contender, why does the East Coast try to dissuade the public from the prominence of the Pac-10?

It doesn't. The East Coast bias is the biggest misnomer in the history of life. It's not a bias, it's a blatant disregard of facts. And there is only one type of person in the world that has a blatant disregard for facts.

Deadbeat older brothers of siblings that are in college. The East Coast has big brother-little brother syndrome. It's jealous.

Think about it. Regardless of how successful the younger siblings become, the older one still thinks they are better. Why? Because they hold true to what life used to be like. When they were bigger, stronger, faster, better. Now they are too busy trying to find ways to prove that they are still top dog instead of looking in the mirror to notice — they aren't.

They, in this case, the East Coast, are still living in the parent's basement chatting online with RxyQT81, playing PS2, downloading pictures of Jessica Alba and reminiscing about the good old days when they used to own the neighborhood. Meanwhile, the younger sibling, the Pac-10, has been in school learning about physics, math and psychology.

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Beavers comeback to edge No. 7 Cavaliers

■ Down two runs in eighth inning, No. 25 baseball mounts tenacious comeback to play on

THE DAILY BAROMETER

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Oregon State scored four runs in the final two innings and the 25th-ranked Beavers beat No. 7 Virginia 5-3 Monday evening at the NCAA Charlottesville Regional baseball tournament. The win by OSU (41-18 overall) forces a single game Tuesday at 9 a.m. PDT to decide which team will advance from the tourney to this coming weekend's NCAA Super Regionals between the winner of Tuesday night's game between Vanderbilt and Michigan. OSU is trying to reach the Super Regionals for the third straight season.

Earlier on Monday, OSU had beaten Rutgers 5-2 to advance to the championship pairing of the tournament. Oregon State has now won eight straight elimination games in postseason play, dating back to the Beavers' six elimination-game wins at the College World Series en route to the 2006 national championship.

"The only thing we asked our club to do today was to play with everything they had," coach Pat Casey said. "Obviously, our backs were pinned to the wall and we had to come out and play two games today, and you just want them to play hard."

Said OSU first baseman Jordan Lennerton: "Playing two games always takes a toll on you. Mentally, we were there. No matter what we were going to have to go through, we were determined to win... it's what you have to do on the road to Omaha."

On Monday evening, OSU trailed 3-1 going into the eighth inning, Chris Hopkins' solo homer started a three-run eighth inning that put the Beavers in the lead; Jason Ogata and John Wallace added run-scoring singles in the frame.

"We have nine innings in the game for a reason," Lennerton said. "We always have it in the back of our head that late in the game, if we're down, we can come back, that we're capable of doing it."

Joe Paterson, who pitched six innings to earn the win against Rutgers on Friday, pitched the final 3 2/3 innings to earn the win. He didn't allow a run, hit or walk, striking out five.

"When I came in, I was ready to go," Paterson said. "I thought I was going to finish the game, and I was going to finish it strong. I was going to go out fighting or we were going to win."

Paterson was the third OSU reliever to follow Daniel Turpen to the mound. Turpen, who had pitched a scoreless three innings to earn the save in the afternoon win over Rutgers, didn't allow the Cavaliers a run in the first four innings and at one



PETER STRONG / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior Mike Lissman was instrumental in the Beavers advancing to play Virginia, collecting two hits and an RBI in OSU's 5-2 win over Rutgers. They play today at 9 p.m. for a chance to play the Super Regional.

point retired nine of 10 hitters from the second through fourth innings. For the day, Turpen pitched 7 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on five hits and three walks while striking out six.

The Beavers took Turpen off the hook when they went in front 4-3 with a trio of runs in the top of the eighth inning against Cavalier relievers Jake Rule and Michael Schwimer. Hopkins led off the inning with his second homer of the year, a fly that carried over the left-centerfield wall.

"It didn't even cross my mind," Casey said of the possibility of Hopkins homering as he went to the plate. "I can hear him now: 'Coach, why do you have me dragging and pushing (bunting) all year when I've got all that power?' Once in a while, you throw that barrel out there and run into it. I was glad he chose

tonight to do that."

Said Lennerton: "That was a big lift. It came from a guy who doesn't hit many home runs, and it just gave us that lift and motivation to keep going... in our dugout, we heard the volume increase and in the stadium, we heard it decrease. That was the deciding factor right there, the play of the game."

Joey Wong poked a single down the leftfield line to knock Rule from the game. Darwin Barney greeted Schwimer with a single down the rightfield line that sent Wong to second, then Mike Lissman sacrificed the runners to second and third. Ogata grounded an infield single to the left side that scored Wong and moved Barney to third to tie the game, then John Wallace lined a single to right-center that drove in Barney to give the Beavers the lead.

As Virginia tried to respond in the bottom of the eighth, Sean Doolittle started the inning by lofting a fly to centerfield. Centerfielder Hopkins couldn't see the ball in the twilight, but shortstop Barney raced into medium-depth centerfield and made the catch diving away from the plate. The Cavaliers didn't have a baserunner the rest of the evening.

"I honestly think that was the best defensive play I've ever seen in college baseball in the 20 years I've been coaching," Casey said. "I really do, because of the way it happened and where it was. Nobody could see the ball, and how far it went — it was phenomenal."

OSU extended its lead to 5-3 in the top of the ninth inning as Lennerton homered to left cen-

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Nick Lilja



Right Side Is The Wrong Side

There are three knowns of the universe: Physics, Mathematics and the East Coast bias against the Pac-10.

For years now I have watched, heard and even felt the back pat of the East Coast with their patronizing look at sports from the Pac-10 like The Big Unit to that dove he exploded. It's preposterous. And every single year I hear the unchanged argument from both sides. It's worse than a broken record or those YakBak toys of the mid-90s.

One coast demands respect and the other coast refuses to buckle in its ways. One would venture to guess that eventually, people — after so many years and so many debates — would just give in the inevitable fate that is. The East Coast will never back down despite the truth.

I have lived on both coasts and even in the middle, and I have come to the conclusion that the East Coast bias is not going to change, ever. I know, it's a big news flash right?

But really to me, it doesn't matter. The bias will be here regardless of how many national championships the Pac-10 takes home. The only difference is I finally put my finger on why.

Well as they say in Wisconsin, the proof is in the pudding and the Pac-10 shouldn't have to continue to debate with the rest of the country who is better. Yes, Florida is on one hell of a tear right now, the SEC and Big 11 (a.k.a. Big 10) are always good at football and even the ACC and Big 12 have their basketball. But the Pac-10 is always a national contender at some level in every sport. The verdict is in and the right coast might be a little perturbed. Take a gander at some statistics the right coast refuses to acknowledge.

In recent history — how about 1997 — the Pac-10 has been damn good in the three major sports. In football, the Pac-10 is 7-4 in BCS games, second in winning percentage to the SEC. The Pac-10 has also been involved in the national championship race three times (let's not forget 2003).

In basketball, the Pac-10 has sent at least a few teams to the NCAA Tournament every year. On top of

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Canham placed on All-American list

THE DAILY BAROMETER

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Oregon State catcher Mitch Canham has been named to the Louisville Slugger All-America Baseball team as a third team selection.

Canham, a junior, is batting .346 with nine home runs, one triple, 13 doubles and 53 runs batted in for the 25th-ranked Beavers.

Earlier this week, Canham had also been named a CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic-All-America first team selection. He was an All-Pacific-10 first team pick, and he a recipient of the annual Pacific-10 Sportsmanship Award that is given to one male and one female athlete in the conference.

In the preseason, Canham was a second-team All-America pick by Collegiate Baseball and a third-team selection by Baseball America.

Todd makes smooth transition for crew

■ Beavers first year head coach continues impressive rowing tradition by guiding OSU to its ninth top-10 finish at IRA National Championships since 1995

By Sean McLean
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sometimes when a head coach leaves a successful college team, hiring someone from within the program is the way to go. For the men's rowing team in 2007, it was definitely the right choice.

Promoting freshman coach Steve Todd to varsity duties after the departure of Fred Honebein, the new era of crew began with a strong showing at the Pac-10 Championships and an even better performance at the IRA Championships last weekend in Camden, New

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OSU SPORTS INFORMATION

On the strength of upperclassmen Ryan Schanno and Jeff Halleck, the Beavers were among the nation's best in 2007.