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Ackerman used to be an elementary school.

The Air Force used to train here during WWII.

Most of the buildings were designed in the classic Italian style.

We have wi-fi internet access.

The Voice used to be called The Beacon—hence the name of this section.

Joke du jour

You might be a redneck Jedi if:

* You ever heard the phrase, "May the force be with y'all."

* You have ever used the force in conjunction with fishing or bowling.

* If you hear . . . "Luke, I am your father... and your uncle..."

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Chewy's Blog
http://rrrrrrrrrrrrrnnnnnnnnnnhhhh.blogspot.com/

Orientation Leaders: here to help you adjust

By Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor

Twenty five EOU Ambassadors are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Eastern's newest students. They will, once again, lead the front lines, adding fun to the sometimes difficult transition into college.

The Ambassadors will join other EOU students as Orientation Leaders during the New Student Orientation, and then will continue their voluntary roles as Ambassadors throughout the duration of the school year.

The job of the Ambassadors is to bridge the gap between the students and the faculty and university. They do this by providing campus tours and organizing various activities during orientation week such as cosmic bowling and casino nights.

Each Ambassador comes into each year with ambitions. "Without dedication there is no satisfaction," is the personal mission of senior Brie Murphy, former coordinator of the ambassadors and new Student Orientation Coordinator. "As an Ambassador I want to make all the people I interact with feel special and show them that EOU cares," she said.

Murphy is looking forward to orientation week because she loves to be one of the first people on campus that the students interact with; "You get to have fun, show them our crazy sides, and get to know people you would never have thought you would meet in your life!"



Submitted Photo

Ambassadors on their yearly retreat.

Senior Stephanie Peterson, Co-Coordinator for the Ambassador Program, wants to lead by example. "My personal mission is to live what I profess," she said. "As an Ambassador my goal is to provide the best possible aspect of Eastern that I can while still maintaining honesty with each visitor."

Peterson is looking forward to working with her fellow Ambassadors. "We work together on a

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ASEOU Message from the student body president

By Sadie Isley
EOU Student Body President

Welcome Mounties!

As the student body president, I would like to welcome each of you to Eastern. For those of you who are returning, welcome back, and for the new students, I hope you are enjoying Eastern.

EOU is a great university that opens endless possibilities for all students. Living in the dorms and getting involved on campus are two great ways to expand the breadth of your knowledge. There are many clubs and organizations on campus that provide excellent opportunities for growth.

ASEOU (Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University) is made up of all fee-paying students. This is you. The president, three vice presidents and eight senators make up your ASEOU governing body. We also have open positions for adjudicators and assistants. Our purpose is to advocate for students in assuring they receive the best experience possible.



Submitted Photo

Sadie Isley.

The student government office is located on the third floor of the HUB in room 312. We are always eager for students who would like to become active in our organization.

In addition, we are here to address concerns from all students. Here at Eastern, students have real power. We work on voter registration and education, student power, and many other aspects of Eastern. In previous years Eastern students have demanded more and gotten it. With this in mind, I would encourage each of you to visit with a student government member about your concerns for Eastern. With good collaboration and communication, student government can change Eastern for the better.

Students often fail to realize that this campus is here for students. Eastern must meet the demands of its students.

This year is a legislative year in Oregon.ASEOU will be lobbying at the capital in Salem. The more students we hear from, the more accurately we can reflect the needs of Eastern students.

I would encourage you to enjoy your time here at Eastern. Get involved. Please use the opportunities that Eastern has available to become a better person, expose yourself to diversity, and discover what you can become.

News & Features

What to expect when you're expecting a bigger town

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

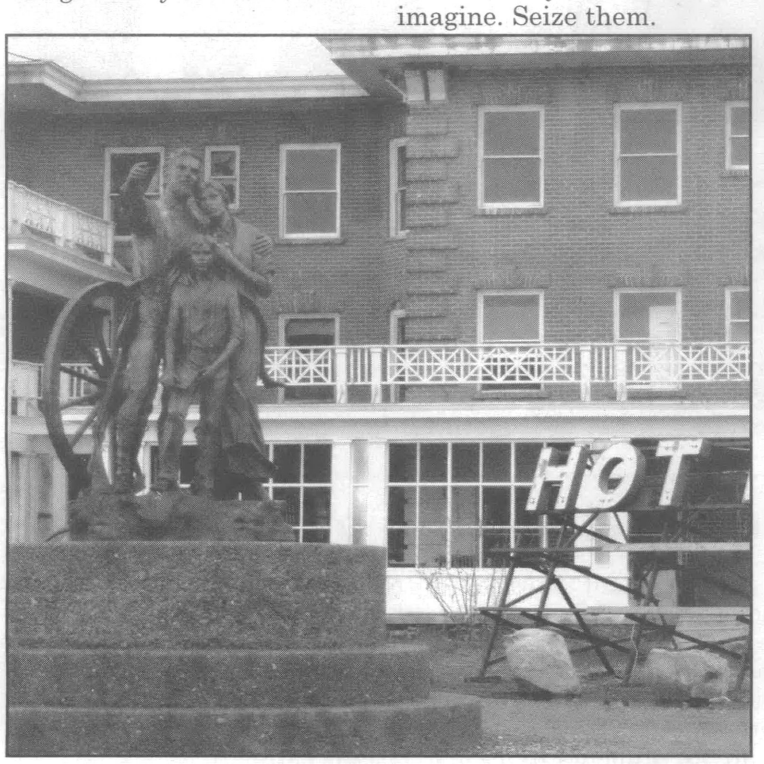
For all you new students slowly wandering into town from the surrounding metropolises, the move to the small hamlet of La Grande can be quite a shock.

But don't let this small town atmosphere lead you to believe there isn't much to do. There are plenty of things to entertain yourself in this wonderful region! You just have to look harder for them—but that's half the fun!

First, here are some things that you will have to get used to in La Grande and EOU as you start to adjust to college life.

You will—inevitably—be woken by trains every half hour by the dozens of trains that honk their horns as they pass through town. Do not fret. The day will come, eventually, when you are able to sleep through the night without hearing the train.

There are many ways to get involved on campus. As you progress through your years at EOU you will come to realize that this small town, and small university will offer up more opportunities than you could ever imagine. Seize them.



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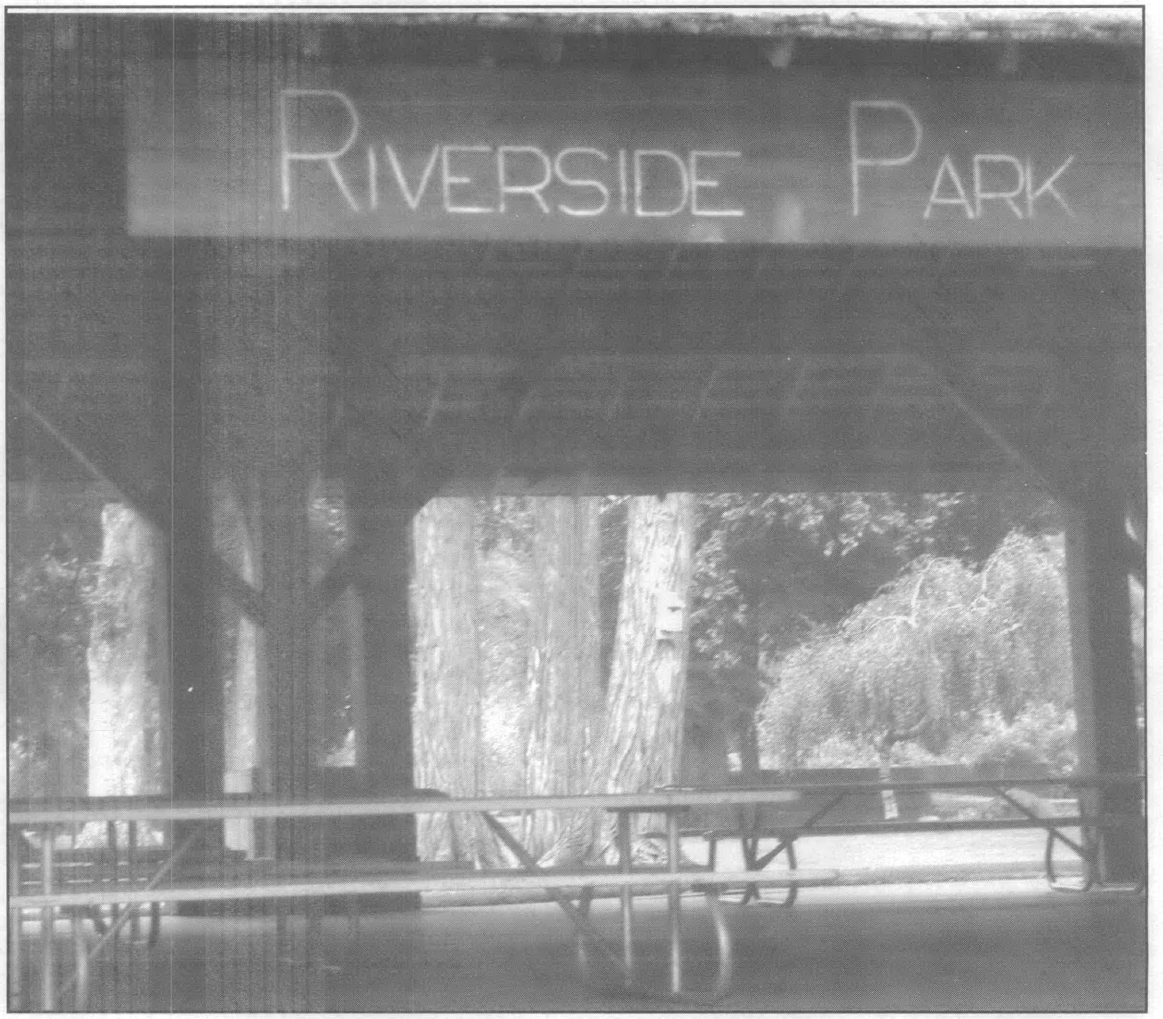
Historic Hot Lake Hotel.



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Riverside Park is one of the towns most popular parks.

It won't take you more than half a term to get to know the Denny's wait staff on a first name basis. As it is open 24-hours a day, you will most likely find yourself studying for exams, midterms and finals at two or three in the morning.

Now that you know those things, you will be able to survive the first couple of weeks of school without too much shock.

Eastern Oregon offers many great destinations in town and in close proximity to La Grande that you should not miss.

Within the city limits there are tons of places where you can get a quick and delicious bite to eat. The favorites among students include, but are not exclusive to, Wee Mama's, Highway 30, The Sub Shop, Golden Harvest, Golden Crown, New York Richie's, La Fiesta, and Cinco de Mayo.

La Grande also is home to a bowling alley, a movie theatre and a miniature golf course.

Within the city limits there are several great parks. But probably the most frequently visited park is Riverside Park. It's a great place to go and relax, study and enjoy the warm weather while it's still around.

A day trip, or even a weekend trip, to Wallowa Lake (just 6 miles from Joseph, Ore.) is a great way to get out of town when you're feeling like you need to get some fresh air. The campground there has room for tents, but if you're willing to fork over a few extra bucks the yurts cannot be beat.

If you're looking to just hit the road to listen to some tunes and escape town for just a short while, the drive out to Union, past the historic Hot Lakes Hotel, is one of the best.

The opportunities for entertainment are endless, so don't be afraid to go exploring new things!

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EOU Counseling Center Staff Welcome

By Dr. Marianne Weaver
And
Dr. Thacher Carter
EOU Counseling Center

Hi there! Welcome back to EOU if you are a seasoned Mountaineer, and a hearty welcome if you are new. We're glad to have you join our EOU family. As your counselors in the Counseling Center, we'd like to introduce ourselves to you and let you know what services we provide.

We are both licensed clinical psychologists with a combined total of 35 plus years of counseling experience. You can read a more detailed description of our educational backgrounds and areas of clinical interests on our website.

The Counseling Center provides individual and group counseling and psychotherapy to students experiencing difficulty in adjusting to university life. Among the most common concerns students bring to the Center are low self-confidence; finding, enhancing, or ending a relationship; getting along with others; puzzling or distressing emotional states; family problems; self-defeating behaviors; controlling use of alcohol and drugs; life purpose and direction; and career decision-making.



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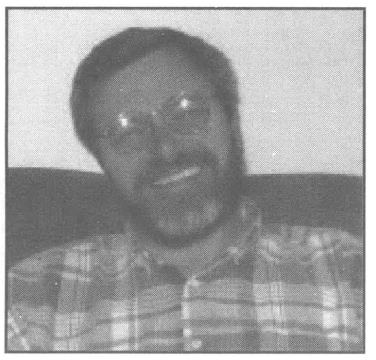
Dr. Marianne Weaver.



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Dr. Thacher Carter.

We offer these services at no additional cost to you. (You actually pay for our services as part of your student health fee). Any student currently enrolled with a minimum of 6 credit hours may use the services at the Counseling Center. Students' contacts are private and confidential. No information of any kind is given to anyone else unless the student specifically requests it in writing.

You are likely to see us around campus, as we are involved in many student activities, whether it's leading discussion groups or training student leaders. You might even catch us guest lecturing in one of your classes. If you live in the residence halls, you'll probably see us teaming up with your RA to put on a program or two on your floor. You're also likely to see us grabbing a cup of coffee at Mac's Grill in the morning, cheering our teams on at different sporting events, or attending EOU's fabulous music concerts and theatrical performances. In the winter, you might even catch Thacher on the Mt. Anthony ski slopes, as he's a volunteer for the ski patrol.

For more information about us and our Counseling Center services, check out our website at www.eou.edu/counsel. Or, better yet, stop by and see us. We have drop-in hours when no appointment is necessary. Just stop by between the hours of 9:30 - 11:30 on M and W; 1:30 - 3:30 on T and TH, and there will be a counselor available to help you. If these hours don't fit into your schedule, please call 962-3524 and set up a special appointment at another time. We're located in the in the little white house on the corner of 6th and L.

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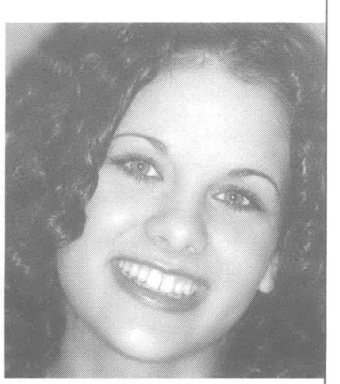
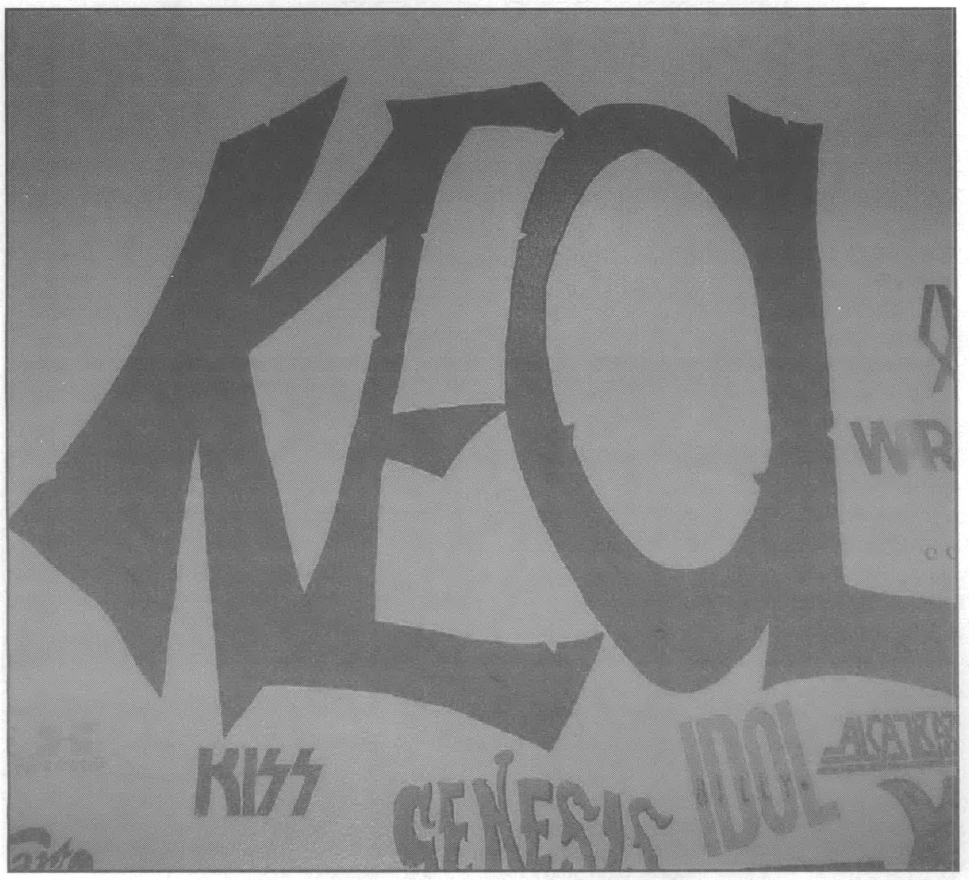


Play your own kind of music



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Get involved with the campus radio station, KEOL 91.7.

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae&E Editor

Don't like what you hear on the radio? Tired of listening to the same old stuff? Well, look no further than the beautiful campus of Eastern Oregon University.

Yes, EOU has its own radio station.

91.7 FM KEOL has been "placating the masses" for more than 30 years and wants you to be a part of it.

Become a disc jockey here in La Grande's only free-form radio station.

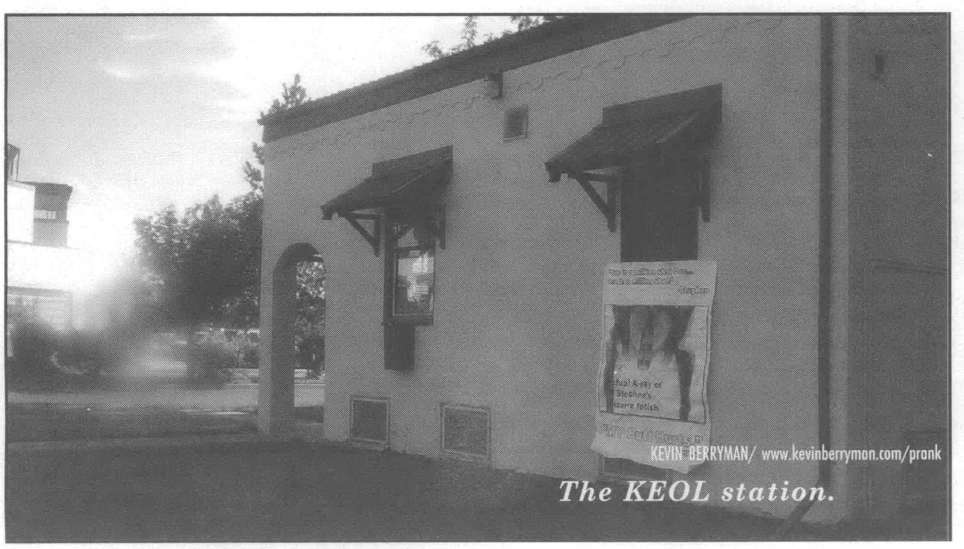
Located next to Pierce Library, KEOL carries more than 30,000 records on compact disc and vinyl. From jazz to classical to rock and hip-hop, if the station doesn't have what you want, then bring your own music.

That's right – play the music you want to hear.

No experience is required to become a DJ. All you have to do is sign up for the FM Broadcasting 1 Intact class. The class is a one-credit course and is offered once a term. It takes place twice a week in Loso Hall and only lasts halfway through the term.

Once you have finished the course, you can sign up for any available three hour slot and start playing music.

For more information or questions you might have, feel free to attend the class or show up at the radio station. You can also contact the Station Manager or Program Director at 962-3698.



KEVIN BERRYMAN/ www.kevinberryman.com/prank

The KEOL station.

Greetings from The Voice

The Voice Editorial

Welcome EOU students—new and returning alike! We at The Voice would like to introduce ourselves and let you know how you can get involved with the newspaper for the coming year.

Our staff this year is filled with many promising staff members, and we are really excited to bring you the news for the next nine months!

Controversy seemed to rattle the campus last year from an issue of our paper. One of the main problems in regard to that was lack of communication and accessibility for both our staff and the student body.

This year at The Voice you will be seeing some changes take place. We want to bring you a more interactive newspaper so that students can respond to new stories in a quicker, more efficient manner. We would like to see this accomplished through a message board on our website: www.eou.edu/thevoice.

If you would like to get involved with the paper we are always looking for new writers to give us a fresh writing perspective.

No experience is necessary; however, if you have taken or are taking beginning newswriting it does help. But it is not required. Come see us and we will give you pointers and lessons on how to write in newswriting style.

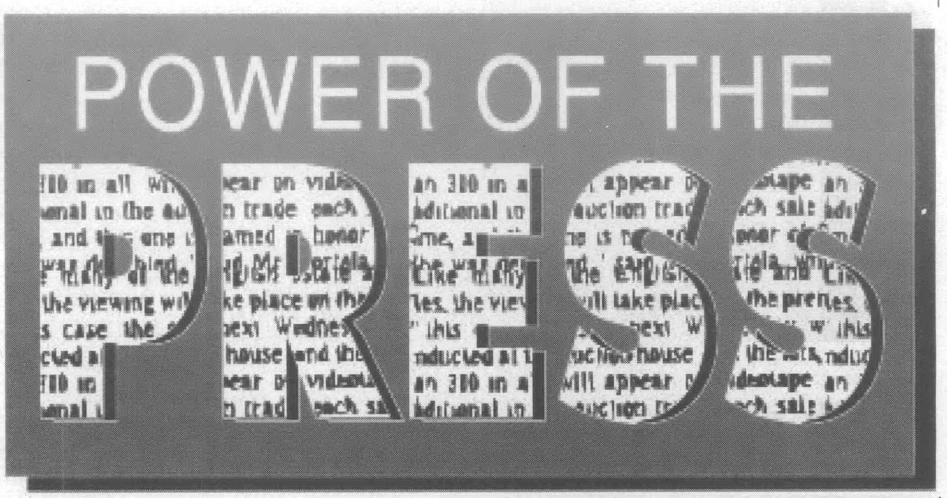
We are currently seeking staff writers and photographers, on a volunteer basis only, in the following sections: News & Features, Arts & Entertainment and Sports.

The Voice also offers practicum credit if you are looking to fulfill your requirement! Contact our advisor, Neil Gustafson, to arrange practicum.

We are going to be looking for a website designer—on a practicum credit, or volunteer basis—to help us rebuild and revitalize our website. We want to make our paper even more accessible to you!

When it comes down to it, The Voice isn't just the staff's paper—it's YOUR paper. So we want to hear from you with any ideas or suggestions of what YOU want to see.

Our staff for the 2006-2007 school year is as follows:



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You can contact us in any number of ways: email us at thevoice@eou.edu, call us at 962-3386, stop by our office in Hoke 320 or bump into any one of us in class with your ideas.

Our mission is to be able to bring you the news you want to hear.

Let your voice be heard!

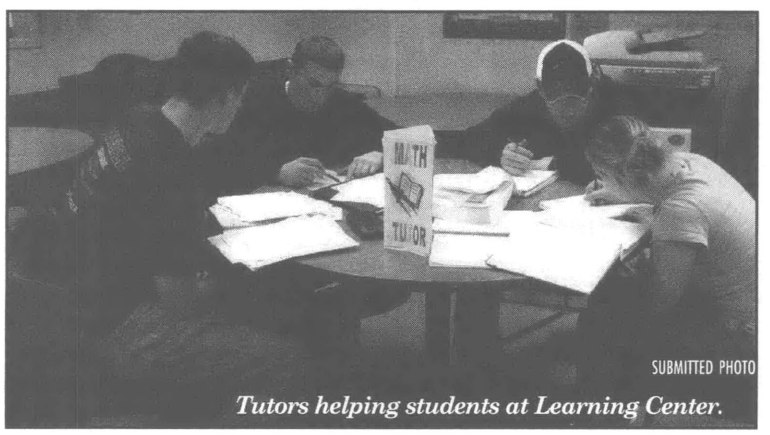
Editorials are written by staff of The Voice. Although the majority of staff agree on any one topic, not all do.

Don't Let Opportunities Like These Pass You By

By Michelle Taisacon
&
By Diana Lynn Taisacon
Voice Guest Writers

A welcoming place, a comfortable setting, and a studious environment--these are some of the things that characterize Eastern Oregon University's Learning Center, located in Loso Hall Room 234. Serving EOU students since 1987, the Learning Center offers access to a computer lab, math and writing tutors, and group study sessions, which are student oriented and *free of charge* to all Eastern students. There are many benefits that a person can gain from the various academic support services that are available.

The Learning Center's computers have all the basic features needed for students to use like Internet access or Microsoft Office. The tutors come highly recommended by Eastern's professors and are available to help students in a number of different ways. The math tutors will guide the students through challenges they may encounter from the math classes; writing tutors are there for any student who needs help either brainstorming or revising a paper, and the group study sessions are offered for most of the freshmen and sophomore classes. All these academic support services are really helpful because they help students gain a better understanding of their course material, work on assignments, get ready for exams, and provide opportunities for students to ask questions.



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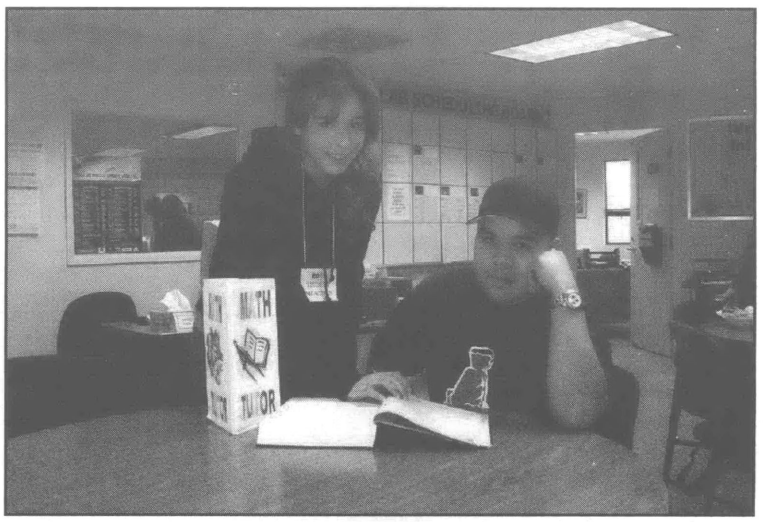
Tutors helping students at Learning Center.

Within the walls of the Learning Center lies another type of support service, the Disability Services Program. This service is available to students with documented disabilities and offers another range of accommodations. Accessible to students in the program are the use of books-on-tape, one-on-one tutoring, note taking, extended test time and different software programs like Dragon Speak and Kurzweil.



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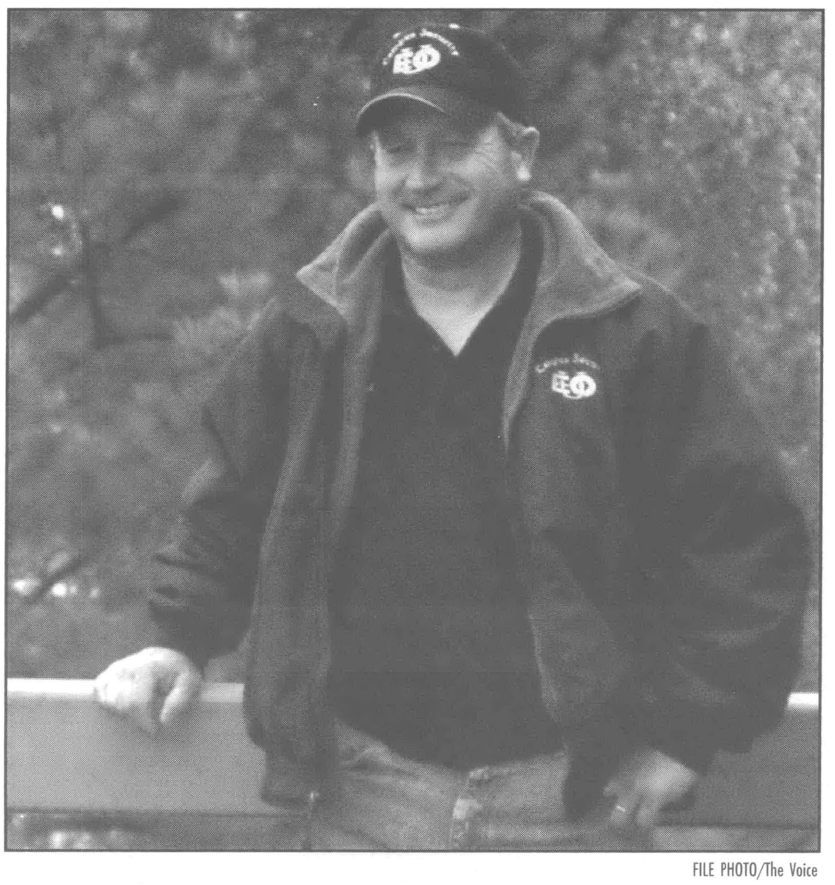
The Learning Center offers many opportunities to students.

As students ourselves, we can vouch for the outstanding services that we have received from the Learning Center. The tutors and study session leaders have always been willing and able to help us understand many of the concepts introduced in our math, writing, and general education classes. So, all new and returning students, take our advice, and take advantage of the many opportunities that the Learning Center has to offer.

Diana Lynn Taisacan is a senior this year majoring in Chemistry. Michelle Taisacan is in the MTE program this year.

Campus security here to protect


FILE PHOTO/The Voice
Duane McLaughlin is one of EOU's Security officers.

By Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor

New students may feel insecure or sometimes even unsafe being on their own in college. That's why campus security is available to keep EOU protected.

There are two security posts located on campus—one in the quad area and one by the radio station and library. If students feel like they are in immediate danger, they should call 911. The police station is located across from campus on 6th street.

Rob Yuodelis, director of Environmental Health and Safety, said, "The primary mission of campus security is to ensure the safety and security of students, staff, faculty and campus visitors."

Security officers also enforce parking rules and regulations, complete building safety inspections, patrol the campus, provide security access assistance and respond to safety incidents.

Scott Greer, Duane McLaughlin, Greg Mclain and Becky Lafferty are the four full-time patrol officers for the upcoming school year. Lafferty is a new officer who was previously an officer for the Umatilla Native American Tribes.

According to Yuodelis, the qualities they look for in security officers for EOU are honesty and helpfulness. He added that they need to be "people persons" to assist the needs of all individuals on campus; "Attention to detail during their patrols and inspections is essential."

Yuodelis said that the patrol officers have completed first aid training in CPR and Automated Electro Cardio Defibrillators (AEDs). There are now 2 AEDs on campus; "One will be available for the Athletic Department use and available for sports events. The second will be a mobile unit for our security patrol officers."

The number students should call for their security needs is 962-3911. Campus security's main offices are in Ackerman rooms 007 and 008.

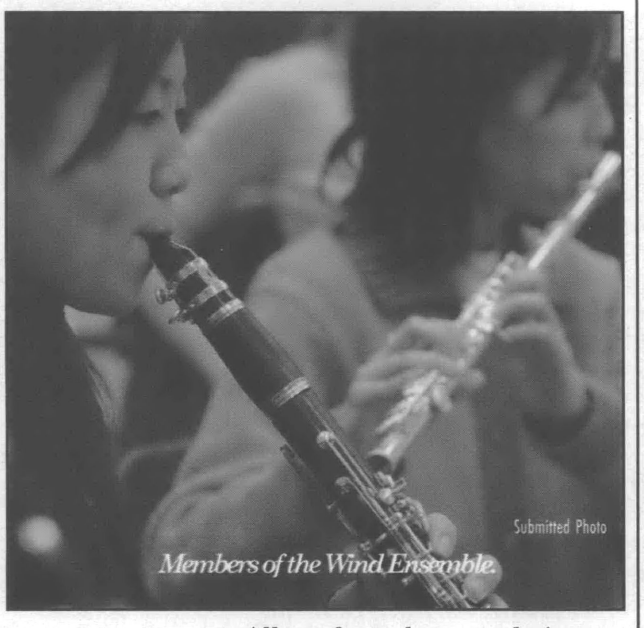
"We are hoping to bring together several spaces in the basement suite of Ackerman Hall and operate as a security center to provide more centralized services to the campus," Yuodelis said. This is scheduled to be competed before the end of Fall term.

Security Supervisor Steve Wadner's office is temporarily located in Hunt Hall room 110.

Arts & Entertainment

Let's get musical at EOU!

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor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Members of the Wind Ensemble.

Like playing music? The EOU Music Department can help you with that.

The Music Department has various ensembles and chamber choirs for students as well as community members to join.

A number of ensembles are offered including the African Drumming Ensemble, the Fiddle Ensemble, and the Percussion Ensemble. Directed by Dr. Teun Fetz, the Wind Ensemble, which premiered last year, will also be offered again this year. The EOU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Matt Cooper will also be available for students to join as well. The Jazz Ensemble has been a regular participant of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho.

Choirs include the EOU Chamber Choir, Grande Ronde Community Choir and EOU Women's Choir.

With more than 40 members, the Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. Peter Wordelman, has traveled throughout the northwest on annual tours. They have also gone on international tours once every three years. In the last international tour the Chamber Choir had toured to Ecuador. This year the Chamber Choir will travel to China during the spring.

Students can audition for any of the ensembles during the school year. All students have to do is register for either Music 195 or 196. Upper division classes are also offered in Music 395 or 396.

Not interested in playing? Just like to listen to music? A Community Concert Series is held yearly with performances by local and out-of-town artists. Special guest artists such as George Winston and Peter Jankovic have performed in Loso Hall. A World Music Series also takes place during the school year with various worldly ensembles and traditional artists. There is also the annual Holiday Music Festival that takes place in the beginning of December every year in McKenzie Theatre.

For questions or more information on how to get involved with the music scene here on campus, visit the Music Department on the web at http://www.eou.edu/music or contact any of the music faculty in Loso Hall.


Submitted Photo
The Holiday Music Festival.

Theatre department gears up for 2006-07 season

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

Interested in tragedies and comedies? How about Broadway musicals? This year's production season will present a mixture of all three.

The EOU Theatre Department will begin the season with its production of the pitch-black comedy, "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," directed by Chuck Peters.

The play is set in present-day Ireland and revolves around a manipulative Mag Folan and her daughter, Maureen. This relationship between mother and daughter boils as each expresses acts of cruelty on one another followed by tragic conclusions. But things are not always as they appear to be.

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane" plays October 19-21 in the Schwarz Theatre.

Along with "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," "Fat Pig," the "New Play Series" and "Sylvia," all make up part of the "Theatre-On-The-Cutting-Edge" season. These works often contain explicit themes and commentary.

The season will continue with the musical "The Pirates of Penzance."

"The Pirates of Penzance" focuses on Fredrick, who as a child was apprenticed to a group of orphaned pirates by his nurse. His nurse had mistaken her master's instructions to apprentice Fredrick to a "pilot." After completing 21 years of apprenticeship, Fredrick rejoices at having fulfilled his indentures. But he later finds out he was born on February 29 and now must stay apprenticed to the pirates until he turns 21-years-old.

"The Pirates of Penzance" will be playing November 8-11 in McKenzie Theatre.

Instead of a holiday musical featuring Christmas carols, the Theatre Department will brighten up the year with "Spring into Broadway."

The Theatre Department will celebrate the arrival of spring with musical numbers such as "Younger than Springtime" from "The King and I" and "Springtime for Hitler" from "The Producers."

"Spring into Broadway" will open March 8 and play March 10 and 15-17.

The "New Play Series," in its ninth year, is a collection of stories from various playwrights in the department, fellow students and community members as well. They will have the opportunity to watch their works be performed on stage in a workshop form. Actors and directors in the theatre department will present staged readings of the selected works.

The "New Play Series" will be playing April 12-14 in Schwarz Theatre.

Look for the following theatrical productions during the school year: "Fat Pig" playing January 25-27, "Fefu and her Friends," playing February 8-10 and 15-17, "As You Like It," playing May 16-19 and "Sylvia," playing June 7-9.

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Sports

Get Involved with YOUR sports programs

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

The time has come once again to lace up those sneakers, pull up those knee pads, and give each other nicknames like "smalls," "speedy," and "clutch." Yep, the intramural sports programs are about to commence!

If you are already around campus supporting your blue and gold counterparts, then that is great! But I also highly encourage you to enjoy some of that fun for yourself and join a fall activities team. Fall is an awesome time for sports—volleyball, soccer, football, and cross country are already well on their way to great seasons.

2006-07 schedules are now posted on the internet, so if you're not sure about game dates and times, you can easily look them up at your convenience. However, when you're not out in the stands (or on the grass), you should be following six easy steps toward happiness:

1) Pick up an intramural participation form, roster and rules from the Intramural Office (Quinn Fitness Center)

2) Enter your team roster, with signatures, before entry deadline(s).

3) Turn in Participation Waiver/Statement of Insurance to IM Office before deadline(s)

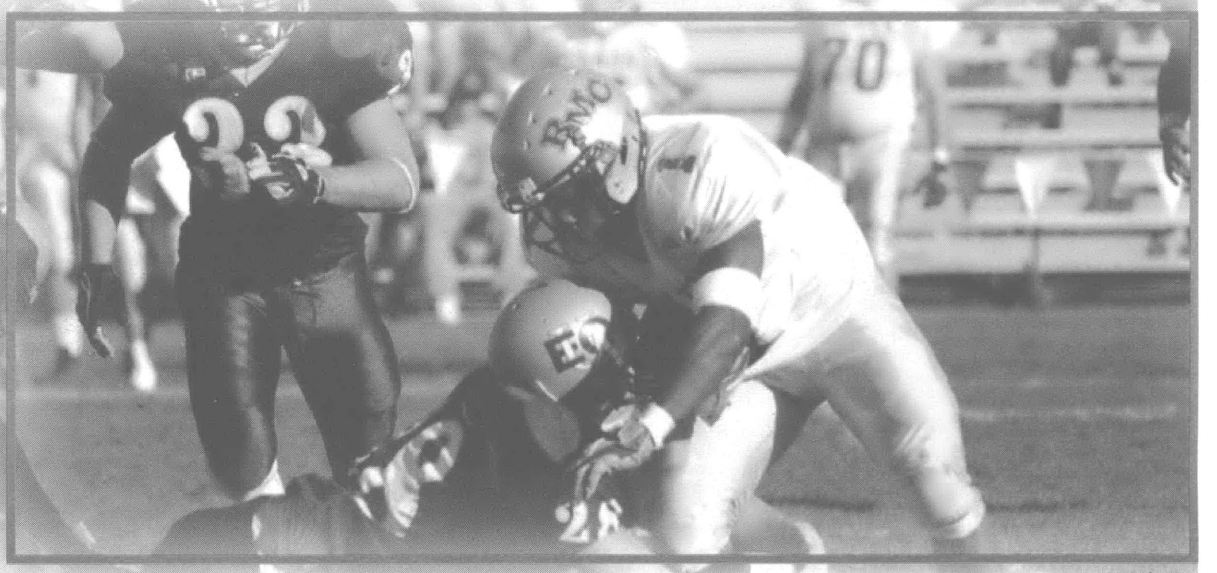
4) Attend manager's meeting prior to beginning play

5) Stop by Intramural Office if you have questions

6) Show up for game/meet.

The first flag football meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 4, while the volleyball meeting will be Friday, Oct. 5th. Additional information, like employment opportunities, can be found on the athletics/intramurals website.

Along with volleyball and flag football, there are many other activities you can be doing and places you can be going this fall: open gym, the fitness center, swimming pool, climbing wall and the tennis and racquetball courts. So, before you deny that cute girl that asks you to be on her intramural volleyball team—ask yourself one question, "Why not?" Because seriously, what else are you going to be doing?! Think about it.



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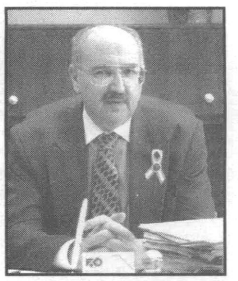

EOU President Khosrow Fatemi

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Your education will take place inside the classroom, and in the outside world. Internships will help you get the all-important "hands on" knowledge necessary to launch your career. International experiences - both on- and off-campus - will provide you with a greater understanding of the world and cultural interactions. Undergraduate research builds on what you learn with your professors and expands your academic horizons. And service learning places you into a position where you can help make a difference right here, right now. Ultimately, what you learn here at Eastern is what shapes you as a person and sets you apart as an EOU alumnus.

Throughout Orientation and indeed, over the next academic year, you will be provided a wealth of information that deals with you as an individual. Access to this information is a very important part of your educational experience and I hope that you will make yourself aware of your rights and responsibilities as a student. EOU's website is a good place to locate resources, including the online student handbook, which is available at www.eou.edu/saffairs/handbook. Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the materials. I encourage you to learn about our policies dealing with issues such as student conduct, citizenship, sexual assault and sexual harassment, and student organizations.

The transition from high school to college can be challenging. From my high school in Indiana to college and graduate school in California, I have made many of the same changes as you are about to make. Although it may have been more than a few years ago, I still know what it's like to move into a dorm room for the first time! But within a few days, campus will become familiar, faces will be more easily recognized, and life will adjust for you at EOU.

Eastern is a great school with a lot to offer its students. I truly hope you enjoy life as a Mountaineer. If there is anything my office can do to assist you, please feel free to contact me.

Khosrow Fatemi
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22—ESE Outdoor Movie
23—Hoke Late Night
26—ESE Craft Night
27—SAO Club Fair
30—ESE concert: Tiller's Folley

October

4—ESE Coffee House: Jonathan Kingham
7—Hobbit Holiday
13—ESE Commedian: Michael Dean Ester
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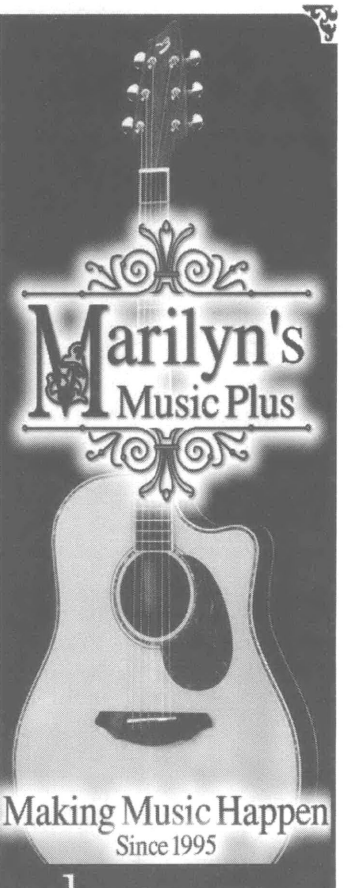

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New directors come to EOU

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

LA GRANDE, Oregon – Eastern Oregon University has filled three director positions on campus this summer. Jaime Contreras has been hired as the new director of Admissions, Karen Clay as new director of Pierce Library, and Stephen Jenkins will move in as the new director of Residence Life.

Contreras began work on campus July 3 after relocating from Chicago where he worked as the Associate Director for Minority Recruitment Initiatives for Columbia College Chicago. With 23 years of experience working in student financial aid, college counseling, teaching, grant writing, precollege management and admissions counseling, Contreras is also bilingual and a motivational speaker. Some of his immediate goals as director of Admissions include increasing the number of multicultural students on campus and the number of students who matriculate into EOU from the Eastern Oregon region. He also hopes to identify ways to fund new scholarships and develop new partnerships in the region, he said.

Contreras has a bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago, and he attended Keller Graduate School of Management for three semesters. He later received his master's degree in educational administration from Northeastern Illinois University.

Karen Clay came EOU from Stanford University where she served as head of the Engineering Library and the Science and Engineering Libraries Resource Group. She began work on July 19.

At Stanford, Clay was responsible for managing the Engineering Library collections, Web pages, reference services and staff, in addition to conducting long-range facilities planning. Her duties as head of the resource group included coordinating the needs of seven science and engineering branch libraries in the Stanford University Libraries System. She has more than 10 years of experience as an academic librarian and is familiar with some of the most recent trends in academic libraries. Clay hopes to begin the planning stages for a new library on campus soon.

"We've already had some focus groups and discussions to try and get a feeling for what people want to see in a new library, and I'm looking forward to analyzing the results of those discussions," she said.

Clay holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, a master's degree in engineering from the University of British Columbia, and a master's in library information studies from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada.

Stephen Jenkins will begin work as the new director of Residence Life on August 1, taking over for long-time director Mike Daugherty who retired from the position this year. Jenkins was the interim associate director of Residence Life for Resident Education at the University of Oregon prior to accepting the job at EOU. His experience includes leadership development, crisis management, student conduct and conflict mediation. Jenkins has specific skills in substance abuse prevention, sexual assault prevention, student/staff training development and facilities management.

Some of his immediate goals include establishing a strategic plan for the Residence Life department to remain fiscally sound, while creating opportunities for growth and expansion. Increasing recruitment and retention of on-campus students is also a priority, he said.

"I hope to collaborate with academic partners to blur some of the distinctions between residential settings and academic life, including creating additional academic programs in the residence halls and encouraging more frequent interactions between residents and faculty," Jenkins said.

Jenkins holds a bachelor's of science in social science degree from Boise State University. He earned his master's of science in educational leadership with focus on policy, management and organization from the University of Oregon.

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Newly appointed Director of Diversity Luz Villarroel (right) and New Director of Pierce Library, Karen Clay (left).



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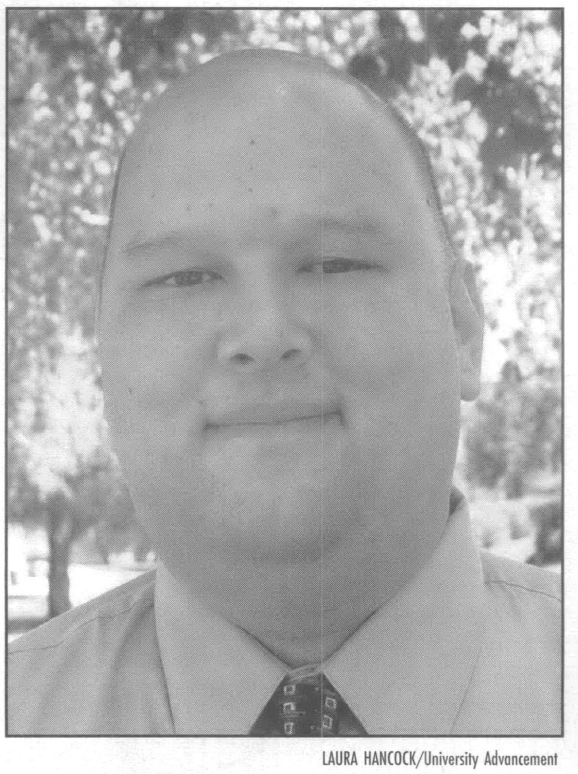
New Director of Admissions, Jaime Contreras.



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New Residence Life Director, Stephen Jenkins

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continual basis and become much the same as an athletic team or club," she said.

"On any one of our trips together, whether it is a camping, rafting or fundraising trip, we always have a great time together," Peterson said. "Along parallel lines, Orientation seems to be the time when all of our hard work and planning pays off in a week of fun-filled activities and meeting new students."

Peterson is also anticipating Homecoming, where the ambassadors plan to be more involved than previous years.

She also said that this will be an opportunity to recruit future Ambassadors.

"We will have interest cards to fill out and students will have the opportunity to see us in action outside of the one-week orientation that we are notorious for," she said.

Murphy added that any interested student can stop by the ambassadors office anytime during the school year. The office is located across the hall from Admissions.

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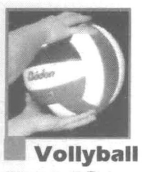

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This Week in History

Columbus arrived in the new world (1492).

Musician Paul Simon was born (1947).

The sound barrier was broken (1947.

Jet-powered car sets record for longest skid make at nearly 6 miles (1964).

Abraham Lincoln spoke out against slavery for the first time (1854).

John Lennon and Yoko Ono arrested for possession of drugs (1968).

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* If you choke a Smurf, what color would it turn?

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What makes international students pick EOU

By Cassie Smith
Voice Staff Writer

Eastern is home to many students from all over the world.

You may be asking why an international student would choose La Grande and EOU out of all schools and cities in the United States.

The answer has many components. Heather Jones, the international student advisor, said in an e-mail, "Almost all of the students came to EOU because we do not charge non-resident tuition. A U.S. education is very expensive for international students, so the cost savings is a big factor."

Jane Mburu, from Kenya, agrees.

"I applied to a few universities in the U.S., mainly in Georgia, Washington and Oregon," she said. "Of those that offered me a place, none had the low cost fees like Eastern, nor did they have guaranteed in-state fees like Eastern."

Saving money may have certainly captured the attention from international students, but there are other factors that have influenced their attendance.

Jones wrote that international students are also interested in EOU because of the "climate, small classes and the fact that their majors were offered here."

Mburu came back for a second year at Eastern because she felt the small class sizes allowed her to have more one-on-one time with her professors.

In the last few years, Eastern began to recruit international students,



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The International Student Association.

and has had great success.

"Currently, our efforts are small in scale, but we are working on a strategic plan to gradually increase international recruitment," Jones said.

Jones also explained how important international education is to the country and to EOU: "International exchange helps form relationships that lead to a deeper understanding and international cooperation. The relationships that can form through international exchange can benefit us personally, in business and in politics."

Tattoo shop opens

By Kyle Rowland
Voice Staff Writer

It was difficult to hear over the buzzing as Hollywood, the owner and resident artist of La Grande's new tattoo parlor, worked on the forearm of a client.

"I've been tattooing since the early 80s, during the infancy of the MTV generation," said Hollywood. His work has scored him five national tattoo awards as well as a spot in, as Hollywood puts it, "every tattoo magazine that's of any kind of quality or name."

The circumstances of Hollywood's arrival in La Grande are somewhat accidental, as his wife Christina explained, mainly due to a faulty U-haul that stranded

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Hollywood works on a tattoo

EOU remembers Dr. Shahbazi

By Holly Arnson
Voice Staff Writer

Former Eastern Oregon University History Professor, Shapur Shahbazi, passed away on July 15, 2006, after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Shahbazi retired after 20 years of teaching at EOU. His former colleagues and students at Eastern fondly remember him.

Dr. Shahbazi brought the love of history to the students in his classes and encouraged them to challenge themselves, never accepting mediocrity.

In the classroom, he delivered lectures without notes and draw maps of places all over the world from memory.

He was one of the world's foremost authorities in many areas of pre-Islamic history,

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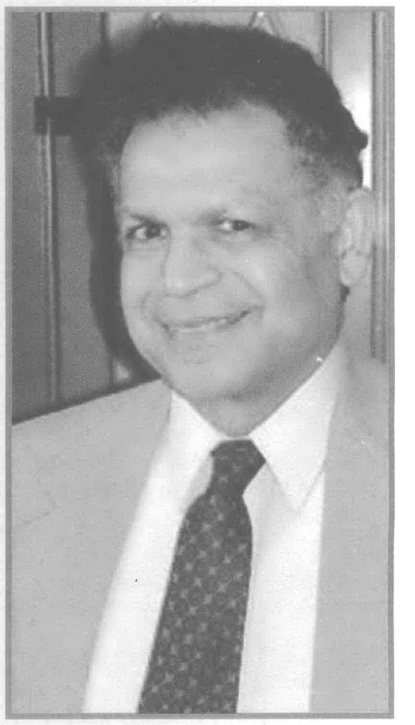

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Dr. Shapur Shahbazi

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language and culture, and he had a very successful and celebrated career that is recognized worldwide.

After receiving a master's degree and doctorate from the University of London, he founded the Achemenid Institute in the ceremonial capital of Persepolis, Iran. He directed the institute from 1973 until the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

After the revolution, he left Iran and lived in exile in Germany and the United States. Eventually, he was able to return to Iran and reopen the institute, continuing his scholarly and professional career. He remained active and involved with the institute until his death.

Over the course of his professional career, Dr. Shahbazi taught at universities in Shiraz, Tehran and Goettingen, as well as Harvard, Columbia and herea at Eastern. He has authored 16 books and 180 articles and publications.

History Professor Greg Monahan, said, "He was always extraordinarily friendly, and his politeness was absolutely legendary. He had what I call an 'old world charm' about him."

Dr. Monahan remembered one of his favorite memories of Dr. Shahbazi: "I gave him a ride to Portland once, and toward the beginning of the trip I asked him a question about the ancient Scythians, a tribe that had roamed the southern steppes of Russia in the ancient period. I only had to ask him that one question to be treated to a wonderful series of stories and vignettes about the Scythians, their influence on the region, and on other peoples. I think I learned more on that one car trip than I have in all the other car trips I've taken in my life! His knowledge was absolutely vast, and he truly enjoyed sharing it with others."

When asked how Dr. Shahbazi contributed to students beyond the classroom, Monahan responded, "I think he endowed all of his students with a true appreciation for scholarship, not only by his lively lecture style, but also from the personal example he set. He helped them to understand the importance of learning, and the extent to which it is a life-long process."

At his memorial, many people from the campus and community stepped forward to honor Dr. Shahbazi and remember his accomplishments and honors, but most of all his warmth and kindness.

On the leaflet at his memorial was a quote from Hafiz, a 14th century Persian poet: "He will never die whose heart is animated by love. My immortality has been recorded in the register of the universe."

EOU German professor awarded certificate of merit

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

The American Association of Teachers of German, (AATG), and the Goethe-Institute, New York, will present their annual Certificate of Merit to Regina Braker, professor of German at Eastern Oregon University.

Braker is one of nine recipients of the 2006 award for outstanding achievement in furthering the teaching of German in schools in the U.S. The award has been presented annually since 1978 by the AATG and Goethe-Institute to a select group of educators in the field of German.

"I have had great students and wonderful colleagues here on our campus to work with, but as a sole German program faculty member, I am compelled to find collegial connections beyond our campus as well," said Braker, who has taught at EOU since 1995.

"It continues to be a professional pleasure to work with teachers throughout our state and region through the Confederation in Oregon for Language Teaching and the Oregon Association of Teachers of German," she said.

Braker also appreciates the professional development opportunities of the AATG and she has traveled to Flathead Lake, Mont., San Francisco and Munich to attend the Goethe-Institute's "Trainernetzwerk."

The award presentation ceremony will take place on Nov. 18, during the AATG's annual meeting in Nashville and will be attended by approximately 500 of the organization's members. Rachel Halverson, associate professor of German at Washington State University and fellow teacher trainer in the Goethe Institute Trainer Network, nominated Braker for the award.

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Play a round of disc golf at EOU's new nine-hole course

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

A new nine-hole, recreational level disk golf course on campus will help keep students at Eastern Oregon University busy playing outdoors all year round.

The course was completed in late September just in time for the start of fall term classes.

"We are trying to find activities that students enjoy and then create outlets for those activities here on campus," said EOU senior Steffany Long, director of Eastern Student Entertainment (ESE).

"All the students seem to be really excited about the new course," she said.

Frisbee golf, also known as disc golf or folf, follows the same rules as golf and has enjoyed a rise in popularity since it first originated in the 1960s. According to the Disc Golf Association's Web site, there are more than 3,000,000 regular players of the game in the U.S. and there are more than 20,000 members of the Professional Disc Golf Association. Hundreds of tournaments are held at courses across the country each year.

EOU's course is tournament ready. Outside groups can also hold tournaments on campus if they coordinate with the ESE office.

Planning for the course began last year. Long worked with Jeff Dunbar, past director of Student Activities, to design the course. Together they measured out the entire course, which begins near Quinn Coliseum and traverses through campus ending between the Hoke Union Building and Pierce Library. The entire length of the course is 1,944 feet.

Money to build the course was allocated from the EOU Vending Committee, which will continue to provide funding for the project throughout the academic year. EOU Facilities also donated some time and labor to install the equipment, which included rust-resistant baskets and tees that are designed to last for a long time with little to no maintenance.

Long said that there is a possibility of expanding the course by adding more holes, but right now the course is contained to the area of campus most utilized by students.

Maps and score cards may be picked up at the Student Activities Office in the Hoke Union Building, Room 321.

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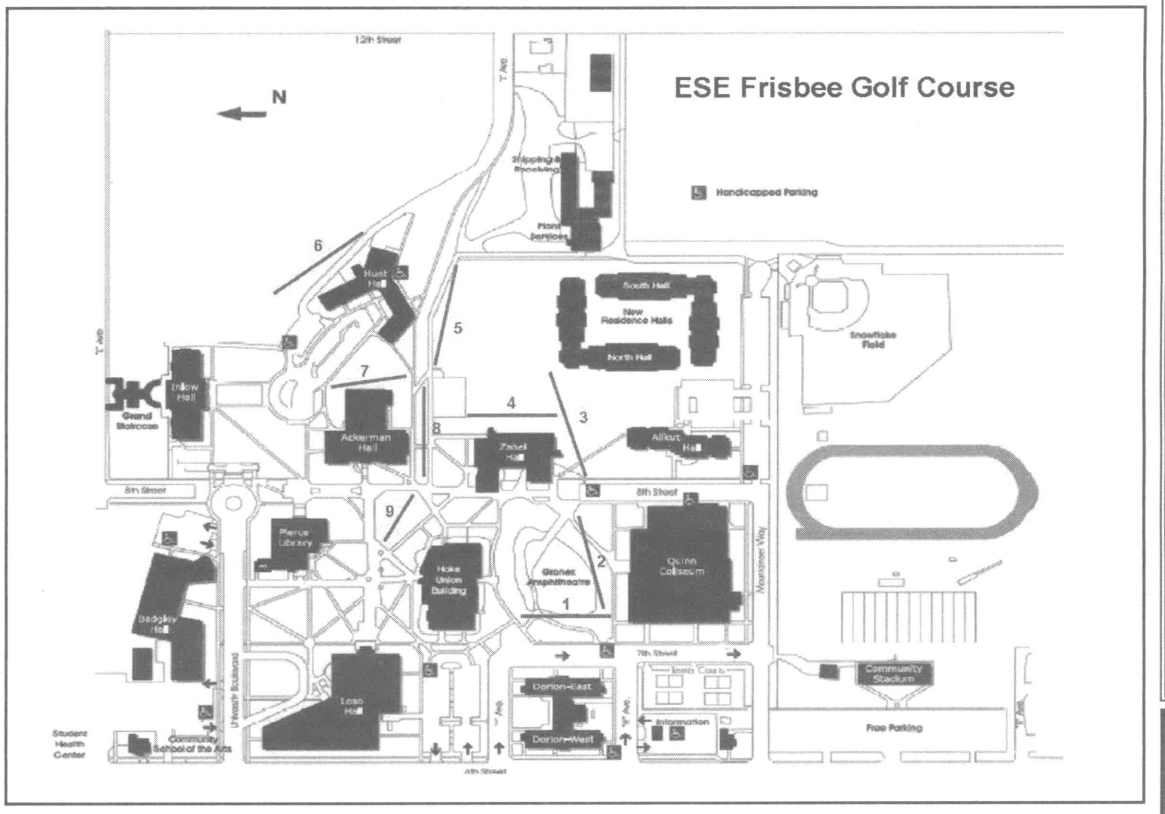

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The numbered lines represent each hole of the disc course.



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Ufology experts say this could be a UFO. You be the judge.



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VP of Student Affiars, Sheldon Nord takes a shot at the new course.

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New Oregon East published

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

Oregon East, EOU's literary magazine, published their 37th issue and will be holding a gala reading of this year's poetry, prose and art.

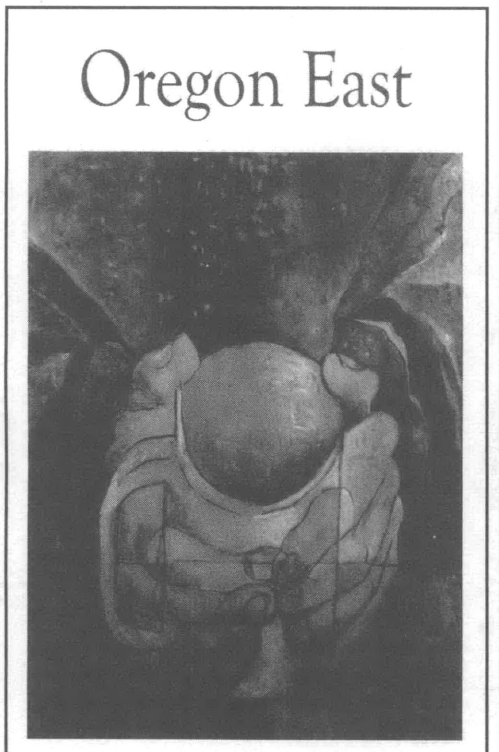
The gala is set to take place Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ackerman Alumni Room.

Becky Collins, the new Oregon East editor, explained that "the gala is basically a place to celebrate the magazine and we hold it every year."

Writers published in the latest issue of Oregon East will be reading their poetry and prose, while some of the featured artists will bring in their artwork to show and discuss.

According to Collins, they are trying to work out details to get the Jazz Ensemble to play at the gala.

Oregon East also has a job opening for Assistant Editor. Interested students should pick up an application on the door of the OE office in Hoke 304.



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The cover of the new Oregon East featuring the artwork of Brandon Whitacre.

Mark your calendars now for homecoming and oktoberfest

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

With everything from golfing to theater performances slated for this year's Homecoming and Oktoberfest celebration at Eastern Oregon University, there's bound to be something for everyone to get excited about during the week of Oct. 16-21.

Perennial favorites include the Oktoberfest booths, live concert, beer garden, Homecoming parade, EOU Alumni Honors Ceremony and the Mountaineer Booster Club Scholarship Golf Scramble.

Mountaineer Challenges organized by Eastern Student Entertainment will take place on campus throughout the week, and soccer and volleyball games are on the docket for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, Oct. 19 is opening night for EOU's production of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," a dark comedy about a tormented mother-daughter relationship set in present-day Ireland. The show will play in Schwarz Theatre at 8 p.m. each evening through Saturday.

The EOU Chamber Choir will present its Fall Choral Concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre, and the work of Michigan artists Christy DeHoog Johnson and John DeHoog and Ohio artist Dragana Crnjak will be on display in Nightingale Gallery. The exhibit runs through Oct. 27.

Oktoberfest activities begin at 3 p.m. and booths and the beer garden will be open throughout the evening. Singer and guitarist Eric E. will rock the quad at 3 p.m. and all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are welcome to attend an all-you-can-eat barbecue at 4:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person, but the first 50 people will eat for free.

Bringing the day to a close Friday will be the Alumni Honors Ceremony at 6 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre. The ceremony, formerly the Alumni Awards Ceremony, was combined for the first time with the Mountaineer Athletic Hall of Fame Induction last year and was a huge success. Everyone is also welcome to attend a bonfire following the ceremony at the field behind Community Stadium.

On Saturday morning, all alumni are invited to attend the annual reunion breakfast hosted by the Alumni Association at 8 a.m. The Homecoming parade through downtown La Grande begins at 11 a.m. Oktoberfest booths and the beer garden open at 11:30 a.m. at Community Stadium where players will take the field at 1 p.m. for the big Homecoming game against the Montana Tech Ore Diggers. Immediately after the game the fifth-quarter celebration swings into full gear in the Hoke Main Lounge.

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them on the side of the road near Pendleton. Their automobile troubles then brought them to La Grande, where they decided to open up shop.

"We were here for about two hours before we got a permit from city hall. After going back and looking at the U-haul, there was nothing wrong with it. It was fate." said Christina.

The device used for tattooing, Hollywood elaborated, "is a piece of equipment derived from Thomas Edison's engraving invention, but made more user-friendly."

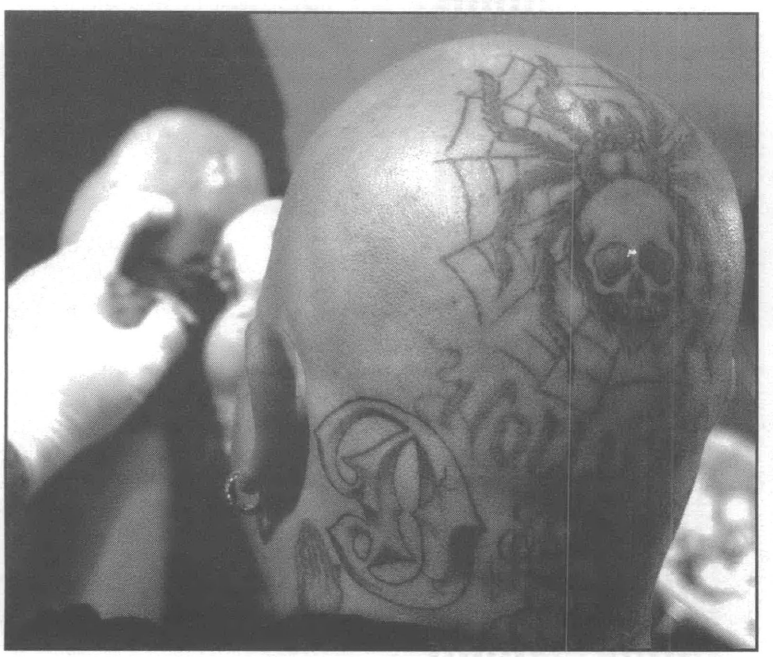
Outfitted with a needle dipped in ink, his instrument thrums away at a furious 3500 times per minute, leaving behind a bold, permanent mark on the skin.

The ink that Hollywood uses comes directly from the National Tattoo Association which supplies "only to top-notch tattooers, not scratchers," he said.

The use of white latex gloves is to protect both the client and the artist from each other.

"In a world of disease, never assume, always protect, and always wear your rubbers." Hollywood said with a smirk.

Originally studying film writing and directing at the Hollywood Film Institute, Hollywood began his career in tattoos apprenticed under the renowned Shaws.



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Hollywood works on the arm of one of his clients.

According to Hollywood, "The Shaws revolutionized the industry. No name in the business is larger than the Shaws'. They are the industry standard."

From the tutelage of the Shaws, Hollywood went on to work at the famous Screaming Demon tattoo shop in Houston, TX, which used to be in the proximity of a famous concert venue. It was there that Hollywood worked on the likes of The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rage Against the Machine, Marilyn Manson, and Pantera. Hollywood described them as "regular kind of guys who just wanted a tattoo."

He has even had the opportunity to make cameos in films such as Coyote Ugly and Roadrunner Inn. To suggest that someone could earn a nice chunk of money from such ventures, Hollywood disagrees, saying "it's only enough to make a decent living in a world of starving

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Students should be aware of Residence Life rules

By Kristen Britton
Voice Staff Writer

As the year begins anew, many rules are being implemented for students living on campus.

Some of these rules may still be unknown, even if they have been in the student handbook before.

The most bizarre rule, perhaps, is stated on page 31 in the Residence Life Fact Book. It notes an important parking violation that most students don't consider—backing into spaces. This rule applies to all parking throughout campus, and will cost the perpetrator $15.

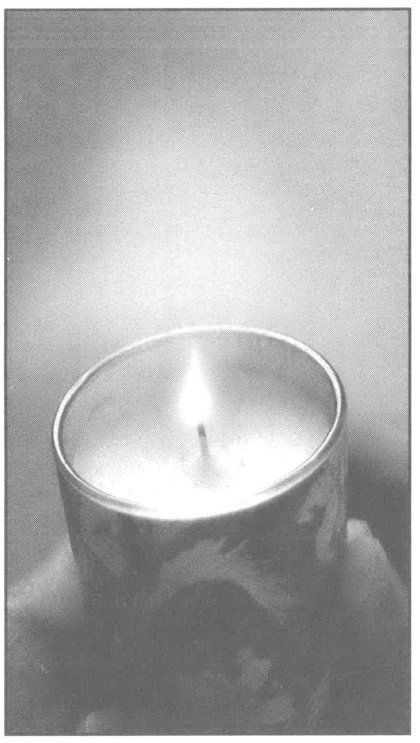
These quirky regulations also extend to candles. No candles are allowed in dorm rooms, even for decorative purposes.

This is because of the highly flammable oil that candles are made out of. Although it isn't likely that there could be a problem with decorative candles, it is still a possibility.

"We have to make it standard for everyone. We can't just say that one person can have a candle and another can't," explained Kristy Headings, North Hall Director.

Toasters, hot plates and other electrical appliances have also caused some uproar among dorm dwellers. These have been outlawed for obvious fire safety reasons.

Students should also be aware of overloading circuit breakers, as this can also be very hazardous.



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Even unlit candles are banned from dorms.

Empty alcohol bottles, or "dead soldiers," are also prohibited, as there is no way to distinguish if the contents were recently consumed by underage students or brought as a decoration.

Downloading music from programs such as Limewire and iTunes can severely disrupt the school's server, and removing the screens from dorm windows is against Residence Life rules. This is dangerous to students as some like to dangle their feet or pass harmful creatures and objects inside and out of the building.

Other rules concern pets, which are allowed only if they are completely submerged in water, such as fish, snails and other aquatic life; large holes in the wall left by screws or hefty duty nails; and asking Residence Life before you have a visitor use the guest room.

If students are caught breaking any Residence Life rules, the Residence Authorities will file an incident report and the student may be sent to Arbitration, where they may be fined or shown videos to inform about the dangers of their actions.

The Director implements most rules, although Hall Council and RA's also keep an eye out for abuses.

"Many of the rules are a result of past problems with either EOU or other universities," said North Hall RA Jonas Goodwin.

"We have these rules so that we can provide the safest community possible for residents," Heather Irby, North Hall RA, said.

If any students would like to voice their opinions on Residence Life rules, they can visit Hall Council, which meets every Tuesday in the Hall Lounge at 7:30pm.



Chemistry student presents research in San Francisco

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Danielle Kelley had been there before, but this time it was a bit different—she was alone.

Kelley, a freshman, traveled to San Francisco in September to present at the American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting.

The event, held twice a year, took place at the San Francisco Convention Center.

Kelley represented the Chemistry Club at EOU.

Blake Acton and Ashley Jones had been researching alongside Kelley for the ACS meeting since the previous presentation in the spring of 2005.

The group researched Pyrolizidine Alkaloids, which are chemicals found in plants that cause them to be toxic.

Alkaloids also create the odor smelled when the plant dries. These can also have medicinal properties.

For the fall presentation, the group created a poster presentation on the Cacaliopsis nardosmia. This, along with the Luina serpentina that they presented last spring, is a member of the Sunflower family. Both are located in the Northwest.

Unfortunately, Kelley was the only member able to attend this fall's meeting because of scheduling conflicts.

"The last time I had Ashley there," Kelley said. "I felt a little overwhelmed by myself at first."

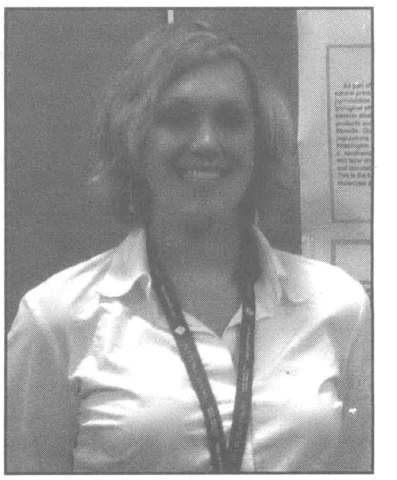
Kelley described the ACS meeting as undergraduate and graduate groups presenting research.

"There is also the convention where the different science companies show what they have been working on," she said. "We just did a poster session for two hours."

Kelley said the meeting could almost be thought of as a science fair because people present their research for others to observe and ask questions.

The presenters stand by their posters as others walk around and examine their work.

"It's a chance for students to present what they have been working on to certified scientists. People come from all over the world," Kelley said.



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Kevin Kretschmer is

Kelley also said that graduate schools come to recruit students

"It's a good opportunity to show the different graduate schools what I have been doing. It looks good on a resume to say you have been doing undergraduate research," she said. "Plus, you can get it published if you find something interesting enough. Having published research as an undergrad is big."

Dr. Kelley, Danielle's father, is the faculty member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry program,.

Dr. Kelley lets the

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Opinion & Editorials

Say-WHAT-zki?



Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

Have you ever had one of those days where it just seems like nothing can go right?

I just did this past Sunday afternoon.

Everything was going smoothly. My roommate and I had just taken a trip that lead us to Portland to go to the best concert I've ever been to in my life (Hotel Café Tour). And we had also driven down to Bend to visit our good friend Shawna, who graduated last year.

We had an awesome time and were even enjoying some tunes traveling down the highways on the way back.

And then we got to La Grande.

I had to come up here to meet with one of our editors and I was running a bit behind. I got in my car, threw my stuff on the seat, put the key in the ignition, and turned it and—nothing.

For the second time in three weeks my car was dead, and for the second time it will need to be towed.

I was at least 15 minutes behind for my meeting and now I had to set off by foot.

So seeing that there could be no one else on earth that is better at consoling me in my time of anguish, I called my mommy. Yeah, that's right, my mommy.

And while I was telling her of my frustration of the battery in my car dying again, my cell phone battery died.

So I marched myself up to my office, hoping that nothing else would go wrong. And it didn't...for about 15 minutes.

And right when I needed to make several important business phone calls, the office phone—that had been charging all weekend—and the battery ran out on that too.

So that was enough work for me for the day—so I headed on home, hoping to find some sort of peace at my home.

It would not be so.

While trying to tell a friend of my series of unfortunate events, MySpace crapped out on me and wouldn't let me tell her of my woes.

Again, a warranted call to my mom was needed. And again, my phone died on me after it had been charged for several hours.

So, I decided to take out my aggression on some innocent pistachios. I find the cracking of the shell process to be somewhat soothing. Until I found a dead maggot in one of them and almost accidentally ate it.



It was at this point that I should have given up and gone to bed. But I didn't.

I then fell and nearly hit my head on the sink in the bathroom. I suppose that is a common occurrence though, so I can't blame that on my bad luck streak. Still...you never know.

My night ended just before midnight while reaching for the remote to change the channel from the Televangelist Joel Osteen's speech. He told me that I should feel like I don't deserve to be happy.

Thanks, Joel. You're a real pal.

But you have to just sit back, look at the absurdity of it all and laugh. Because that is all we really can do.

Life can be a very funny thing if you alook at it with the right attitude.

If this is any indication of what the rest of my year is going to be like, my guess is that it's going to be a very funny year.

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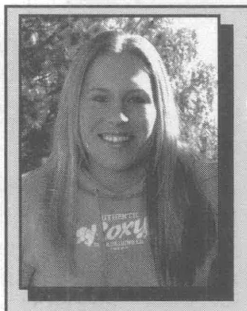

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Time is something I haven't had in, well, a long time.

I am usually not content unless I am busy, and my current schedule is enough to make anyone go insane.

I am a student-athlete. I am currently taking 17 credits even though Volleyball is in season.

Any athlete will say that when you are in season, you barely have enough time for anything else.

Unfortunately, that is not the case for me.

On top of all of this, I have three jobs. I am a writing tutor and your News and Features Editor—hence, this column.

When I am not in season, you will also find me assembling some tasty sandwiches at the SubShop.

Don't worry, I am almost done!

My favorite thing to do is volunteer coach when I am home in the Seattle area, and sometimes I get paid as a personal trainer.

I also find some way to hold a 3.87 GPA. Perfectionist you might ask? I definitely think that is my biggest fault.

Oh yes, and I forgot to mention that I cannot function off of less than 7 hours of sleep (I prefer 12) and I often take afternoon naps—I really think the U.S. should adopt the whole siesta thing.

I love to sit and read, and there's at least one show a day I can't live without.

Finally, if I do not get enough exercise then I will go insane.

I am surprised my boyfriend isn't ready to kick me out of the house.

Time always flies for me, but I am not always having fun. I have never wanted time to stop more than ever before.

Recent events in my life have made me wish that I could just take the time to sit down and reflect. I guess tough events always do that to us.

Is it just me, or does anyone else ever wonder how you got where you are? I remember being younger and thinking that college was an eternity away. I thought that I would never be that old.

In those good-old-days it seemed like I had all of the time in the world. It seemed like one of those days were as long as 15 days now.

I guess this is leading me to explaining how I became your 2006-2007 News and Features Editor.

To be honest, the thought hadn't crossed my mind until I was asked by last year's Editor in Chief. I applied, and now here I am.

I am a Journalism major because I love to be informed. I always have to know what is going on. I hate being out of the loop.

I love watching the news and I am one of the few people of our generation that actually read the newspaper, but, I will still admit that I too can be found with my nose in *Us Weekly*.

I wanted to introduce myself in my first column, and hopefully I did a decent job of it.

Most importantly, I want you to know that I will be 110 percent committed to this job, even if I look too busy or too stressed out from life taking its toll on me.

My coach put this quote up on the board in our locker room the other day: "Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it is spent. Be careful lest you let others spend it for you."

Do me a favor and take some time for yourselves. I promise, I am going to try my hardest to do the same.

This is the most free we will have the chance to be for a long, long time.

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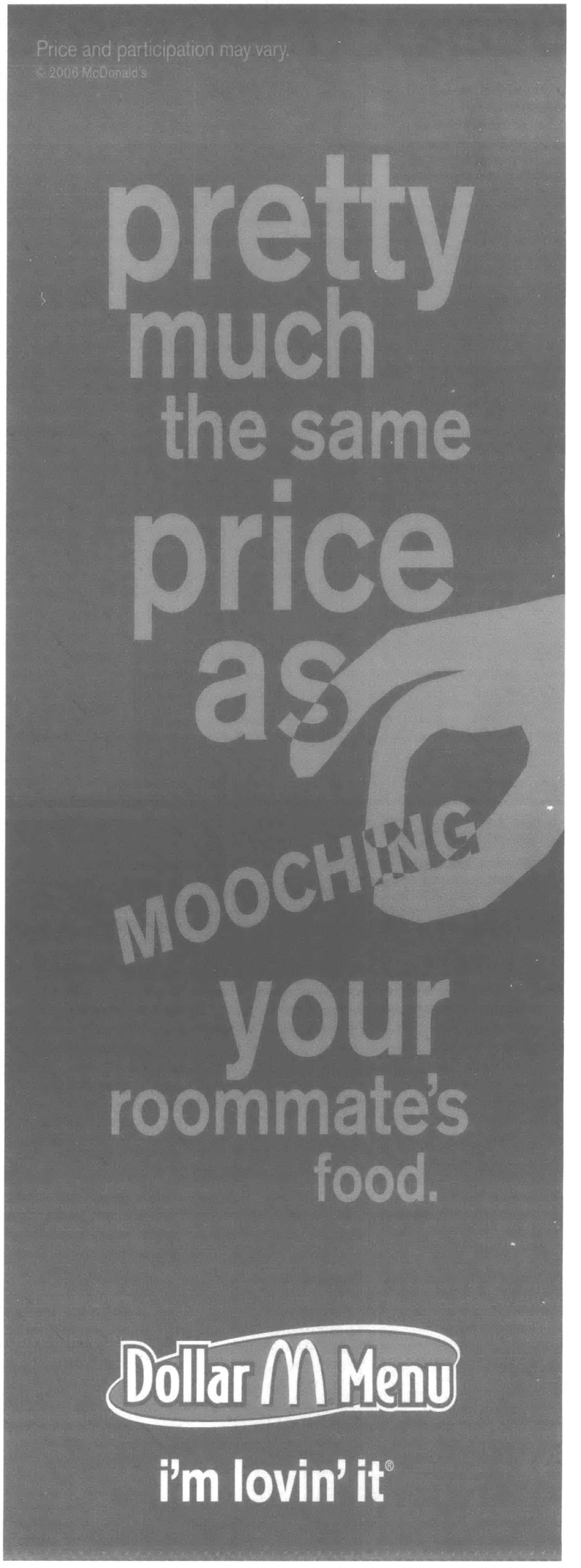


Arts & Entertainment

Musical group storms Loso with celtic beat

By Shantra Hannibal
Voice Staff Writer

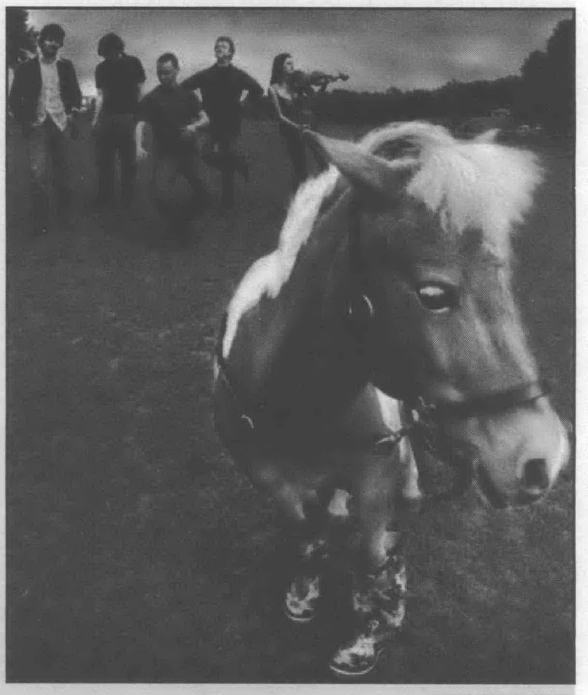
Gaelic Storm, who put on a high-energy show here at EOU October 5, has finally emerged with their new album. "Bring Yer Wellies," the fifth release from the band, is a well instrumentated mix of traditional celtic music blended with the sound of World Beats. What's a "Welly" you ask? Wellies, short for Wellington's, are a type of cheap, black rubber boots—perfect for wading out after a storm.

While Gaelic Storm doesn't have the same raucous, beer-slogging, punk edge that popular Irish/Celtic bands such as Flogging Molly, Street Dogs, and Dropkick Murphy's possess, they do offer the same pub-style sing-alongs—which is what Irish music is all about, according to the band's commentary during their Thursday performance.

You may think you recognize the group from somewhere, and if you like cheesy movies, you probably remember where you've seen them. Remember that movie, "Titanic"? Well, they were the "steerage band" who got everyone hopping downstairs before the supposedly unsinkable ship crashed into an iceberg and the passengers all died. Fortunately, Gaelic Storm's style is much more upbeat than the film. Aside from movies, the band tours more than 200 days a year, playing all over the country.

If you are all about the purely instrumental, try "Bare In The Basin." It combines the rhythm of the bagpipes, fiddle, and various percussions into a blend that will make you think you're Michael Flatley. If you want one to sing along to, "Don't Go For "The One" is an excellent choice. Overall, the entire album has a wide variety to satisfy taste. "Kelly's Wellies" and "Scalliwag" are probably the highlights of "Bring Yer Wellies" and should be listened to at high volume.

Thursday, the band performed a few highlights from the new album including, "Kelly's Wellies," "Scalliwag," and, as an encore, "Kiss Me I'm Irish." Near the end of the show, the band had the audience divided into halves, finding out which side could yell louder, "I brought the whiskey" or "he brought the light." Much to my surprise, the real thing sounded just as good as the CD. And it's not often that a band can pump out that kind of high-intensity celtic-induced rhythm all night long. There's no doubt that after you come out of the eye of this Gaelic Storm, you'll be putting on your Wellies and running after more.



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Gaelic Storm

Tiller's Folly

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

A roaring crowd anxiously awaited the night's entertainment.

In its fourth straight year here at EOU, Tiller's Folly once again rocked out to a sold out McKenzie Theatre on September 30.

Tiller's Folly wooed audience members, both new and returning, with their unique blend of celtic-bluegrass and folk music. Hints of Irish and Scottish melodies flowed throughout the music. During a few songs, dancers came on stage and performed along with the band.

The Irish dancers, some of whom are part of the award-winning group Riverdance, came out and danced the night away. Many of the dance sequences involved tap-dancing duels among the members of the dance group.

The concert also featured the debut of the use of a banjo by Nolan Murray (Fiddle and Mandolin).

A handful of the music performed that night are featured on a new album not yet released by the band.

Titled "A river so wide," the album features 10 new original songs unlike their previous releases. The songs are not as celtic as most of their other material, but instead "progressive" as Bruce Coughlan (Vocals and Guitar) and Laurence Knight (Bass and Vocals) kept describing throughout the entire concert.

The concert lasted almost two hours, including an encore performance at the end.

For those who were not able to make the concert because of other plans that night or simply because of sold-out tickets, don't worry. It's likely that Tiller's Folly will be back again.

After fours years of playing here at EOU Coughlan had one thing to say about La Grande: "We love it here."



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Tiller's Folly.

Grande Ronde Symphony

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

La Grande community members and EOU students provide music for anyone and everyone.

For 59 years, the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra has played concerts at EOU.

Lorna Spain, president of the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra, said, "It is a collaboration between the La Grande community and EOU for the purpose of presenting a venue for students to play with a symphonic orchestra."

Currently the orchestra has 50 members with both EOU students and community members as well.

Some upcoming concerts for the Symphony include: Friday November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church and 3:00 p.m. November 18 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Baker City.

The program for both concerts will be "Symphony No.3" by Saint-Saens.

Other upcoming concerts include the Holiday Music Festival with Peter Wordelman and the choirs on Dec. 2-3 in McKenzie Theatre.

Students in the music program or any students who play an instrument may sign up for the Orchestra for one credit.

Spain said, "the board is interested in helping non-music students with the cost of tuition for this class in order to recruit more students."

Interested students can call Spain at 963-9066.



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The Grand Ronde Symphony.

The reality of "An Inconvenient Truth"

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

One might say that the Al Gore documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" is controversial. But, few can argue with the facts shown in the film directed by Davis Guggenheim.

The movie documents Al Gore's campaign to help slow down the process of global warming, while giving us background information on a day in the life of Al Gore.

While much of Gore's back-story wasn't particularly interesting, there were several moments that really helped to tie the movie together.

One back-story moment in particular stood out: when Gore discussed the death of his older sister to lung cancer—something that hit the family hard because as tobacco farmers, his sister had smoked since she was a young woman. After her death his family stopped growing tobacco. And, although they were too late to save their own daughter, it wasn't too late for them to save others.

The story was important because it showed a direct juxtaposition between the situation in regards to lung cancer and our problems today with global warming. That is to say: we have the power to change it before it is too late.



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Missy

The film itself is extremely powerful. The apocalyptic images will leave you more terrified than probably any horror movie in theatres now because it is reality. It is the truth no one wants to hear.

What's most important about this film is that it motivates you to try and do your part to conserve on energy. It is important because of all the countries contributing to the expedited problem of global warming, the United States is by far the worst.

While part of you will think that this movie does no good—that it is only chasing after a ghost that cannot be caught, in the end, instead of giving in, it will make you want to go out and become active.

And while the movie perhaps would have been more effective to all sides of the political spectrum if someone unassociated with a specific political party would have narrated, it still gets its point across with grace, terror and a little bit of humor.

Watching this movie just might save our world if we are motivated enough to make a change so that the truth won't be so inconvenient anymore.

Movie Review: An inconvenient Truth

Voice Rating: ★★★★

Directed by: Davis Guggenheim
Cast: Al Gore
Rated: PG
Summary: Documentary about global warming to force people to look at this "inconvenient truth" before it becomes inconvenient reality

Hobbit Holiday

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ac3E Editor

One trilogy to bring them all. One day to watch them.

The fourth annual Hobbit Holiday took place Saturday, October 7 in the Hunt Hall main lounge.

Hobbit Holiday is an all day event of games (The Lord of the Rings Board Game, Trivial Pursuit and Risk), food, prizes, and movies in honor of five special hobbits: Bilbo, Frodo, Sam, Merry, and Pippin.



SAUNDRA PONTE/The Voice

This is the forth year Jonas Goodwin has organized Hobbit Holiday.

Throughout the day, various door prizes were given out for participants who entered in the days drawings.

The crowd included students, faculty and community members as well, some dressed up in hobbit attire.

Seth Olsen and Samuel Dickerson, both returning Hobbit Holiday participants, enjoyed the new location.

Olsen said, "It's all about location. It was in old Dorian which is like a different location and this one is closer to home."

The festivities began at 9 a.m. followed by second breakfast in the Green Dragon (Hunt Hall Fireside Lounge). Meals continued throughout the day with elevensies, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.

The epic trilogy began at 12 p.m. with the extended version of "The Fellowship of the Ring" in Bag End (Hunt Main Lounge). Right outside the Bag End attendees had the option of watching the film with audio commentary to learn more about the making of the movie and other various trivia.

Amanda Reed, a fellow attendee, said her favorite of the three films is "The Return of the King."

"It's the only one I've watched all the way through," Reed said.

Some of the evening's events included the opening of Gaffer's Bar, which served all kinds of mocktails.

Reed described this years Hobbit Holiday as "three words in one – 'fantastical.'"



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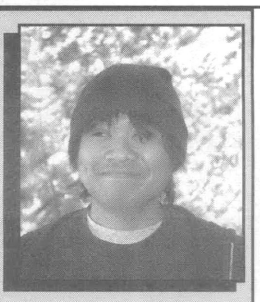


Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae³E Editor

One of my favorite memories of my time here at EOU consisted of a friend and I watching "Signs" everyday in the dorms for a week straight.

Yes, the one with Mel Gibson and the alien invasion.

Directed by M. Night Shyamalan.

But after that one week of watching the movie, I finally understood the whole premise of the film.

And it is a brilliant film.

The first time around did not click at all. I first saw the film during my senior year in high school on my first date. All I could think about in the theatre was my empty stomach rumbling during the quiet parts of the movie. And trust me, there are *a lot* of quiet parts in "Signs."

I told all my friends back home in Hawaii that I finally understood the movie. One friend told me the only reason he loves the movie is because Mel Gibson is in it.

But the only reason why Gibson starred in the film is because Paul Newman turned down the role as well as Clint Eastwood.

No coincidence, no luck involved, only faith, which is exactly what this movie is about.

Ask yourself are you in group number one, people who believe in signs and miracles or are you in group number two, people who see everything as common occurrences and luck?

Gibson, who plays Reverend Graham Hess, lost his wife in a car accident. After that, he lost faith in everything he had ever known.

Later, it turns out the car accident had to happen in order for his wife to say the words "swing away."

Those words, pertaining to Joaquin Phoenix's character, allowed him to defeat the alien inside their house by "swinging away" at cups of water. As it turns out, water hurts the aliens.

Not to mention Rory Culkin, as Morgan Hess (son of Hess), having asthma, which prevented the poisonous gas from reaching his lungs.

Now because of these recent events (alien invasion, son is alive, "swing away") that have occurred in Hess's life, he now becomes the 'miracle' man he once was before.

At the end of the film you're left asking yourself – what group are you in?

To be honest, the only reason I came to EOU is because the other schools that I applied to rejected me.

If things turned out differently, I would have been either: 1) A miserable Computer Science major in Prescott, Ariz. Or 2) Going to school back home with no real change occurring in my life.

I'd say things turned out for the better.

I can't say what my plans are after college, but this year should be an interesting year. So far it has been a great ride. The friends and relationships I made here have been nothing but spectacular.

In actuality, no words can describe it.

I guess I'll have to wait and see where the year will take me.

But at the moment, yes, I could say I'm a "miracle man."

Random Photo of the Week

Random photo of the week contest!

Do you often find yourself taking strange pictures of random things? Well The Voice is the place for you to show them to the world! We are sponsoring a random photo of the week contest! We are looking for your weirdest, wackiest, quirkiest, craziest photos you've taken.

The winning photo will be featured in our next issue. Please attach your name, the photo's title, and a short description of you and your photo.

The following rules apply:

Photos must be taken by the person submitting the photos.

No nudity, obscenities or anything that anyone would find offensive.

You must get permission from all who are in the photo.

You must submit your photos by Thursday Oct. 19 to thevoice@eou.edu or drop them by our office in Hoke 320.



SARA SAWATZKI/The Voice

Darth Tater makes his presence known to Chris Hooper during the stage combat class in the quad.

Horror-Scope

Aries (March 21-April 19)
In the following weeks you'll find a decrease in your financial situation. Stop taking your new friend out to dinner and the video store. Save money by eating at home and picking out a movie together from your own library.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Don't be a bully, be a buddy.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
Remember: Sleep is essential, but not necessary. Get your homework done; you'll feel a lot better in the morning.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
These past few weeks have been tough for you. But don't frown, even when you're sad, because you never know who is falling in love with your smile.

Leo (July 23 – Aug.22)
The lion in you is ready to burst out dear Leo. If this happens, close your eyes and count to three. Don't expect any good to come out of it, it was only a suggestion.

Virgo (Aug.23 – Sept. 22)
You'll be late to one of your classes in the coming weeks dear Virgo. Just remember that it's better to be 30 minutes late than to not show up at all.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct.22)
Try weighing the pros and cons out this time, for you will encounter a serious problem soon. After all, life is a balancing act. If you're dealing with math, just get a calculator.

Scorpio (Oct.23 – Nov.21)
Say yes to "Dinner and a movie?" The stars say you'll be the happiest you've ever been in weeks (and years) because of this. And to answer your question, yes, she or he is the one.

Sagittarius (Nov.22 – Dec.21)
It is in fact true that whenever you sneeze someone is thinking about you. But this only works within a 10 foot radius. Make sure you're around someone at all times otherwise it will only mean you're thinking of yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)
Reorganize your CD collection dear Capricorn. You'll find CD's you never knew you owned and will spend joyous hours listening to them, especially the new Ghost Face Killah you got months ago. It's the bomb diggity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb.18)
It's OK if you embarrass yourself in public. Just look at it this way, you made at least one person's day.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)
Don't eat fish this week because you're only hurting yourself, literally.

These horoscopes are fabricated by The Voice staff and meant for entertainment purposes only. Any coincidences that may occur are just a figment of your imagination.

Committed to Excellence

By Whitney Leman
Voice Editor in Chief

For three days and two nights, the EOU women's basketball team proved that they are committed to their program.

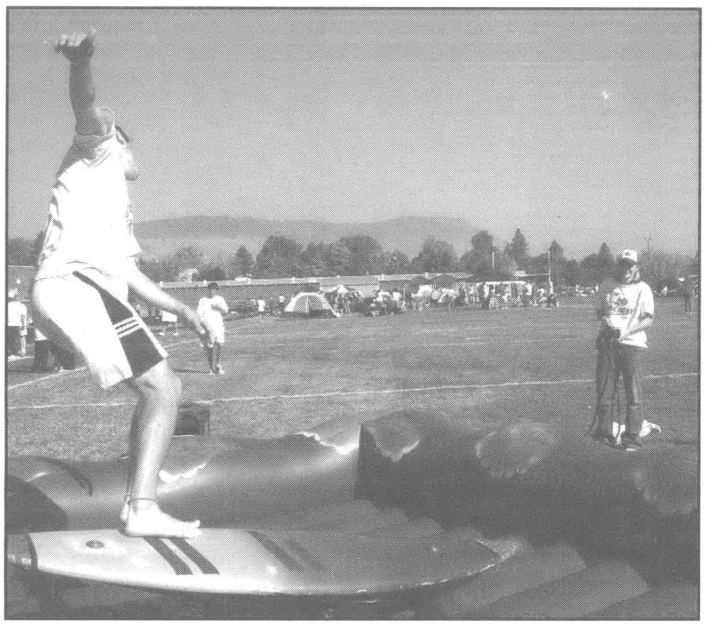
With a 6 a.m. practice, weight lifting, and day of class under their belts, the journey to Catherine Creek outside of Union began Friday afternoon.

One by one or as a group, the girls turned their cell phones in, set their tents up, and anticipated a relaxing weekend with no Saturday practice. Coach Weissenfluh may not have had a practice plan for "commitment" weekend, but she did have a plan.

After settling in, and setting up camp, the three-man senior class prepared a five-star (spaghetti) meal by camping standards. Then came the icebreakers.

The coaching staff had prepared several different team-building activities for the weekend. "We wanted to do activities that helped everybody learn more about each other and foster trust amongst the team," Coach Weissenfluh said.

For example: each girl was handed a piece of paper with "fill in the blanks with a teammate's name."



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Laura Olsen operates the mechanical surf board.

Without revealing any names, the girls soon found out who was suspected as the "gassy" girl on the team, the girl most likely to end up on America's most wanted, and the girl who was most likely a bully when she was young, etc.

"I thought the ice-breakers were the best because we knew so little about each other yet we were able to have fun with it and be silly," senior Candice Davis said.

For the next couple of days, the girls also had frequent opportunities to earn monopoly money, which would then be used to buy prizes Sunday morning at the Weissenfluh Auction.

Of them, the biggest earnings went to the first five teams to complete EOU's version of MTV's Real World/Road Rules Fresh Meat exile challenge. The girls were given a partner, and an envelope, which at the end read "see you at the top."

What started out with a .3-mile run turned into carrying a sandbag full of 20 soup cans that the girls were instructed to bring earlier-plus 45 additional pounds-up the mountain.

The catch, just like on the show, was that there were puzzles along the way with prizes resulting in minutes off of your team's final time, or dropping from 10 pounds to your entire bag on site.

Over a grueling hour later, newcomer Breana Olson and junior Elise Hawes brought home the big bucks with a first place finish.

Dripping in sweat, after the last team finished, the girls had to carry the weight back down the mountain, and only dream about taking a shower. "This proved to me how hard working and dedicated the girls will be this season," Weissenfluh said.

The team also tested their trust as they were led on an excursion through the mountains and woods after dark. With one flashlight at the front of the line for "emergency use only," the girls were instructed to hold onto the person in front of them and to not let go for any reason. Half a mile later the journey was completed with a few thorns in the face, some sweaty palms, and the trust of an entire team.

"I thought it was a challenging and good experience for a team to go through," Captain Stephanie Neubauer said.

First-year student assistant Jami Huntsman agreed, saying that the hike represented everything a team goes through during a season, such as trusting your teammates, having their backs during tough times, communicating effectively, and reaching a desired destination or goal.

Saturday, after the freshman prepared a cereal and orange juice breakfast without spoons or cups, the team hopped back into the vans and headed for the La Grande

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Caoch Weiseenfluh and Christie Weaver prepare a spaghetti dinner.

GSA to hold second annual clothing drive

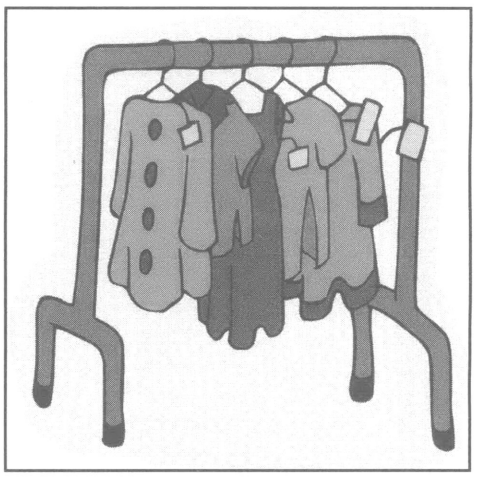
By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) will be holding their second annual clothes drive Oct. 18-20 in the lobby of Loso.

According to John Nehlich, the clothes will be sold by the grocery-sized bag.

"You can fit as much as you can fit in the bag for four dollars," said Nehlich.

Students can expect shoes and clothing of every type in a variety of sizes. "We have every type of clothing and then some



Nehlich said that he believes students will enjoy the clothing sale seeing as the local Salvation Army is temporarily closed down.

"The clothes drive is a good chance for people who normally shop at the Salvation Army to rummage through and find stuff for cheap," said Nehlich.

The money made at the sale will go to benefit the GSA and the GSA Resource Center to keep it up to par.

Nehlich said, "Come scavenge through our clothes to support a good cause!"

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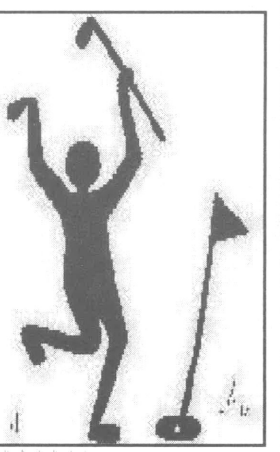

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Sports

Making a push for the postseason

By Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer

With two wins in a row, the EOU women's soccer team finds themselves alive and well in the playoff hunt.

On Oct. 8, the Mountaineers faced NAIA eighth-ranked Carroll College. With great defensive play, Eastern won the game 2-1. Head Coach Colleen Fagan said, "We did very well defensively, they have three forwards who are all good goal scorers and we were able to shut them down."

In the middle of the game, senior standout Cydney Topping sustained a knee injury, but returned in the second half. "Cydney and Tera Moran did an excellent job of shutting down the middle of the field. Cydney has been one of our stronger performers all season," Coach Fagan added. Freshman Goalkeeper Molly Sumpter also did her part by stopping seven shots.

Offensively, Eastern made the most of their opportunities by scoring on two of three attempts. Senior Kristen "Tiger" Rice scored both goals; the second coming off a beautiful pass from Sophomore Lori Wilson.

After their biggest win at this point in the season, Senior Breanna Schlosser said, "It was a great team effort, everyone did their part and we were able to come out with the win."

On Sunday, Eastern had to battle back from some injuries and face The University of Great Falls. Once again Eastern's defense set the tone and they won 2-0.

Junior Tara Moran explained, "We played very hard on defense, which helped us get the win."

Moran also performed well on offense scoring the game's first goal in the third minute of the game.

The second goal came late in the game when Freshman Allie Kirby found the back of the net. Assists were credited to Freshmen Chanelle Banghart and Ashley Julian.

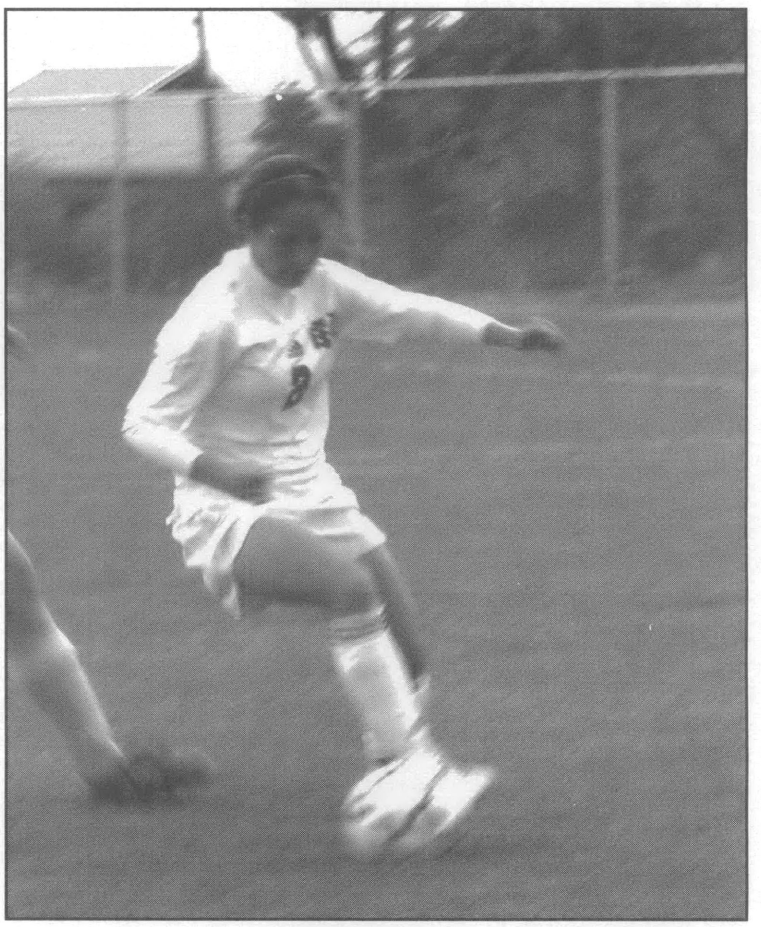
Eastern had 17 shots on goal to Great Falls' nine. "We played a lot of our players and we maintained control of the game, which is why we won," Coach Fagan said.

The Mountaineers are 9-4 overall, 5-1 in conference play. Junior Kristina Kennedy added, "Overall, we are happy with how we've been playing. We train very hard and it's really paid off in the second half of our games."

Rice is leading the team in points with 13, and in goals with five; three of them game winners.

At Goalkeeper, Kristina Kennedy leads the team with a 7-3 record, 37 saves, and four shutouts.

Eastern will have the luxury of playing their final three games in La Grande. The first is against Cascade College Oct. 13 at 3:00 pm.



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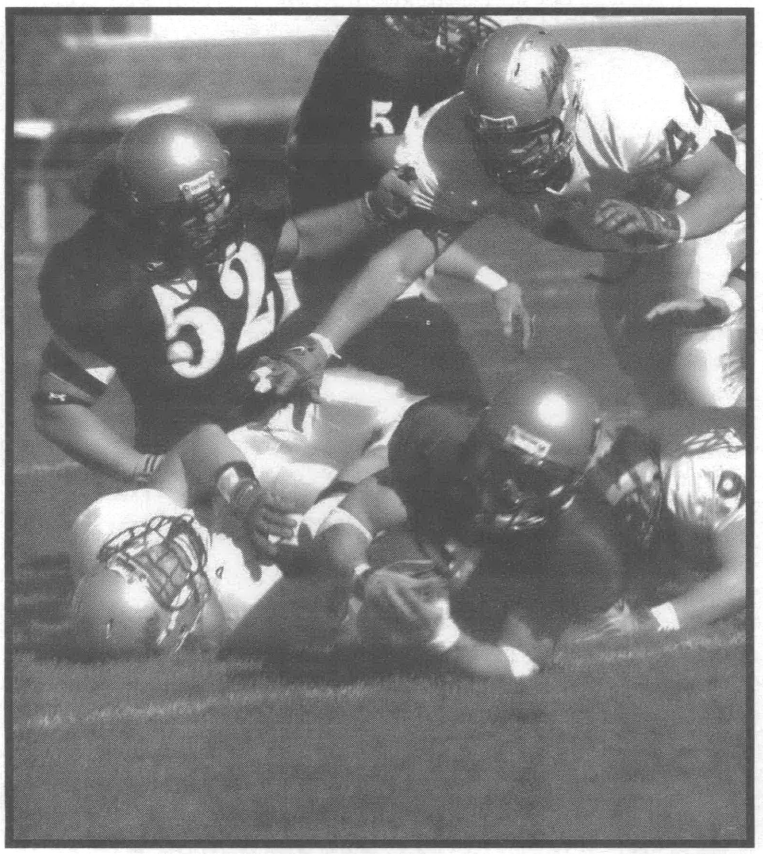
Marguerite Drisroll displays some fancey foot work.



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The EOU Mounties.

Mountaineers bounce back

By John Matson
Voice Staff Writer

Eastern Oregon bounced back from a 41-14 loss to Montana State-Northern two weekends ago to beat winless Montana-Western 28-21, on the road Saturday.

Despite trailing 14-7 at halftime, EOU (3-3, 2-3) came back behind a solid running attack. The Mountaineers racked up 301 yards rushing in sloppy field conditions, which was a vast improvement from last week where they gained only had 30 yards on the ground.

Sophomore fullback Travis Morscheck led the Mountaineers with 146 rushing yards while sophomore quarterback Ian O'Brien pitched in 104 of his own. This was the first time either player passed the century mark this season. O'Brien also had 119 yards passing.

"Establishing our running game and making plays as a team (made the difference in this game)," O'Brien said. "Our offensive line did a great job."

When EOU can run the ball effectively it has proven to be most successful.

Jomo Wilson scored the lone first half touchdown and then the Mountaineers rallied to score 21 points in the second half. This was their second come-from-behind victory in three weeks.

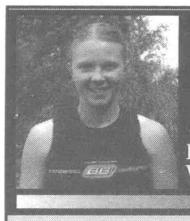
"We let opportunities slip in the first half but kept our composure in the second half and played hard," O'Brien added.

O'Brien scored the game winning touchdown with 1:17 remaining in the game. Lamar Maxie and Deandre Amos scored the other two touchdowns for the Mounties.

Despite allowing some key plays, the EOU defense forced four turnovers and only allowed one score in the second half. Freshman linebackers Terrance Pharr, who had eight tackles, and Corey Dunn, who added seven tackles and a fumble recovery, led the defense.

On Saturday, the Mountaineers will face the four-time defending NAIA National Champion and No. 1-ranked Carroll College. EOU will look to improve on its 49-3 loss earlier this season.

Game time is 1 p.m. at Community Stadium in La Grande.



Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

The soccer version of the lady mountaineers should be walking around campus with an air of cockiness. Well, maybe I should say confidence. Eh, both.

So what, they lost to NNU Wednesday—an NCAA Division II school.

These twenty-three athletes are the real deal, and you could see it after their loss. They are a winning team that is used to getting the W.

Speaking of winning, Saturday they recorded their first ever win against an NAIA nationally ranked team.

As I write this, they have a record of 8-4, 5-1 in the CCC, and are enjoying the best season this soccer program has yet to see.

> "These 23 athletes are the real deal..."
>
> -Whitney Leman

And if you have yet to see a game, then I suggest you get there because they are beating their opponents in almost every category except attendance.

In the twelve games played, they have scored nine more goals than their opponents, tallied six more assists, and have taken 25 more shots. Oh, and have 28 more fouls, which were probably accidents anyways!

Twelve different girls can claim goals to date, and five different girls are leading individual categories. This alone says a lot about the kinds of players they are and the kind of team they have become.

Honestly, there is something awesome about women's collegiate soccer. You could hardly pay me to watch soccer on TV, but being an athlete myself; I see and know first hand what these girls go through.

Not only do you have to be in the best physical shape, you have to be at the top of your mental game as well. And it's not easy. And I think that its about time that we all recognize what's happening around us, because it's something that means a lot to them, to our school, and it should mean something to every Mountie.

There is less than a handful of home games left, so let's go out and support our girls.

Cross country runners take 1st and 3rd



FILE PHOTO/The Voice

Marika Dobos running last year.

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports editor

Hard work beat out "home-course" advantage last weekend for the men and women's cross country teams. Competing at home for the first time in three years, the women placed first as a team, while the men got third.

Despite running with a healing sprained ankle, Marcella Bosch set the pace early for EOU, leading the Mountaineer pack with a 6th place overall finish. Also finishing strong was Kendra Stone who drastically cut the gap between the #1 and #2 runners to finish 8th. "Kendra being able to cut that gap is going to be a huge key to the women's success this year," Coach Ben Welch said.

Welch also gave credit to the #3 runner, Marika Dobos, who finished 10th overall. "It was an outstanding run for her on this course," Welch said. Dobos' time was one of the closest to last weeks Willamette course, which was a

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Eastern Vollyball beats OIT

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

It was a weekend of contradictions. Two different teams, two different outcomes, twin sisters competing against each other and a player turned coach all set the stage for two nights of action.

The Eastern Oregon University volleyball team faced Southern Oregon and Oregon Tech—both teams in the top three of the Cascade Conference.

Friday night the Mountaineers lost to Southern Oregon in straight sets.

"We came out flat and didn't want it bad enough," said Mountaineer Head Coach Kaki McLean.

Saturday was a very different story as the girls had their sights set on Oregon Tech.

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Chelsea Lally dives for the ball.

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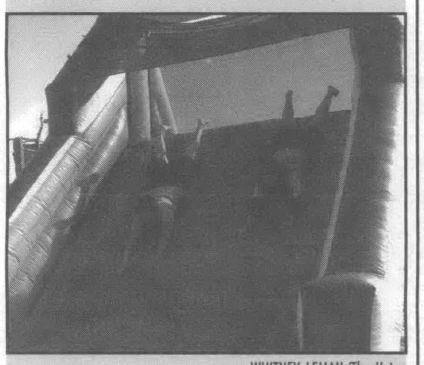
High School track. For four hours they volunteered at the community's 12-hour drug free relay; helping with the rock-climbing wall, a blow-up obstacle course and boxing ring, volleyball games, lap counting, and the surfing version of a mechanical bull.

Fourth-year player Christie Weaver said it felt good to volunteer somewhere that really needed them. "It's nice to be appreciated," she said.

Before it was time to head back to camp, the sophomores picked up Dominoes on the way, which was distributed while the caravan was stuck in road construction.



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Committment week activities

On their last night, after hot-dogs and hamburgers prepared by the junior class, the girls attempted to teach and learn the EOU fight song, perform their rendition of singing around the campfire, and choose team and season goals for this year. They also continued to earn cash by playing black jack, doing crossword puzzles, and TV trivia.

Finally, after using a port-a-potty for what seemed like weeks, the girls got up around 8 a.m. Sunday, packed up their tents, loaded up the vans, and stood around a prize-filled picnic table. The Weissenfluh auction prizes ranged from an EOU fleece jacket worth $60, to a "get out of morning conditioning" card.

Coach Weissenfluh, who also learned a lot about her team over the weekend, said it was nice to take the team to a different environment where they were able to build relationships without the intense pressure of competition. "It was a great weekend and I hope that the girls enjoyed it half as much as I did," she said.

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Eastern won in four sets 30-25, 30-27, 30-23, and 30-25.

The key word for the night was "STRONG."

"We knew we could play better then we showed Friday night," McLean said. "With this win it gives us the confidence to know that we can play at higher levels."

The Mountaineers had 64 kills to the Fighting Owls 58. Chelsea Lally led all players with 17, followed by Grace Deboodt with 15 and Jana Brotherton with 14.

"All day we talked about being strong and coming out with intensity in the first match to set the tempo," McLean said. "We wanted to take control early."

"This was a freaking amazing win," middle blocker Brotherton said. "I can't remember the last time we have beaten OIT."

There was another kind of rivalry going on, civil rivalry. Christy Savage, who is Eastern's right side hitter, played against her twin sister Catherine Savage ,who plays middle blocker for Oregon Tech.

When asked why she picked a school across the state from her sister Christy Savage answered, "We just needed a break from each other."

"We played on the same team in high school and then in junior college," Savage said. "It was just time for a change."

Mr. and Mrs. Savage were in attendance, one sporting an Eastern Oregon shirt and the other an OIT shirt.

The Mountaineers record goes to 4-7 in conference. They travel to Portland to take on Concordia and Corban College Oct. 13 and 14.

"The test is to see if we can consistently show up to every game," McLean said. "We beat Concordia and lost to Corbon. We went five matches in each game, they were tough and hard fought."

McLean said there isn't much difference in the transition from player to coach.

"The hardest thing is to make sure I am challenging my players every day. If I can make them better as a team and as individuals then I have accomplished something."

The next home games will be October 20 and 21 as the Mountaineers take on Evergreen and Northwest University.



WHITNEY LEMAN/The Voice

Danielle Tams sets up her serve.

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very fast course compared to this rough and slow course.

It was another strong showing for the men's team, with Troy Blackburn placing 3rd overall, while at the same time passing four conference foes. "Our top two runners ran very, very well tactically, which is what you have to concentrate on with a course like this," Welch added.

With the majority of the runners being underclassmen this year, Welch is happy with how the teams are performing thus far. "We are taking lumps right now because of age, but in a year or two we are going to be real good."

The Mountaineers have a week off before they go to Lewiston, Idaho on October 21 for the Lewis Clark State College Invite.

Sports Briefs

The EOU women's basketball team was picked to finish second in the most recent Cascade conference coaches poll. The Mountaineers were 24-8 last season, finished tied for second in the CCC, and made a showing at the NAIA national tournament. The men's team was picked to finish third in the CCC.

Starting Thursday, Oct. 12, The Coaches Corner will be held at Bear Mountain Pizza from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday nights.

The Quinn Satellite Lab opened last week and student-athletes were quick to take advantage.

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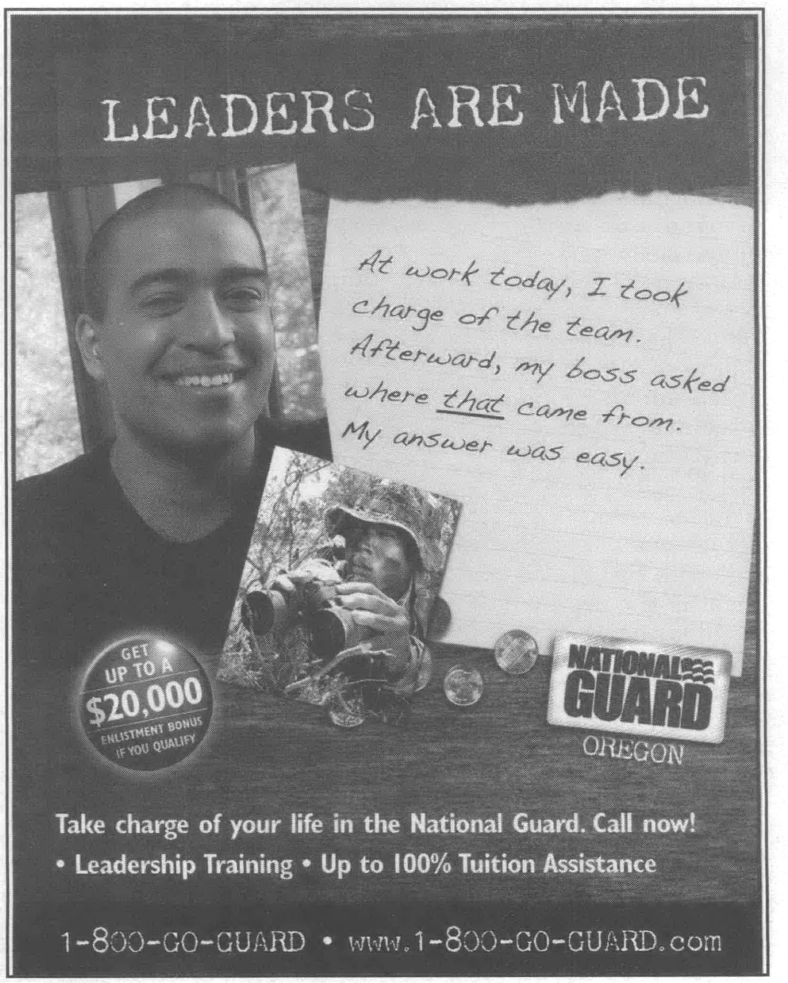

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artists. To use the word 'chunk' would make one sound egotistical. This business shouldn't have egotistical people. Unfortunately, it is flooded with them."

"Every tattoo that I put on someone is a work of art," said Hollywood. "I look at it this way, each one could be my last. I could get hit by a bus or get shot in a drive-by. Each one memorialized my style and quality."

Hollywood also spoke of code of honor that has lessened with the years gone by.

"It was lost because of people wanting to tattoo for capital gain. The question you have to ask yourself is that if you weren't paid, would you still do it? Many times that I've tattooed and didn't get a penny," Hollywood said.

After he finished his work on the customer, Hollywood washes the devices in the backroom were. "Where is an ultrasonic machine and an Autoclave which is used for sterilization in hospitals. It's used to kill spores from body products."

Hollywood sums up the trade with this final quote. "As much as the fame and glory sound appetizing, it's the cleanliness, the confidence, and the safety in your studio that really mean the most. Because without that, it could not exist."

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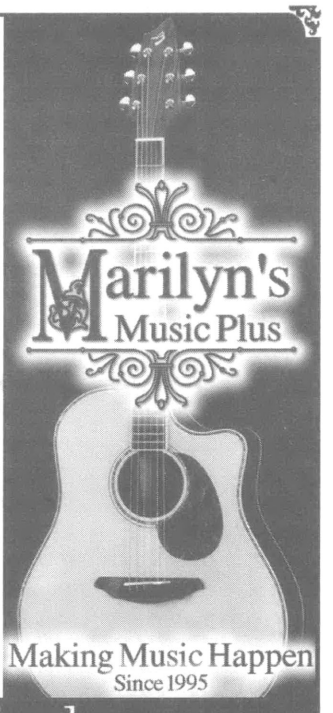

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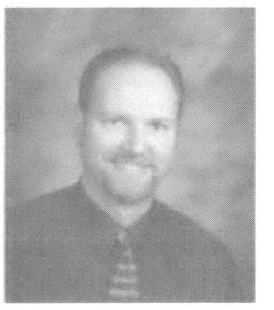

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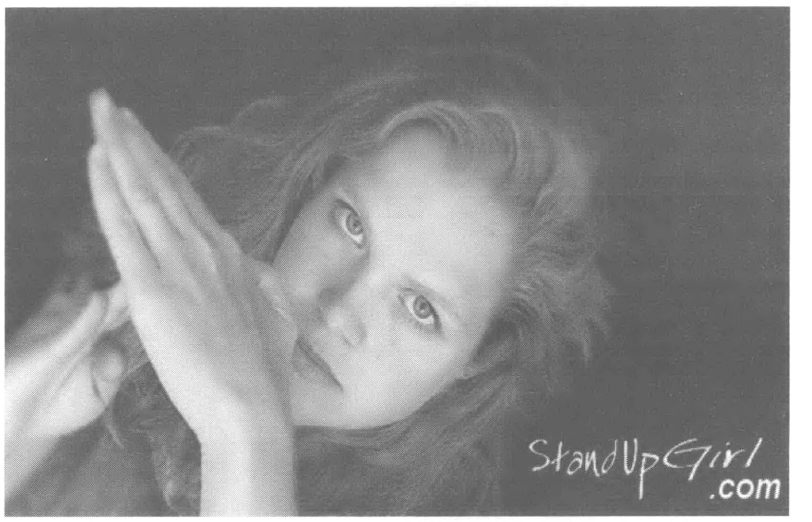

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students run the show while presenting: "He is more involved when we do actual research," Danielle said.

Currently the group is working on research for the spring meeting in Chicago.

"We are continuing the research that this poster and the previous poster have started," she said. "It's a continuing process."

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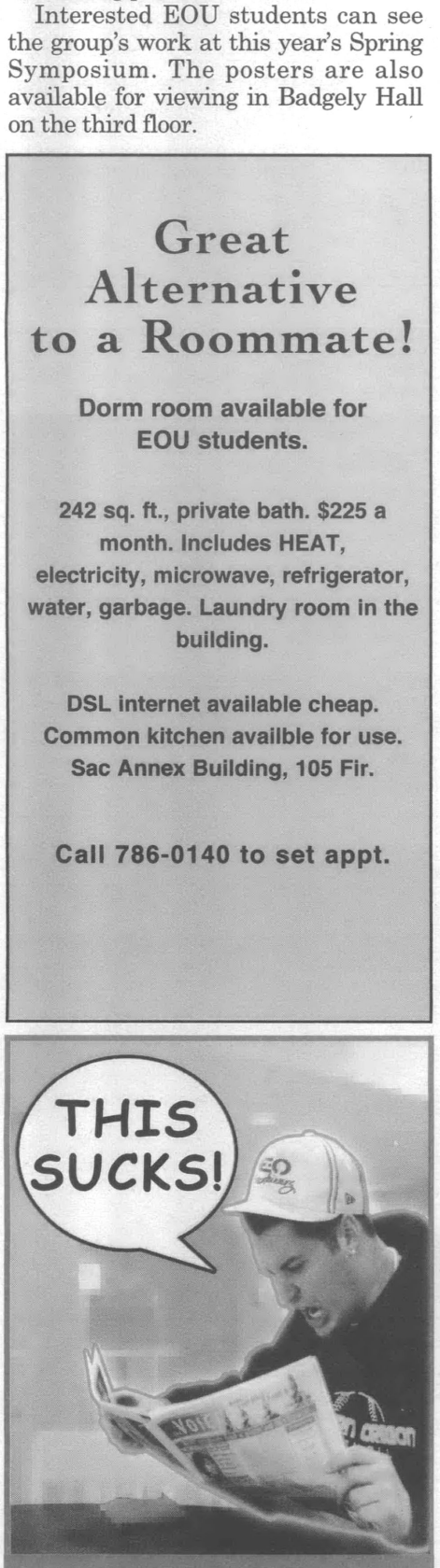

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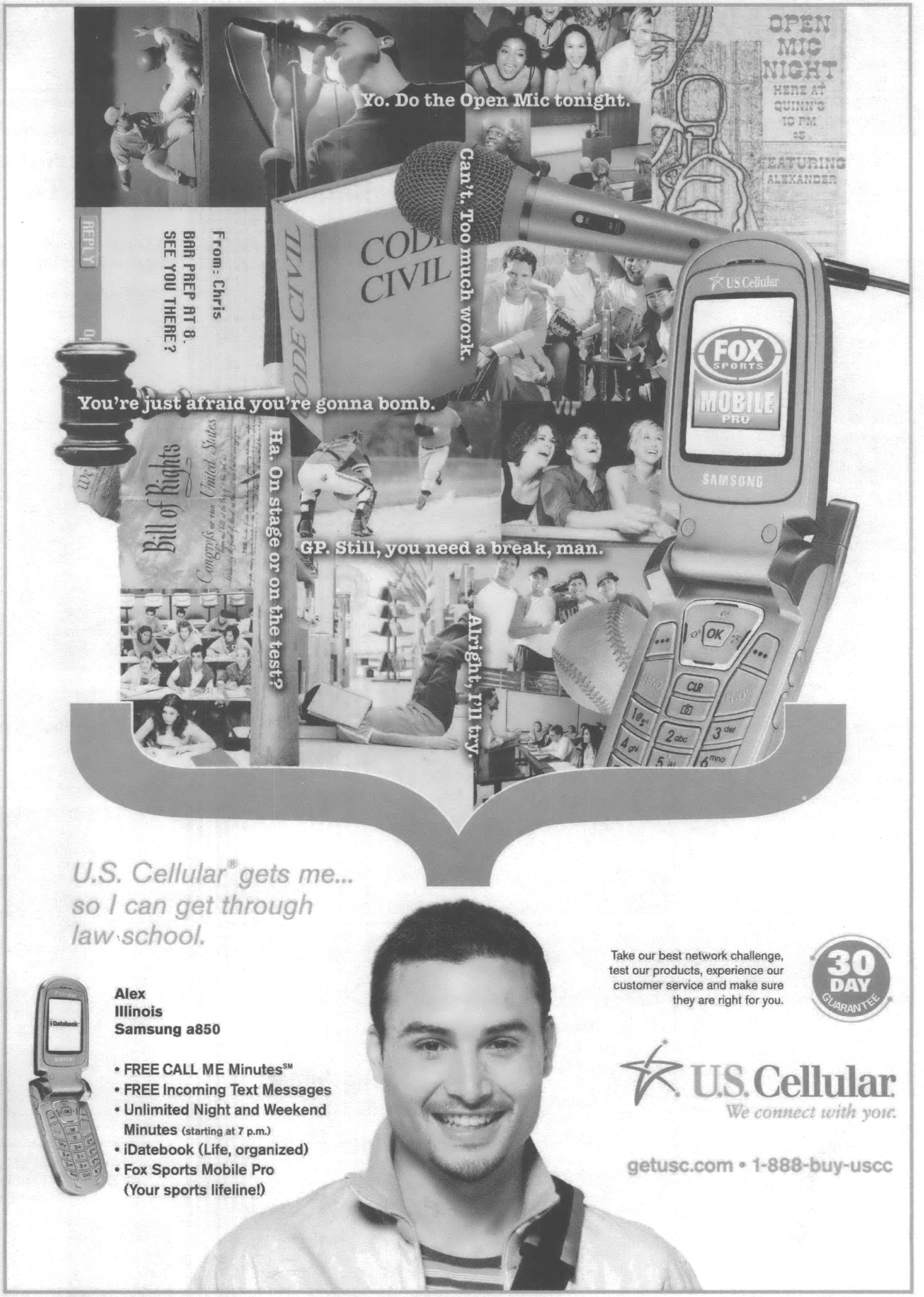

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Thanksgiving Facts

Turkeys have heart attacks.

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the U.S. at Thanksgiving—that's one-sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year.

At one time, the turkey was considered as the national symbol of America. Benjamin Franklin was very passionate about this. He felt the turkey, although "vain and silly," was a better choice than the bald eagle, which he felt was "a coward."

Joke du jour

What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving

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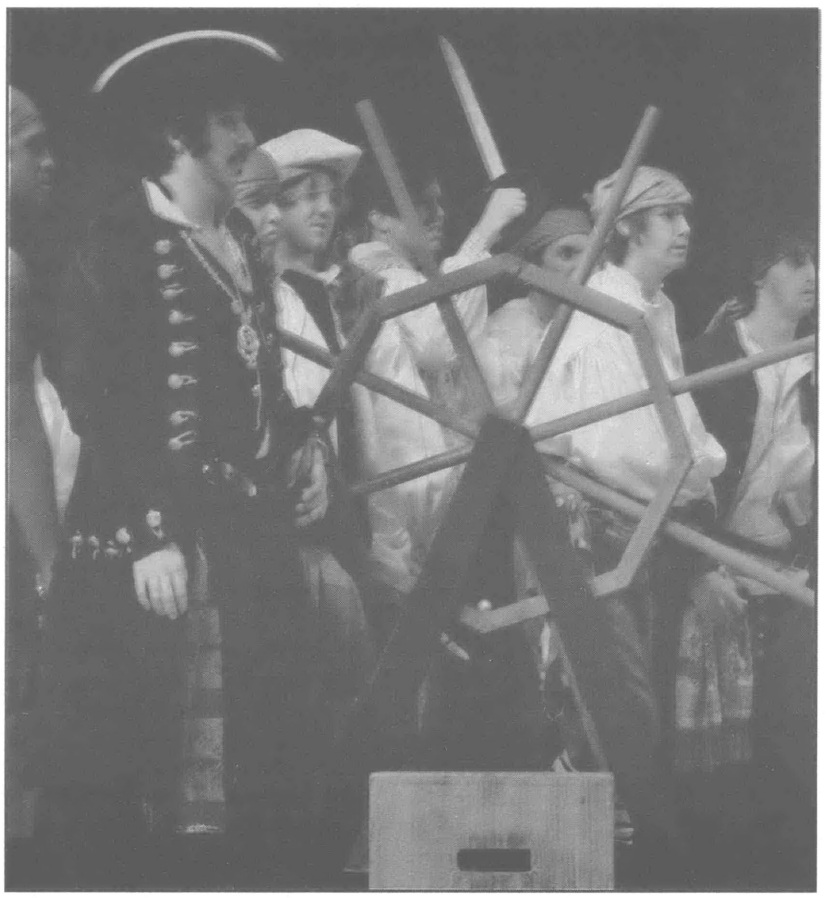
"The Pirates of Penzance" sails into McKenzie



SAUNDRA PONTE/The Voice

The cast of Pirates of Penzance during dress rehearsal.

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor
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By Onofre Ramscal
Voice A&E Editor

The EOU Theatre Department will continue the season with its production of the comic musical, "The Pirates of Penzance."

"The Pirates of Penzance" is a story about a young man named Frederic (Kiel Fauske) who is mistakenly apprenticed to a pirate at the age of eight.

The play begins with Frederick at the age of 21. He is celebrating the end of his apprenticeship with the pirates. Frederick leaves the pirates along with his nursery maid, Ruth (Sarah Bomberger). While on a beach, he encounters a group of beautiful young maidens and falls in love with Mabel (Catherine Olson), the youngest of them all. Unfortunately, the pirates followed Frederick, and have now seized the young maidens off to a clergyman in an attempt to marry them against their will.

The young maidens are saved by the arrival of their father, Modern Major-General (Stephen Tanner).

In order to save his daughters, Modern Major-General tells the pirates that he is an orphan, knowing that pirates don't harm orphans.

Frederick later learns that the Modern Major-General is not an orphan. Frederick also learns that he was born on a leap year and is still an apprentice to the pirates. Now forced with having to go back to the pirates, Frederick must confess what he has learned about the Modern Major-General. The Pirate King (Joseph Quintana) learns about the truth of the Modern Major-General and now vows revenge on him and his family.

A wide-range of musical numbers accompany the story of romance, comedy and revenge.

Director Kenn Wheeler said,

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Is Wal-Mart hurting La Grande?

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

The wind blew hard as several Eastern students gathered on Island Ave. Oct. 28 to protest the recently-opened Wal-Mart Super Center, making their hand-made signs nearly take flight.

But it was persistence and their concern for local economy that kept them out there to make sure the community heard what they had to say.

And, for the most part, people seemed to respond in their favor.

Their signs read "Wal-Mart Hurts La Grande" and "Buy Local."

According to student Robert McKenzie, the reason they decided to do a demonstration was "to raise awareness of where you spend your dollar."

McKenzie also wants to show his support for local businesses "which, in the long run, will be better for the community."

Anne Henriksen added her concern for "women working in sweat shops and waste from consumption"

Although they were standing on the sidewalk on Island Ave. and clearly several hundred yards away from the store entrance, it only took several minutes before three members of upper management—the district, regional and store manager—showed up to question the protesters motives.

The demonstrators were not asked to move or leave the premise. It seemed that the managers just were curious the reasons why they were protesting.

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L-R: Anne Henriksen, Jeremy Dow and Rob McKenzie

News & Features

On track to graduate

Joella DeVillier
Advising Coordinator
College of Arts and Sciences

A team of EOU Academic Advisors and the Registrar's Office will offer a workshop for students on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 3:00-4:30 pm in Badgley Hall's Huber Auditorium. The "On Track to Graduate" session is presented by EOU's College of Arts and Sciences advising team and the Registrar's Office.

The workshop will be a hands-on, participatory session, most appropriate for upper division students who have not yet applied for graduation and are planning to graduate within the next year or two. The graduation application process will be explained in detail, including needed forms and timelines. In addition, academic advisors will help students calculate their current status in regard to institutional graduation requirements. Students will leave the "On Track" workshop knowing exactly where they stand and what institutional requirements need to be completed in order to graduate from EOU.

Institutional requirements include such things as upper division credits, credit requirements outside the major discipline, General Education requirements, and BS and BA requirements.

The "On Track to Graduate" workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2006 from 3:00-4:30 PM, in Badgley Hall Huber Auditorium. Students need to bring a current EOU transcript (this may be printed from Webster or obtained at the Registrar's Office) and a copy of a transfer evaluation, if applicable (available from the Registrar's Office or from the student's advisor). Students may also wish to bring major and minor check-sheets, to get a total picture of their progress, although the workshop will focus on institutional requirements. Major and minor check-sheets may be printed from the Advising webpage at www.eou.edu/advising, or may be obtained in the College offices.

In recent years, the College of Arts and Sciences academic advisors have worked with many students wanting to know their status, and, in most cases, the institutional assessment was done early enough so that students had plenty of time to complete the needed requirements. In some cases, however, students were surprised to learn that they lacked requirements such as upper division credits or General Education credits, and this postponed their expected graduation date. Attendance at the "On Track to Graduate"

workshop will help students to avoid such unpleasant surprises.

The College of Arts and Sciences Advising team includes Cynthia (Sam) Eggert, Advising Coordinator for Social Sciences and Modern Languages, Kimberly Johnson, Advising Coordinator for Science, Math, and Technology, and Joella Manske DeVillier, Advising Coordinator for Arts and Letters. Dawna Flanagan, EOU's Assistant Registrar, will also be a presenter at the workshop. The "On Track to Graduate" workshop is open to all EOU students, whether in Arts and Sciences or Education and Business. Juniors and Seniors will find the session most beneficial. Faculty are also encouraged to attend, to enhance their knowledge of upper division students' advising needs.

For additional information on the "On Track to Graduate" workshop, please contact Joella Manske DeVillier at 962-3060, Sam Eggert at 962-3119, or Kimberly Johnson at 962-3070.

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After the managers left, the students got back to business—waiting for a response from passersby.

"It's my goal to get one thumbs up," McKenzie said.

It only took a few more moments before McKenzie got the first thumbs up of the morning.

For the most part, those who said anything as they passed by seemed to be in support. Several shout-outs of "buy local" could be heard as cars zoomed around the corner. And even a loading truck that had just pulled out of the loading area of Wal-Mart honked, waved and gave them a thumbs up.

Only a small handful of people booed or shouted negative things to the group.

One of the groups main concerns is how Wal-Mart will effect the local economy.

Store Manager Randall Fross explained that the opening of the Super Center has created "about 240 jobs."

Fross said he noticed that before the Super Center opened up many people would head over the mountains and when they did "the money goes over the mountains."

"I think it's going to help a lot," Fross said in reference to how the store will help the city of La Grande.

Fross went on to say that the Island City store has already donated over $37,000 to local charitable organizations including EOU's Chamber Choir and the Grande Ronde Symphony.

Marisa Bluestone, a public relations representative for Wal-Mart, stated that "Wal-Mart does save the average family money."

Bluestone continued by stating that on average, a family saves $2,300 per year by shopping at Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart also offers good salaries and benefits—including 401k—to both part and full-time associates, she explained.

According to Bluestone, there are a lot of misconceptions that people have about the store, and feels that people who protest the store "don't necessarily understand what we stand for."

While Fross was fairly sure that they did not sell any local products in the new store, Bluestone claims that their store brings small businesses more customers.

"Surrounding businesses, often times, when one comes to town will see an increase in customer count," Bluestone said.

Student Jeremy Dow, who also attended the demonstration, sees it differently.

Dow claims that he has an outsiders perspective—having lived in large cities prior to moving here. Dow said that he "didn't see the damage of big box corporations" until he came to La Grande.

"It's much more impacting once you come to a small community and see the dangers and impact," Dow said.

For now, the group hopes to continue their quest and encourages students and small business owners to join them.

According to Henriksen, "You can choose to go along with things and you can choose to hold signs."

If you would like to participate, contact Henriksen at henrika@eou.edu.



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The students held a sign saying "Wal-Mart hurts La Grand."

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Hot lakes hotel resort restoration is halfway complete

By Savino Cisneros
Voice Staff Writer

Thanks to volunteers and room sponsors, the Hot Lake Hotel Resort, located five miles east of La Grande on highway 203, is halfway complete. Seven public spaces are finished in the hotel, such as the reading room, music room and theater, and 19 bed and breakfast rooms, 12 of which are fully furnished.

"We have 15, maybe 17, room sponsors that are paying to restore a certain space in the hotel, which is amazing," said Landon Manuel, 23, son of Hot Lake Hotel Resort owners, Lee and David Manuel.

Clayton Fox, 88, and Union County residents helped restore the surgery room located on the third floor. The room faces east toward Mt. Fanny, above Cove, and North Powder.

Because Fox watched his younger sister's birth and her many surgeries take place in that room, he volunteered to pay for the entire cost of it's restoration.

Many of the room sponsors have been people, like Fox, who have had personal or family experiences at the Hot Lake Hotel Resort.

During the tour of the hotel Manuel mentioned that the Knott family, owners of Artesian Blue drinking water Company in Cove, completed the first two rooms in the hotel.

Other sponsors, he mentioned, have put much of their time and creativity into decorating the rooms.

"There is a couple that has completed carpeting and painting the room, but have not furnished the room because they are handcrafting all of it from their black walnut tree off of their property," he said.

Sponsors name the room, and after the room is completed a plaque telling their family's history is placed inside it.

The walls in the halls and the rooms are purposely textured to make them look old.

"We are working with the National Historic Society and they give us guidelines for restoring the building," Manuel said.

The National Historic Society poses guidelines as to the room colors, carpet and fabrics in order to preserve the hotel's historical authenticity.

Community members have not only contributed funds and volunteer hours, but have also shared first hand experiences, stories and involvement with the hotel.

"All the history we share with people on tours has come directly from people who experienced it," Landon said.

For the first eight months that the Manuel family owned the property, they performed strict clean up before they were able to bring a construction company to the site.

After clean up, both the roof

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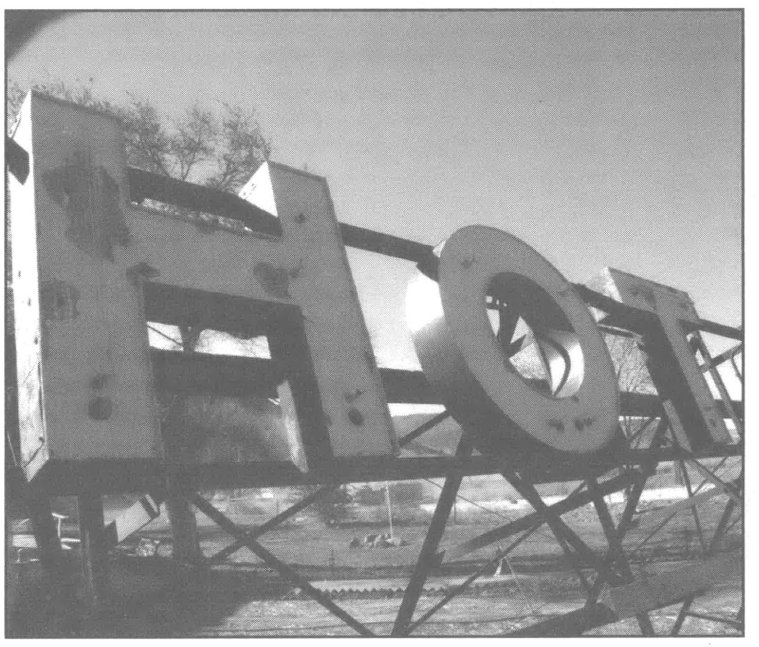
This brass eagle statue sits in front of Hot Lake Hotel



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The old Hot Lake sign that used to be on the roof of the bulding.



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Kenny Faust directs the stage combat for Pirates of Penzance.

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"Pirates has a light, humorous story with cheerful music, yet the music is complex in some places."

Along with the theatre department, the music department is also involved with the production.

Wheeler said, "The music department also saw this as a good opportunity to be involved and we are excited they chose to do so."

"It has been a great experience for us as a faculty to work together and I think it has also shown our students how dedicated we are to the success of the show and I think that has had a positive influence on them."

On the second day of the term, auditions were held and rehearsals have taken place since then.

Wheeler said, "The cast has been very diligent and a delight to work with."

Wheeler added, "We all labored for numerous hours and are excited to bring this production to the EOU audience."

"The Pirates of Penzance" opened on Nov. 8 and will play through Nov. 9, 10, and 11 in McKenzie Theatre in Loso Hall.

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Student-less forum discusses issues between students and the police department

By Savino Cisneros
Voice Staff Writer

The signs posted around campus read, "Have YOU ever been stopped by the Police? Then come to Hoke Main Lounge on Mon. Oct. 30."

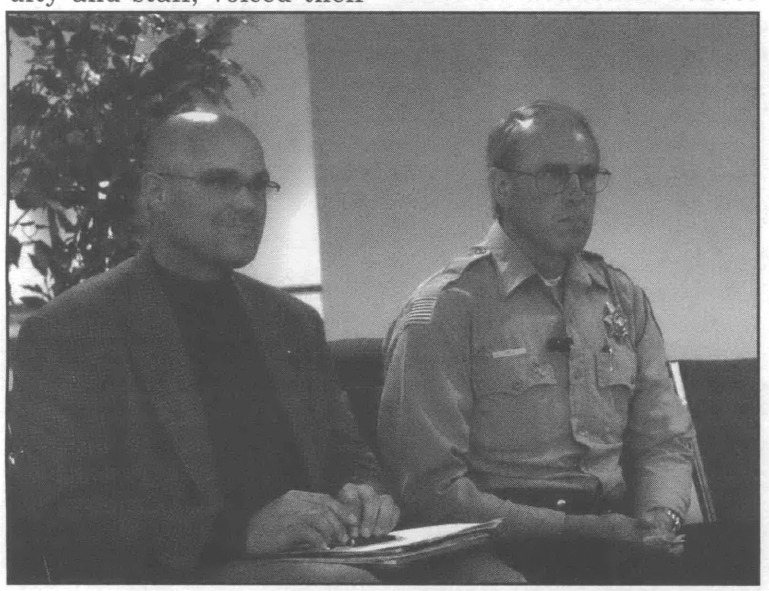
But on the Oct. 30, not one concerned or angry student showed up at the forum to voice an opinion on the issue.

Instead, ASEOU President Sadie Isley and Vice President For Student Affairs Sheldon Nord, accompanied with other faculty and staff, voiced their concerns to the County Sheriff and La Grande Police Department on the students' behalf.

In an over the phone interview, Nord said he was disappointed and shocked at the lack of student participation, especially when some students put much effort to bring in the guests.

The forum held on Monday was the second of a series of forums oriented toward discussing issues concerning Eastern students.

Speaking for ASEOU, Sadie said, "We have organized nine forums for the 2006-07 academic school year and we have selected topics and developed tentative schedules based on student input. We are also committed to changing the selected topics as other issues arise."



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Sheldon Nord and a member of the La Grande Police.

"One of the issues and conversations that was happening on campus last year is talking about the university's relationship with the county, the city law enforcement and students," said Nord.

To address the issue, Sheldon Nord and ASEOU invited both representatives of the Sheriff and La Grande Police departments to answer any questions or concerns students might have.

Speaking for the Sheriff's Department, County Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen said that one of the main issues is local parties.

"Sometimes one group gets more of the rap than others," Rasmussen said. "Typically, the football team has gotten that in the past and it's not just the football team. But college kids in general get held responsible, sometimes not rightfully so."

With alcohol and parties being relatively the same problem, Nord, along with the County Sheriffs and La Grande Police Department, developed the MIP task force.



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Those at the forum discussed a variety of topics.

The idea behind the task force is not to search for weekend parties, but to bring the outrageous parties and minors in possession under control.

"The problem is," said Nord, "that last term some of our students pictured this S.W.A.T truck with all these uniformed people looking for the next violators."

Lt. Derick Reddington of the LGPD confirmed during an interview that the police department does not seek out parties.

"We know that this is a college town. Kids are going to have parties. We have no idea if the people attending these parties are under 21 or over 21.

"The Only time the La Grande police has contact with these parties is if it is out of control, its too noisy and the neighbors are calling," said Reddington.

"Sexual assault, theft, burglary, whatever it is, if we know that statistically there is a lot of relationship between that crime and alcohol," said Nord, adding that the law enforcement could solve many of these issues.

The forum later led toward the issue of racial profiling. No students present had been victims of racial profiling, but both Nord and Isley agreed that it had been an issue among student during the past school year.

Many Eastern students claimed that the La Grande Police had stopped them for no apparent reason.

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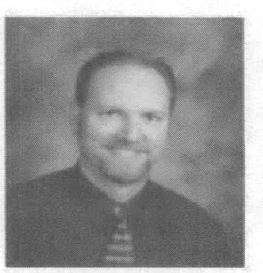

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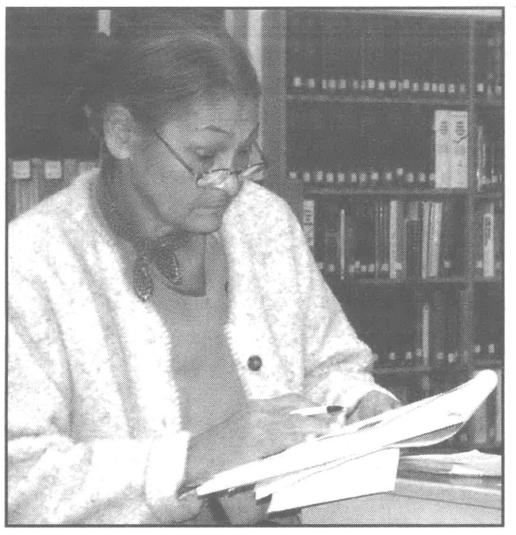
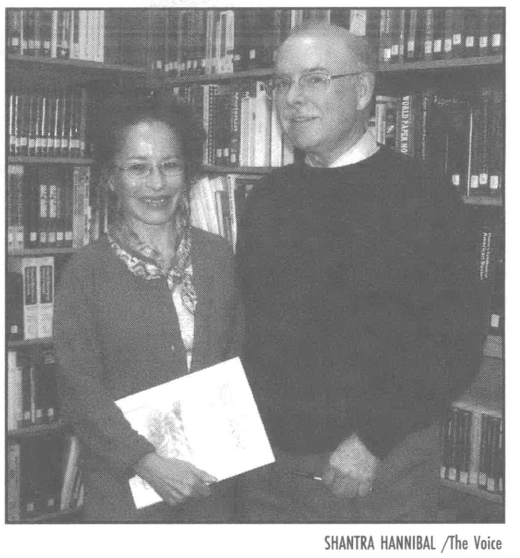
Oral history of Northwest folklore

By Shantra Hannibal
Voice Staff Writer





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The Chataqua forum was held in the Reading Room of Pierce library and funded by Oregon Council for the Humanities.

"I did wear a really nice plaid shirt," SOU professor Tom Nash said at his Wednesday night presentation.

Nash, about to sing, "My Lover Was A Logger," was going for authenticity—not unlike folklore itself.

True Stories and Other Fictions in Northwest Oral History explored what is not really verifiable, but generally accepted as "the truth."

"Folklore is an imaginative combination of fact and fiction," said Nash.

The idea of "fakelore," was described as "outright lies" and used to explain a well-known man in many Northwestern lives—Paul Bunyan.

The beloved ax-toting lumberjack was in all likelihood taken from an old Red River Company advertisement, according to Nash.

Who knew Paul Bunyan as being so complicated?

Nash also dove into the history of different regions, the people of the time, and the mess the people who recorded those histories made.

"People really were the first and best at everything," said Nash.

"I guess my opinion is a story that's culturally valid has a good place."

Tom Nash's discussion was presented by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, Blue Mountain Forum and Pierce Library.

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and the windows took priority on the long construction list in order to save the building from any more weather damage.

John Leamoreau, Union County Commissioner, present during the interview said, "The roof was bad. You could walk on this first floor and see skylight."

As the Union County commissioner, Leamoreau has helped the Manuel's access both county and state funding to aid with the restoration costs.

Although the Hotel is still under restoration and construction, it has been open to the public for two years.

Guests can take tours of the hotel, visit the bronze gallery, the gift shop and grab a cup of coffee or espresso at the coffee shop.

"It has become the number one tourist attraction in the county, and is becoming the number one tourist draw in Eastern Oregon, surpassing the museums in Pendleton and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker," Leamoreau said. "Thousands of people are now showing up here. And this is while it's only partially completed."

Leamoreau read through over a thousand entries in the guestbook taken over a three-month period. He found people who came to visit Hot Lake Hotel Resort from 27 different states, five provinces, and five countries.

"This is the most historical building in the west coast that hasn't been restored. You can't find anything that has more historical value than this, and to see it ready to fall down was just a shame," he said.

"Its hard to describe what they (the Manuels) inherited, I mean we all thought it was going to fall down," he said. "When you look at it, see what they inherited, what they have done, it has just been amazing."

Manuel said that the hotel was a business investment for their family, but he is confident that it will bring a lot of people to the county. "All the businesses will benefit from that. We'd love to be an economic asset to Union County. It has huge potential."

Ever since the Manuels begun restoration on the historical hotel, they have received national media coverage. NBC has done a special report on it and they were expecting Associated Press to show during the following week for an additional report.

"I know when we are done with this building it will be a landmark for Oregon forever. Our family feels privileged to be the ones restoring it," Manuel said.



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The old Hot Lake sign sits in front of the historic building.

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"To make a traffic stop we have to have a reason, a violation you have committed to turn the lights on," Reddington said. "It could be anything from a license plate light not working to rolling a stop, or a red light. There has to be a reason for us to turn the lights on and make a traffic stop."

Reddington also assured that it has been policy in the department that racial profiling would not be tolerated.

"If there is factual basis that this is going on there will be discipline, up to and including termination," he said.

In the seventeen years that Reddington has worked for the La Grande Police, the department doesn't have one record on file of racial profiling.

"If these complaints are not brought to us, if this is in fact happening, then we have nothing to investigate," he said.

During the forum, Lt. Reddington also voiced the traffic stop statistics the La Grande Police Department had on record between July 1st and Oct. 30.

He said that between those dates the La Grande police had made 894 traffic stops.

The statistics showed that 1.6 percent, 15 of the 894 stops, were Asian drivers and 1.1 percent, 10 of the 894, were black drivers. Of the stopped, 2.2 percent, 22 of the 894, the officer failed to ask the driver's race. Lastly, 94.9 percent, 846 of the 894, were white drivers.

Through the Oregon accreditation program the LGPD developed a new method of documenting every time an officer speaks with an individual, through contact sheets.

It used to be, said Reddington, that "if an officer stopped you and just gave you a warning, there would not be a paper trail, as there would be every time an officer issues a citation."

This also came about because last spring many students claimed that they had been stopped numerous times for no absolute reason.

"Through the accreditation process," Reddington mentioned, "it was recommended we create a paper trail for all of our contacts, so now when we stop you or anybody else we write all your personal information down. We hand you a copy of it, its in triplicates, so then the other two come up here and all that information is put into the computer system."

The individual receives a copy of that contact sheet, in case there are any questions regarding the reasons for that stop.

At the forum Rasmussen clarified that the Sheriff's department and Police department's roll is to "keep you folks, the students, and the community safe as a whole. To gain compliance to laws and keep the peace, we do that by working together."

Eastern's IT Department helps students in need

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Imagine being a student who works all day or has to take care of a family. You want a college education, but may not be able to take classes on campus. Thus, you enter the Distance Education program.

Now, imagine that you don't have a computer. How will it be possible to earn your degree on top of everything else on your plate?

This is a tough situation that some EOU Distance Education students are facing.

The Information Technology Department at Eastern is lending a helping hand.

They recently donated 12 working computers to the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority, a nonprofit organization.

The computers will be given to distance education students involved in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

"They were looking for computers and we had a number of computers that were surplus," Steve Clements, Equipment Systems Specialist. "When we say surplus we mean they don't meet our minimum standards on campus."

"If they get to old they are more difficult for us to support," said Paul Rowan, IT director.

These computers generally came from the desks of faculty and staff members.

Computer lab systems aren't included because they are purchased by tech fee dollars. Instead, those go to student labs at various distance education corporations around the state.

Before the computers are donated to their new users, they are refurbished with a new operating system and other essentials.

In a statement to University Advancement, Rowan explained, "These refurbished personal computers will allow EOU distance education students and others who are homebound the ability to better their lives through all that technology can provide."

"They don't have computers but they are taking classes and they need to have something," Clements added.

In the past, the IT Department has also donated to the Kristina Foundation and to the La Grande School District.

Rowan said that the IT Department is planning on continuing the process of donating working computers, although they are unsure of when the next donation will be or how many computers will be sent out.



FILE PHOTO/The Voice

12 computers have already been donated.

Students cram into Bud's for 50-cent tacos

By Cassie Smith
Voice Staff Writer

Hungry and poor? If the answer is yes, come on over the popular 50-cent taco nights at Bud Jackson's every Wednesday.

Beginning at 5 p.m., many students file in to enjoy cheap food, a fun atmosphere and good company.

Because the tacos are so inexpensive, students can get a belly full for just a few dollars. Steven Jackson, an EOU football player, orders nine to ten tacos. "They're scrumptious," he explained.

Not only are the tacos cheap, but they taste good too. Katie Mitchell, who orders three tacos, said that Bud's has come to mean a lot to her. "The tacos are only 50 cents, they taste great and they're way better than Taco Bell," she said.

The service and atmosphere at Bud's also attracts EOU students. Gahlya Auel, who orders two to four tacos, hasn't missed a taco night this term. "There's the best waitress ever here," she said. "Her name is Josie and she's the reason I come back—she's just awesome."

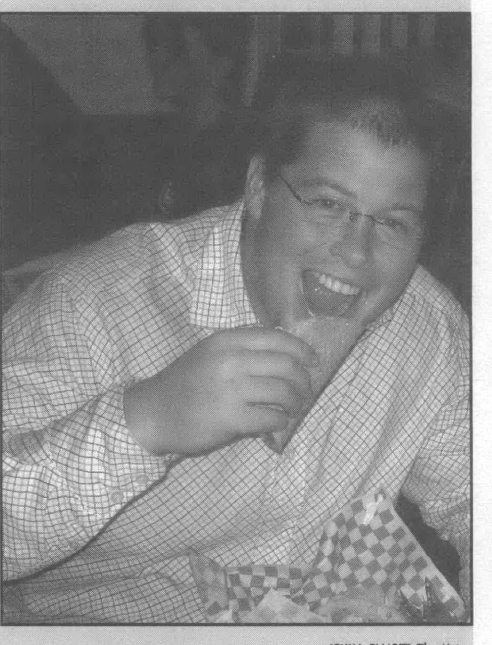
Josie Quellan has been serving at Bud's for about a year. "It's a lot of fun to work here," she said. "Wednesdays are insane because of taco night."

Quellan's description of Bud's on Wednesday nights is accurate: students cram together at tables, filling the restaurant with conversation, laughter and of course, tacos.

Some students come to Bud's to just relax. James Hatch, who eats eight tacos, explained that he comes to escape his house and his roommate for a few hours.

Many students who come to Bud's on this special evening have been doing so for years. Justin Alsterlund, who orders seven to eight tacos, has been coming to taco night for four years. Alsterlund explained why he's been coming for so long: "I come for the cheap food, good times and I get to see all my friends."

Steven Jackson elaborated on the importance of Bud Jackson's 50-cent taco nights: "It changed my life forever; it's an experience that I think everybody should enjoy."



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James Hatch enjoying 50-cent taco night.

Once it was lost but now it is found

By Muhiba Rabejanova
Voice Staff Writer

Have you ever lost something on campus and felt like you don't know where to go to look for it? If you have, here is the answer to all your questions. Eastern provides lost and found rooms where everything that is found by someone within the university area is kept. Each building has its own lost and found room. Moreover, each building has a building manager who will be able to assist you if the room is not open. Here is the list of the lost and found rooms, the names of the building managers and their phones at EOU.

Ackerman Hall – Room 209, University Advancement. After the office moves to Inlow Hall, the person in charge will be Molly Burke: **962-3508**

Badgley Hall – Room 114, the science office. Melissa Lamp: **962-3316**

Hoke Union Building – Room 213, Facilities Scheduling and Conference Services. Vivian Petersen: **962-3575**

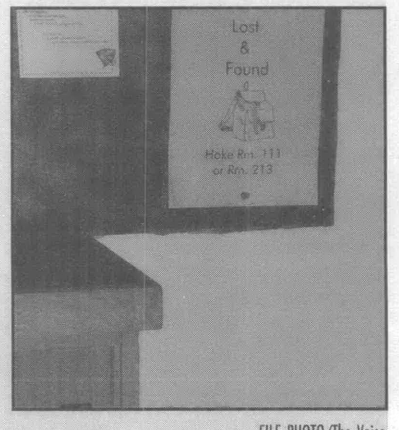
Inlow Hall – Room 116. Kris Olson: **962-3511**

Loso Hall – Room 154, College of Arts and Sciences. Gretchen Jolly: **962-3555**

Pierce Library – library circulation desk: **962-3864**;

Quinn Coliseum – Room 126. Julianna Looney: **962-3497**

All the dorms have their lost and found areas in the offices of the resident assistants.



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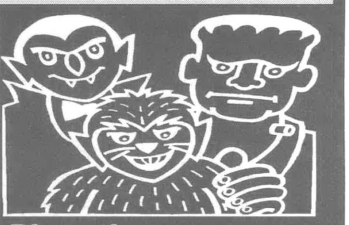
Halloween Survey

By Muhiba Rabejanova
Voice Staff Writer

The Voice wants to know:

Who or what did you dress up as for Halloween?

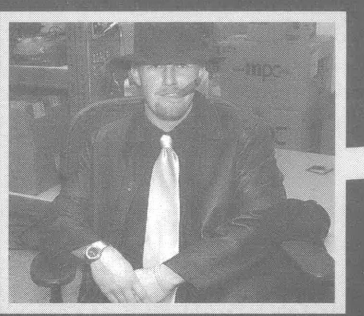


Photos by Muhiba Rabejanova



Claire Enabnit

"I decided this year to break out of my cutesy costume routine. Since the whole fun of Halloween is being something completely out of your ordinary, a nunchuck baring, sword-swinging ninja was definitely right on for me."



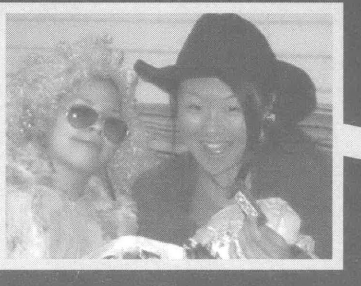
Gibb Pollard

"Threw on all the black stuff I could find, and an Italian silk silver tie, bought in Italy, bought a cigar from Safeway and that was it. Someone brought me a hat later on and I decided to be a mafia member. The cigar was gross."



Taivan Sarangerel

"Maiko is an apprentice geisha. I already had the Yukata (Japanese summer dress) from my former Japanese roommate as a gift and it was a great opportunity to wear it for a Halloween Party on Friday."



Akiko Oba (Right)

"It was my first Halloween ever, and I decided to have some fun dressing up like a cow girl. I see them so often here in La Grande. I never saw one in Japan."



Lori Presley: I am Sara Sanderson from the Sanderson sisters from Hocus Pocus.

Angie Scott: I am one of the Sanderson sisters as well. Actually we were looking for different trios that all three of us could do, so all three of us had the right hair color for the Sanderson sisters.

Holly Arnson: I am Mary, because I have dark hair.

Arts & Entertainment

Ticket Stub

Guess the Movie
(Answers on page 10)

1. "A Royale with cheese." (1994)

2. "What's a Nubian?" (1997)

3. "That is so fetch!" (2004)

4. "Yes, we're gonna have to go right to ludicrous speed." (1987).

5. "Come with me if you want to live." (1991).

6. "No wire hangers, ever!" (1981).

7. "Good luck, goodbye. Thanks, Boss" (2000).

8. "The American Express Card. Don't steal home without it." (1989).

9. "Play it once, Sam. For old times' sake." (1942).

10. "Why, you stuck up, half-witted, scruffy-looking nerf-herder." (1980)

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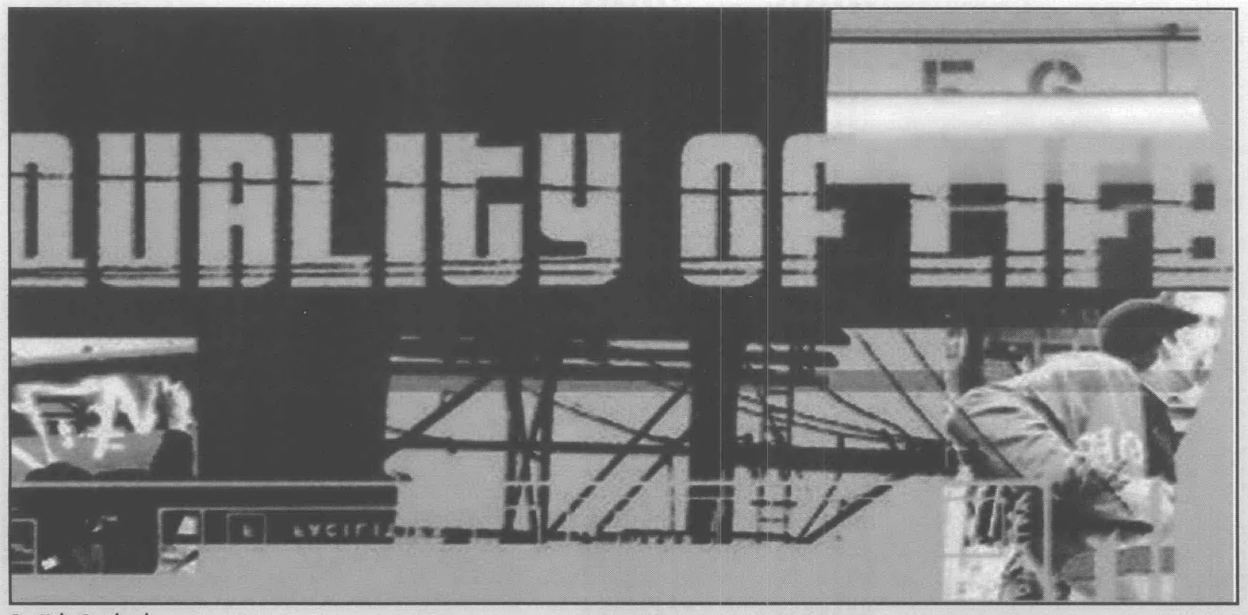
Local director takes a closer look at the life of taggers



By Kyle Rowland
Voice Staff Writer

The independent film Quality of Life played at the Granada Theater last Thursday in a special screening in which the film's director, Benjamin Morgan, was present to answer questions.

Since its completion in 2004, Quality of Life has been shown across Europe and in the United States. It made its premier at Berlin International Film Festival, which Morgan said was an honor to be a part of. It has also attracted audiences in New York, Seattle and San Francisco.

Quality of Life follows two young graffiti writers played by Lane Garrison and Brian Burnam. When both run afoul the law, one begins the journey of self legitimizing while the other slips toward personal disaster.

The film reveals an in-depth look into the little-known, but highly visible graffiti subculture. The film's representative soundtrack features the likes of Modest Mouse, Andre Nickatina, Lifesavas and Built to Spill among others.

While shooting in San Francisco's Mission District, the filmmakers employed similar tactics that graffiti writers themselves use, following what Morgan describes as the "graffiti model".

"We adopted the graffiti model," Morgan said. "which is basically going to a spot and creating something, fast and efficient."

While the film itself took nearly six years to complete, only 18 days of filming were needed.

Morgan and Burnam, both having been involved with the graffiti underground, co-wrote the script, incorporating into it their collective experience and cultural know-how.

"I was involved with the culture in the 80's and was arrested for it in high school. It's always something that's been near and dear to me. I've always wanted to make a movie on it," Morgan said.

Morgan emphasized the amount of practice and diligence required from graffiti writers. There is substantial time involved in scoping a spot out before it can be painted, or "bombed".

"It's an interesting hybrid of art and sport, lots of creative elements but also a lot of athletic elements," Morgan said.

Quality of Life stars Lane Garrison (Prison Break), Brian Burnam, Mackenzie Firgens (Groove, Rent) and Luis Saguar (8mm, Silver City).

The website for the film is www.qualityoflife-themovie.com.

Folk rock fills Mac's Grill in Coffee House Series

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

Cookies, coffee and music filled the evening.

Independent artist and San Diego native Trevor Davis, performed at EOU on November 1 in Mac's Grill for ASEOU's annual Coffee House series.

Davis blends both acoustic folk and new age pop along with his own unique approach of falsettos to bring something new to listeners.

With influences ranging from Rage Against the Machine to Radiohead to Fiona Apple, Davis has a little something for everyone in the audience.

Davis said, "What you're hearing today, I would call it acoustic and pop in a way."

"Pop basically is music as a hybrid form of blues and all that stuff and I feel like that's kind of what I am," said Davis.

For the past two and a half years, Davis has been a full time musician touring every three months in select cities.

Davis said, "I kind of just stick to West Coast only, but I play other places, usually it's more random."

Davis added, "As an Indie artist, you want to create a following and you want to create a buzz, so basically you invest in one place and let it build on itself."

Released back in 2004, Davis has a seven song EP and is right now writing new material for an upcoming album with no set date for its release.

Also, Davis has just finished recording a Christmas album and will be released this winter.

At the moment, Davis is not signed to any record labels, but has talked with major labels such as Sony, EMI and Warner Bros.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO/The Voice
Folk/Rock musician Trevor Davis.

Grizzly Man Review

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

For 13 summers, Timothy Treadwell lived with the grizzly bears in the Alaska wilderness shooting over one hundred hours of video footage to document his quest and bring awareness to wildlife. It was his passion in life, and ultimately the cause of his death.

Werner Herzog, renowned German director known for his documentaries on unusual things and people, created this film using the footage that Treadwell shot of himself during his summers.

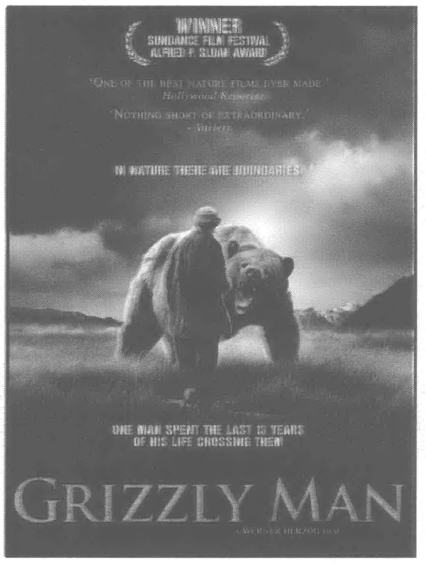
It seems, however, that Herzog has a different agenda than what Treadwell would have hoped for.

Treadwell, known for his eccentric, often controversial behavior towards the grizzlies, was shooting the footage in order to bring awareness and humanity to the often thought of as aggressive and dangerous.

This act of befriending the bears upset many environmentalist groups who felt that Treadwell was doing more damage than he was good.

However, Herzog seems to hone in on another element of the story: Treadwell himself. What Herzog did was show the lonely, often misunderstood side to Treadwell. It showed a man desperate to impress and in search of a friend—whether it human or animal.

But in the end it seems that Herzog discovered that the most wild of species is Treadwell himself. Not necessarily in a negative context of the phrase. But, rather, as a means to showcase Treadwell's untamable spirit filled with reckless wonder.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Man vs. Nature in Grizzly Man

Movie Review: Grizzly Man (2005)

Voice Rating: ★★★★½

Directed by: Werner Herzog
Cast: Timothy Treadwell, Werner Herzog
Rated: R
Summary: Story documents the life and death of one of the most notorious and controversial enviromentalists.

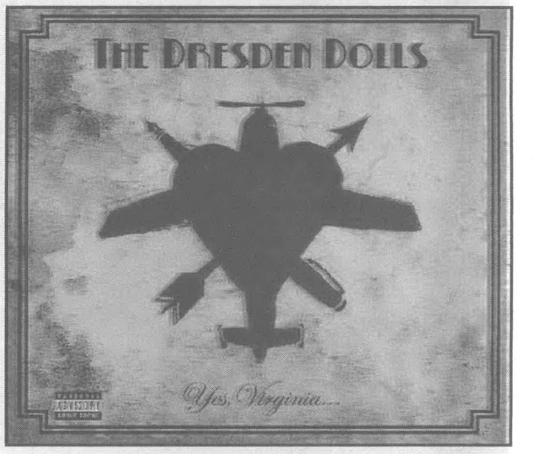
Play with The Dresden Dolls

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

In 2003, The Dresden Dolls released their debut studio album. The self-titled album gained critical acclaim and was widely accepted with songs like "Good Day," "Half Jack" and "Coin-Operated Boy." Of course, The Dresden Dolls had been around three years before that, delivering "Cabaret-Punk" in its truest form. With "Yes, Virginia...," The Dresden Dolls second full length, they present an album with more aggressiveness and purity unlike their previous efforts.

In reference to Virginia O'Hanlon, a little girl who wrote to the editor of the New York Sun in 1897 asking the if there is a Santa Clause, "Yes, Virginia..." explores a wide range of topics from backstabbers to alcohol.

The first track off of "Yes, Virginia...," "Sex Changes," features The Dresden Dolls singing about someone contemplating a sex change, and the good and bad parts about the whole thing. The song moves at a constant pace talking about serious matters, yet at the same time being able to be humorous about it – "Dear Mr. And/or Mrs. Sender/We're pleased to inform you that your applications been accepted/Starting from the time you get this letter/Your life will be one never-ending 'hope you're feeling better'/You get your choice of an aesthetic/we'll need to chop your clock off (tick tock tick tock)/It might not be what you expected/There is no money back once you've been ripped off." Amanda Palmer (Vocals, Piano) later sings – "You're big enough to stop pretending/You'll start to really show within a week or so/So don't go saying it's just come to your attention/You'll get more than you're asking for without the right protection." The song ends right before the start of surgery.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
The Dresden Dolls.

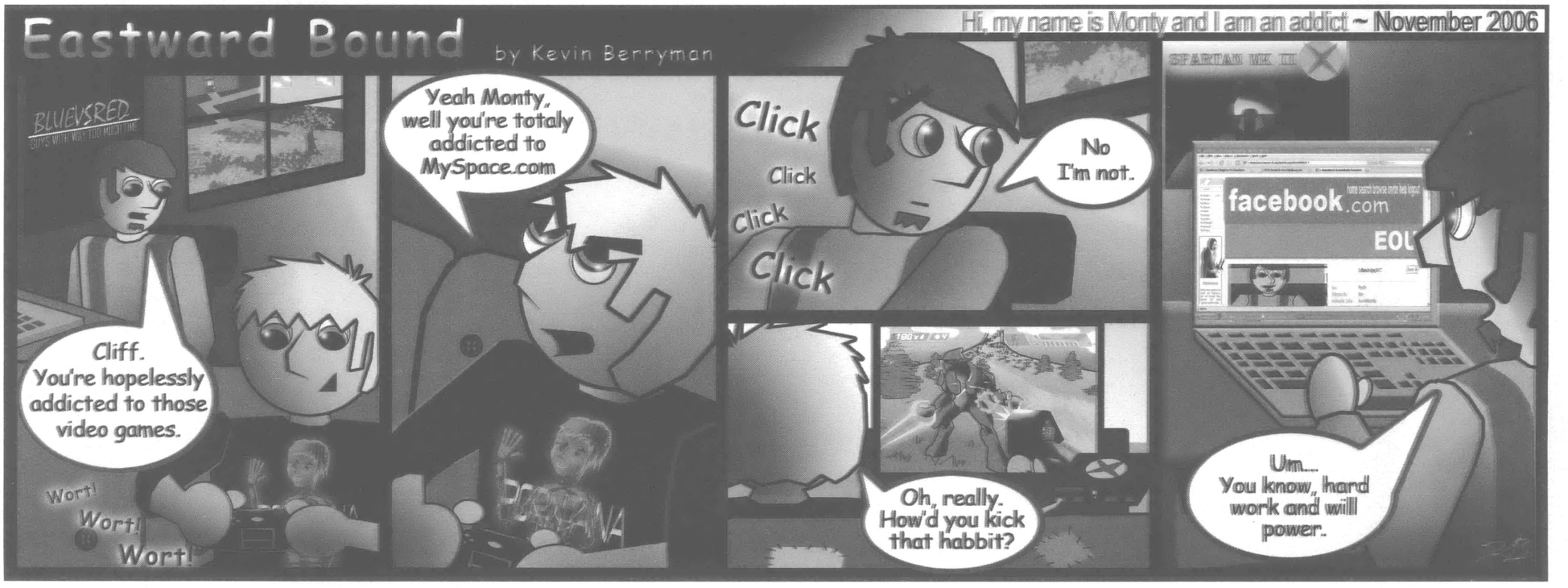
One of the faster songs, unlike any other Dresden Dolls song, is "Modern Moonlight." It starts off with an up-tempo beat before drummer Brian Viglione kicks into high gear and starts flying. The song then reaches a breakdown, sort of like a breather before Viglione goes back at it again.

The proceeding song, and possibly the track on "Yes, Virginia...," is "My Alcoholic Friends." Palmer sings about getting back on the wagon for the weekend and does whatever she pleases saying "I'm trying hard/Not to be ashamed/not to know the name/of who is waking up beside me/or the date, the season or the city/but at least the ceiling's very pretty/and if you are holding it against me."

Other possible hit songs include "Backstabber" and the ballad "First Orgasm" which just so happens to be followed by the track "Mrs. O."

"Yes, Virginia..." is a great follow-up to The Dresden Dolls first album, and although some of the material on here may not make any sense, it is certainly a fun one to listen to.

RATING: 4.5 out of 5



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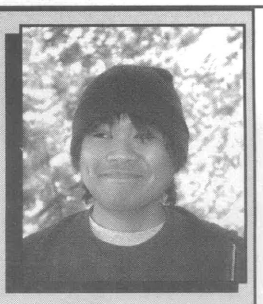


Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae³E Editor

What is "indie" rock?

I've asked friends, all of whom I like to call the "Rob Gordon's" of La Grande, for a definition to what indie rock means.

All have come up with their own meanings and all have said there are different forms of indie music.

One friend told me that I'm just making it harder on myself for something so simple. But what it basically comes down to is this: Indie rock refers to rock music from independent record labels.

I would have to agree and disagree with that.

Of course, any band on an independent label can be called an "indie" band. But again, there are all different forms of "indie" music. I mean, there is a distinguishable factor between Trivium, The Dresden Dolls and Nickleback, all of whom are on the same label, Roadrunner Records.

In the world of music today, there are many band's saturated with this "indie" sound. Most of them are independent, but a lot of them are also not.

I believe a band on a major label can still play and make "indie" music because in actuality, there is no real definition to the term.

It would be like asking the Federal Communications Commission the definition of "profanity" because there is no way the FCC will use Webster's New World College Dictionary, or any other dictionary for that matter.

There is no clear definition for "profanity" by the FCC, only examples.

It is the same, I believe, with indie rock. Only examples of music make up the term.

Take Death Cab for Cutie for example. Last year Death Cab released "Plans" on Atlantic Records. The band still contained their signature sound as of their previous releases. Not to say they haven't progressed as a band, but the music in terms of sound and structure is still as much as "indie" as it was before.

Other clear-cut examples of this include The Decemberists (Capitol Records), The Flaming lips (Warner Brothers) and Built to Spill (Warner Brothers).

An example of indie rock on a smaller label includes The Brilliant Red Lights from Sacramento, Calif. on Agent Records.

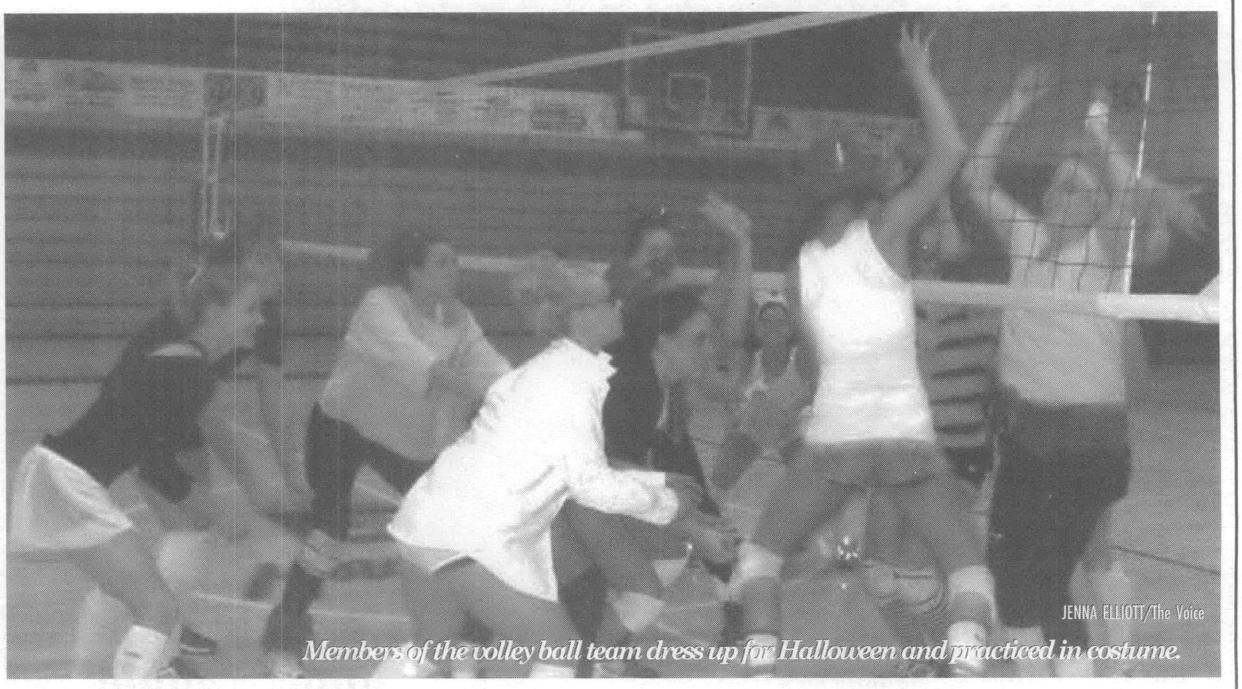
The Brilliant Red Lights play up-tempo melodies, often dissonant, in intricate time signatures. Along the same lines as BRL, with the addition of keyboards and synthesizers, is Portland, Ore. based band, Junior Private Detective, and Vancouver, British Columbia band, Waiting For Roger.

Bands such as Million Billion, Chandelle and the Hanks are more harmonically-driven in their music, but still hold true to the "indie" rock sound.

I may be making this harder on myself than it already is, but I like to think there is more to indie rock than just a band signed to an independent label. After all, I am only a fan, not an expert.

In the immortal words of Inspection 12 (A Florida based "indie" band, whose guitar player just so happens to be the bass player for Capitol Records finest, Yellowcard): "Labels are for cans, we leave it in your hands."

Random Photo of the Week



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Members of the volley ball team dress up for Halloween and practiced in costume.

Random Photo contest!

Do you often find yourself taking strange pictures of random things? If So, The Voice is the place for you to show them to the world! We are sponsoring a random photo of the week contest! We are looking for your weirdest, wackiest, quirkiest, craziest photos you've taken.

The winning photo will win a **SUPER SWEET PRIZE** and be featured in an issue of The Voice. Please attach your name, the photo's title, and a short description of you and your photo.

The following rules apply:

Photos must be taken by the person submitting the photos.

No nudity, obscenities or anything that anyone would find offensive.

You must get permission from all who are in the photo.

You must submit your photos by Thursday Oct. 19 to thevoice@eou.edu or drop them by our office in Hoke 320.

Horror-Scope

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You will be facing tuff challenges this week dear Aries, so bring a gun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
So what if your "friend" bumped you off her top eight. After all, it's not YOURspace.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
Some have said that everyone has a twin somewhere else in the world. But not you, no, we can't have another YOU in this world.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
It is about time you get drunk this weekend. You deserve it for all your hard work. What's a sleepy Sunday without a sleazy Saturday?

Leo (July 23 – Aug.22)
"Hakuna Matata," what a wonderful phrase!

Virgo (Aug.23 – Sept. 22)
If you are feeling blue, watch "Drop Dead Fred." It will change your life.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct.22)
You spend too much time on your computer. Get off the chair and onto the couch. Spend some quality time with the television (and no, youtube does not count)

Scorpio (Oct.23 – Nov.21)
Dear Scorpio, whether your birthday passed or is coming up, just remember: the next 30 days still count as your birthday.

Sagittarius (Nov.22 – Dec.21)
Remember, friends are forever, except when they makeout with your ex., then that means it's war.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – January 19)
Did you leave the oven on? Your house might be on fire.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb.18)
Deodorant is used after a shower, not an alternative to one.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)
Sorry to hear about the relationship. There are plenty of other fish in the sea, but you already knew that, huh playa?

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Pulp Fiction (1994), 2. Chasing Amy (1997), 3. Mean Girls (2004), 4. Spaceballs (1987), 5. Terminator 2 (1991), 6. Mommie Dearest (1981), 7. High Fidelity (2000), 8. Major League (1989), 9. Casablanca (1942), 10. The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

Opinion & Editorials

Say-WHAT-zki?



Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

The American public has spoken. And the outcome is this: the people want change.

If you saw me yesterday you probably noticed I was dressed all in blue. It was my form of early celebration.

But as the results have not been formally calculated, I can't boast too much yet.

But things are (finally) looking up for us democrats.

It seems like it's been so long since the democrats have been given any sign of hope. I know it has been that way for me.

Tuesday night I watched in shock and awe as the democrats won one race after the other—quickly gaining control of the House.

This is significant on two levels:

First: The Democratic Party gained 29 seats (as of Wed. afternoon) while the Republican Party lost 28. That difference is massive, and shows a lot about the current shift in support.

Second: The win will now make Rep. Nancy Pelosi the first woman ever to become the House Speaker in the history of this country.

Now, I don't care if you're a republican or a democrat—that second statement is one of the most historic and important things to occur in politics in a long while.

For me this gain has restored a long-since dormant hope for the future.

I'm not a political person; I'm a person of ideas. I think that almost all politicians, as a rule, become corrupt at some point in their career.

But it's the idea of creating change—making this country a better place to live in—that is the most important thing.

Right now we are pulling ourselves to the top of the first rung of the ladder to a better world. The fate of the Democratic Party has fallen on the Senate race in the state of Virginia.

The people—from both sides of the political spectrum—need to come together and figure out solutions to the dichotomization of this wonderful nation.

Because it's not about which party is right and which party is wrong. It's about the issues at stake and whether they will benefit us TOGETHER as a nation—undivided.

There is a whole world outside of the political arena. It's a world where real issues are at stake that effect us all in a real way. And I truly believe that the people of this great country want to ensure that these issues are handled with care for the future.

I know I want them to.

The Democratic Party is finally uniting back together. And whether people truly believe in their issues, or are just eager to get the republicans out of office, it is a wonderful sight to see.

I always forget until election time how passionate I am about seeing good things being done in politics. It's so rare these days. But I hope that the results of this election will re-ignite that passion for everyone who believes in change.

At the 2004 Democratic National Conventions, Illinois Senator Barack Obama—my hopeful for presidential candidate in 2008—gave the most moving speech I have heard from a politician in my lifetime. In it he sent us an important message: "Hope—Hope in the face of difficulty. Hope in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope!"

As the final votes are tallied, talks of a re-count continue to be discussed.

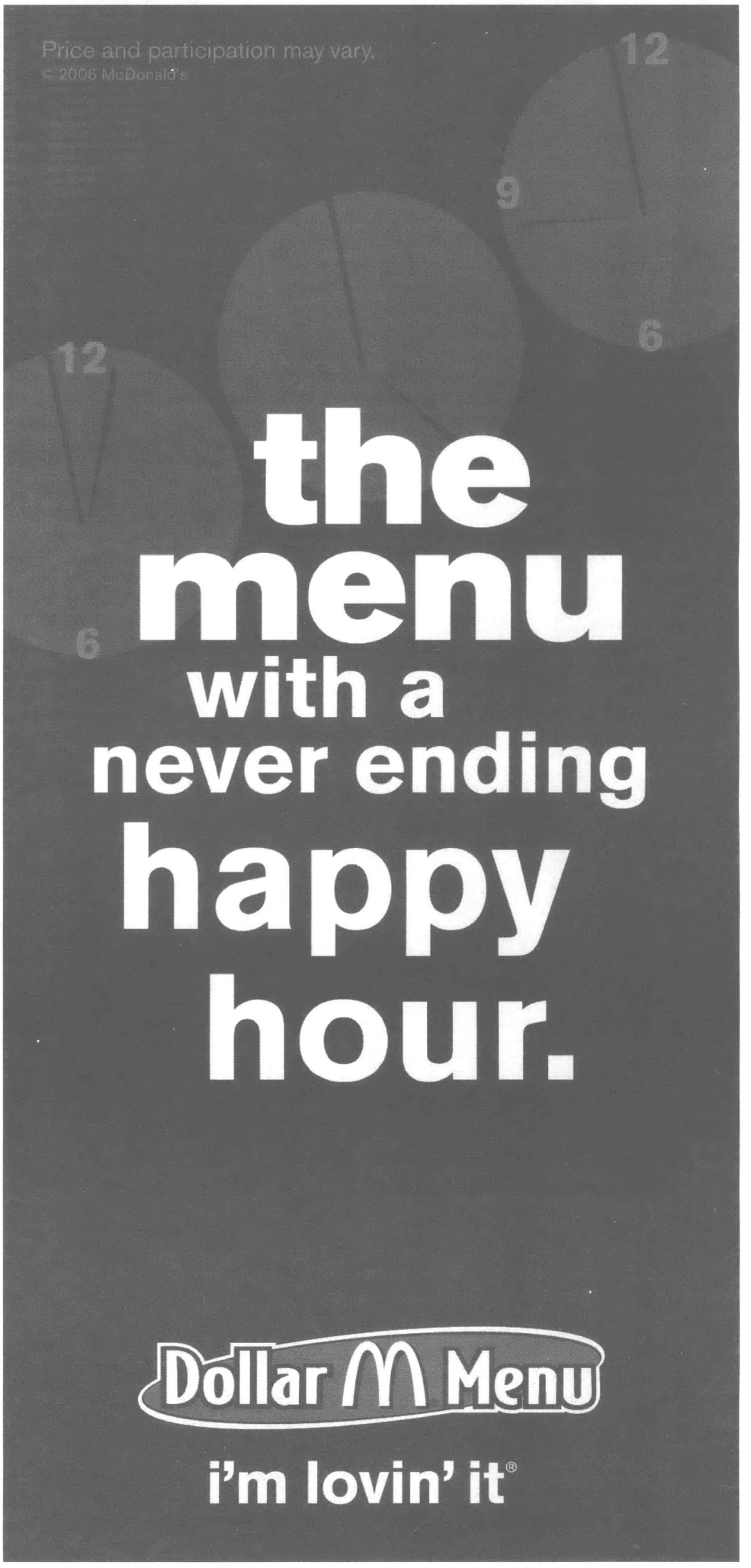
I hope it doesn't come down to that.

I hope that by the time you read this, the results will be in and the Democrats will have taken the majority in the senate.

I hope that the country can unite itself and we can better our future--together.

I hope for a lot of things.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.



Sports

The Sideline

The Longest List

Who made the world's longest basketball shot?

Justin Phoenix, in 2002 made a shot from 94 feet 5.5 inches.

How long was the longest dance party in the world?

On July 9, 2004 in New Dehli, India they dance for 55 hours straight.

What is the longest dog sled race in the world?

The Iditarod - Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. 1,049 is the symbolic distance for the Iditarod meaning a 1,000 mile race in the 49th state. The actual distance varies upon the course taken, but is close to 1,200 miles.

What was the world's longest lasting pogo stick jump?

On May 25 1990 at Huntington Beach, CA, Gary Stewart pogoed for 20 hours and 20 minutes.

What is the world's longest basketball spin?

On February 19, 2006 at the 2006 NBA All-Star Jam Session in Houston, Texas, Joseph Odhiambo spun a ball on his finger for 4 hours 15 minutes

Eastern sends one runner to nationals

By Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer

On the morning of November 4th, the Eastern Oregon cross-country team ran in the NAIA Region I/Cascade Conference Championships here in La Grande.

And for the first time since 1996, neither team qualified for the national meet.

To qualify for nationals, the men needed to finish as one of the top three teams and the women needed to finish in the top four.

The men finished 9th, while the women finished 6th in the Region.

Although the course saw lots of rain the morning of the race, by the time the gun went off, it had cleared up and turned into a beautiful day.

Sophomore Marcella Bosch agreed, saying, "The weather for the race was perfect, the rain made it cooler, which made for comfortable racing weather."

On the men's side, usual top performer, junior Troy Blackburn, saw his hopes slip away as painful side cramps kept him out of contention.

Coach Ben Welch said, "We were hoping Troy could finish in the top five, but his stomach stopped him from doing so."

The injury placed Blackburn at 100th, and his teammates struggled without him.

Junior Josh Cobb led Eastern, finishing 29th in 27:31.

Freshmen Justin Dean also preformed well, finishing 32nd in 27:40, while freshmen Cameron Starner came in 48th.

After a slow start by the women's team as a whole, it was a tough race of trying to catch up.

Coach Welch explained, "The women got stuck behind the pack for most of the race and were unable to recover."

Bosch, who avoided the slow start for the most part, finished the race 10th overall in 18:57.

In doing so, she was the lone national qualifyer.

"The race was a lot harder, and my legs were tired," Bosch said.

"I feel honored to go to nationals because I didn't race my best race," she added.

In her first race back from a five-week injury, Freshmen Dani Murphy did well, coming in at 26th in 19:40-beating her personal best time by 44 seconds.

Even though the teams' season had ended, Bosch will keep the streak of having an individual qualify for nationals since 1989 alive.

Nationals will be held in Louisville, Ky. On November 18.



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Members of the Women's Cross Country team.

Men's and Women's basketball opens with big win

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

The EOU Men began their basketball season with wins over Multnomah, Montana-Western, Montana Tech, and the Eastern Alumni.

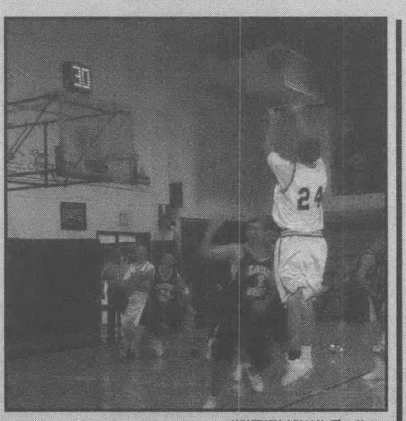
After a nearly flawless opening season performance against Multnomah Bible, Eastern overcame a fairly slow start against the alumni to take the game with ease, 81-53.

Six days later, the Mounties received a pleasant surprise when the first national polls were released.

EOU debuted at No. 23 in the country.

Eastern took their rating with them on the road to Montana, defeating Tech and Western for the first time in three years.

After a dismal first half of shooting, the Mounties rebounded to go 50 percent from the field and 60 percent from behind the arc in the second half.



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Dan Blanchard shoots.

The final score was 73-66.

Sophomore Tanner McIntosh led the team with 23 points, while sophomore Paul Carollo had 13 points and 10

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The Lady Mountaineers women's basketball team won their first exhibition game on November 4th against NCAA Division II Northwest Nazarene.

After shooting 54 percent from the field in both halves, the Mounties proved they are a team to be reckoned with this year.

Going 7-17 from behind the arc as a team, senior guard Christie Weaver put in five of her ten treys, leading EOU with 15 points.

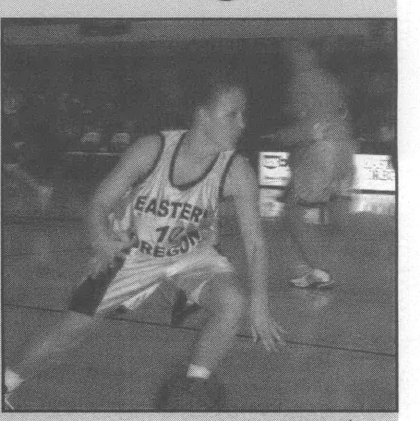
She also grabbed six defensive rebounds to lead the team.

Northwest Nazarene put together a couple of good runs in the second half, but couldn't seem to get over the hump.

As the last buzzer sounded, they found themselves on the wrong side of the 81-70 final score.

Head Coach Anji Weissenfluh was happy with her point guard play, saying, "Both point guards played well and showed great leadership which carried our team on the court, both offensively and defensively in the first half."

NNU came back four different times in the second half, cutting the Mountie lead down to three points.



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Stephanie Neubauer.

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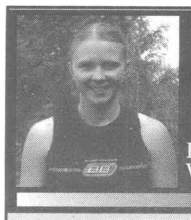


Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

So, I can't seem to concentrate long enough to write an informative column, or even think of a topic to write one on for that matter.

Since I am waiting for my laundry to dry and it is three minutes until midnight, I apologize, but I am kind of grumpy, and I must speak my mind.

I'm starting to realize that modern life is full of pressures, fears and frustration, a.k.a. stress.

Lately it seems like not a whole lot is going my way.

I got shoulder surgery exactly three months ago, and am finally able to play in an actual basketball game again.

This is exactly what I did, well, one game and about five minutes of another, before I sprained my ankle.

Awesome.

I guess stress develops when the demands in life exceed our ability to cope with them, right?

Then maybe you can help me figure out what is putting me over the edge.

So, there's my body, which hates me right now and can't seem to keep it together.

Then there is that DDE course that I have been putting off, that movie that I have five weeks to film and edit for film production class, theatre class-which really isn't bad, but why can't I just retain?! There are those shows that I HAVE to watch and that seem to take up so much time, and then there are all those little things that come up unexpectedly and at the time feel like an escape, until it's over and you realize you just spent an hour playing Mario Cart.

I guess everybody has their own way of limiting or avoiding the stresses of life.

Some people are naturally laid-back about almost everything, while others get stressed out just thinking about being stressed out. Most of us fall somewhere in between.

Which one are you? I am usually fairly laid back, but lately it's been the latter--and I am about ready for the holidays to be here!

As far back as I can remember this time of the year has always been my favorite. Thanksgiving is right around the corner-which usually means basketball tournaments-and then it's time to start listening to Christmas music.

As a college student, this is a stress-free time, am I right?

I have also heard that stress can cause sleep disorders, weight gain, bad skin, and loss of sex drive among other things...and well, I don't really need any of that right now.

So, how can we make life easier?

Well, I have a half-mile walk in the rain to my laundry to think about it.

As for you...don't think about it too much, just do what makes you happy.

It will be worth it.

Mountaineers upset #7 Northern Lights

By John Matson
Voice Staff Writer

Eastern Oregon upset #7 Montana State-Northern 10-7 last Saturday, a week after defeating Rocky Mountain 42-35.

This is the first time this year that the Mountaineers have had back-to-back victories.

The Mountaineers held the Northern Lights scoreless in the first half, getting their own lone touchdown after a 77-yard interception return by senior defensive back Sean O'Brian.

The Mountaineers held a 7-0 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Northern Lights scored quickly after a Mountaineer fumble, which tied the game 7-7.

"Systematically there were not a lot of adjustments to be made at halftime," said Head Coach Ian Shields. "It was more a matter of us just going out and playing like we knew we could."

The game would stay tied until a 26-yard field goal by freshman Thomas Akers, which was set up by a 36-yard pass play to senior wide receiver Deandre Amos.

For the remainder of the game, EOU controlled the time of possession to seal the 10-7 victory over MSUN.

This win was vast improvement from the 41-14 loss earlier this season.

The Mountaineer victory may be credited to the strong defensive play throughout the entire game.

The defense only allowed 326 yards of total offense while forcing four turnovers.

Besides scoring the lone EOU touchdown, O'Brian had a huge day defensively, finishing with four tackles and two interceptions.

The defense also got a strong performance from freshman defensive lineman James Williams, who finished with 13 tackles, one sack and a forced fumble.

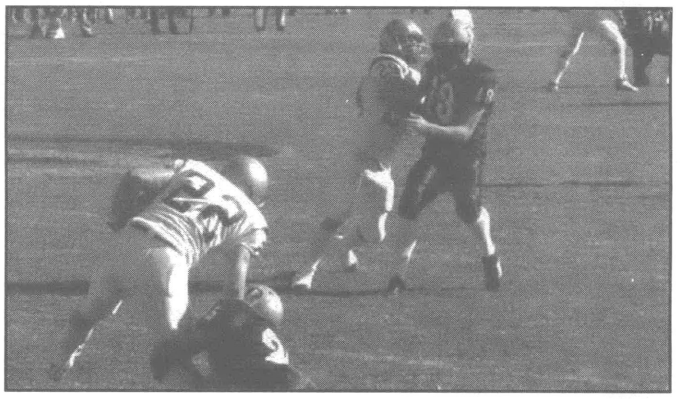
Senior linebacker Michael Eby also contributed 11 tackles of his own.

On the offensive side, back up quarterback Jake Burroughs played a solid game with 104 yards of total offense (70 passing, and 34 rushing), while sophomore fullback Travis Morscheck finished with 71 yards rushing and 18 receiving.

EOU (5-5, 4-5) will host Montana-Western this weekend here in La Grande for the season finale.

The Mountaineers have been improving all year, and another victory will give them a winning season.

Game time is November 11, at 12 p.m. at Community Stadium in La Grande.



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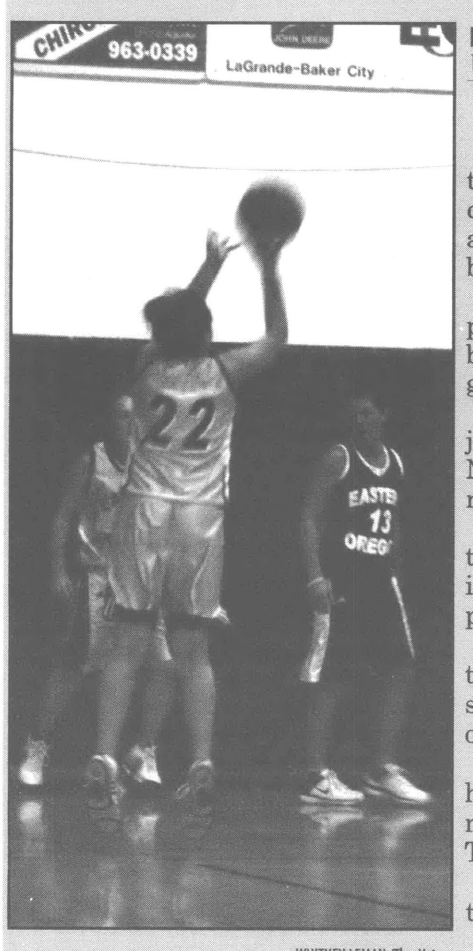
The EOU football team defeats Montana State.

Mountaineers open with wins against Alumni



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Amanda Matson aims for the basket.

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

The Eastern Oregon basketball teams took center stage and debuted at Quinn Coliseum against past players who traveled by air, train or car just to play.

Tip off was supposed to be 5:30 p.m. but with high school volleyball districts taking place, the games were delayed by two hours.

"I had to warm up to warm up," joked former EOU standout Cory Nelson, who flew from Hawaii to make the game.

The women's team finally took the court, and after a lengthy introduction of players-past and present-the buzzer sounded.

The night started out with a three pointer from the corner by senior Christy Weaver, just 34 seconds into the game.

The Alumni's first five points, however, came quickly from former All-American point guard Trisha Haddock.

Nelson added another two and the Alumni took the lead.

After a four minute scoring drought by both sides, sophomore Breana Olson finally hit a three, and the game started to get exciting.

As the first half progressed, it was clear that Head Coach Anji Weissenfluh is serious about conditioning.

The varsity went into the locker and the half leading 40-21.

The second half started much like the first ended, with the varsity continuing to find the bottom of the hoop.

The final score was 89-43.

"I was pleased, we had along wait until this game but it didn't seem to affect us," Weissenfluh said.

"The girls tried to implement what we have been working on and it showed."

Olson led all scorers with 23 points on the night.

"We did well for this being our first game," Olson said.

"We took control on offense instead of letting the defense dictate where we should go."

Weissenfluh agreed, saying, "This is just the first step in along road."

"We have to keep growing men-

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Mounties advance to conference tournament

Whitney Leman
Voice Staff Writer

After dropping three games to NAIA 9th-ranked Albertson College on Oct. 27, the Eastern volleyball team bounced back for their last regular season games of the year.

Note the emphasis on the word regular.

On Nov. 4 and 5, the girls traveled to Portland, where a loss would simply put them out of contention for the CCC postseason tournament.

Well, they didn't lose.

Taking care of business on Friday, the Lady Mountaineers beat Warner Pacific 3-1, (25-30, 30-26, 30-19, 30-25) and then clinched the final post-season spot on Saturday, steam rolling past Cascade College 3-0(0-18 CCC).

On Friday, Senior Jana Brotherton led all Mountaineers with 17 kills.

Junior Chelsea Lally and freshman Grace Deboodt didn't hold anything back either, as they recorded 14 and 12 kills, respectively.

The consistent play of junior setter Jenna Elliott, who had 47 assists, and junior Kiley Cobb, 28 digs, also provided a huge lift.

Despite the pressure that comes with the "win or go home" game plan, EOU dominated Saturday's match in three straight games (30-8, 30-13, 30-19).

Lally and Deboodt once again showed up and left with double-digit kill performances.

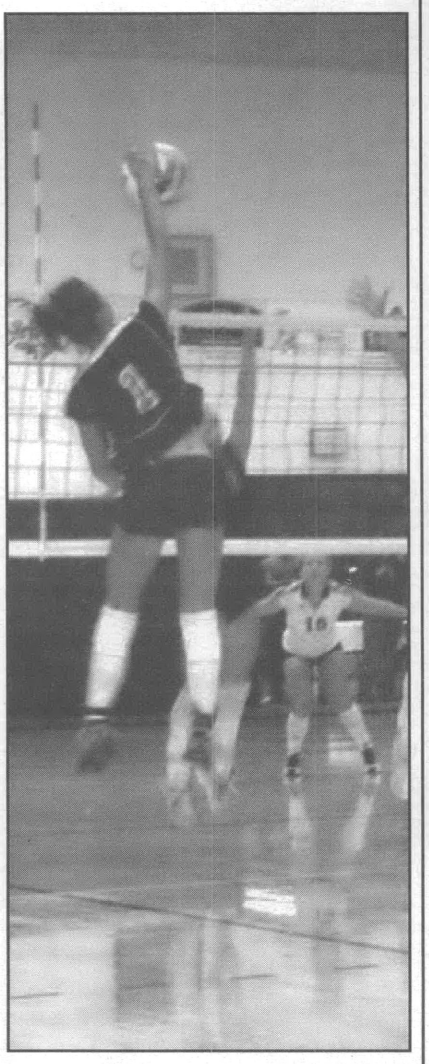
"We knew what we had to accomplish going into this weekend and the girls stood up to the challenge," said head coach Kaki McLean.

EOU (10-14) travels to Caldwell, Idaho on Thursday for the CCC tournament hosted by No. 1 seed Albertson College.

The Lady Mountaineers, No. 6 seed, will open up the tournament against No. 3 Oregon Tech (19-8) on Friday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. MT.

The Mountaineers split with the Owls this year in two regular season matches.

If they win, they face Southern Oregon later that day.



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Chelsea Lally recorded 14 kills.

Sports Briefs

Defensive back Sean O'Brian was recently named both Frontier Conference Defensive Player of the Week and NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week after his breakout game last weekend against #7 Montana State University-Northern.

The senior led EOU in their upset win with two interceptions, one returned 77 yards for their only touchdown of the game.

He forced one fumble and his second interception halted a Northern drive at the goal line. He also had four tackles and deflected a pass in the fourth quarter.

The EOU Soccer team earned Eight Post Season Awards.

Kristen Rice, Cydney Topping, and Tara Moran were all named to the Cascade Conference First Team. Breanna Schlosser and Tennly Paul-Bowden both received Second Team honors. Cydney Topping won Defensive Player of the Year honors while freshman Tennly Paul-Bowden was named the Top New Comer. Head Coach Colleen Fagan put the icing on the cake by receiving the CCC Coach of the Year award.

On October 25, the EOU cross country teams both made the Top-25 National rankings with the Men coming in at No.25 and the Women at No.22.

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tally as a team and we'll get to where we need to be."

After the delays, tip off for the men's game didn't start until 9:30 p.m.

With eleven different players scoring on the varsity side, and holding the alumni to just 26 percent shooting from the field, it seemed an easy task as the varsity won 81-53.

"It was a great opportunity to simulate what we'll see on game day," Head Coach Ryan Looney said.

"All of our players got a chance to see some quality minutes."

Junior Mark Carollo led the Mountaineers with 13 points, while brother Sophomore Paul Carollo had 11.

"We're thankful that we're able to bring back 15 former Mountaineers," Looney added.

The alumni had a balanced scoring effort, with James Freitag leading the team with 7 points and three other former Mountaineer players with 6 points apiece.

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"Someone from our team stepped up each time they got close...it was a great team effort," Weissenfluh said.

She also praised her posts, saying, "Tiffany (Ulmer) and Elise (Hawes) did an exceptional job in their zones working the high-low."

"The opportunities that were created from their great efforts are what eventually gave us the lead for good."

Weissenfluh said the game was like a track meet on both sides.

Both teams came out playing fast-paced and in a full-court press.

"To compete at that pace with a tough Division II team early in the year says a lot," said Weissenfluh.

The Mountaineers then traveled to Spokane to play Gonzaga University Monday at the McCarthey Athletic Center.

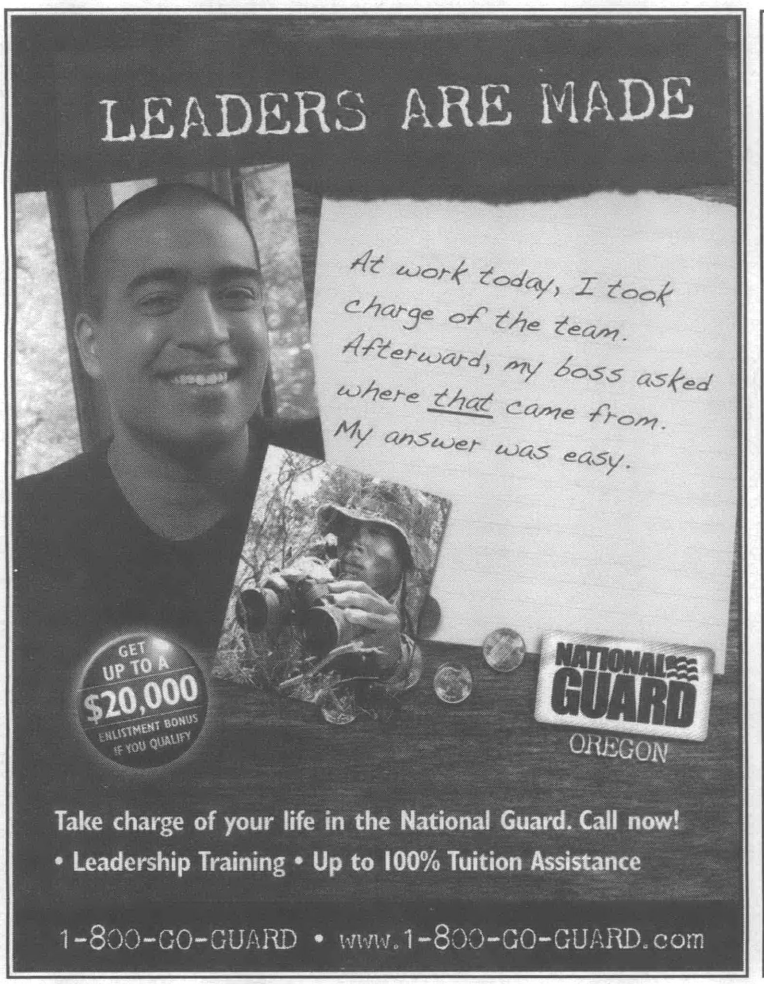
With three girls over six feet tall in GU's starting lineup, the Mountie's had a hard time matching up, and were eventually outsized.

Opening the game up 3-2, EOU never saw the lead again, as the Zags won the game 74-48.

Only down by 16 points at the half, the girls kept it within reach opening the second stanza with a 14-7 run to come within 11 at 45-34 at 8:27.

Gonzaga then went on a 29-14 run of its own to run away with the win.

Tiffanie Ulmer led the Mounties with 15 points.





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rebounds.

Junior Dan Blanchard had 12 points and 9 rebounds of his own.

"Tanner provided some toughness for us at a point in the game when we really needed it," said Coach Ryan Looney.

"His ability to play inside and outside created some match-up problems for Montana-Western."

You may have heard the Montana Tech game be referred to as "The Mark Carollo Show."

The junior led all scorers with 33 points, 26 of them coming in the first half.

Tech came out strong against EOU, building an early double-digit lead.

But after a late first half rally, the Mounties lead going into half time 41-35.

The second half was all Eastern, as they put the game away, 80-72.

"Mark scored a bundle of points in the first half which allowed us to fight back from an early hole," Looney said.

"His emotion and leadership helped carry us the second night on the road."

Eastern will take their 3-0 start and host the Aramark Quinn Classic November 10-11; which will showcase the Mountaineers facing these two Montana schools once more.

EOU plays Tech at 8 p.m. Friday, and Western at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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Thanksgiving Facts

Turkeys have heart attacks.

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the U.S. at Thanksgiving—that's one-sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year.

At one time, the turkey was considered as the national symbol of America. Benjamin Franklin was very passionate about this. He felt the turkey, although "vain and silly," was a better choice than the bald eagle, which he felt was "a coward."

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EOU student becomes youngest mayor in Oregon history



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Union City Mayor Kyle Corbin.

By S.C. Junior
Advising Coordinator

The morning after the elections on November 8th, America woke up to a changed government. By mid-afternoon that day, it was clear that the Democrats had control of both the House of Representatives and the U.S Senate.

When the city of Union, Ore., awoke after election day, they found not only a new mayor, but the youngest mayor elected in Oregon's history, perhaps even in the nation's history.

Union elected Kyle Corbin, 18, a Union resident and EOU student, for city mayor. Corbin beat his opponents Scott Morrison, currently on the Union city council and Dick Middleton, formally on the city council, in Union's mayoral race.

Corbin beat his opponents with 46.8 percent of the votes and beating his closest opponent by 144 votes.

Because Corbin was not 18 years old and ineligible to vote before the candidacy declaration paperwork was due, Union residents had to write his name on the election ballot.

"'Write in Kyle Corbin.' That's all the signs said," Corbin mentioned.

With no campaign managers or millions of dollars to spend on his campaign, as is typical of most government candidates today, Corbin won the race as most high school seniors do when running for student body president.

His mother, Sharon Corbin, 38, available for a short interview said that her family and friends helped hand paint all of Kyle's campaign posters, while "Kyle went door to door with a couple of his friends" asking for votes.

"I shook a lot of hands," said Sharon Corbin.

Current mayor Willard Bertrand supported Kyle Corbin's campaign and it was he who initially called him to

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All Student-fee funded units face mid-year budget cuts

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

All student-fee funded units are facing yet another mid-year budget cut.

In a meeting held Nov. 20, The Student Fee Committee voted to make a two percent cut to all SFC funded units to alleviate insufficient funds due to low admission numbers.

The cuts will affect the budget for the rest of the 06-07 year.

According to Sheldon Nord, vice president for student affairs, the problem is "primarily due to our enrollment has not reached what we projected."

Each year the SFC projects an enrollment number based on previous years. The enrollment number was down a bit this fall, about 108 students compared to last year.

"And 100 students paying $205 a term is a lot of money," Nord said.

According to Nord, and ASEOU's Vice President of Financial Affairs Charles Martin, the SFC balance is down $20,000. If things keep going as they are now, there would be the possibility of serious problems in the spring due to insufficient funds. The reason the cuts are taking place is that they want to prevent that from happening.

The cuts came just days after all SFC-funded units—who hadn't made prior arrangement-were denied their

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Sexual harassment lawsuit filed against EOU, Dabalsa

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

An EOU female student has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against the university, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and EOU math professor Pedro Dabalsa.

The complaint, filed at the Union County Circuit Court on November 9, claims that the student was verbally harassed while enrolled in Dabalsa's courses in the spring of 2006.

It says, "Defendant Dabalsa deprived plaintiff of her constitutional right to equal protection by maliciously subjecting plaintiff to differential treatment for reasons unrelated to a legitimate government objective."

The suit also alleges that "Dabalsa made many offensive sexual and gender based comments."

The suit accuses EOU and the Board of Higher Education of engaging in sexual harassment by and through Dabalsa's actions.

In addition, the suit says the plaintiff's original complaints were ignored.

The complaint states that a grievance was filed with Affirmative Action Officer Irene Jerome, who told the student that the initial complaint would be dealt with informally.

The complaint claims that she was discriminated against when Dabalsa's final grades were released. The lawsuit says that the student "has reason to believe Dabalsa gave her

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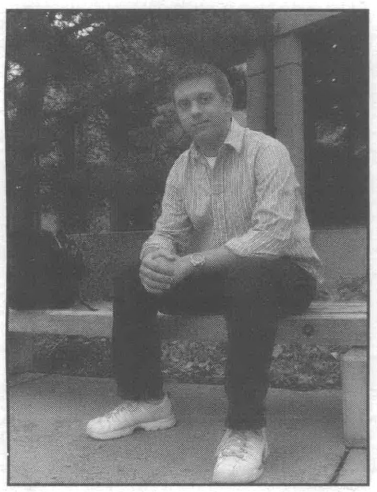
run for mayor.

"He called me at home and said 'I think you should run for mayor'," said Kyle Corbin. The call wasn't too much of a surprise to Corbin, considering he had been attending city council meetings regularly for more than a year and Bertrand knew him well.

Kyle mentioned that he has heard Union residents fear Willard Bertrand chose him to run for mayor in order to influence Corbin long after he is out of office.

Corbin assures that is not the case between him and Bertrand.



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Kyle Corbin became the youngest mayor in Oregon History on Nov. 8.

For now, he says, "I have at least the respect of the people that voted for me."

Out of the 1200 registered voters in Union, 900 voted in the mayor's race.

While many cities in the United States couldn't match a 75 percent voter turnout in these past elections, Corbin isn't too surprised with Unions participation.

"That's unique about Union," he said, "People genuinely care."

Corban added, "And anytime we can get that many people excited about voting, even if they hate you, that's pretty cool,".

As the national elections showed, the American people are ready for a change. Sharon Corbin agreed that Union citizens are also open for change.

"They are ready for new ideas, somebody that has a lot of interest in the city and cares about the city," she said.

Union resident, Tracy Ponmeroy, voted for Corbin in the mayoral election.

She said that she is skeptical people will ever be satisfied with who they had elected into office.

But, when asked why she had voted for Corbin she responded, "I thought we needed someone younger in there."

Though Ponmeroy doesn't attend any of the city council meetings, she believes Corbin will do a good job.

"If they let him," she added.

Ferna Vail, a seven-year resident of Union, didn't vote for Corbin, though she almost did.

Nonetheless, she was satisfied with the results.

"I'm happy he got it because I feel that he has some knowledge of government because he is in school," Vail said.

Corbin is a Politics, Philosophy and Economics mayor at Eastern Oregon University and is currently enrolled in Dr. Jeff Dense's Political Science 101, which he hopes will help him in his new leadership position.

Looking into the future, Corbin says that he doesn't have his first day in office planned, and he probably wont until he is sworn in on January 8th, 2007.

When he is in office he plans to "regain respect between city government and the citizens of Union."

Corbin believes that Union's citizens and city government have been lacking mutual respect, which has caused many of the city's problems.

"The only way you can change that," he said, "is if city government makes the first move."

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carry-over funds for any money remaining in their accounts from last year.

While this effects 21 individual organizations deeply, as shown in the box below, it also affects the average student.

"Let's use The Voice, for example. The way that it could impact the average student is they might have one less edition of The Voice," Nord said, "Students might not actually realize they have one less Voice edition, but I think students who have been here for a couple of years will.

"I think the students who will notice it the most are the ones most involved. If you're involved in theatre you might have less money for the next production. If you're involved in the Nightingale Gallery you might have less hours that you're open, or might not be able to do a certain art show. I think it kind of depends on your level of

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Readjusted SFC Budget with 2% cuts

SFC Funded Units	06-07 Allocation	2% Cuts	Readjusted Budget
Ars Poetica	$6,000	$120	$5,880
ASEOU/OSA	$45, 617	$912.34	$44,704.66
Athletics Post Season Travel	$46,800	$936	$45,864
Athletics	$330,413	$6,608.26	$323,804.74
ESE	$75,505	$1,510.10	$73,994.90
HUB	$68,300	$1,336	$66,964
Indian Arts Festival	$5,710	$114.20	$5,595.80
Intact	$6,000	$120	$5,880
KEOL	$17,000	$340	$16,660
Music Tours	$19,436	$388.72	$19,047.28
Nightingale Gallery	$15,000	$300	$14,700
Oregon East	$11,782	$235.64	$11,546.36
Outdoor Program	$13,926	$278.52	$13,647.48
SAGE/Women's Center	$6,000	$120	$5,880
Science Journal	$5,197	$103.94	$5,093.06
SIFAssessment	$51,000	$NONE	$51,000
Student Activities	$141,500	$2,830	$138,670
Student Clubs	$15,000	$300	$14,700
Student Lecture Series	$7,500	$150	$7,350
Theatre	$34,558	$691.16	$33,866.84
Voice	$20,570	$411.40	$20,158.60
Wellness/Recreation	$58,046	$1,160.92	$56,885.08
TOTAL	$1,000,860	$18,967.20	$981,892.8

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ARAMARK, EOU Dining Services partner with area growers

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

If wild huckleberry muffins, apple cobbler and homemade salsa are enough to tempt the taste buds, just imagine how enticing these recipes could be if they were made with locally grown, organic ingredients.

That's just what the campus food service provider at Eastern Oregon University is doing.

Michael Morse, food service director for ARAMARK, is incorporating organic and locally grown produce into the menu at EOU's dining hall, RFoC, short for "Real Food on Campus."

Morse has partnered with area growers to purchase the produce. He says going organic, even for just some recipes, is already a big hit with the students. So far there are three growers supplying produce to EOU and others have shown interest in becoming involved.

"Dining Services is receiving great feedback from students and staff, but it really shows in their consumption. The amount of organic and local foods consumed has doubled over the last few weeks!" Morse said.

Vivian Petersen, administrative program assistant at EOU, oversees event scheduling on campus and works closely with ARAMARK and Dining Services to coordinate both student-related and outside catering events. She says she is glad to see more healthy options being made readily available.

"Nearly every day I see one of our student athletes walk out from the dining hall with an apple in their hand. It's nice to know where the food is coming from and that it hasn't been chemically enhanced," Petersen said.



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Students enjoying a meal in the Hoke Cafeteria.

When in season, apples, pears, peaches, potatoes, beef and honey are just some of the locally grown and/or organic foods that can be found on the RFoC menu everyday. Onion rings made from Walla Walla Sweets and garden fresh creamy basil tomato soup are also favorites. Sugar-free dessert options are also being added.

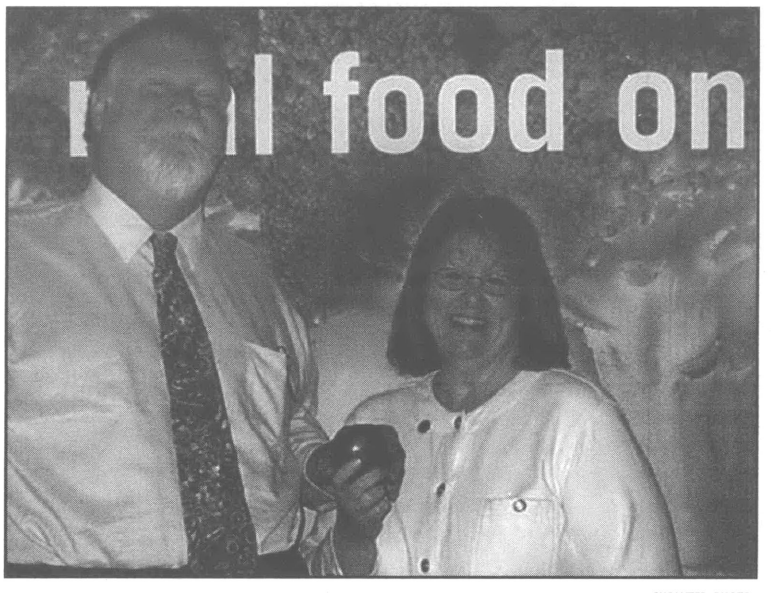
Local, organic whole fruit is now also available in Mac's Grill located on the first floor of the Hoke Union Building.

An example of how much produce is being integrated in one week is best described in weight from a recent order: apples, 150 lbs.; pears, 40 lbs.; tomatoes, 25 lbs.; potatoes, 100 lbs.; winter squash, 40 lbs.; and green peppers, 30 lbs.

By partnering with area food producers, ARAMARK and Dining Services are putting into practice the shared commitment to serving the community and advocating for social change and environmental responsibility.

"The integrated use of locally supplied foods reflects and aligns with our increasingly health-conscious student body and meets the demands for organic, pesticide-free, local foods," said Stephen Jenkins, director of Residence Life at EOU.

"More importantly, it promotes the students' awareness of what they are eating and how their decisions can impact the La Grande and surrounding communities," Jenkins said.



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Chef Mike Morse and EOU administrative program asistant Vivian Peterson.

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involvement. The more engaged students are, the more they'll notice it," Nord said.

It is Nord's opinion that the SFC wanted to bring this information to The Voice so that students could be informed of where their money was going.

"I think the Student Fee Committee wants to have a pretty transparent process so that faculty, staff, students, people in the community see what they're doing. Students pay a lot of money for student fees," Nord said. "They want to make sure students know how their money is being spent. I think the reason they're seriously considering budget cuts is they want to be wise stewards with the money"

The SFC is also looking into other options for funding, including closing the swimming pool.

According to Nord, "One of the things that the fee committee is trying to do is have DDE students participate more in paying fees."

Currently, DDE students do not pay fees even if the student is local and active in campus activities.

"The committee has wondered for a couple years if that is really fair," Nord said, "that's one way we can raise more revenue without really cutting expenses. The longer term impact is to address revenue."

For student-funded units, morale may be down. But, Nord encourages each organization to look into options for alternative funding, including the possibility of grants and fundraising.

At the SFC meeting, members also discussed the possibility of reassessing the importance of each organization in the form of a survey handed out to students to find out what is more important to them.

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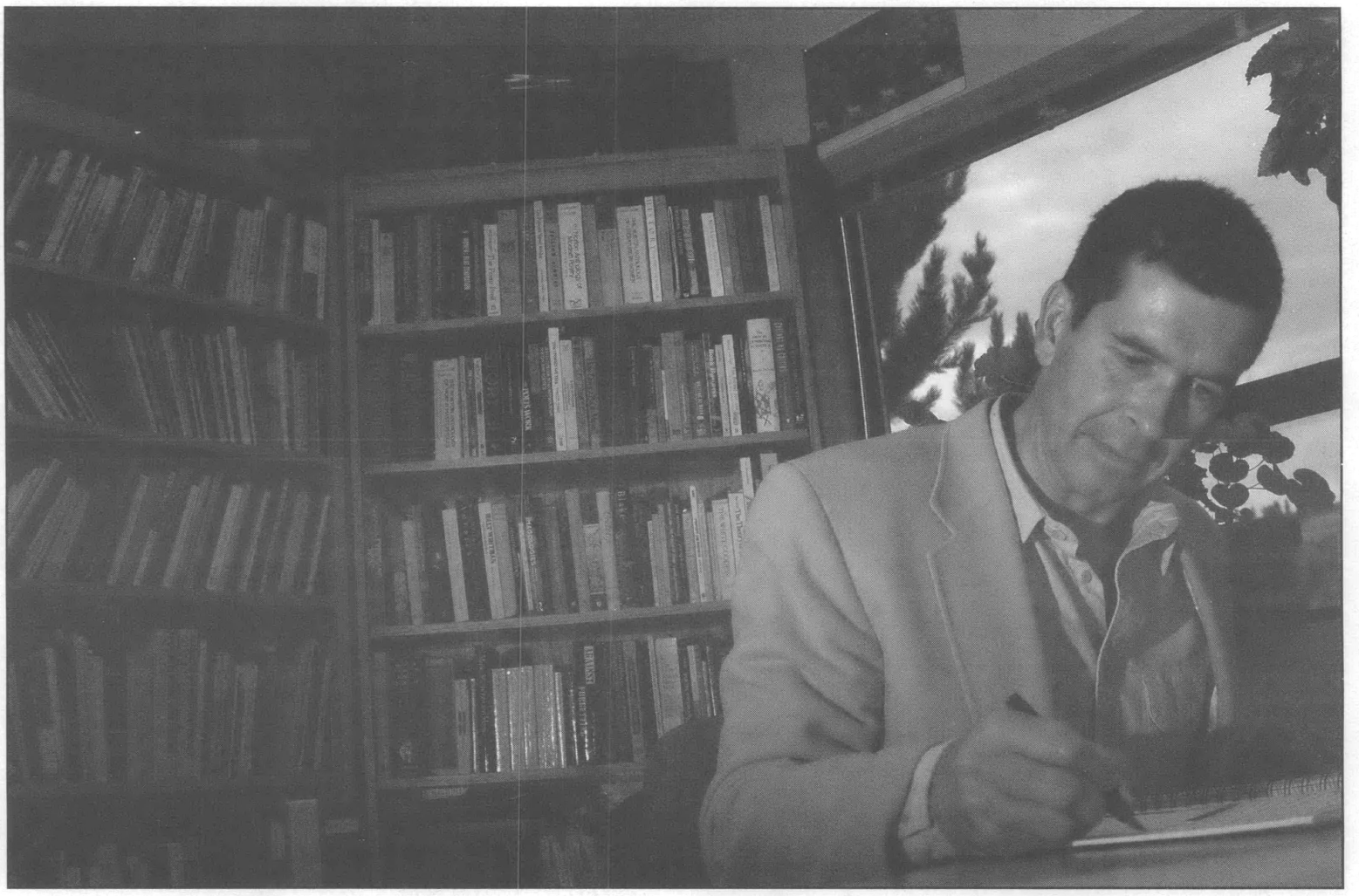
Davide Axelrod named a poetry finalist for the 2006 Oregon Book Award

By Cassandra Smith
Voice Staff Writer



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Professor David Axelrod in his office.

Professor David Axelrod has recently been named a finalist for the Stafford/Hall Award for Poetry, a category of the Oregon Book Award.

His book of poems, *A Cartographer's Melancholy,* is Axelrod's third published poetry book, and his fourth total.

The book, published in November of 2005, has already earned some recognition by winning the Spokane Poetry Prize in 2004.

Axelrod explained that his book grew out of two summers he spent in Europe in the late 1990's during the Balkan Wars.

"It was strange feeling being only a short train-ride from a war zone," he said.

The book carries that same strange feeling throughout.

He also explained that he wanted to blur the certainties of what nation and what time period he was writing about.

Through his poems, Axelrod said he wanted his readers "to imagine what it feels like to be the people who are always on the receiving end of brutality and cruelty."

He also said that the United States is often isolated from such occurrences and knowledge.

Axelrod said that his new book has a little different form than his others. He wrote his poems using a medley of verse, free verse and prose passages.

The winner of the award will be announced Friday, Dec. 1, at an awards ceremony at the Portland Art Museum.

The Oregon Book Award has been presenting awards annually for 20 years. It awards the excellent works written by Oregon writers. The awards are separated into genres of poetry, literary nonfiction, fiction, drama and young readers literature.

Professor Axelrod's work can be purchased at bookstores and online.

Vampyre Café offers alternative late night venue

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

How do vampires stay up at night?

They drink coffee, of course.

Now for those Eastern students with the sleeping pattern of a vampire, preferring to roam at night, Greg Travis, 43, of Tucson, Arizona opened The Vampyre Café this Halloween.

Spelled "Vampyre", after the antique spelling, the café is located at 2205 Adams Ave., only half a block from Safeway, next to Bud Jackson's.

After working and living at Yellowstone National Park along with EOU student Yien-Ching Chao of Taiwan, Travis decided to try his luck in La Grande.

Greg named it the Vampyre Café because "vampires are up at night."

Travis came up with the idea of a late night café after noticing that nothing in downtown La Grande is open late at night where students can hang out.

"I searched around for the hole," he said, "I looked for the silence, you could say."

"I found the hole. There's nothing open late at night."

Travis also wanted to create an

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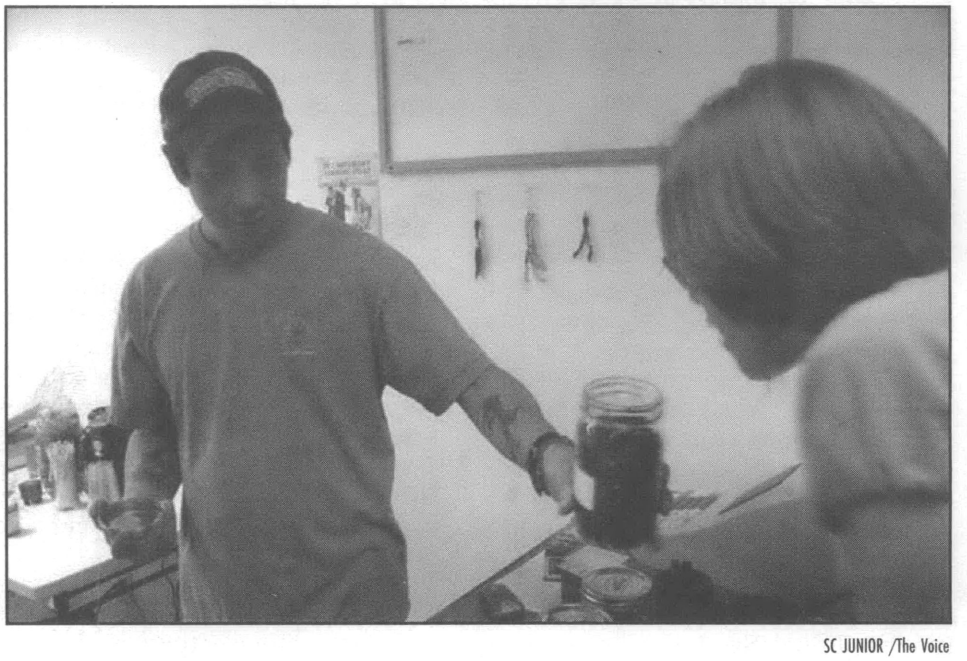

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Greg Travis offering a sample of tea to patron.

Poet and scholar Laurie Lamon visits EOU

By Shantra Hannibal
Voice Staff Writer

Monday, Nov. 13, Laurie Lamon presented her latest collection, "A Fork Without Hunger," in Pierce Library.

"I think poems are connected to other things." Lamon said.

Lamon's short lyrical works celebrate everyday objects as beautiful and an occasion for poetry.

Some of Monday's readings included, "Garlic," "Potato," "The Dogs," as well as, "Painting the Kitchen" which is from her new collection.

Lamon's "pain poems," which are a series in both collections of her work dealing with issues of chronic pain, take a different perspective of an old topic. In "Pain tries to think of something" Lamon personifies pain and takes a look at the world through a different set of figurative eyes.

"Pain thinks of wind" focused on what it may have sounded like outside the World Trade Center and how that event connected to more ordinary things.

"The smallest things that are remnants of our lives, the back of an earring, a key, the things that are on people's desks...and what happened to those things."

Lamon also held a two-hour workshop for students where she read and critiqued their work. She said the students she sees coming to college are becoming more conversant with contemporary poetry.

"I'm always impressed with what they have read.", Lamon said.

Lamon offered pointers on the use of imagery, form and content.

"We respond to a beautiful sentence when we see it out there in the world.", Lamon told workshop students.

Lamon teaches creative writing at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.



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Poet Laurie Lamon.

EOU clubs hoping to add strength in numbers

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

The Collegiate FFA club at Eastern is hoping to diversify by spreading its message around campus.

"Our aim is to get our club more well known around campus because a lot of people don't even know we're there," said CFFA Vice President Rees Hunt.

Hunt recently returned from a National FFA convention where she attended a diversity workshop.

"That is what sparked my idea to reach out to the campus," she said.

Hunt just wants to show students what the club stands for. She said the major problem in generating interest is the fact that students think they have to be an Agricultural major to join. Hunt said that isn't the case: "Everyone is welcome."

The CFFA doesn't participate in contests like the familiar high school FFA clubs. Hunt said they would like to eventually, but there currently aren't enough members.

Instead, the CFFA club at Eastern is a community service based organization. They typically help out at the local high school FFA functions.

"Any contest they have, we help out with it," Hunt said.

She also added that they try to stay connected with other agricultural based organizations.

The group is planning on continuing their reputation for community service this year, extending out to the local 4H clubs. They will also lend a hand at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show.

Thanks to its strong freshman class, the CFFA members are looking into future contests such as livestock judging and statewide conventions. These will all be possible by adding students to its roster.

Hunt said that at any given meeting there are 10 to 20 students.

"This year is the biggest club we have ever had," she said.

She also emphasized that joining the group is an enjoyable experience.

"We do a lot of fun things," she said. Along with the club meetings, members often join up to attend movies or go bowling.

Hunt added that the Range and Ag clubs on campus are also looking to expand. The three clubs correlate with fundraisers and fun.

"Even if you weren't raised in an agricultural situation it doesn't matter," Hunt said. "You can still come and have fun, meet a lot of people and maybe learn a little bit about what we do."

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Cost: $288.60 + $27.90 fee
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Location: 1901 Adams

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For more information, contact BMCC in La Grande at 663-1378.

`Thrill killings' adding to boost in poaching of Nevada's big game"

Associated Press

RENO, Nev.-State game wardens are investigating an increasing number of incidents they call "thrill killings," a new and disturbing form of poaching of big game in Nevada that is likely to result in the most violations in more than a decade.

"The group killings, those are nothing but thrill killings," said Rob Buonamici, acting director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife. "Very rarely did we see that before. We are seeing it now. That's what's kind of alarming."

Some of the worst cases to date include:

- A group of five deer, three fawns and two does, shot and killed, with their bodies left to rot together in the mountains near Elko.

- A cow elk killed and a bull elk wounded in Lincoln County.

- A California bighorn sheep, one of the West's rare animals, killed, its head removed, in the Santa Rosa Mountains north of Winnemucca.

Wardens don't know who's doing it.

"We could be looking at kids," Buonamici told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "You could be looking at intoxication, an 'under the influence' issue. These aren't (legal) hunters doing this."

Reported poaching incidents this year reached 65 by Oct. 31, just five fewer than all of last year and 21 more than the 44 recorded in 2000.

The actual number of illegal killings is much higher. State wildlife officials estimate only 1 percent to 5 percent of poaching incidents are discovered.

The task of policing the state's hunters can be overwhelming. Nevada has 31 game wardens; each patrols an average of 3,567 square miles, the largest of any state in the continental U.S. In Texas, by comparison, wardens patrol an average of 543 square miles each.

"The only fix is more game wardens," Buonamici said. "We are just spread too thin."

Nevada's few wardens rely on legal hunters for information about poaching incidents. In 2005, the number of registered hunters in Nevada totaled about 50,000.

A $10,000 reward is being offered for information about the sheep killing last month in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

"To me, it's not a sportsman doing that," said Jack Robb, a member of the state Wildlife Commission who also belongs to a hunters' group, Nevada Bighorns Limited. "The animal was shot not too far off the road, a well traveled dirt road. They just removed the head and left the rest of the carcass."

In other years, there were isolated incidents. But what's happening this year, according to Smith, is different.

"We've always dealt with targets of opportunity," he said. "People driving down the road will see a hawk on a fence post. This seems a little more calculated. They're going out to see how many animals they can kill."

Last year, wardens discovered a couple of Californians hunting in Lincoln County after they'd obtained a license for Churchill County.

"We had a federal and a state warden camping with those guys," Buonamici said. "It's the best opportunity to catch them."

Vampyre From Page 4

outlet for people to "just hang out" and not have to go to the bars.

The idea of The Vampyre, he added, is to create a non-alcoholic alternative for students seeking nightlife.

For those who prefer to pass on the java, the Vampyre Café serves fair trade loose-leaf tea blends by the Mayan Tea Co.

The Vampyre includes a selective pre-packaged assortment of tea from around the Asian continent.

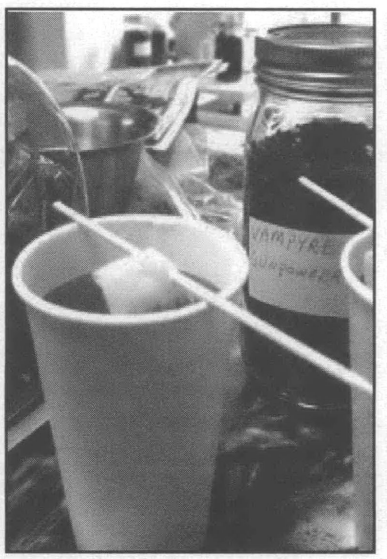
Kona Coffee Company, the Hawaiian based company from which Travis orders his beans, doesn't roast the coffee beans until Travis makes the order.

"They roast them and put them in air sealed bags still hot," he said.

The beans arrive at the café only 48 hours after roasting, so the cup of joe Travis' clients enjoy still tastes fresh.

"That's what I want to offer," said Travis "a product this good."

The café hallmarks free wireless Internet for those students who want to surf the web late at night while lounging on the many sofas in the shop and sipping on their brew.



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Vampyre Cafe tea sample.

The café doesn't serve food, "but we are working on it," said Travis.

The walls in the shop are bare, but Greg challenges and welcomes all artists to hang their art in the café.

"Want to sell it?" he said, "put a price tag on it and hang it."

"If it sells, it sells."

Travis also welcomes EOU business students seeking an outlet for their business ideas to present them.

"If I can do it, we'll do it," he said "and if we cant, it's okay too."

"The important thing is they tried."

The café will change its hours after the Thanksgiving Holiday to Thursday through Saturday's from 6pm to Midnight and Sunday's from 10am to 9pm.

Shelter From the Storm

Community Awareness Training

Saturday, December 9th 2006
9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00
At the Community Advocacy Center
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Community Awareness Training is offered quarterly or by arrangement to the public, students, schools and groups. The fast paced training includes films group exercises and games.

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Shelter From the Storm history, mission, services/programs and volunteer opportunities.

Introduction to Domestic Violence dynamics.

Introduction to Sexual Assault dynamics.

Introduction to Child Abuse dynamics.

Introduction to anti-oppression/racism, gender stereotypes.

This Introduction to Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault is open to the public. Men and EOU Students are encouraged to participate

The 6 Hour Community Awareness Training is the first part of our Shelter From the Strom Volunteer Training.

For more information and to sign up please contact
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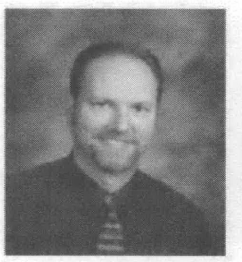

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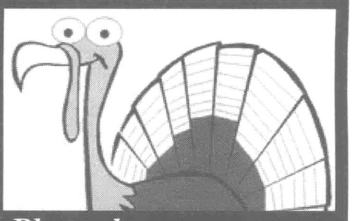
Holidayday Survey

By Jenna Elliot
Voice Staff Writer

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are three of the most celebrated holidays of the year. The Voice wants to know:

"Do you have any holiday traditions, or how are you planning on spending your holiday vacations?"



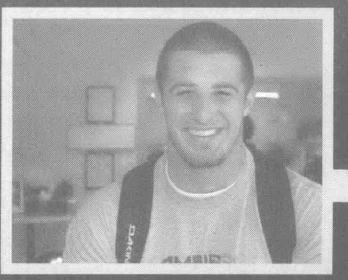
Photos by Jenna Elliot



–Freshman Jillian Wheeler, La Grande
"We go over to my grandparents house in Idaho for Thanksgiving or Christmas and for the other holidays we gather together as an immediate family. We always have a nice, family-oriented holiday."



–Senior Loretta Crisp, Union
"Our favorite Christmas tradition is going out and getting the Christmas tree together up in the mountains, picking out the best one for us."



–Sophomore Corey Dunn, Phoenix, Ariz.
"We put up Christmas lights on Thanksgiving Day."



—Sophomore Mario Olivares, Estacada, Ore.
"Steve Jackson and I are going to the Killswitch Engage concert at The Big Easy on Nov. 25."



—Senior Marschall Moon, Hermiston, Ore.
"We sit down and reminisce things of the past, how things have gone, and how they have changed."



—Junior Risa Ubagai, Japan
"I will be in La Grande. Usually in Japan we don't celebrate Christmas; you go out to eat with your boyfriend or girlfriend and have a good time with friends."

Arts & Entertainment

Ticket Stub

Guess the Movie
(Answers on page 10)

1. "We're in the pipe, five by five." (1986)

2. "There's no crying in baseball." (1992)

3. "...they may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom." (1995)

4. "I make a noise or I do something that no one has ever done before and then I can feel unique again even if it's only for like a second." (2003)

5. "Nobody sits like this rock sits. You rock, rock. The rock just sits and is." (2004)

6. "You're probably just having a mid-life crisis. Did you buy a Porsche yet?" (2003)

7. "Never give up! Never surrender!" (1999)

8. "The sustain, listen to it." (1984)

9. "Are you mad? I am your daughter." (2001)

10. "Ordinary life is pretty complex stuff." (2003)

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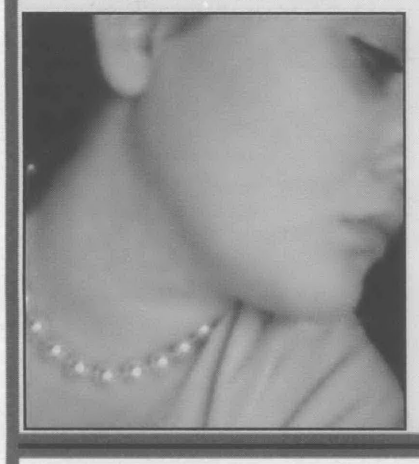
Local Band Extraveganza Vol. 2

Writen By Whitney Leman, Kyle Rowland, and Onofre Ramiscal

Tonya Gilmore



After living in Union, Ore. for more than 10 years and performing a lot at different venues in La Grande, singer/songwriter Tonya Gilmore has made her way to St. Louis, Mo. in pursuit of her musical dreams.

Her acoustic style of music is self-described as folk, but has many influences from a wide variety of genres.

"The guitar music in my songs is usually simple chord progressions, but my lyrics tend to be a bit more complex," she said.

Musicians like Fiona Apple, Ella Fitzgerald, Dave Matthews Band, Gin Blossoms, Tori Amos, Simon and Garfunkel and Bob Dylan have inspired her sound.

Though she does not have a band, she has done shows with other musicians, including her brother JT Gilmore, Noah Merrill, Michael Snider, and others.

She has two CDs that are currently available locally (wherever she happens to be) that aren't under a label, but were recorded herself with her own equipment and various software.

Her first self-made album is entitled 'Trip the Light Fantastic' and the second, 'Light Fixtures and Telephones'.

She's currently working on a new album that is so far, unnamed.

*R.I.Y.L – Jolie Holland, Regina Spektor, and The Be Good Tanyas.

Sons of Guns



"A great prolific Seattle band whom we've played alongside, once described our music as: 'Modest Mouse covered in prairie dust,' and that works for us," said Greg Rawlins (Guitar, Vocals) of Sons of Guns.

Sons of Guns formed in fall of 2002, playing countless shows up and down the West Coast, and releasing a six song EP titled "Need Less to Say," since then.

Currently, Sons of Guns has a 13-song album being mastered in Boise and is set to be released on New Years Day 2007. The album "Clutch" will be available in January in local stores, and on the band's website: www.sonsofgunsmusic.com

There will also be a CD release show around the same time in La Grande and in Seattle.

With a unique blend of indie rock-n-roll and folk music, and topics ranging from love and love lost, to urban vs. rural and everything in between, Sons of Guns is definitely a band worth listening to.

*R.I.Y.L – Modest Mouse, Ugly Casanova, and the Headlights.

Crosswired



Another notable band out of our beloved little college town would be Crosswired. For those who enjoy alternative, quasi-hard bands like Nickelback and Lifehouse, Crosswired is sure to please.

Drawing a decent number of locals, their shows consist of slower rock melodies mixed with a couple numbers that are suitable for a hearty mosh.

They have played for audiences throughout Eastern Oregon, Portland, and also in Spokane.

The band also has a demo album which showcases 10 songs and a website where one can get a hold band merchandise, read messages from the band, and browse through a substantial photo gallery. Or more, visit www.crosswiredrock.com or their Myspace page at www.myspace.com/crosswiredrock.

*R.I.Y.L – Nickelback, Breaking Benjamin, Skillet.

Psychoactive Synth



Progressive techno, full of colorful sounds and beats make up Jordan Lamp, aka, Psychoactive Synth.

"I came up with the name because I strive to make my music a natural hallucinogen," said Lamp.

For seven years, Lamp has been making music, portraying feelings and stories through sounds and rhythms.

Along with his computer, Lamp uses a Radium49 MIDI controller, a pair of Stanton Turntables and a Stanton mixer. "For sequencers, I use Cubase SX3, Fruity Loops, and Reason. And I have a bunch of VSTi's (Virtual Studio Instruments) all over the place," said Lamp.

Lamp's music is constantly evolving, bordering the lines between psychedelic electronica and House. A common theme underlying the music is a hope for a future in society, humanity and him as well.

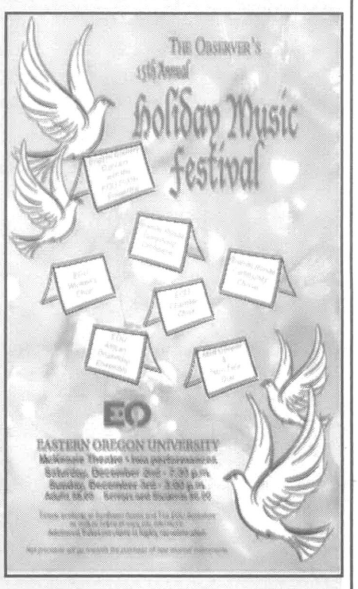
Lamp has a CD available directly from him at $2 a piece. People may contact him on www.myspace.com/psychoactivesynth.

*R.I.Y.L – Trinity Sound System, Small Sins, and Aphex Twin.

More Local Bands continue on page 10 -- ***R.I.Y.L. = Recommended If You Like**

EOU hosts 15th anual Holiday Music Festival

The Observer's 15th annual Holiday Music Festival at Eastern Oregon University will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.



The gala event will feature the talent of more than 200 area residents performing traditional holiday music from around the world. Groups performing will include the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra, the EOU Chamber Choir, the Grande Ronde Community Chorus and the EOU Women's Choir.

Other special performances include the EOU Drumming Ensemble, the English Country Dancers accompanied by the EOU Fiddle Ensemble, and a duet presented by music professors Matt Cooper on piano and Teun Fetz on vibraphone. Santa Clause is also expected to make an appearance.

General festival seating tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.

All proceeds will go to the EOU Foundation and will assist the music department with the purchase of new instruments. The EOU Chamber Choir will also hold a silent auction in the lobby of Loso Hall during the event to help raise money for the group's upcoming trip to China in March 2007.

Tickets can be purchased at Sunflower Books, the EOU Bookstore and online at www.eou.edu/music/HolidayFestival.html. For more information contact Peter Wordelman at (541) 962-3352 or at pwordelm@eou.edu.

Eastern Oregon University serves as an educational, cultural and scholarly center in La Grande, Oregon, connecting the rural regions of the state to a wider world. Visit EOU on the Web at www.eou.edu.

EOU senior named a winner in Young Arts Competition

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Eastern Oregon University senior Brandi Brown was named a winner of the 2006 Oregon East Symphony's Young Artists Competition and recently had the opportunity to showcase her talents as a soloist.

The Nov. 5 Oregon East Symphony concert at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton featured solo performances by Brown and fellow competition winner, pianist Benjamin Walley of Richland, Wash.

For her first performance as a soloist with the Oregon East Symphony Brown chose to play the challenging first movement of Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major."

"Brandi is a very gifted and dedicated young woman," said Lisa Robertson, Brown's music instructor at EOU. "Being a successful musician is not just a matter of talent and Brandi has invested a lot of hours in her life in the attainment of her goals. It's a pleasure to have her as a student and I know she'll be successful in whatever she does."

Brown has been playing the violin for 14 years and has been a member of the Oregon East Symphony for the past five years. She also plays with the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra. Her future plans include pursuing a masters degree in teaching at EOU.



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Brandi Brown.

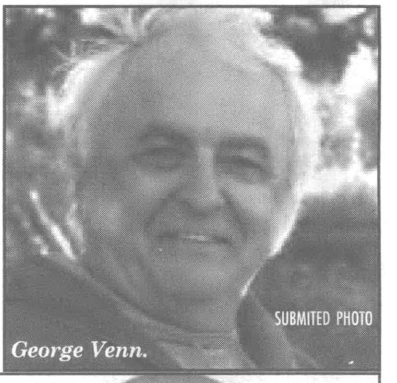
Author George Venn to give book presentation at Pierce Library

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

George Venn, retired professor of English at Eastern Oregon University and writer-in-residence emeritus, will give a free, public presentation at Pierce Library on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor reading room.

Venn is the author of the recently published book, "Soldier to Advocate: C.E.S. Wood's 1877 Legacy," (Wordcraft of Oregon, LLC, 2006). Venn's transcripts of Wood's previously unpublished diary tells the story of the one U.S. Army officer who became an advocate for Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce. "Soldier to Advocate" traces their unique friendship from 1877 to 1939, a period of more than 60 years.

The diary is enriched by 18 of Wood's original drawings secretly leaked to the New York press - the only eyewitness images of the Nez Perce War. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the presentation or directly from the publisher.



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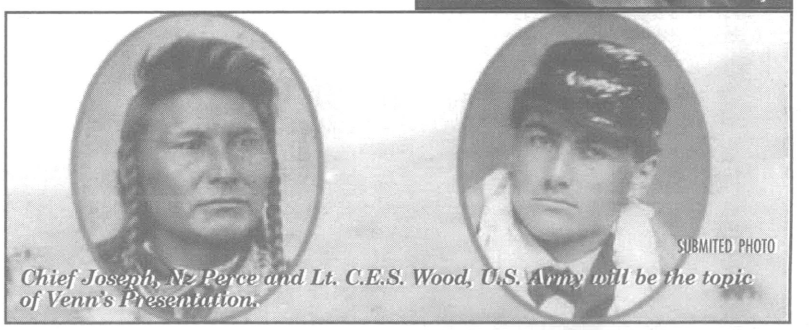
George Venn.



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Chief Joseph, Nz Perce and Lt. C.E.S. Wood, U.S. Army will be the topic of Venn's Presentation.



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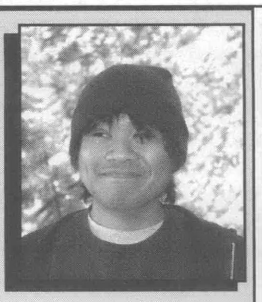


Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

"I'm walking on sunshine, and don't it feel good." – Katrina and the Waves

I'm not talking about the weather outside because it is in fact, at the moment, more like walking on an iceberg, and it doesn't feel good.

I'm actually referring to Jack Black's character, Barry, in the film, "High Fidelity." Barry plays a mix tape (it begins with "Walking on Sunshine") he made for the shop he works at, Championship Vinyl, as sort of a "conversation stimulator."

Aside from that, the cool thing about "High Fidelity" is that the songs and artists in the movie were hand picked from the director and writers. Each song reminded them of a person or a particular moment in their life that coincided with the storyline of the movie.

It worked out for the movie, and for me as well because every time I hear (or think) of that song, I think of the phrase, "conversation stimulator" (hence, this column so far). I am pretty sure it's the same for everyone. For me it's because whenever I hear a certain song, I think of past memories, or even meals.

On the radio the other day, I heard the song "Girl You Want" by Devo. I immediately thought of the first CD I ever bought and my musical phase I went through at the time. It was the "Tank Girl" soundtrack. Yes, out of the piles of CD's covering the floor of my room, the first one ever purchased was that soundtrack.

I went through my "alternative" music phase listening to bands like L7, Hole, and Bush (which, by the way, are all featured on the soundtrack). The soundtrack includes a remixed version of "Girl You Want" by Devo.

A couple of months ago, I saw a band called Lunaractive who played a song with the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" theme in it. For that split second, I thought of the first grade. Every once-in-a-while, my sister and I would ask our dad if we could get a pizza. It took us about five minutes to drive to the nearest Pizza Hut and another 20-30 minutes for the wait, and about 10 minutes to get back home in time for TMNT. We would both cheer when saw Donatello with a slice of pizza in his hand at the end of the beginning credits.

When this term is finished, there would be too many songs to list. The term has gone by so fast. It seems like only yesterday was the first day of school. I remember my roommate turning to me and saying "Year five, are you ready?"

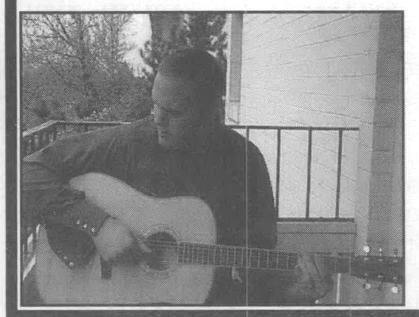
I don't know about that.

But one thing is for sure, if I had a mix tape of songs to describe this term, the last track would have to be one from the Postal Service because that is all I plan on doing during the break. There will be a sign on my door that says "Don't wake me." I plan on sleeping in.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Local Band Extraveganza (Continued from page 8)

Brent Smith



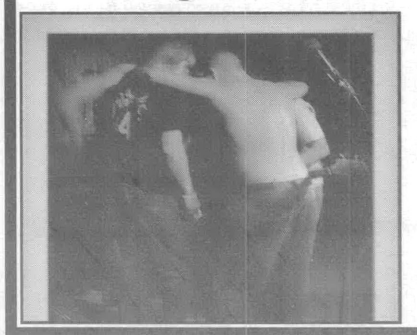
Formerly of Utah, Nevada, and Corvallis, Ore., Brent Smith finally chose to settle in La Grande.

Having played for more than 10 years, he has also made three CD's, but is not currently selling any of them. At the moment he is in the process of recording new material. One of the songs, titled "Oh Death," can be heard on his website at: www.brentsmithmusic.com.

Smith's sound is along the lines of Alt-Country, Roots Rock and Folk with his lyrics usually revolving around relationships and feelings. Although, Smith said, "I don't take myself that seriously. I'd like to make music that people enjoy."

*R.I.Y.L – S. Brooks, Greg Laswell, and Wilco.

Sally Mae



Out of nowhere—and mainly because of boredom—a group of friends decided to start a band.

Sally Mae is mainly a freeform band, with a very unpredictable live show. With a handful of different influences, Sally Mae brings everything they have to offer on to the stage. Jason Pellerin of Sally Mae said of the band's music, "it's pretty much rocking without negative connotations."

No recordings of Sally Mae are available, but they do play shows every now and then.

"Watching Sally Mae is like watching a snail wrestle a giant," said Pellerin. Expect that kind of nonsense at a Sally Mae show.

*R.I.Y.L – Zach Hill and Mick Barr, Bloodlined Calligraphy, and A Fragile Shade.

Diesel Cafe



What comes to mind when you hear a name like Diesel Café? Why don't we deconstruct it a bit. Diesel: a fossil fuel usually associated with large, grumbling automobiles. Café: a cozy and classy establishment where one might pause and enjoy a select beverage of some heated variety.

Combine these and imagine it put to music. Still not getting it? Would it be clearer if I said it possesses the glam rock influence and attitude of the 70's and 80's? How about vocals that are reminiscent of Debbie Harry backed with the classic familiarity that invokes images of Motley Crue or Judas Priest?

They are La Grande's answer to the flamboyant hairbands of yore.

The name suits them well. With heavy, grumbling diesel-esque music paired with vocals that one would expect to hear from a coffee shop stereo, Diesel Café is a unique mix of the classy and rough.

*R.I.Y.L - Fireball Ministry, Blame Amy, Ashplanet

Horror-Scope

Aries (March 21-April 19)
It is time for some serious catching up to do, dear Aries. Drink lots of beer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
It doesn't matter whether you're called "weird" or "strange," either way, you're still an oddball.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
Whatever you may have heard Gemini don't even attempt to keep your eyes open when you sneeze.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Get started on your New Years Resolutions now. You will forget them on January 5.

Virgo (Aug.23 – Sept. 22)
Santa will visit your house this Christmas even though you cheated on your significant other – twice! Although, I wouldn't expect him to leave anything nice.

Leo (July 23 – Aug.22)
Be careful Leo, you are still full from Thanksgiving. If you eat anymore, you will burst!

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct.22)
If you didn't catch a cold yet, that is fantastic news. If you have, sucks to be you.

Scorpio (Oct.23 – Nov.21)
It is OK if you fall asleep while taking your exam—just don't drool. That is unacceptable.

Sagittarius (Nov.22 – Dec.21)
There is a fine line between distress and eustress, but you can't see it because you're still busy trying to find that darn line!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – January 19)
Keep smiling, it's your first "F." You can retake the class.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb.18)
Sleep is for the weak, it's finals baby!

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)
Face it Pisces, you are a fish! People eat fish. I have nothing more to say to you until next year.

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Aliens (1986), 2. A League of their Own (1992), 3. Breaveheart (1995), 4. Garden State (2004), 5. I Heart Huckabees (2004), 6. Lost In Translation (2003), 7. Galaxy Quest (1999), 8. This Is Spinal Tap (1984), 9. The Others (2001), 10. American Splendor (1995)

Opinion & Editorials

Budget Cut Blues

The Voice Editorial

The Voice has a bone to pick.

And we won't stop picking at the remnants until there's nothing left but the marrow of the issue.

All student fee-funded units have taken two huge blows over the last few weeks.

And none of us are happy.

After facing a sizeable budget cut at the end of last year, all SFC units who didn't have a pre-arranged agreement were denied their carry-over funds from the previous year and, now, we are facing another two-percent budget cut.

Where is the justice in that? The SFC will tell you that it is based on student enrollment. That all the units' money comes from the $205 each student pays in "student fees" each term.

But what does it matter how many students are enrolled? These organizations should not be funded based on how many students attend.



Each organization serves a purpose. Each organization is as important to the campus as the other. And yet, the university is telling us that isn't so.

Let us give you an example:

In last year's senate allocations, The Voice was shorted nearly $2,000 in funds. Then, due to our carry-over request applications being inexplicably denied, we lost over $900 in money WE solicited through outside organizations. Now, due to seemingly unsubstantiated reasons, we are getting our budget cut back another $400. That's over $3,300 in shortages. And when our budget is only just over $20,000 that spells trouble. And some organizations have less than that and budget cuts of this size are nearly fatal.

This is not right. It's unjust. It's merciless. And it's anything but fair.

Student organizations are left up to their own devices and time to create alternate means of funding for their groups.

What kind of a world are we living in here? Sure, our little newspaper has the ability to sell ads and make some money. But to make up for that money lost we'd have to have an ENTIRE newspaper covered from front to back in advertisements. We'd be lucky to be able to fit one story in the whole damn thing.

How is that fair?

When did this university stop caring about its students and the opportunities that students have to better this campus through student-run organizations?

If the SFC fund is out of money and facing a financial crisis, I believe the university should find some spare funding lying around to help us out in times like this. We feel it is unfair that our organizations should fluctuate and suffer from one year to the next depending on how many students enroll. What kind of stability is that giving the university and the students responsible for their organization? None.

So, If you are seeing eye-to-eye with us on this issue and recognize a problem at hand, if you realize the injustice at hand—how your money is being spent within the institution—then we at The Voice encourage you, we beg of you and hope that you will speak your voice too.

Contact the SFC, contact representatives at ASEOU, contact the Student Affairs office and, heck, even contact the president of the university! They need to realize how students feel about this issue at hand.

So, today you have two choices: you could choose to sit at home, play around on the internet and maybe take an afternoon nap, OR you could phone someone up and make a difference with the way that your money is being spent. Don't ever think that for one second your opinion is not important. It is. Recognize it. Summarize it. And, most importantly, VOICE it!

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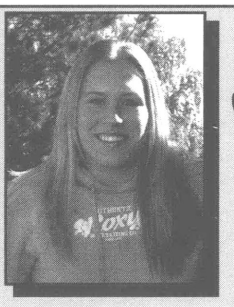

JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

As we all know, the day after Thanksgiving is the biggest holiday shopping day of the year, but this year is the first I can remember where I wasn't in a mall. To be completely honest, I actually enjoyed it.

When I started working in retail in the Seattle area, I absolutely despised holiday shopping. The traffic is terrible and the people are completely vicious.

In high school I worked at Champs Sports. During the holiday season I would have to leave my house an hour early just to get a parking spot.

Making my way through the mall was an event on its own with too many people jammed together, lines out the doors, and shopping bags knocking everyone over.

Then, I would have to deal with crazy, selfish customers for eight hours.

I later moved to Best Buy with my manager from Champs.

Best Buy is the epitome of holiday shopping horrorville.

It ended up being just my luck that I was employed at the Southcenter store, which is one of the biggest shopping areas next to downtown Seattle.

On the day after Thanksgiving, some people would be standing in line for four or five hours. I wanted to just tell them to go shop online!

Last holiday season, the year of the Xbox 360, really showed me how insane these shoppers can truly get.

There is always that one gift that everyone just has to have every Christmas, and last year the 360 was it. There would be people fighting, literally punching each other in the ribs, for a video game for their children. So much for the holiday spirit!

From then on, every store was always sold out.

I remember leaving work at around 11 p.m. on a Tuesday, so excited that another exhausting day was over, and I would see people in lawn chairs and tents, bundled up and looking completely miserable.

I really wanted to understand their reasoning for these actions, and so I would talk to these campers nightly.

"Um, what are you doing?" I would ask.

"Waiting in line for the 360," the shopper would reply.

"You know we don't get a shipment in 'til Saturday right, as in four days from now?"

"Yeah. We have different family members trading spots every day in line."

"Well do you know that we don't have a set number per shipment, there might be one or there might be 20, but it's usually fewer than ten?"

The conversation would end with the shopper trying to explain to me how "important" this game was, and that it was worth the chance of spending four nights in the rain.

I would just leave, wishing them a merry Christmas.

While walking out to my car, which might I add was parked way out in the boonies, I would try to figure out why these people couldn't just wait two months when there would be an abundance of this product. I still don't understand.

This is the first year since I was 16 that I am not working during Christmas break, and as you can guess, I am completely relieved.

This year, I devised the theory that holiday shopping is a spectator's sport.

I didn't go shopping on this "joyous" day this year. My dad's football team was playing in the state semi-finals (another story on its own), and I was too focused on the game to even think about shop-

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Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Ducks to play Brigham Young in Las Vegas Bowl

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. -The Oregon Ducks on Tuesday accepted an invitation to play in the Las Vegas Bowl against No. 20 Brigham Young.

Kickoff for the Dec. 21 game at Sam Boyd Stadium will be at 5 p.m. It will be televised on ESPN.



Oregon finished 7-5 overall and 4-5 in the Pac-10. The season was capped by a disappointing 30-28 loss to Oregon State last weekend in the Civil War game.

Oregon has lost three straight heading into the bowl.

Brigham Young (10-2) has won nine straight and went undefeated in the Mountain West Conference.

Oregon leads its series with Brigham Young 3-2. The last time the two teams met was in 1990, when the Ducks won 32-16 at Autzen Stadium.

The Ducks played once before in the Las Vegas Bowl, defeating Air Force 41-13 in 1997.

"Certainly that game helped to springboard a lot of the things we've accomplished at Oregon since the 1997 season. Also the fact we play a tremendous opponent in BYU that is certainly capable of scoring a lot of points and is having their best season in a long time adds to our anticipation," coach Mike Bellotti said.

Oregon has lost its last three bowl games, the 2002 Seattle Bowl, the 2003 Sun Bowl and the Holiday Bowl last season.

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an 'F' in order to punish her for complaining about his behavior to Jerome."

She also claimed that a loss of financial aid was a consequence of the failing grade, which prevented her from attending EOU this fall.

According to the complaint, in July, the student requested a formal review of the grievance, claiming that the events had affected her on an emotional level as well as an academic level.

The student claims that she never received a response from any university officials.

In late August, the student sent a demand and notice of claim to EOU, the Board of Higher Education, and Dabalsa.

The student seeks not less than $250,000 in five claims filed, a total of $1,250,000, for injury, humiliation, embarrassment, pain and suffering. She also is seeking to recover attorney fees and other expenses.

The student has requested a jury trial.

"Any time a lawsuit that comes forward that involves a student, faculty member or any employee of the university, we take it very seriously," said Tim Seydel, associate vice president for University Advancement.

"We are doing everything we can to resolve the situation as quickly and as efficiently as possible, giving everyone an opportunity to have their say ", he said.

Dabalsa could not be reached for comment.

This is the third pending sexual harassment suit; the other two involve former Director of Undergraduate Studies Rob Davis.

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ping.

I did stop by Fred Meyer to merely browse, but couldn't turn down a deal on a shirt and some socks. When I was leisurely walking towards the check stand, an announcement came over the intercom:

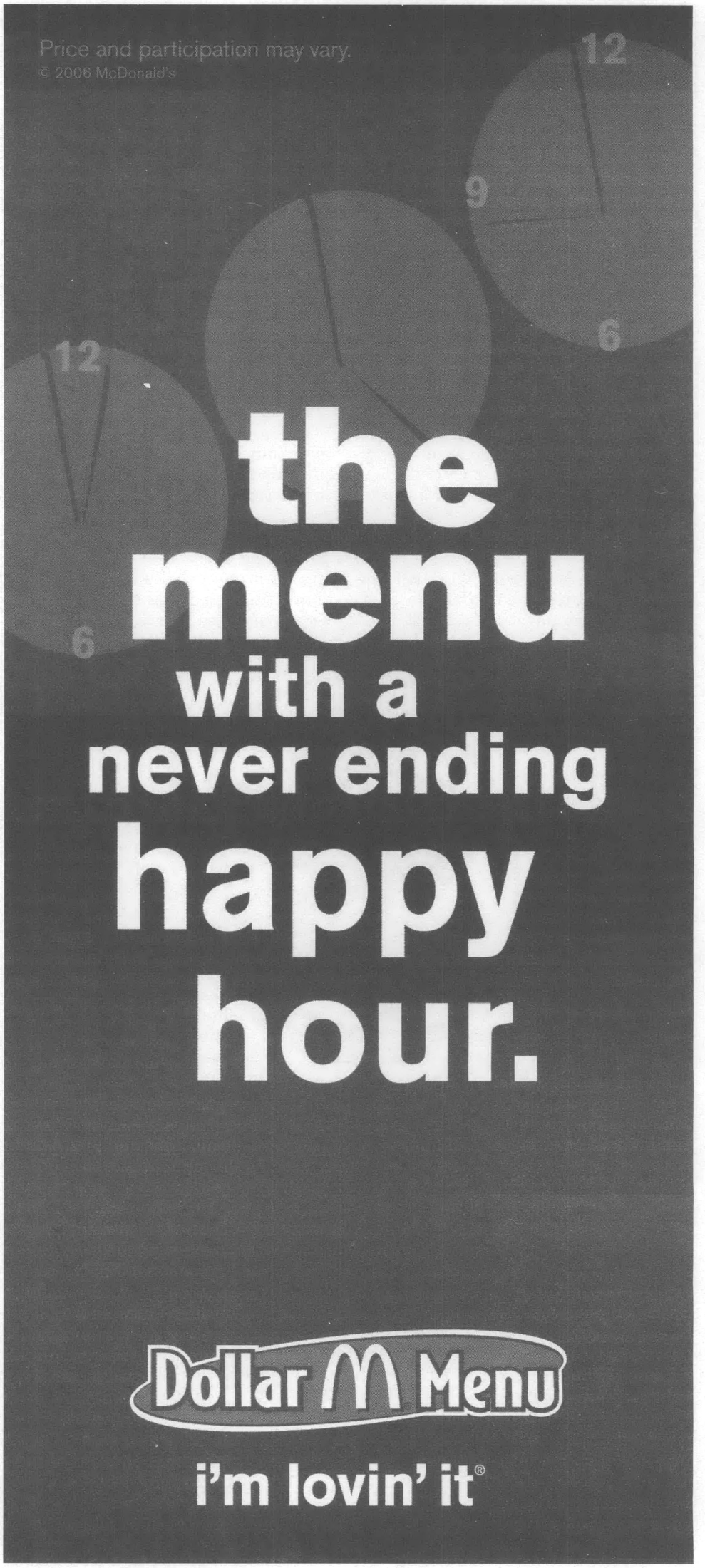
"Attention shoppers, the six hour sale will be ending in ten minutes."

Suddenly, the merry shoppers around me turned into barbarians. People started running, literally sprinting to the lines. I even saw some man trying to con the Starbucks ladies into ringing up his purchase.

I then decided that I didn't need that shirt and those socks I was planning on buying all that bad.

I will admit that I am a shop-a-holic. I even went through withdrawals my freshman year in La Grande, but I think from now on I will just sit back and watch in amusement during the holidays.

People lose their humanity and turn into animals. It is much more funs to just watch the extent that people go to for that "perfect" gift.



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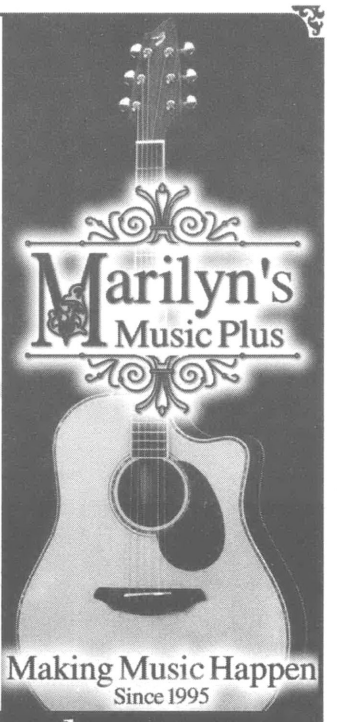

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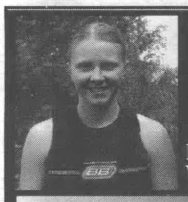

Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Surviving the holidays

The holidays can be a wonderful time of the year-filled with parties and get-togethers of friends and families.

It's also the first break for us college students after being in school for months and managing to cook ourselves up maybe a total of ten good meals all term.

So, when the holiday season is approaching, which it is, a season filled with high calorie, oh-so-delicious non-nutritious food is also approaching.

And I'm just saying: prepare yourself.

I love to eat. I think that eating is inherently pleasurable. But to enjoy the holiday season without adding on the pounds, here are some tips...

-Don't skip breakfast and lunch on Thanksgiving or Christmas day just so you can gorge yourself at dinner.

-Start the morning off with a breakfast bar or something-they really are coming out with some tasty ones.

-The night before Thanksgiving or Christmas day, hide the whipped cream. Is it just me, or do people put whipped cream on everything?! And believe me, you will most likely have a sliver of all eighteen kinds of pie your grandma makes, so do yourself a favor and just leave the delicious white goodness alone.

-Drink lots of water. This will help you in two ways: you won't be able to eat as much because it fills you up, and well, of course, it will keep you hydrated after drinking things that make you dehydrated.

-This brings me to my next point. Lower your consumption of alcohol. Simply put, it adds pounds to the places we don't want extra "poundage" and makes you hungry.

-Oh, and here's an extra tip: sugar cookies have a lower fat content then gingerbread cookies.

Above all, exercise a little bit if you're really worried about eating too much goodies and watching too much football. I do know that during the holidays, we like to think that we need to eat and drink in order to get the fuel needed to survive the social season.

For some, this may be true.

Which is why the holiday season presents quite a challenge.

We all tend to eat things that we wouldn't eat at other times, and we tend to overeat quite a bit too.

And for some reason, during the holidays, we tend to "binge."

If you're like me, I eat until the thought of another forkful of mashed potatoes makes me sick, but then, stuffed as I am, I think: dessert!

So, to control the tendency to binge during the holidays requires a little self-discipline, a little planning, and a little slack.

The slack is appropriate because c'mon, not eating what we want makes us depressed, and the holiday season is supposed to be the best time of the year!

I'm sure you'll make the right decision.

Sky's the limit for the Mountaineers

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

Eastern Oregon had quite a week, winning three of four games, and turning some heads in the national spotlight.

The Mountaineer men's basketball team began by defeating two familiar opponents in dramatic fashion, sweeping the Aramark Quinn Classic in LaGrande.

The Friday opener against Montana Tech was the home debut for the 2006-2007 Mountie squad, and they did not disappoint—winning 72-63.

Eastern led by double digits for most of the game.

Junior Mark Carollo led in scoring with 22 points, while sophomore brother Paul Carollo chipped in with 15 points and six rebounds.

Fellow sophomores Tanner McIntosh and Jeremy Templeton played key roles in the win as well.

McIntosh was a force inside with 17 points and Templeton continued to impress with strong point guard play and led the team with six assists.

Saturday night's Aramark Quinn Classic finale would come down to a game-winning lay-up by senior Vernon Cropper with two seconds remaining.

The Mounties beat Montana-Western 76-74, but found themselves in unfamiliar territory after shooting a dismal 1-11 from behind the perimeter in the first half.

They went into the locker room at half time down for the first time this season, 35-33. In the second half the Mountaineers were able to use a steady inside game and escape with the win.

The victory also gave Eastern a 6-0 record for the first time since 1981.

Tournament MVP Paul Carollo's 15 points and 14 rebounds led EOU.

Templeton was also named to the All-Tournament team after demonstrating great leadership at the point guard position.

With a chance to make history just six days later, a win against No. 13 ranked Westminster College at the 20th Annual Duane Wolfe Memorial Golden Rule Shootout, would give EOU their best ever start in school history.

Behind Neil Fryer's 25 points off the bench, that's exactly what the Mountaineers did. Paul Carollo put in his double double of the night with 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Templeton added 16 points.

Eastern shot a phenomenal 63 percent from the field in the first half giving them a ten-point halftime lead.



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Neil Fryer had 25 points against Westminster.

They never looked back, winning 85-73.

The celebration was short, however, as the very next night the Mountaineers dropped their first game of the season to Willamette, 84-81.

Overall, stagnant and methodical play proved to be the downfall for this usual upbeat team.

Willamette shot an impressive 60 percent from the field while Eastern got off to a slow start and seemed a different team than the previous night.

Even with the disappointing play, EOU found itself with a chance to tie, down by just three points in the final seconds.

A last second three-point attempt by Nick Finley rimmed out at the buzzer.

A key stat down the line was the Mountaineers missing their final eight free throws of the game.

Fryer again led the team in scoring with 24 points, while McIntosh had 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Eastern (7-1) will open up conference play on Friday Dec. 1, in Caldwell, Idaho against Albertsons College (4-0).

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. MT.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball

The Eastern Oregon University Athletic Department announced on Nov.21 that Kaki Mclean has been named Head Volleyball Coach. McLean, who was this season's interim head coach, led the Mounties to a 10-11 overall record and CCC playoff appearance.

"Kaki was by far the best candidate and the best fit for this position"

stated Rob Cashell, Director of Athletics.

Chelsea Lally, a high-flying junior from Salem, was named 1st team All-Cascade Conference and received All-Region Honorable Mention, while freshman standout Grace Duboodt from Prineville earned honorable mention status.

Cross Country

Our lone Mountaineer to make Nationals, cross country runner Marcella Bosch ran a 19:19:05 on Nov.15 on a wet, muddy course in Louisville Kentucky. Bosch, competing in the national meet for the second time in two years, ran 40 seconds faster than her performance last year. The sophomore placed 73rd out of the 268 runners, a 100-place improvement over her freshman campaign.

Football

For the second time this season, Jake Burroughs was the offensive player of the week after throwing for 192 yards and two touchdowns, and running for an additional 123 with two rushing touchdowns in Eastern's 37-14 win over Montana Western on Nov. 11.

Women ready for League Play

Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer
&
Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

After handling Walla Walla College 92-21 in their first home-game action, the women's basketball team had a busy week ahead of them.

With back-to-back tournaments on their schedule, they traveled to Lewiston, Idaho for the Lewis-Clark State College Tournament, then to Albertson College for the Lady Yote's Classic.

The Mounties faced Westminster for their first contest on Friday.

Senior wing Christie Weaver scored her career high with 37 points to lead the Mountaineers to an 81-66 victory.

"We were out of sink offensively in the first half, but Weaver carried us," Head coach Anji Weissenfluh said.

Despite the efforts of Weaver, it was a much closer game than the score revealed, as Eastern was down double digits with only five minutes remaining.

Suddenly a new team emerged, shooting 58 percent from the field.

"It was an explosive five minute stretch," Weissenfluh said.

Eastern also got great performances from junior Elise Hawes and Tiffanie Ulmer, with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Despite coming off the big comeback win the night before, NAIA Div. 1, 10th-ranked Lewis-Clark proved to be too much for the Mountaineers as the Eagles won 75-52.

Eastern couldn't find a rhythm as they had 28 turnovers and took 21 less shots than the Eagles.

Weaver, coming off a career night was held to just five points, while Breana Olson was the lone player to score in double digits with 13.

Weaver was named to the all-tournament team.

During Thanksgiving break, Eastern faced NCAA Div. III Willamette on Friday and behind Tiffanie Ulmer's 21 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists, came away with a 31-point victory.

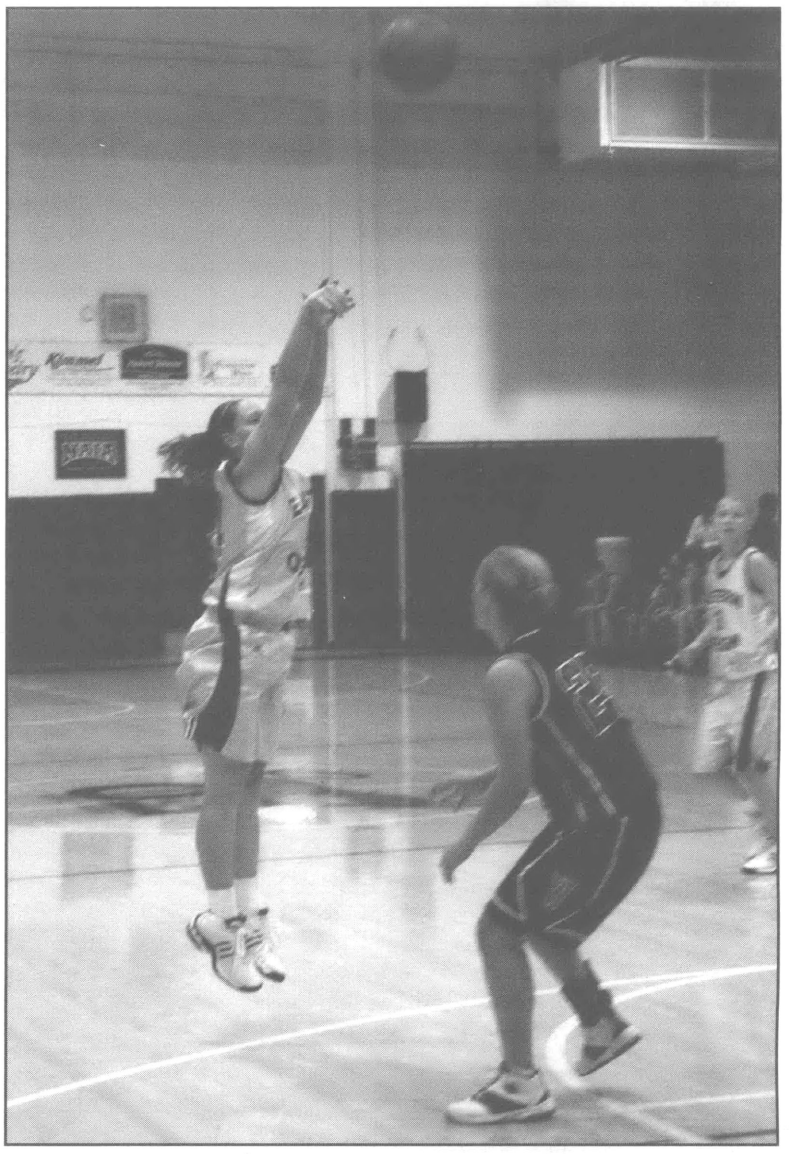
Stephanie Neubauer came off the bench to record the teams first double double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Mounties then improved to 4-1 on the year as they beat the Griffins from Westminster for the second time in one week.

The Mounties scored just 27 points in the first half, leaving them tied at the break.

But behind Senior Christie Weaver's 23 points on 9-14 shooting and Tiffanie Ulmer's 16 rebounds, the girls bounced back for 41 second half points and won the game 68-64.

EOU travels back to Caldwell for their first conference game against the Yotes on Dec. 1 at 5:30 MT.



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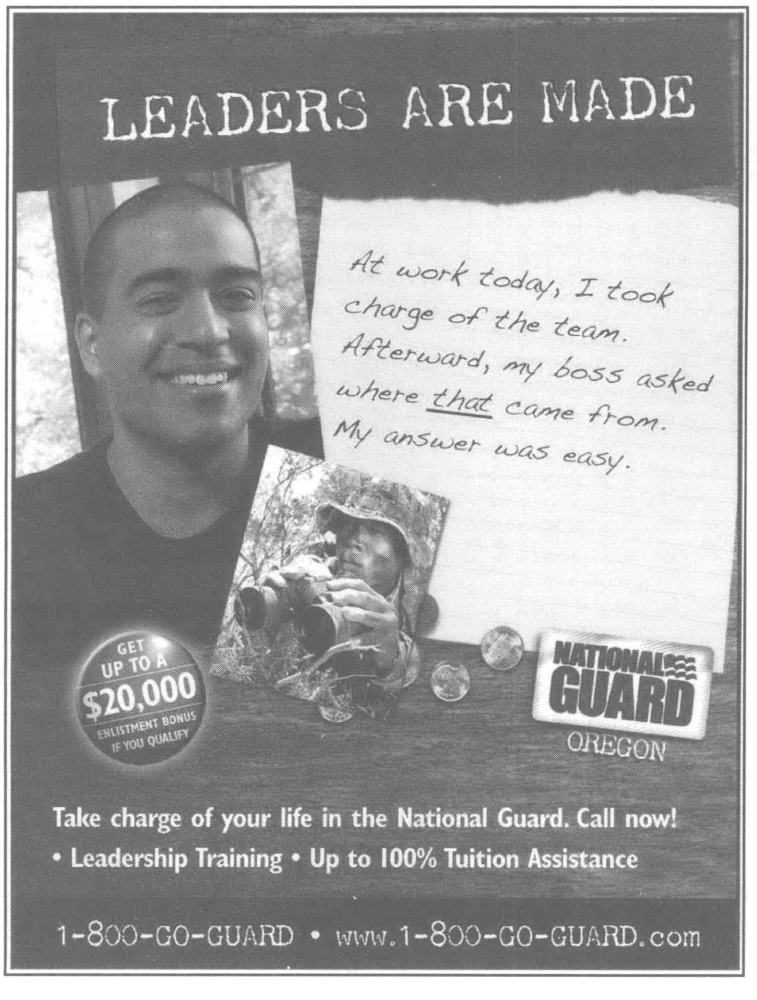
Salena Leavitt had 11 points and 5 rebounds against Walla Walla.





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yards and 21 points.

Hoffman said the Mountaineers were a "totally different team" then the last time they played the Bulldogs.

The defense used its speed to sack the Bulldog's quarterback five times, with Hoffman getting two.

Freshman linebacker Corey Dunn had eight tackles and one sack while freshman defensive lineman James Williams had one sack and the games only take-away with a fumble recovery.

The Mountaineers improved each week to finish the season on a high note with three straight wins and a winning season, their third year in a row.

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Conference, and the team with an average of 3.19 kills a game as a freshman;

Junior Kiley Cobb finished the year averaging 4.24 digs per game and grabbed two libero of the week honors; and Junior Jenna Elliot lead the team with 9.41 assists per game, which was fifth best in the conference.

Brown said, "Overall, the season turned out well, which is what we expected."

The team will return at least 10 players from this year's roster, so expect good things from the 2007 EOU women's volleyball team.

Sports

The Sideline

Sports Slang

Barmaid:
In bowling, a pin that's hidden behind another pin.

Camel: In figure skating, a spin performed on one leg, while the skater's other leg is extended in the air, parallel to the ice.

Burble:
In skydiving, rough air or vacuum just above a body in freefall.

Black ace:
A hockey player who practices with the team on a regular basis, but does not participate in the actual games.

Bird nesting:
Off-trail skiing through trees.

Waist:
In snowboarding, describes the narrowest part of the board-the smaller the waist, the faster the turn.

Yumps:
In Motocross, a slang term to describe the big jumps that are a feature of motocross racing.

Crotch ball:
In handball, a crotch ball is a ball hitting simultaneously at the juncture of the wall and floor.

Check out the new EOU Athletics Webpage:

www.eou.edu/athletics

Mountaineers end season with a win

By John Matson
Voice Staff Writer

The Mountaineer football team (6-5, 5-5) dominated both sides of the ball and finished their season with an easy win over the Montana-Western Bulldogs (1-9, 1-9) 37-14 on Senior Day.

EOU racked up 554 yards of total offense while only allowing 245 yards on defense.

The offense had a balanced attack with 354 yards rushing and 200 yards passing.

The first half started slow but the Mountaineers got on track with a pair of rushing touchdowns from sophomore fullback Travis Morscheck and freshman quarterback Jake Burroughs.

EOU then got a field goal from freshman kicker Thomas Akers to make it 17-7 going into halftime.

After halftime the Mountaineers scored on their first two possessions with a 51 yard reception from senior wide receiver Jomo Wilson and another rushing touchdown from Burroughs.

In the fourth quarter the Mountaineer offense would get their final score on a touchdown reception from senior wide receiver Ryan Quarles making it 37-7.

Burroughs led the offense and had a great game with 197 passing yards and another 123 rushing.

The Mountaineers also had another big day from Morscheck who tallied 105 rushing yards.

On the defensive side, the Mountaineers shut down the running game and contained the decent passing game giving up 270 yards to the conference's best passing team.

When asked about adjustments, senior defensive lineman Jimmy Hoffman said, "We knew exactly what they were going to do."

The defense wanted to pressure the bulldog's offense, which passes the majority of the time.

The defense played much better then last time when the Mountaineers gave up 352

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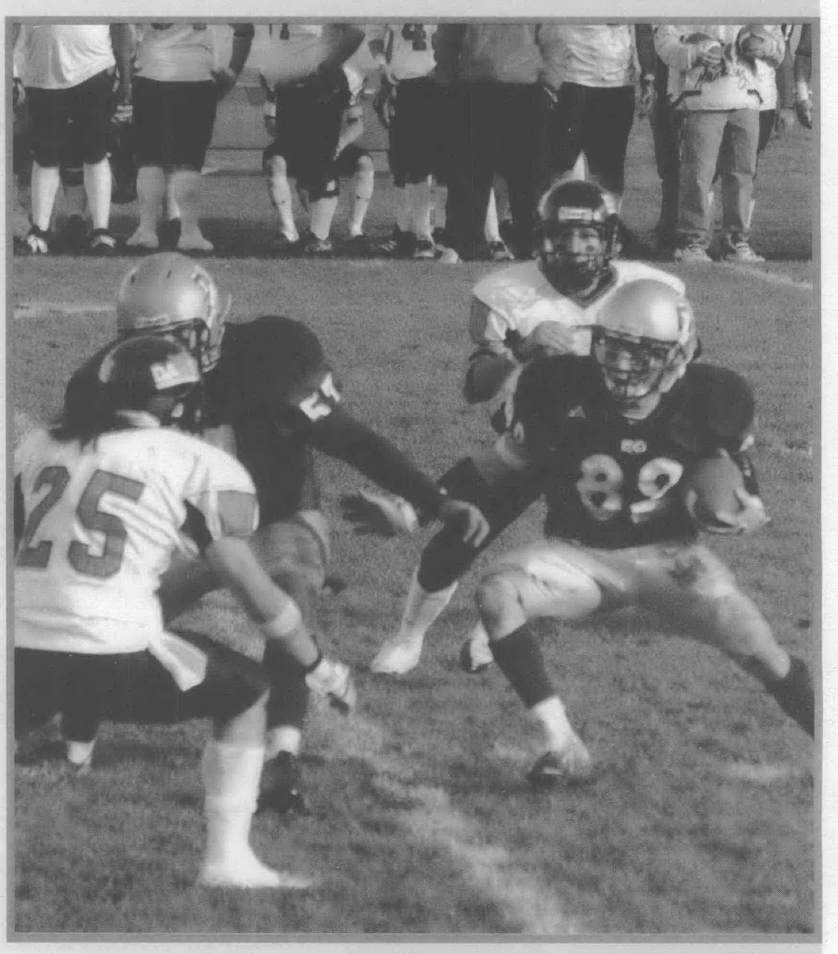

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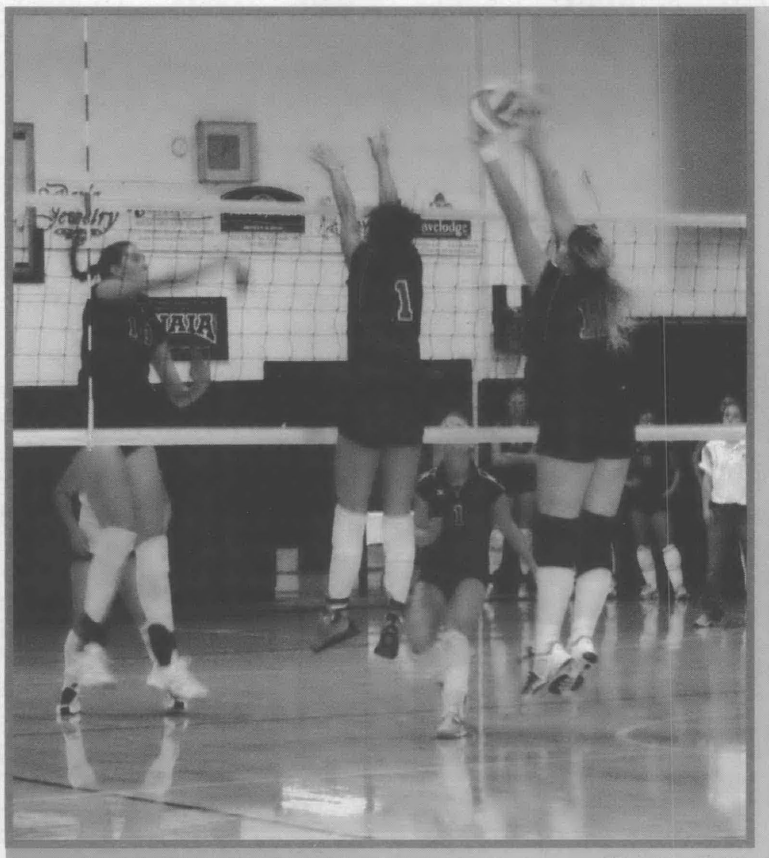
Senior Cameron Ketner runs the ball against Montana-Western.



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Jana Brotherton and Chelsea Lally go up for a block.

The future looks good for eastern Vollyball

By Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer

Although the Mountaineer's volleyball season didn't end up exactly how they wanted, it was definitely one to remember.

EOU began the year with the hiring of interim head coach, former player, Kaki McLean.

In most cases, that means a rebuilding year, but Coach McLean had other ideas in mind. In her first year at the helm, McLean's team finished 6th in the conference with a 9-9 record, and a trip to the conference tournament.

Senior Keri Brown said, "Coach McLean worked out very well for us, she was an assistant coach last year and some of us played with her, so we knew what to expect." Senior Kim Marr added, "This was the best season that I've been a part of since I've been at EOU."

At season's end, it was an exciting race for the playoffs as four teams competed for the final three playoff spots.

Each team could have finished the season 9-9, but Northwest beat OIT, who was favored to win the game, causing EOU to finish 6th.

Eastern beat Warner Pacific in a must-win game, helping them secure a post-season appearance.

"Our motto was: one point at a time, so we played to win every point," Marr said.

The Mountaineers faced Oregon Tech in the first round of the conference tournament and lost in four games.

The season had many highlights, including: Junior Chelsea Lally was named First Team All Conference, and All-Region honorable mention; Grace Deboodt was Honorable Mention All

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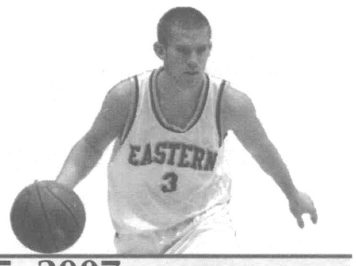

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Countdown to Graduation Facts

For all of you seniors out there, you are probably getting excited about the fact that it is now THE year you will graduate. So, for your enjoyment, here are some countdown facts for your senioritis pleasure.

Total number of calendar days left: 142

Total number of in-class days left: 86

Total number of weekends left: 20

Total number of exam days left: 10

A guess as to how many days you will skip/be sick: 10

Total number of holiday days left: 6

Total number of 2 a.m. study trips to Denny's left: 13

Total number of funds you'll have left in your bank account to know that you had the best time you could: $0

Random quote of the day:

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." Mark Twain

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EOU President receives contract extension

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

Only nine months after 80 percent of Eastern Oregon University's faculty asked the State Board of Higher Education to re-evaluate President Fatemi's abilities to lead, the State Board renewed Fatemi's presidential contract.

On Jan. 5, 2007, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education accepted Chancellor George Pernsteiner's recommendation to extend President Khosrow Fatemi's contract at EOU.

Current Board President, Henry Lorenzen, said in a phone interview, "I liked his commitment to students, his international exposure and his enthusiasm for students."

Lorenzen served in the Board's hiring committee in 2003 which interviewed candidates for the presidential position at Eastern Oregon University.

President Fatemi said he was confident of his performance and in the Board's decision to extend his contract.

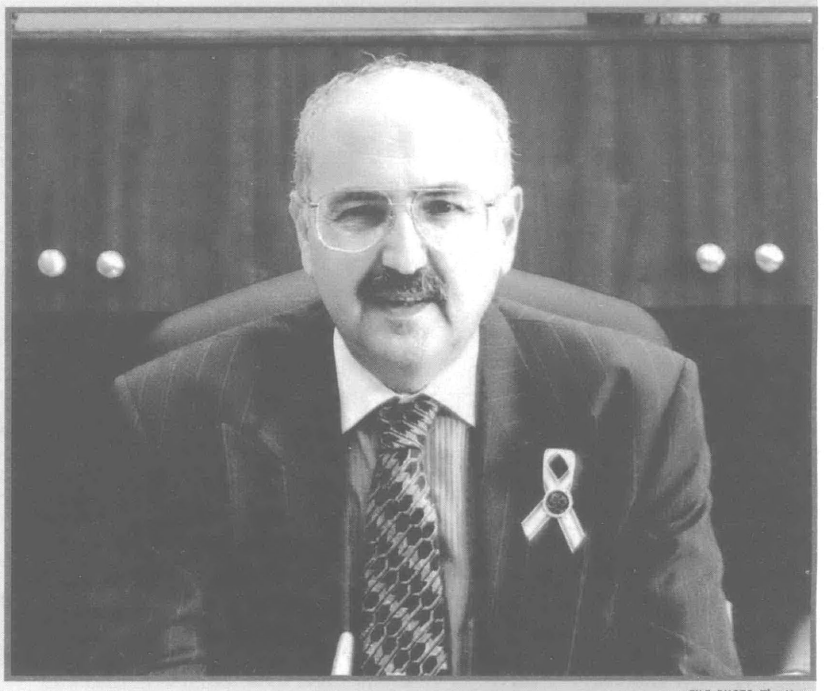
In an e-mail, the President said he planned "to continue the programs that we have initiated during the last two years, e.g., the strategic plan, enhanced diversity, greater internationalization, more efforts in student retention and enrollment management, as well as our efforts to enhance the college going culture of the region."

Commenting on the faculty's vote of no confidence last April, Fatemi wrote, "Last year was a difficult year for everyone on this campus. I believe we have overcome that and we have a better work environment. I would rather concentrate my efforts on the future, specifically the Governor's budget now, and not dwell too much on the past."

Dr. Greg Monahan, Associate Professor of History, in an e-mail commenting on the Board's decision to extend Fatemi's contract said, "On the one hand, one could argue that the Board chose to ignore the wishes of four-fifths of the faculty, staff and students at Eastern expressed last year in the Assembly vote."

Remarking on his goals for Fatemi's extended time at Eastern, Monahan wrote, "I hope that he will work very hard to see that Eastern faculty members, the most underpaid faculty members in the Oregon University System and among our comparator institutions, achieve equity in salaries with those of other faculties in Oregon and the nation."

President Fatemi's new extended contract terminates June 30, 2008.



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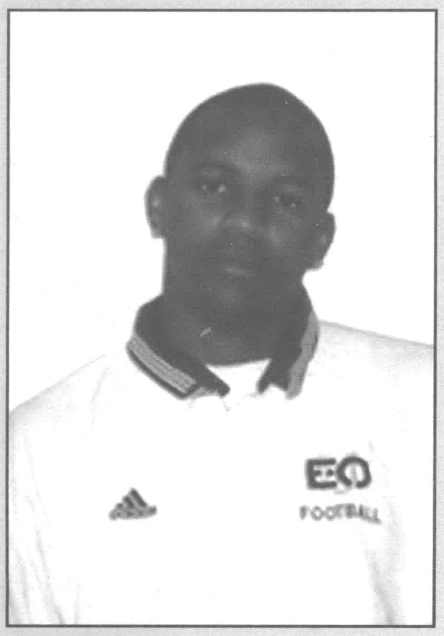
President Khosrow Fatemi

All charges dropped in case against EOU students



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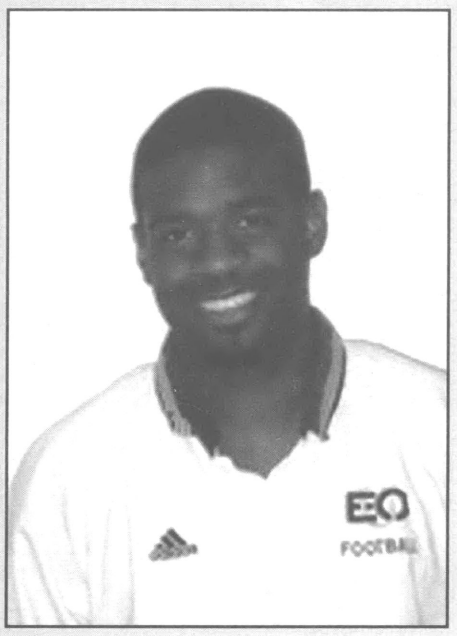

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Christopher McSwain

By Sara Sawatski
Voice Editor in Chief

On Nov. 9, the Distict Attorney's office made a motion to dismiss all charges in the case against two EOU students.

The dropped charges were made official by the judge within 24 hours after the motion to dismiss was filed.

The two students, Christopher McSwain and Michael McCoy, were arrested on March 8, 2006 on multiple charges of rape and sex abuse.

The dropping of charges comes after a previous reduction of charges that occurred around July 30. At that time, their charges were reduced to a sex abuse three misdemeanor.

According to District Attorney Tim Thompson, the motion to dismiss the case on Nov. 9 was filed by Interim District Attorney Scott Jackson who oversaw the cases after former District Attorney Martin Birnbaum retired and before Thompson was hired on as the new DA.

According to Thompson, the case file cited that the charges were dropped "in interest and furtherance of justice."

Thompson, who hadn't been involved in the process of the case, said that he assumes "that it was done based on inability to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt."

Prior attempts to contact the District Attorney's office for an update on this case for The Voice were unanswered by the office due to the transitional period from one DA to another.

News & Features

Hoke welcomes relocated Women's Center

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

This article is a two-part series about two SFC organizations that have recently relocated to Hoke Union Building: The Women's Center and the International Students Association. The second part to our story will appear in an upcoming issue.

EOU's Women's Center moved at the beginning of the quarter from Zabel 133, its location of six years, to Hoke 310.

The move, according to Student Director Jessie Zimmerer, was much needed.

"The Women's Center has grown a lot in the last few years," Zimmerer said.

The center, previously part of a project on the President's Status on the Commission of Women (PCSW) recently became a student-fee funded unit operated entirely by students.

"This year we've added a new position to our staff: the childcare advocate who is working on projects trying to help student parents on campus," Zimmerer said.

The childcare advocate is also trying to see if they can figure out a way to get childcare on campus as well as some other projects for student parents.

"So, we had really outgrown our old office," Zimmerer said of their old 11x12 office in Zabel, "Now we have a much bigger space so there's some privacy in there to come in and talk about certain things."

Among the common things they need privacy to discuss are cases of sexual assault and abuse on campus.

According to Zimmerer the Women's Center works "on issues related to gender equality and empowerment."

Along with Shelter from the Storm, the Women's Center works on issues related to sexual assault and domestic violence for students on campus.

In addition to their advocacy program, they are involved in other projects.

"Last quarter we did 'Love Your Body Day' and this quarter we have Women's Week at the end of March," Zimmerer said.

As a part of Women's Week, Zimmerer encourages students to participate, encouraging them to do workshops and presentations in celebration of women all over the world.

The center's other main project is their annual book

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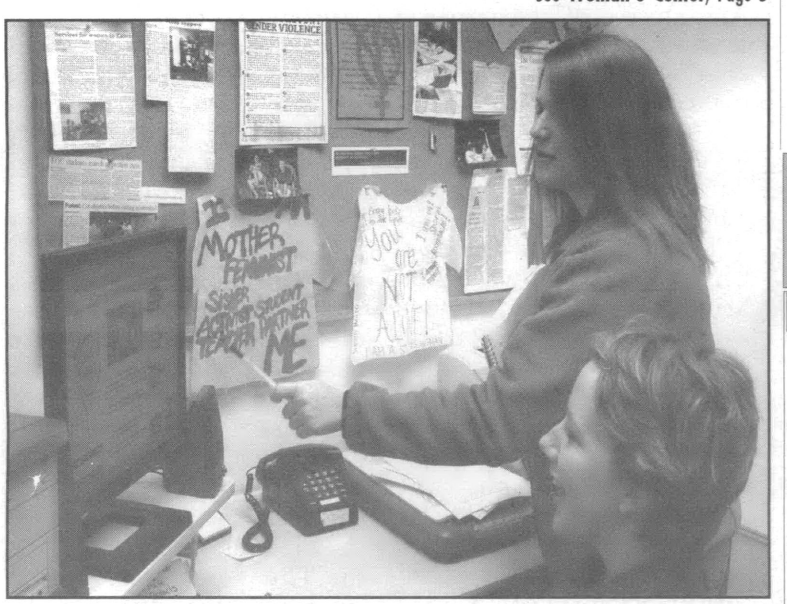

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Lisa Grief (sitting) and Jolene Baumunk--both active members in the women's center--at work in their new office.

SFC hopes survey will reveal students' interests

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

The Student Fees Committee created a recent survey to try and gauge the interest and participation of students in campus clubs.

Every on campus student pays an Incidental Fee of $205 per term. This money is allocated out to campus clubs.

Recently, due to a lower enrollment at EOU, budgets had to be cut by two percent.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Charles Martin researched the enrollment issue and found that decreasing numbers has been a trend.

"The reports showed that it's not a new thing happening," he said. "I think that it's just gotten to the point where it's noticeable.

"We're hoping two percent gets up by through the year," he added.

"There's no way to divide a smaller amount of money into bigger and bigger pieces," said ASEOU President Sadie Isley at a forum held on Jan. 18.

The SFC created the survey to try to get a sample of how students view various clubs.

"The more response we get, the more we can use it, and the more it will reflect the needs of our students," Isley said.

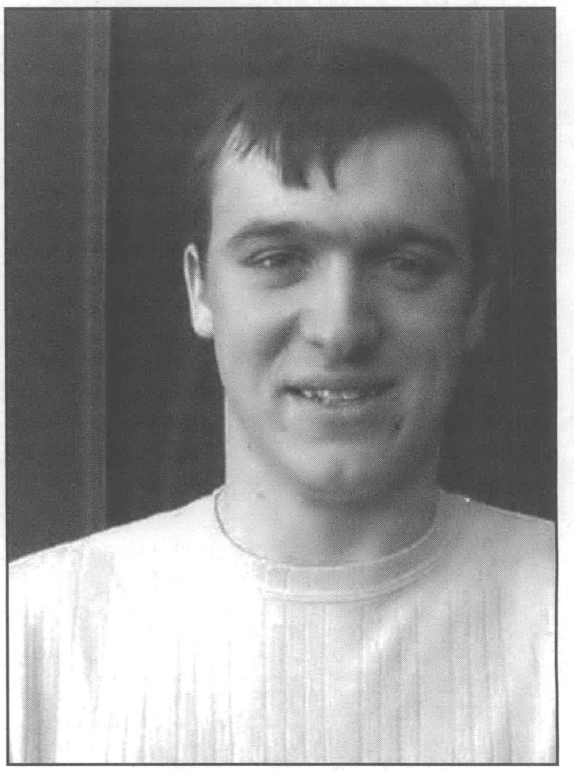
The survey asked students approximately three questions per unit.

Martin said the questions asked, "Have you heard of this unit, do you attend their events and are they valuable to the campus."

Martin hopes they receive a good sample, but if student response is low, the committee will use their best judgment.

The SFC consists of Martin as the chair, Isley as the co-chair, three senators and three at large students. Sheldon Nord and Andy Ash serve as advisers.

There are various options as to how to solve the problem for the future, but right now they are just ideas.



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Charles Martin, Vice President for Financial Affairs

"We can raise the fee, adjust the allocations to the fee that's charged, or look at ways to increase our revenue," Martin said.

An increase in revenue could possibly come from higher admission charges into campus events or having DDE students pay a prorated fee.

These possibilities, however, are outside of the realm of the fee committee.

Either way, Martin says that the more student ideas, the better.

"We like hearing input," he said. "A lot of times you hear your friends talking about something, but we are in the third floor in Hoke and not very many people bring the message to us."

The SFC committee will review the results of the survey next week.

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Robots take over Badgely Hall

By Kevin Berryman
Voice Production Manager

Robots have invaded EOU!

Don't worry; they don't have world domination on their minds.

In fact, they only know what teenagers have taught them, but that doesn't make them useless.

On the morning of Dec. 2, while most of us were either studying for finals or sleeping in, Badgely hall was filled with activity.

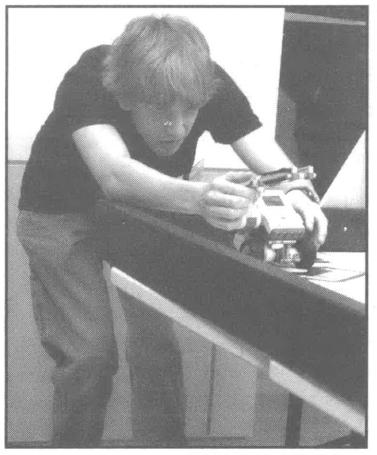
Teams representing high schools and middle schools all across Eastern Oregon converged on EOU's campus to compete in the third annual Eastern Oregon University hosted Lego League Local Qualifying Tournament.

This year's theme, entitled "Nano Quest", asked teams to explore existing sciences at the molecular level.

In the weeks leading up to the tournament, teams ranging in age from nine to 14 built and programmed small robots using special Lego sets called "LEGO MindStorms".

Since the robots must perform tasks with no remote control, the kids are required to program behavior that will allow the robots to complete the competition's official objectives.

This year's challenges,



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A competitor lines up his Lego Robot for its next task.

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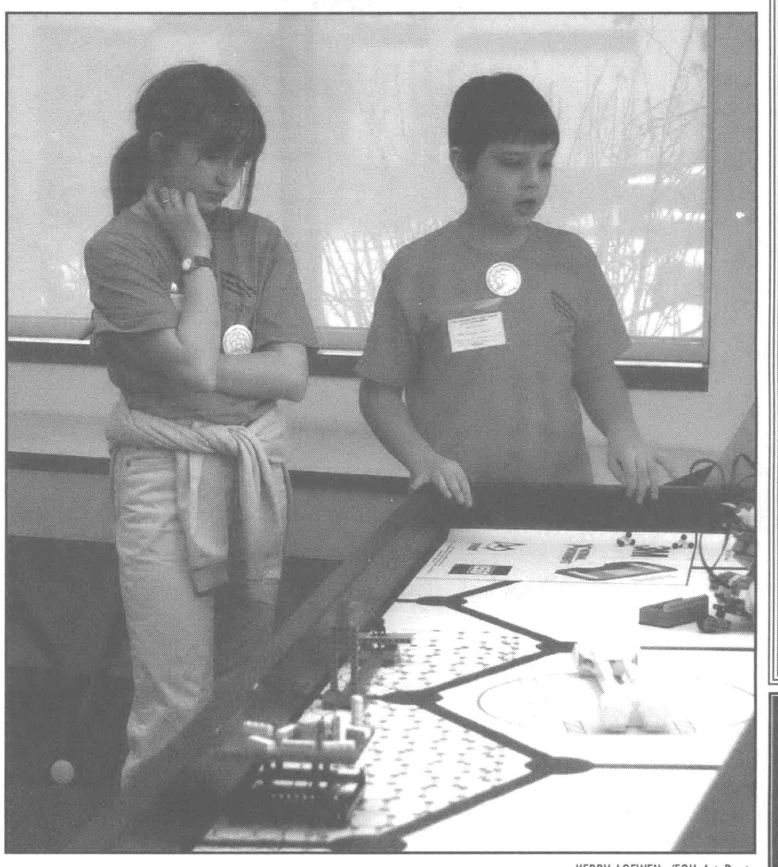

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Rachel and John, members of the John Day Teckno Team Practice their movies before competing in the 2006 EOU Robotics Tournament.

OHSU Students working to improve health among children in Union County

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Feature Editor

While focusing on Community Health this term through the OHSU program, EOU seniors Gyna Wohlers, Sheena Moore and Laura Weishaar are trying to implement fitness and healthy living among Union County children.

Two years ago, previous OHSU students tested body mass indexes (BMI's) of Union County Public Schools' kindergarten through sixth grade classes.

The results gave them indications on nutritional statuses of the children.

The survey showed that 17.8 percent of Union County students were at risk for becoming overweight and 16.8 percent were already overweight.

This total of 34.6 percent compares to a national average of 28.6 percent for children of similar age and ethnic background.

"That was considerably higher," Wohlers said, "and when you are talking about percentages that's a really big difference.

"Because of the health effects that can happen for kids that are overweight, we are trying to address this problem," Wohlers said.

A coalition called Union County Fit Kids formed to address the health issues in Union County. This community group promotes physical fitness and nutrition among the youth.

Under the direction UC Fit Kids, and their supervisors Nancy Findholt and Vicky Brogoitti, Wohlers, Moore and Weishaar are conducting a program within the fourth grade classrooms, focusing on teaching children to make better health choices while adding exercise into their daily routine.

Fourth graders were the selected age group because the previous research showed that there is a greater increase in becoming overweight once a student reaches this age.

"We figured that would be a good age group to catch kids and maybe help them change their ways as they get older," said Moore.

"We are hoping we can start teaching the kids before they get older and the patterns are more engrained," added Wohlers.

These include teaching what food choices are better than others and the importance of exercising.

A contest to develop a logo for UC Fit Kids will be held in the fourth grade classes in Union County. A winner from each elementary school will be chosen.

Each prize will promote fitness and health, the grand prize winner earning a bicycle and helmet.

All prizes will come from donated funds.

"We are making the community aware of the growing problem," said Moore. "By getting it out there, people will be more apt to jump in and help out with their own kids or other community members."

Wohlers, Moore and Weishaar will be entering the classrooms during the second week of February.

Local high school Art and Health classes will judge the elementary winners for their respective areas.

The logo winners will be announced on Friday, March 16.

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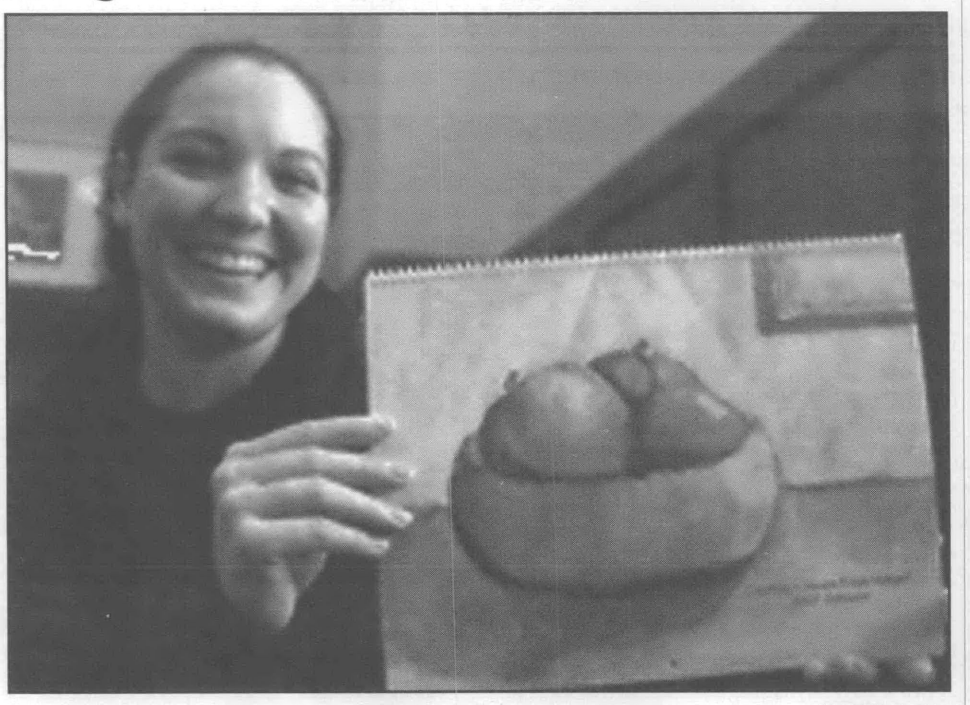
Calendar helps raise hunger awareness one month at a time

By Laura Hancock
EOU University Advancement



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Desarae Nawras worked on the 2007 Haven from Hunger calendar design.

For the next 12 months each page turned in a new calendar will signify a growing awareness of the problems of hunger and food insecurity. The 2007 calendar is a product of Eastern Oregon University's Haven from Hunger project and features the artwork of students in K-12 schools in La Grande.

Spearheaded by Bill Grigsby, assistant professor of sociology and students in his upper-level social welfare class, the calendar was designed by EOU senior Desarae Nawras with the assistance of Karyl Kramer, EOU's graphic artist. Artwork in the calendar was selected from approximately 50 entries reviewed by a panel of judges.

Panel members included Nawras, Olivia Slippy, master's student at EOU, C.W. Dunbar, Kathleen Cathey and Angela Bohnam, Oregon State University extension faculty member at EOU.

"We had a lot of really outstanding art," Nawras said. "The kids really took a lot of time on this."

Last winter the principals and teachers at La Grande High School, La Grande Middle School and Central Elementary School agreed to participate in the project, which tries to integrate hunger awareness and household food insecurity into the schools' curriculum. A drawing contest generated the artwork for the calendar.

"For us the calendar not only helps to raise awareness of the problems of hunger and food insecurity in the community, it also helps us establish relationships with area schools and businesses," Grigsby said.

"The enriched curriculum is about food awareness and appreciation through art. We want to work with schools to elevate the profile of these issues," he said.

A Civic Solutions grant from Campus Compact of Oregon provided major funding for the production of the calendar. All proceeds from sales will help build the sustainability of the project.

"I'd like to see this become an event that children and teachers from all the schools in the valley will be excited about and look forward to every year, and one that local businesses and the community are willing to support," Grigsby said.

Nawras, who is majoring in sociology, knew right away that she wanted to get involved with the calendar. She estimates she spent close to 80 hours working on the project - and the St. Helens native said she did it simply because she wanted to help out in the local community.

"It was a good experience. I'd do it again," she said.

Copies of the Haven from Hunger calendar are currently available for purchase for $13 at Sunflower Books, Marie Josephine's, Kneads Bakery and the Union County Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Grigsby at 962-3591.

Oregon soldier killed in Iraq

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - U.S. Army Sgt. Sean Patrick Fennerty of Portland has been killed in combat in Iraq. Fennerty, 25, died Saturday in Al Anbar Province when the vehicle he was in was struck by a roadside bomb, according to the Oregon Military Department.

Fennerty was stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, with the 25th Infantry Division.

He was born in San Diego at the Naval Hospital while his father was on active duty. Fennerty grew up in Tucson, Ariz. and Portland. He graduated from Jesuit High School in Portland in 1999 and Oregon State University in 2004.

"Sean is remembered as a faith-filled person who participated in all areas of the school," Jesuit High School officials said in a statement Monday. "He took it upon himself to strengthen the school community with his generous and giving spirit.

"These qualities enabled him to be a friend to many faculty and students while he attended Jesuit. His classmates will miss his sense of humor and deep sense of loyalty to them." Fennerty's family told the Oregon Military Department that Fennerty always wanted to be in the military and serve his country and felt this was part of honor and service. Fennerty is survived by his mother, father, two sisters and brother.

According to a list kept by Gov. Ted Kulongoski's office Fennerty is the 78th soldier from Oregon or with close Oregon ties to die in the Iraq war.

Eagle Scouts invited to friends of scouting breakfast

By Mary Koza
BSA Friends of Scouting Commitee

Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle this past year are invited as special guests to the Eastern Oregon District's annual BSA Friends of Scouting breakfast slated Feb. 7, from 6:45 to 8 a.m.

The breakfast will be held at the Presbyterian Friendship Center, on the corner of Sixth and Spring Streets in La Grande.

Other scouts who have previously earned the Eagle rank may come for the cost of the breakfast ($15).



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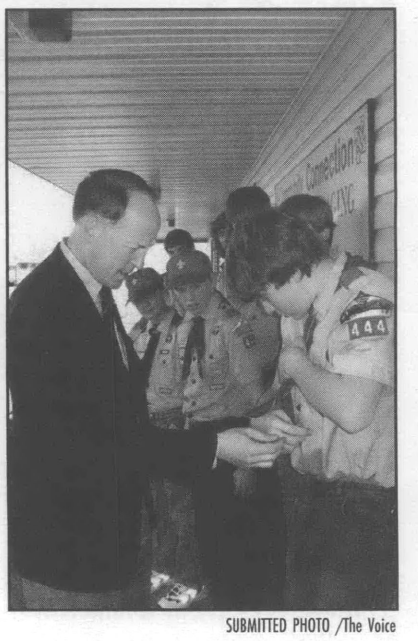
Boy Scouts march in a local parade.

The purpose of the event is to kick off the Eastern Oregon District's Friends of Scouting drive and to renew local commitment to the scouting program.

All Occasion Caterers will provide a breakfast buffet. La Grande resident, Graham Hicks, will be the keynote speaker.

Further information or reservations may be made by phoning Jan Harris, breakfast committee chairman, at 963-0228.



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Members of the La Grande Boy Scouts.

New web site provides resources, answers questions about sexual assault

By Laura Hancock
EOU University Advancement

Trauma. Depression. Guilt. Helplessness. These are all feelings that no one likes to experience, but they are just a few of the emotions that victims of sexual assault may face.

How would you deal with these emotions? More importantly, what can you do to help protect yourself from becoming the target of such a violent crime?

A new online resource for students at Eastern Oregon University may help answer these questions and dispel some of the myths surrounding sexual assault and rape.

It's a Web site called SEX Matters and was created by a student for students. The site will be formally launched during winter term but the content has already gone primetime and is fully accessible to students and the public.

Frequently asked questions about sexual assault, the campus support services available to victims of sexual assault and the response mechanisms in place for reporting an assault are among the topics covered in-depth on the site.

A complete listing of all Student Affairs Campus Advocates and their contact information is also posted on the site. Currently there are 25 individuals at EOU who are trained as advocates.

The idea is to deliver as much helpful information as possible to students and in the most effective way. The Student Affairs Office is coordinating the Web site launch, but the project has been a collaborative effort involving different departments campus-wide.

Other groups involved include Shelter from the Storm, the EOU Assault Advocate Program and the Union County Sexual Assault Response Program.

If an EOU student wishes to file a formal code of conduct complaint they will most likely meet with Colleen Cascio, the student code of conduct coordinator.

EOU's campus security reports, student conduct codes and the policies and procedures for reporting sexual assaults are also fully accessible from the SEX Matters site.

Five sexual assaults were reported at EOU in 2005, up from three cases reported in 2004. Cascio stated that the increase is a direct reflection of the efforts of the Student Affairs staff to foster an environment where students feel safe to report code of conduct violations.

"We're working really hard with students to help them feel comfortable enough to come forward and report sexual assaults," said Sheldon Nord, vice president for Student Affairs. "It's also important that they understand EOU's policy and know that we are being proactive in promoting a safe campus and that we are here to help."

Cascio said it is also critical for students to realize that when a sexual assault is reported the Student Affairs staff must be objective and fair to both parties involved. Students are encouraged to ask questions and should feel free to contact the Student Affairs office at any time, she said.

"What Men Can Do" is a special section on the site that covers the definitions of rape and what male students can do to help prevent sexual assault.

"We need feedback from male students too so that we know what information will help them better understand boundaries and realize that they can be victims of sexual assault too," Cascio said.

For more information: www.eou.edu/saffairs/sex/ or call the Student Affairs Office at (541) 962-3635.

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such as a box that must be pushed across the arena to a loader that requires a lever be engaged to dump it's payload, put this year's teams engineering and programming skills to the test.

Once the robot leaves its starting position it must complete its task and return without human intervention. Retrieval of malfunctioning bots costs the offending team one point. Some robots spun in circles and others broke, but most bots impressed onlookers with the team's clever problem solving, often inspiring "Ooh's" and "Ah's" from the crowd.

Headed by Dr. Richard Croft, of EOU's Computer Science Department, and staffed by his team of volunteer students and faculty, the day was full of exciting robot action.

"It's the best turn out we've had," said Croft, pleased with the day's events.

With 23 teams in attendance, this year's competition was more than twice as large as the previous year.

"The object is to encourage more young people to pursue careers in technology," said Croft, and with the number of determined teams it looks to be working.

At the end of the day, after all the Lego pieces had been put back in their boxes, the awards were given out.

Team "Lego Fuego" of Union won first prize for Robot Performance.

The "Nano Nerds", another Union team, won the Director's Award for overall excellence.

In an act of selflessness the Nano Nerds surprised the audience by giving their trophy to their coach. The crowed cheered and the sense of fellowship among all the competitors was palatable.

Next year should be just as exciting with the theme "Power Puzzle."

Teams will be asked to solve energy problems while thinking about the environmental effects.

For more information on the Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program visit www.ortop.org



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An elated John Day Techno Team accept their trophy after successfully competing in the 2006 EOU Robotics Trounament.

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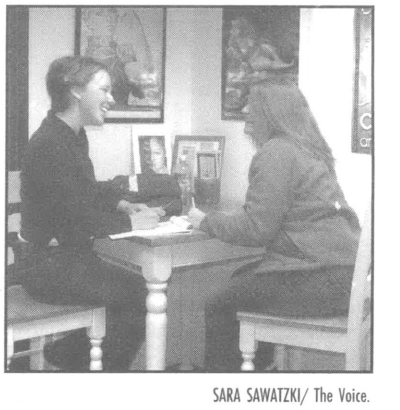
Women's Center From Page 2

sale held April 18-21. Zimmerer also encourages students to volunteer for this project as well.

The Women's Center office is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day and "people are welcome to come on up and hang out and chat," Zimmerer said.

"We have a lot: a resource library, articles, books internet resources—all kinds of stuff you can use mostly related to women's issues," Zimmerer said. "We have a little lounge space and an extra computer for people to come in and use if they want to."

"I'd really encourage people to come and volunteer here. We could always use more help, we're a fun group we do a lot of really cool things. Men and women and everyone between are welcome to come and play," Zimmerer said.



SARA SAWATZKI/ The Voice.

Inside the new office.

Speel-Ya in search of support for upcoming pow-wow

By Sarah Queener-Plourde
Member of Speel-Ya

Speel-Ya, EOU's Native American Club, began in the early 1970's as a Native American Student Union that functioned as academic, social and cultural support for Native American students.

With Native American enrollment low, it remains a campus club only.

Speel-Ya is greatly in need of student membership, and students don't have to be Native American to join or support.

Currently, Speel-Ya is sponsoring a logo contest to be used for 2007 advertisement purposes and a pow-wow t-shirt design. All submissions must be original Native American art designs only.

This year's winner receives $100 cash and a Pow-Wow t-shirt.



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Sarah Queener-Plourde (R)

Art should be submitted to Speel-Ya adviser Les Mueller in Zable 213 by midnight on Feb. 28.

In February, when winter gives a clear and sunny day, Speel-Ya will set up it's lodge, also know as a tipi, on the Quad, offering fry bread and Indian taco's as a club fundraiser and awareness activity. We may even be lucky and have a drummer present.

Each spring, the club hosts its annual Spring Friendship Feast and Pow-Wow. This year's 37th celebration will be on Mother's Day weekend, May 13, in EOU's Quinn Coliseum. Mark your calendars now to attend this exciting one-day cultural event.

Our pow-wow belongs to the people. Putting on a pow-wow, however, is a huge endeavor that takes a community effort to be successful.

There are several committees that need forming. You can contact Les Mueller at 962-3225 or email Sarah Queener-Plourde at queenes@eou.edu for more club and pow-wow information.

Thoughts on Foundations.... a message to the Campus Community from the Cornerstones of Learning

An Open Letter By Anne Spurrier
Cornerstone Program

Four years ago, I was marching through one of Ralph Lewis' Geography classes with a group of students, urging our companero/as to peace. Since then, my time at Eastern has been filled with both the righteousness that filled me while marching through a college lecture to the sincere humility of marching with thousands of Chilean Women and men against violence. The march took place in a country that is just beginning to rebuild itself in the aftermath of a dictatorship whose goal it had been to eliminate its intellectual class. Thankfully, our group of protesters evolved a bit since marching through Ralph's class, that same group of students decided to put our efforts into something constructive--we decided to grow a garden.

I have tried to fill my college career with a variety of experiences. Through international experience, internship, research and community service,I have learned to become not only a student of the University, but also a student of the world, of life. For me, growing food has proven to be more productive than shouting for peace. I attribute the success of this in part to the quality of instruction I have received, as well as through the philosophies fostered through working with the Cornerstones of Learning.

The Cornerstones of Learning has helped to guide my idealism, passions and frustrations. The purpose of the Cornerstones of Learning is to encourage and recognize students who seek out and fulfill projects in the following areas: Research, Service Learning, Internship and Intercultural Experience. Ideally, these components help to build the foundations for life-long learning. The composition of the Cornerstones naturally complements what many employers and society consider wholesome, well rounded, community-minded students who strengthen their intellect by reaching out, discovering new cultures, and learning from others.

Consider teaching a Spanish class, or intern with a local business, write a grant, create community art, work on the community garden with the Head Start program, write a book, mentor high school student interested in attending college, volunteer with the Special Olympics, travel abroad and experience a new culture, work with Spiel-ya on the 37th annual Pow Wow, help the International Student Association on the 20th Anniversary of the Dinner and Show! THERE ARE SO MANY OPTIONS-sometimes one just needs some help finding the program that is best fits them...

So, here I sit, an Americorps Volunteer in an office in Inlow Hall representing a program that so inspired me throughout my career at Eastern. It would be my pleasure to encourage and assist Eastern students with their own Cornerstones. I also invite faculty, staff and administration to contact me if they would like to learn more about the Cornerstones of Learning. If you would like to develop a project or discuss how you might qualify for a Cornerstone, please feel free to contact me via email corner@eou.edu, Phone at 541-962-3308 or visit me at my office in Inlow 113. Also a website that has information and resources available to students at www.eou.edu/corner.

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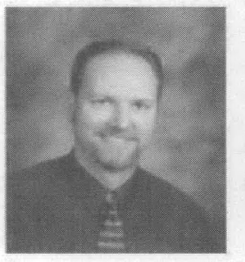

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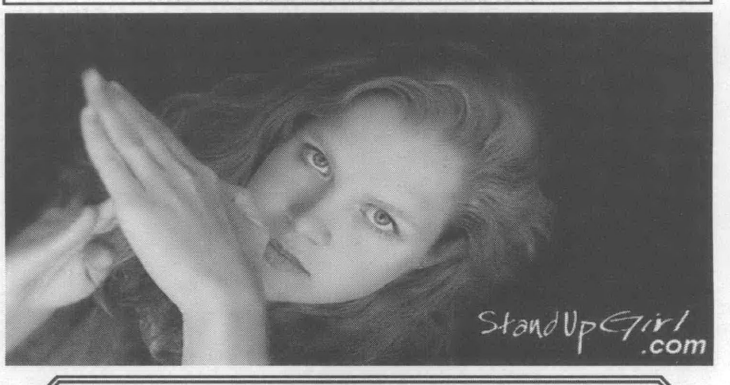

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3. "I'm telling secrets to the one guy you don't tell secrets to." (2000)

4. "May George Bush drink the blood of every man, woman, and child in Iraq!" 2006

5. "Do you like scary movies?" (1996)

6. "Lee-loo Dallas multi-pass." (1997)

7. "Tess, you're one in a million." (1990)

8. "Hey Mom! Can we get some meatloaf?" (2005)

9. "That pregnant slut is playing us like a cheap fiddle." (2004)

10. "Madmartigan, you never, ever drive that fast with an infant." (1988)

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Fat Pig gets phat review

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Art & Entertainment

The Theatre Department continues its Theatre-On-The-Cutting-Edge season with a story about the perception of beauty and love.

Directed by Shannon Rempel, "Fat Pig" tells the story of Tom (Shawn Trimble), a well toned and in shape, good-looking computer executive, who falls in love with Helen (Ginger Ranslam), a funny, cute and intelligent young librarian. Helen also happens to be a "plus-sized" woman.

Tom must make a decision to either stand up for his new found-love, Helen, or realize that deep down inside he is an ice king with a cold heart who comes to terms with his own perception of good looks.

The only thing standing in Tom's way of settling down with Helen are his friends, the wisecrack Carter (Chris Hooper) and his former woman friend, Genie (Logan Pedrow).

The beginning of the play opened up with the spotlight coming down on Helen during lunch. Tom walks by and the first lines said in the play are "pretty big." Now Tom is in trouble, so he awkwardly sits down with Helen, and the two get into talking and actually hit it off together.

Word has gotten around the office at Tom's work place that he has a new lady friend.



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Shawn Trimble and Ginger Ranslam.

Tom's co-workers and friends, Carter and Genie, try to get him to tell them all about his new friend. Tom doesn't say a thing about Helen, later bringing up a bit of chaos in the cubicles. As it turns out, Tom is embarrassed about his relationship with Helen because of the fact that she is a little big

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Social and political impact of..."Borat"?

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

It'd be easy to sit in a movie theatre and just laugh at the ridiculousness of what goes in in "Borat: Cultural Learning of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." But beneath the seemingly-ammusing superficial layer of "Borat" is a social commentary on something so much more powerful.

The movie chronicles the journey of Borat (British actor Sacha Baron Cohen), a Kazakh reporter sent to the states to learn about America. Though originally only set to take place in New York City, the journey takes him all the way to Californa as he seeks out Pamela Anderson—the woman he falls in love with while watching Baywatch in his hotel room.

But this is no Hollywood movie. It's a documentary of sorts in that all but the main characters of the show are unaware that it is a farce.

So the story begins as Borat, who originally was a regular on Cohen's "Da Ali G Show," goes out to report on what he refers to as the "greatest nation in the world."



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Sacha Baron Cohen earned an Oscar nomination for best screenwriting.

But what he discovers, is anything but. The movie highlights our countries deep-seeded problems concerning racism, sexism and ethnocentrism.

From the very beginning of the film, when a man from NYC flees his presence when Borat tries to introduce himself and through to the very end, audiences across America are faced with their own prejudices.

Cohen, who filmed most of his interviews in the south where fewer people would recognize his Ali G character, dug up some astonishing things from people—all of whom signed release forms before they were filmed stating that they agreed to be on film.

One of the most disturbing of interviews was with three frat boys from The University of South Carolina—who not only made horrific remarks about women, but also about almost all minorities.

Many of the racist things that people say in the movie are based on Borat talking about his hatred of Jews. Cohen, a devout Jew, is ingenious in displaying that by not correcting such behavior, we are actually saying it is okay to say such things as his character Borat does.

Therein lies the true genius of the enigmatic Sacha Baron Cohen.

Some argue that his portrayal of a Kazakh is inappropriate. But, when you stop to think about it, it is necessary for his character to be from a real country to have that element of reality.

And when you stop to think about it, his character is only as believable as the way that Americans think that someone from Kazakhstan would be. Which is, in and of itself, a whole other social commentary on our culture and it's ethnocentricity.

Ultimately the film is a giant "shame on you" to our society. It shows our dark side, the side that people don't talk about as much anymore. Clearly, we have some issues to work on and Borat might have been just the one to show us our problems.

The movie will make you feel disgusted about people in our country. It will also make you laugh. But, ultimately, Sacha Baron Cohen is getting the last laugh as he make benefit from seemingly not-so glorious nation of America.

Movie Review: Borat: Cultural Learning of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (2005)

Voice Rating: ★★★★★

Directed by: Larry Charels
Cast: Sacha Baron Cohen, Ken Davitian
Rated: R

Summary: Borat leads audiences on a cross-country tour of America's anti-Semitism, racism, sexism and ethnocentrism.

Make way for the SOV

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice A&E Editor

The biggest midget in the game has finally come out with the biggest release of 2006, so to speak.

Hailing from the UK, Lady Sovereign's debut album "Public Warning" is a good album to listen to. It is very good album at that, but nothing spectacularly different from other hip-hop albums in the game.



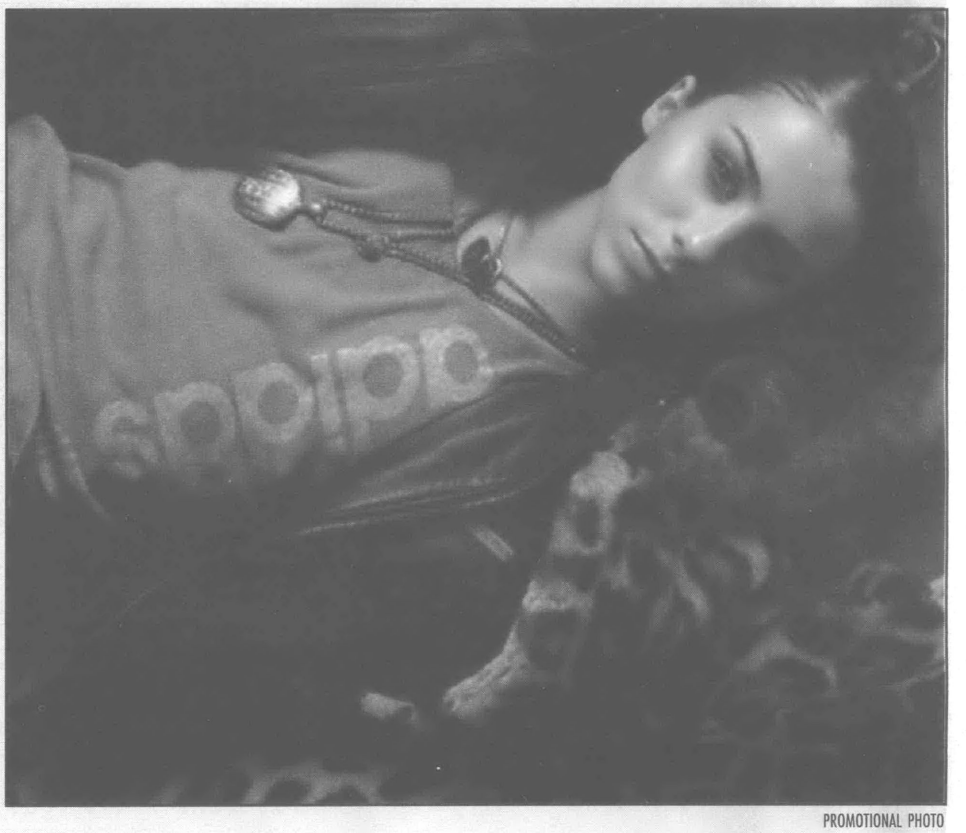
PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Lady Sovereign's new album.

Lady Sovereign has been compared to other MC's and artists such as Eminem and Missy Elliot. For the former, Lady Sovereign defends herself in the fast track "Blah Blah." Lady Sovereign says "But hear what I'm a different kind of specimen/Just because I be a white Caucasian/Doesn't mean me and him are the same/Because one I'm not American/Two I'm not a man/Three I'm coming through with a different kind of plan/Setting the facts straight because I know that I can." The track is clearly a knock at all the people who have talked some blah blah behind Lady Sovereign's back.

An artist Lady Sovereign looks up to is Missy Elliot who makes a guest appearance on the remixed track "Love Me or Hate Me." That track is arguably the best track (which also happens to be one of the singles) on "Public Warning." The track is sort of a thank you to all the people who have supported Lady Sovereign and a big no thanks to all those who talk behind her back. Lady Sovereign sings "I'm fat I need a diet/No in fact I'm just here lying/I ain't got the biggest breast-ises/But I write all the bestest hits/I got hairy armpits but I don't walk around like this/I wear a big baggy t-shirt that hides that nasty [stuff]." Lady Sovereign clearly won't change her image for anyone or thing. Lady Sovereign also says in the song "So I can't dance and I really can't sing/I can only do one thing and that is be Lady Sovereign."

The album also features a fun track titled "Random" where Lady Sovereign takes excerpts from other popular rap and hip-hop songs and delivers them in a way only Lady Sovereign can. One verse of the song has her singing "Well I'm right thurr/Nah tell a lie coz I'm right there/Right hurr, nah right here/Now get off your churr/I mean chair/some English MC's getting twisted/Start saying cookies instead of biscuits/Anyways, yeah let's commence." The track is full of randomness and nonsense, but it is all in good fun. Lady Sovereign at one point makes a shout out to Jennifer Lopez saying, "J-Lo's got a batty, but you can't see mine coz I wear my trousers baggy." Probably the best line on the entire album.

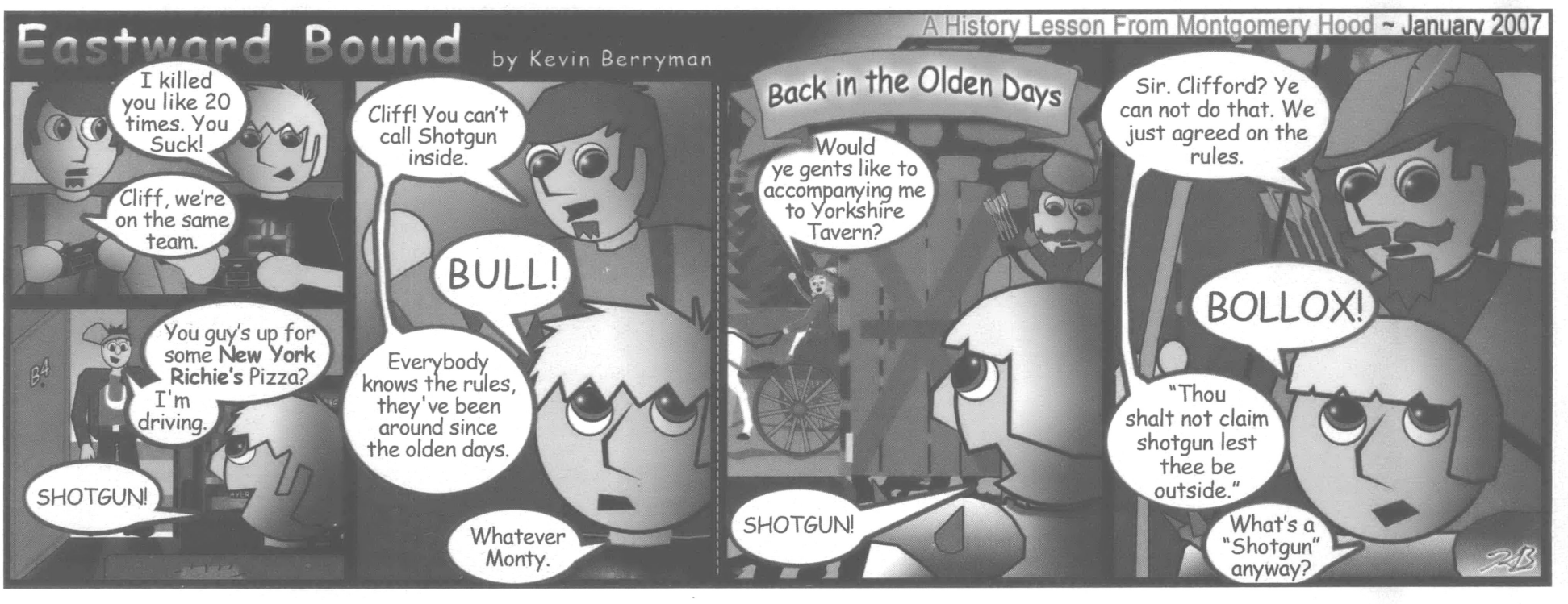
There are other fantastic tracks on the album such as "9 to 5," "Gathering" and "Hoodie." The production quality of the entire album is great.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Lady Sovereign

UK house duo, Basement Jaxx helped produce some tracks, as well as the famous Dr. Luke and Medasyn.

This debut release from Lady Sovereign could be for everyone as it is an easy listen with its trashy and funny lyrics, and dope beats. Lady Sovereign has earned her spot in the genre as being the biggest midget in the game, and "Public Warning" has certainly proved that.



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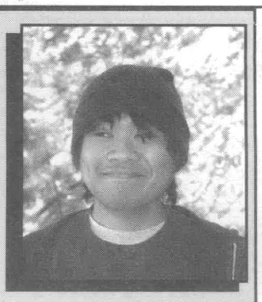

Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

A new year means new goals, new plans, and new music.

My goals and plans are always changing. Instead, I'll just talk about some new releases coming out this year. There is a possibility that some of these releases may never see the light of day (Fiona Apple's "Extraordinary Machine" sat on a shelf for three years before released in 2005) due to unforeseen circumstances, but there is always hope!

In 2006, it marked the year of many anticipated albums (Pepper, Senses Fail), album debuts (Lady Sovereign, Plus 44), and long awaited albums (Nellie McKay, Junior Private Detective).

With 2007 in the early stages, let me take this moment to see where it's headed.

A full-length is in the works to be released from Spokane, Wash. band, The Midnight Society. It's a surprise to me that The Midnight Society is not signed with anyone. The band's approach to the whole post-hardcore/modern-day metal scene can be described as one thing – simple, and that's the way it should be. Not too technical, not too abstract, but just enough to set them apart from most hardcore band's in the scene today.

After the release of "This Type of Thinking (Could Do Us In)," Joe Loeffler left Chevelle. Live shows haven't been the same since then. If any of you have seen Chevelle in concert, you know that Joe always plays with his shirt off.This may have an effect on the new release. I'm guessing the album will be all right, but if anything, only half as good as "This Type of Thinking," just because Sam is there to keep Pete in check.

Thrice surprised the world with "Vheissu." It proved that Thrice could do anything. The new release set for this year is going to be a concept album. The theme set for the album will deal with the four elements: earth, wind, fire, and water. With 25 songs separated on four different discs, this will surely be the album of Thrice's career.

After going through some minor lineup changes, Comeback Kid is still going strong. Going as a four piece right now, Comeback Kid's new release will be coming out later next month. None of the songs are available for preview, but it's Comeback Kid. They never let down.

The last record release from the Dance Hall Crashers was back in 2000 with the live album "Witless Banter and 25 Mildly Antagonistic Songs of Love." Five years later, a DVD of DHC came out featuring a new song. An announcement from DHC was made shortly after, saying they will record new songs. Does that mean a release this year? Maybe. Nothing is for sure. One can hope though.

Other new releases set for this year: the New Pornographers, Pennywise (if so, this will be their ninth release) and possibly The Like. The year is looking good so far as releases go, everything else is great.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Fat Pig From Page 8

as far as physical appearances go. But we later find out that Helen's heart is the only "big" thing about her. Instead of looking through that, Tom chooses to look around it.

The lead actress, Ginger Ranslam, as well as the other actors in "Fat Pig" all gave brilliant performances.

Throughout the play Ranslam would come out with this bizarre laugh, along the lines of Amadeus, which was both uncomfortable and annoying. That's probably why it was so funny.

Shawn Trimble as Tom came off as convincing and brutally honest. Trimble can be really cheesy when it comes to pillow talk and really scary when he is angry. The same goes for Logan Pedrow as Genie. When Tom gets into an argument with Genie, you just want her to shut up.

Chris Hooper portrayed the humorously shallow Carter with brilliance. Hooper displayed sure confidence at being a wise guy, but only to show later his natural ability at being dramatic. There is a scene where Carter tells Tom about his huge mother, and Hooper portrays Carter as if he were an entirely different person in some other play. The scene is intense and sad, and it goes back to normal when the story is done. Then we get the same old Carter back.

The play ends on an odd note. We realize that for most of us, we consider physical appearances to be very important. Only in the world of "Fat Pig."

Random Photo of the Week



Random Photo Contest!

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)
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Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
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Cancer (June 22-July 22)
In a few weeks you will learn that "Lost" will be cancelled. It was inevitable, like Judgment Day, that is why we have terminator 3.

Virgo (Aug.23 – Sept. 22)
Your mode of transportation cannot be relied upon this month. Maybe this is a hint...

Leo (July 23 – Aug.22)
You need some courage. And a side of fries. That'll do the trick!

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct.22)
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Opinion & Editorials

Get Well Soon

The Voice would like to extend their wishes for a speedy recovery for one of our loyal, long-time staff writers, Jeannette Benton, who was severely injured a few weeks ago when she slipped on a patch of ice on campus. **WE MISS YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU GET WELL SOON, JEANNETTE!**

Love,
Your Buddies at The Voice

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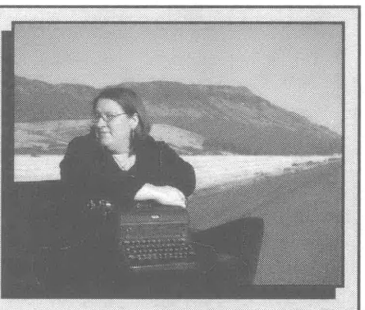


Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

My Last Winter Break

It's weird to think that by winter of this year I will (theoretically) have a full-time job. And then weirder still, is the idea that I won't have a month vacation every December.

The thought didn't occur to me until I was on my plane headed back to La Grande from Nebraska.

So how did I spend my last winter break?

To me, winter break seemed to come a little early this year. While visiting a friend (former News & Features Editor Jonathan Boudin) in Vancouver, BC over Thanksgiving break, I found myself snowed in and unable to make it back during the entire week of dead week. For an English major that can be nearly catastrophic as nearly all projects/papers are due during this time in place of finals the following week.

When the snow finally melted, I rushed home, slammed together some papers and projects and flew out the door for the Boise airport that Saturday.

It was a little snowy out at the time, but nothing to worry about. Until I hit a patch of ice going over a bridge just before Ontario.

Suddenly I found myself swerving from side to side. Coasting between my lane and the lane next to me that, thankfully, was void of cars in close proximity. Then, my car turned sideways, and I found myself traveling forward down the road like that for several yards while looking out my side window and seeing oncoming traffic not far off.

And then my car turned again: this time it was sliding backwards and through my windshield I saw the traffic again, closer.

Miraculously, I was able to find a patch of gravel on the side of the road near the ditch I landed in—narrowly missing a cement block that encased the bridge I'd just crossed.

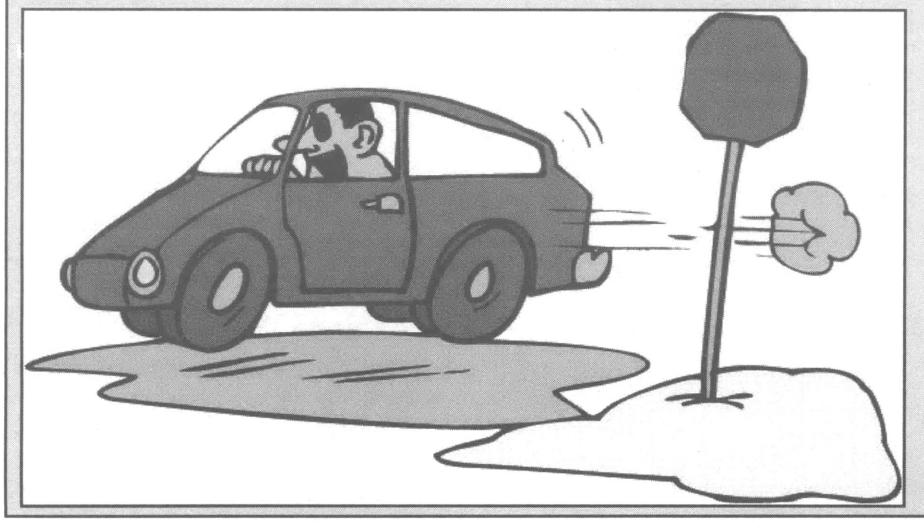
There was no rushing anymore. I learned my lesson. I spent the rest of the trip coasting between 30-45 mph on the interstate. So did everyone else who saw me and passed by. The real kicker if it all was that the first car to pass by me when I slid off the road was the deicer. How's that for timing?

I made it home though, without a scratch on my car, or myself just in time to get my wisdom teeth pulled. And then, after a painkiller-induced week of sleep, it was practically time for me to head back.

The whole month flew by like the few second it took my car to hit ice, spin around and land safely on the side of the road.

So, in the long run, I don't think I'll miss winter breaks as much as I probably should.

And though a part of me wishes that these next two terms wouldn't fly by so quickly, I know that Spring term will be brief—like winter.



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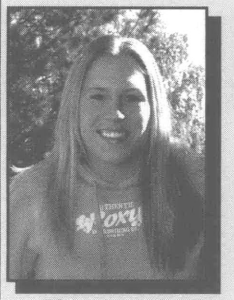


Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

If you took the recent survey regarding student fees, go ahead and give your self a pat on the back.

As for the rest of you, why not?

I did some research and found out that some students didn't even know the survey existed.

I found out about the survey through an advising email, but it might be a little tough if you don't pay attention to those.

Students lack time, this I know, but usually surveys are not time consuming and definitely don't strain your brain.

The recent survey was the Student Fee Committee's attempt at reaching out to you, the students, as your input is very beneficial to their studies.

If you are reading this, then I assume you probably have read previous issues of *The Voice*, and thus I can assume you know about the potential budget cuts. This is due to a lower enrollment at EOU.

Our student fee dollars, what is called an "Incidental Fee," simply cannot cover all club budgets anymore.

Let me give you the recent survey in a nutshell, and please know that I am going to be very extreme.

Lets say, hypothetically, that a disco club was created in the 70's. Back then, this club may have been the club that many students participated in.

Now, it is 2007. This disco club still exists (not really), but it isn't very successful.

There may be two reasons for this, either there is no interest in the club by the current student population, or students would use it but they just don't know about it.

I realize that this survey is over, but this is my attempt at helping those who plan to reach out to you in the future.

We seem to hear a lot of complaining around campus about various issues. They basically sum up to be complaints of the University not meeting the students' needs.

If you feel this way, and haven't said anything, then you have no excuse to be complaining.

How is the University going to know that you want anything to be done if you have not given them any input?

Editorials are written by staff of The Voice. Although the majority of staff agree on any one topic, not all do.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Oregon rabbits stolen

Associated Press

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) - An obsessed woman broke into a police holding area to take back about 130 rabbits she had been accused of neglecting, police said.

In October, Hillsboro police seized 150 live rabbits from the home of Miriam Sakewitz and found nearly 100 more dead ones in a trio of freezers.

Police and volunteers had cared for the rabbits since then, keeping them at what Commander Chris Skinner called a "secure, undisclosed location."

"They were having a quality of life they hadn't seen," Skinner said. "They were being cared for several times a day."

But on Jan. 14, volunteers found a lock and chain-link enclosure cut and 130 of the bunnies were gone. Skinner said suspicion fell immediately on Sakewitz.

"In her mind, they are her rabbits. She is very obsessed with them," he said.

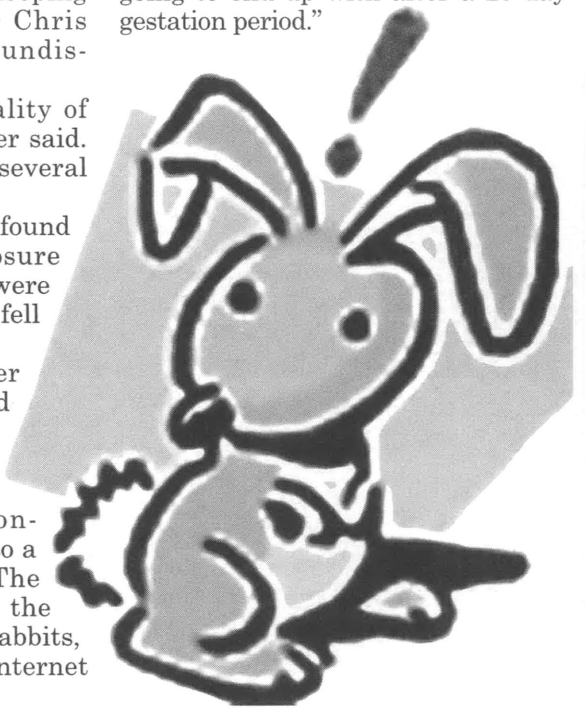
Sakewitz couldn't immediately be located.

A phone call from a concerned hotel clerk led police to a motel in Chehalis, Wash. The clerk became worried about the way Sakewitz spoke of the rabbits, looked up her case on the Internet and called police.

Police said they tailed her and stopped her Monday, finding nine rabbits in her car, one dead. They said they found 132 more at a Chehalis horse farm, with two more dead. Police said she faces burglary charges.

Skinner said police had segregated the rabbits by gender, but Sakewitz mingled them.

"You see where I am going with this?" Skinner said Tuesday. "We are not sure how many rabbits we are going to end up with after a 29-day gestation period."



Kerry intends to stay out of race in 2008

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON - Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democrats' losing presidential candidate in 2004, intends to stay out of the race for the White House in 2008, a Democratic official said Wednesday.

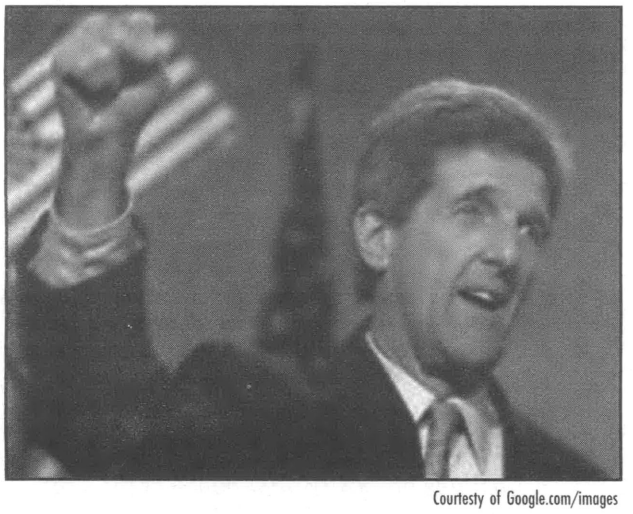
This official said Kerry intends to seek a new six-year term in the Senate.

Kerry plans to disclose his political plans in remarks on the Senate floor later in the day, according to this official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid pre-empting a formal announcement.

Kerry, 64, who lost the White House when Ohio voted for President Bush by 118,601 votes on election night in November 2004, was attending a Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting and unavailable for comment.

His decision leaves a field of nine Democrats running or signaling their intention to do so, including Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois.

The Republican field has a similar number with Bush constitutionally barred from seeking a third term.



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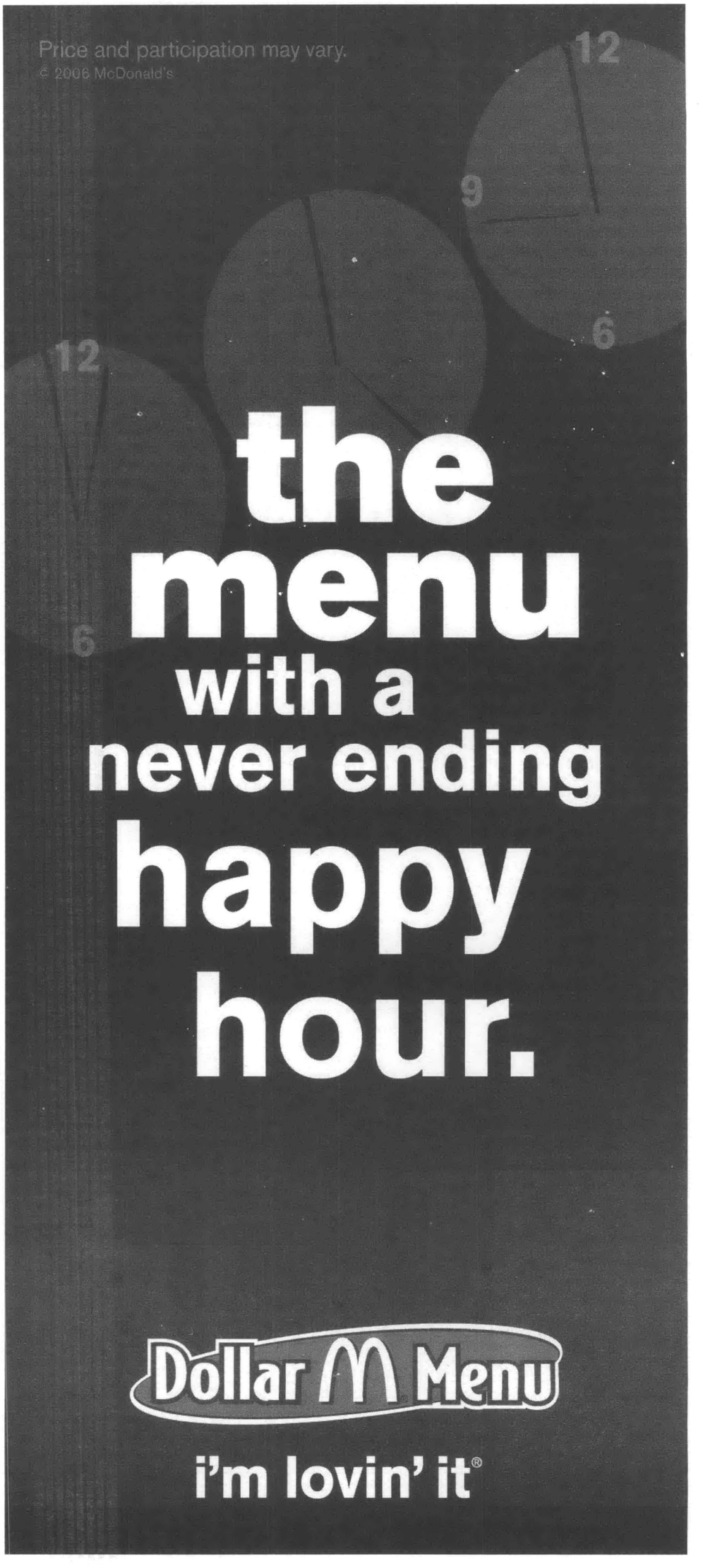

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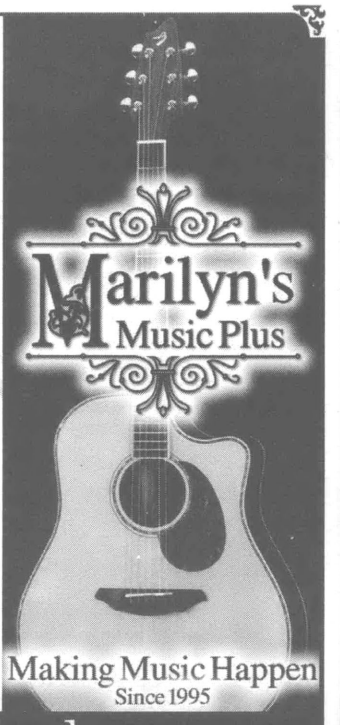

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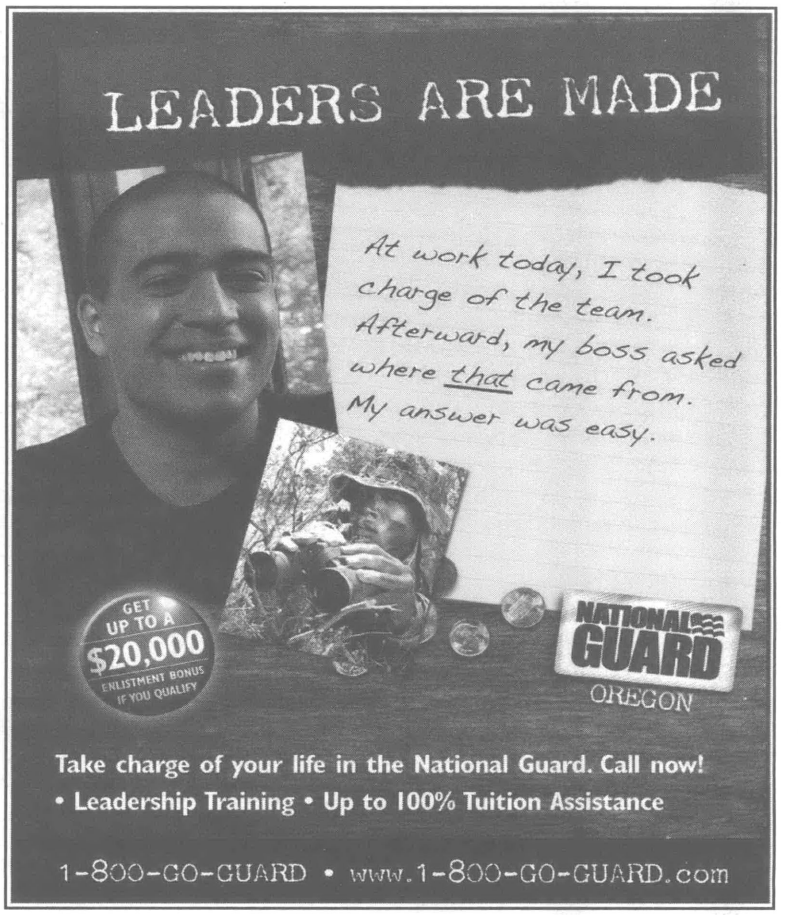

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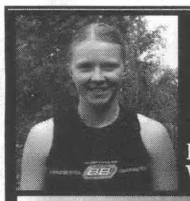

Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

So, here we are: January 2007... already.
And along with the beginning of every New Year comes new resolutions.

Which I guess means that turning the calendar from December to January is incentive enough for ending those bad habits "we've been meaning to" and starting that "new life" we've been striving for.

Well, although I don't really believe in making New Year's resolutions (I believe that if we need to make improvements in our life then we should just do it), I think that most people really do have good intentions-and to those of you who do, I wish you luck!

One of the most popular resolutions to my knowledge is the one to lose weight.

This may be one of the most needed as well, since 80% of Americans could afford to shed a few pounds. The thing is, unfortunately, people have to eat, so there's our excuse right there.

Another popular one is to stop smoking. And although there are new laws against smoking in public places, which help a little bit, the truly addicted last about as long as it takes to step outside and light up that next ciggy'.

Another one is when people resolve to get a job or find a different one, one that "does them justice."
Chances are if you really wanted to, it would have been done already.

OOH, my favorite: Spending less money or paying off bills. I'm going to side with the really ambitious people on this one and hope that those who resolve to get jobs do, and then they can pay off their bills, and then everyone's happy.

Oh, except for those bosses who resolved to save themselves a buck this year and cut a little bit out of their employees checks, or cut out bonuses and ruin everything.

Dang.

Most resolutions, I think, have to do with personal improvement, (of course, right?)

Speaking of, a good and achievable resolution might be to spend less time worrying about what others do and think, and just concentrate on ourselves and about what we do.

So,I guess in a way resolutions are all right because they force us to think about and realize our less attractive habits and behaviors and the need to change our ways.

I've heard that the best way to keep resolutions is to keep the list short and attainable.

Well, if I had to choose- mine would be to learn a bit more about patience and get better at using manners.

What's yours?

Introducing... Kaki Mclean

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

A couple of months ago, EOU named Kaki McLean Head Volleyball coach after she served as interim head coach during the 2006 season.

Because the announcement was made on the day The Voice went to press, there was only enough time to put it quickly in the "sports briefs."

So, although she needs no introduction, credit is finally being given where it is due.

The head coach has already started moving forward with her plans, as workouts for her team have begun, as well as recruiting for next season.

Although nobody has signed yet, she said there are some promising prospects, both high school seniors and junior college transfers.

The current team has been weight lifting and conditioning since their return to winter term, and real practice will begin in a couple of weeks.



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Head Coach Kaki Mclean.

They will also get the opportunity to play in a tournament this spring at Concordia University.

And according to the team, they are ready to get the ball rolling again.

"I am totally stoked for next season and can't wait to get started," Soph. Grace

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Sports Briefs

Basketball

For the third time in three weeks the EOU Women's Basketball Team has had the Cascade Conference Player of the Week. On Jan. 2 Christie Weaver received the award, and on Jan. 13 Tiffanie Ulmer took the title.This week, Weaver was honored with the award again. On the men's side, Paul Carollo was also the POW on Jan. 13. For the men, it is the first such honor since Ryan Looney was named head coach in 2004.

"Controversy"- *In case you missed it...* With two minutes left to play in the women's OIT game, in one way or another, the score got messed up and the game stopped for a good ten minutes. The scenario, which there is film proof of, is: As Eastern is mid-possession on their side of the floor, OIT's score suddenly goes up from 55 to 57 on the score board (this was not a late add in of points, because OIT did not score on the previous possession.) Then Liz Brice gets fouled and shoots two free throws. The first goes in, and EOU's score goes from 54 to 53, the second goes in and the score goes back up to 54. Needless to say, EOU should have been up on the scoreboard at this point in time, and with a possible win in regulation in the books.

Football

EOU has announced the signing of the following athletes: Kyle Witty of La Grande, OR (DL, 6'4", 215 lbs.); Bradley Padayao of Kapolei, HI (QB, 5'10", 195 lbs.); Shawn Flanagan of Pendleton, OR (U of Oregon) (OL , 6'5", 305 lbs.); Gavin Smith of Seattle, WA (U of Idaho) (Slot , 5'8", 175 lbs.); DeShawn Smith of San Jacinto, CA (Slot , 5'8", 175 lbs.); and Larry Raynes of Elma, WA (E.W.U.) (DL, 6'3", 265 lbs.).

Guest Column

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

The Week in Sports

Being that I am the kind of writer that always exceeds my editor's expectations, and by expectations I mean amount of words I am allowed to use, it is appropriate that I have my own column.

Each week we are captivated by so many different big stories in the sports world, and some must be shared.

If you have always thought, "I'd like to read about headlines in sports from someone who is witty and carries many biases," then guess what? Your column is here.

I suppose I should begin this week with why I pushed this all the way to the deadline... we now have Super Bowl XLI set-up.

And if you have been in a cave for the past two months, don't worry, the top two teams are the only two left.

This is why I hate professional sports.

The word surprise has left long ago, along with players who actually care about playing the game and not the amount they'll be getting in their next Verizon commercial.

That's right; I'm talking about Mr. Amazing, Peyton Manning.

The guy may be the next biggest sell-out, close behind Dan Marino.

Its bad enough we have to watch the same Indianapolis team each week, but then during the commercials we are subjected to Manning's seven commercials; give me a break!

The Colts will be facing off against the Chicago Bears, who late in the season looked 3-13 and not 13-3.

The Bears did manage to destroy the one chance at a surprise and probably around a million viewers for the Super Bowl by beating the New Orleans Saints.

Here's a team that would have brought so many viewers to the game in two weeks, just because of the heartwarming story it could be for the following two weeks.

I could easily imagine ESPN, and even FOX News in New Orleans soaking up the stories from the embattled city.

But, instead we'll have the Bears and Colts. Wake me for the fourth quarter.

As we inch closer and closer to the month of March one thing is clear, the Pacific Ten Conference in men's basketball is without a doubt the best conference in college this season.

An easy first argument for this, the Washington Huskies were 12th in the preseason top 25, and are now unranked and 1-7 in conference play.

The Pac-10 week in and week out have the most amazing games across the country, but are televised on Fox Sports Net, a channel a lot of east coast viewers do not get, nor wish to stay awake for.

I'd say the conference deserves eight spots in the field of 65 and please sign with a new television station.

I'll try to finish every column on the "lighter side" of sports; this week I'll go with a story out of Omaha, Nebraska.

A veterinarian was accused of injecting racehorses with vodka before races.

Jay Stewart faces four misdemeanor counts of attempting to influence a race.

The alcohol is used to calm the jitters in the starting gates he says.

Now, I have seen some of my friends after consuming Vodka, and their jitters being calmed is not quite what happens.

Mounties show promise on the track

Ben Welch
Head Track Coach

The Mountie Track and field teams opened up the 2007 addition of the indoor track and field season in Nampa, Idaho Jan.20 with several solid performances and plenty of promise for the future.

Despite being the only NAIA school there (other competing schools were NCAA Div. 1 host Boise State, Stanford, California, and BYU's women's team and NCAA Div. 2 Northwest Nazarene and Cal. State Domingo Hills) and the only school without an indoor facility to practice in (or California's weather!), the Mounties had several high and fine performances at the Hampton Inn & Suites Invite.

Some Highlights include: sophomore thrower Mitch Wheelhouse in the shot put and 35# weight throw. Mitch had a very fine opening meet, throwing within six inches of his college shot PR and setting a new PR in the weight by roughly four feet when he threw 47'7.75" and 48'6."

Both marks are within about 18" of the NAIA provisional qualifying mark (the minimum mark needed to qualify for the NAIA National Indoor National Meet).

Sophomore Lucas Ohmes, a multi-event athlete, also had a busy day. He jumped in the pole vault, threw the shot, and ran the 60-meter hurdles--twice (prelims and finals).

His best performance of the day was in the hurdles finals where he tied his PR and was one-tenth of an inch off the NAIA Provisional mark.

Junior Adam Goulet found himself leading a slow starting field in the mile for most of his race and ended up with a second place finish for the day.

While his time was not what he was hoping for, he raced very well.

On the women's side, freshman Danielle Riess ran the 400 in her first ever indoor meet. "Dani-I" (as in Danielle from Idaho) got out hard and competed well, then came back to lead off the 4 x 400 relay in her first ever "long" relay as well.

Junior, Kasie Gillespie, another multi-event athlete who had a busy day, performed well, if not "rusty," as she sat out last year and is returning to competition after almost two years.

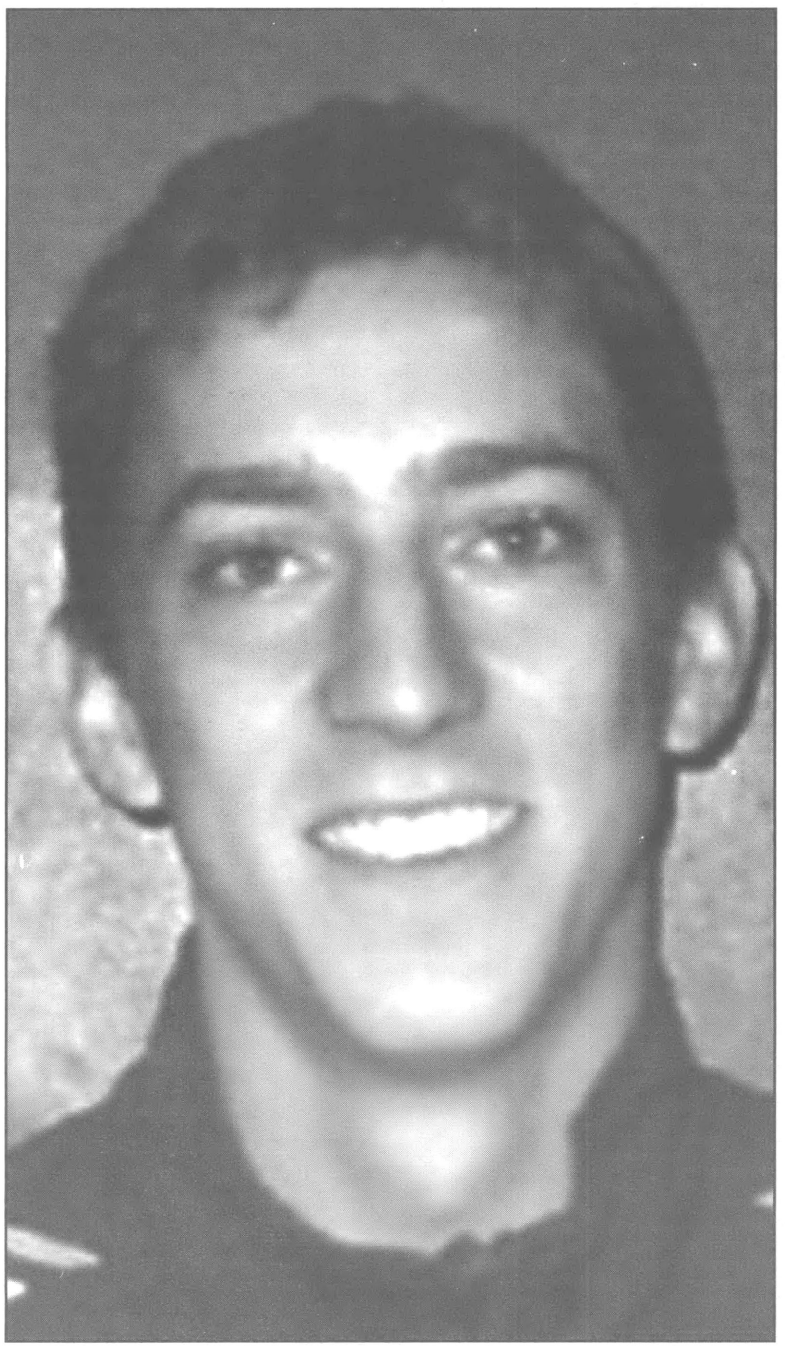
Kasie jumped a solid 16' 3" in the long jump, ran 10.05 in the 60-meter hurdles, and a leg on the 4 x 400 relay.

All in all, this meet served as a good opening event, especially considering the weather the last two weeks in La Grande (running outside in the kind of weather we have had as of late is not really conducive to strong early season marks!)

Add to that the fact that we had eight or ten athletes who have never even seen an indoor facility let alone competed in one, and we will take it as a good start and make plans for the next large group meet back in Nampa on Feb. 2 and 3rd.

Before that, however, several multi-event athletes (Carla Hoppie and Kasie Gillespie in the Pentathlon and Lucas Ohmes in the Heptathlon) will go back to Nampa on January 26th and 27th.

For complete results from this meet, go to www.broncosports.com.



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Adam Goulet finished second in the mile in 4:30.76 after leading most of the race.

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Hawes led the charge emotionally and did what Weissenfluh calls the "little things."

Hawes started the come back when she grabbed an offensive board off of Ulmer's missed free throw and got fouled with less than five minute to play, giving the Mountaineers a 57-56 lead.

"She (Hawes) came ready to play today." Weissenfluh said. "She helped us get over the hump and from there we never looked back."

Weaver just missed her second double-double of the weekend, scoring 12 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

These performances came after an emotional previous weekend against OIT and Southern Oregon.

The Mountaineers forced a "controversial" overtime game against the Hustlin' Owls after trailing for the majority of the second half. (See Sports briefs "controversy.")

The extra five minutes ended up not being enough as they fell short 68-71.

Ulmer led the charge in regulation as she hit the tying free throws in and ended with a game high 21 points and eight rebounds.

Liz Brice also had a big night with a game-high ten rebounds.

"This was Liz's best game in an Eastern uniform," Weissenfluh said.

After struggling against OIT, Eastern came out running and gunning against Southern. The Mounties shot an astounding 66 percent from the field, beating SOU 93-79.

Five players scored in double digits.

Junior point guard Whitney Leman and Ulmer each had double-doubles.

Both contributed 18 points, while Leman dished 10 assists and Ulmer grabbed 11 rebounds.

Henderson had 14 points while Brice continued her strong play with 12.

Christie Weaver almost recorded a double-double herself, exploding for 29 points, going 9 for 13 from the three point line, and pulling down nine rebounds.

Eastern travels to Seattle this weekend to face The Evergreen State College and Northwest University.

Tip off is at 6 p.m.

Kaki From Page 14

Deboodt said.

After years of losing seasons, the Mounties ended last year with a .500 record; which McLean expects to improve on next season.

This year, the conference tournament has been removed, which EOU competed in last year, and has now been replaced with a Region Tournament.

Making this tournament, McLean said, is their ultimate goal.

With many key returners, including Deboodt, Sr. Chelsey Lally, and Sr. Kiley Cobb, McLean says she is confident that the team will be successful.

"I am very excited to coach this team. I think it was important for me to get the head coach position after being interim head coach so the girls wouldn't have to deal with another change next season," she said. "I am just excited for these girls and for them to be successful as a program."

Her players agreed.

"We are going to be even better this year," Lally said. "Hopefully we can bring in some great recruits to fill in the big shoes of those who aren't coming back."

McLean did mention that the team has already acquired a new player-Junior Christie Savage's twin sister Cathy.

McLean said it should be fun for them to play their last season together, and expects a bit of sibling rivalry to arise from the situation.

"Maybe it will bring out a more competitive attitude in the girls... we'll see," she said with a grin.

Sports

The Sideline

Sports Slang

BAGEL: In tennis, winning a set 6-0 is called giving your opponent a bagel - a zero.

CHUCKS: Classic Chuck Taylor basketball shoes manufactured by Converse.

MAYTAG: In kayaking and other water sports, getting thrashed around below the surface, as if in a washing machine.

FIVE-HOLE: In hockey, the space between the goalie's legs.

EAR HOLE: In baseball, a term used by the pitcher and catcher when the pitcher intentionally will throw the baseball at the batters head.

GOLDEN GOAL: Recent rule in soccer, which states that the first goal scored in overtime, wins the game.

GOOSE-NECK: In golf, having the neck of a club curved so that the heel is slightly offset from the line of the shaft.

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Men's hoops continue streak

By Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer

With back-to-back wins at home last weekend, EOU's men's basketball team extended their home winning streak to five in a row.

On Jan. 19, the Mountaineers defeated Concordia University 76-64 after trailing by one point at halftime.

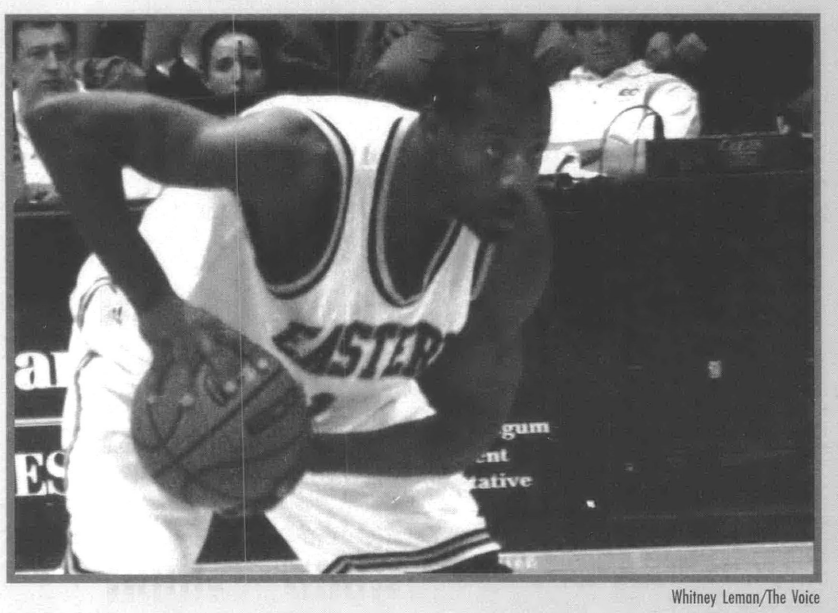
The Mountaineers shot 39.4 percent from the field in the first half, while Concordia shot 52 percent from the field.

Sophomore Jeremy Templeton said, "At halftime Coach Looney said that we weren't playing to our ability, so we came out more focused in the second half."

In the second half, EOU took control of the game.

They shot a little over 60 percent from the floor, and had five players in double figures.

Senior Derek Brown scored a game-high 17 points while sophomore Tanner McIntosh added 14 points and 5 assists.



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Vernon Cropper came off the bench to score 12 points against Corban.

Defensively, EOU held Concordia to 30 percent from the floor in the second half, allowing only 26 points to their 39.

The following day, EOU hosted Corban College, who had just one conference win coming into the game.

The Mountaineers took control from the tip-off and never looked back, winning the game 88-61.

Eastern shot 56 percent from the field, and 88 percent from the free throw line, and

for the second game in a row, five players scored 10 points or more.

Freshmen Josh Landsverk lead the Mounties with 16 points, and McIntosh recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior Nick Finley said, "We had some key players out, but we've got a lot of depth on our bench, and we were able to play well regardless of who was on the court."

As a team, EOU collected 37 rebounds to Corban's 28, which enabled them to get up to the floor and score quickly.

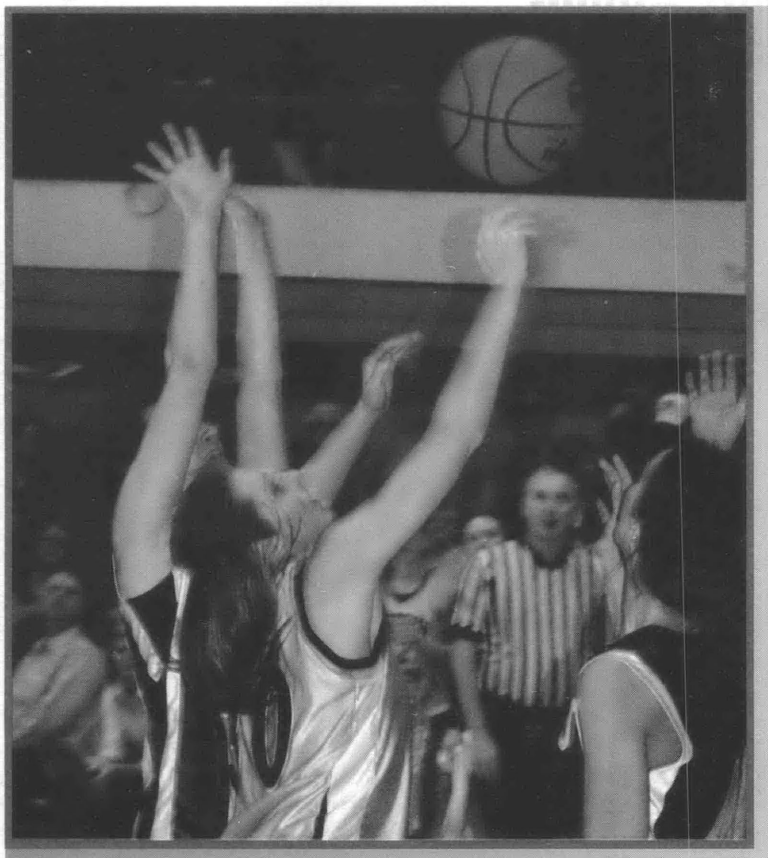
"One of our main goals is to out-rebound our opponents, and we were able to do just that," Finley said.

EOU's latest win gives them a 16-4 overall record, 8-3 in conference play.

Eastern is also ranked 17th in latest NAIA poll after previously occupying 25th spot. Templeton explained, "This is a big achievement for men's basketball and the school. We believe that we can make to Nationals."

On Jan. 26, Eastern heads to Olympia, Wash. to take on Evergreen State College, then to Northwest University on Saturday.

Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.



Tiffanie Sperry/The Voice

Sheena Henderson scored 18 points against Corban.

Weaver leads Lady Mounties

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

Booker T. Washington said, "Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way." The Lady Mountaineers are looking to perfect excellence, and have found success the past couple of weeks, winning three of their last four games.

On Jan.12 and 13th, the Lady Mountaineers (15-5) played host to Concordia (7-15) and Corban College (16-6).

Friday, the Mountaineers were led by La Grande native Christie Weaver, who going into the game needed a mere free throw to reach 1,300 points in her career.

Well, she scored 20 and added a game-high 12 rebounds en route to a 76-52 win over Concordia.

Weaver's performance was good enough to move her into fourth place, above Melissa Powers, on EOU's all-time scoring list.

Sheena Henderson also chipped in 13 points, while senior Liz Brice had 10 points and five assists.

"All I can say is it was ugly, ugly, ugly," Coach Anji Weissenfluh said after the game. "We came out better in the second half; we settled down and finally got into a rhythm."

Saturday was a different kind of trial, while the game was still ugly; EOU had to overcome trailing most of the game.

Going on a 22-10 run during the last five minutes of the game, Eastern pulled out the 73-66 victory.

With the win, Corban, OIT and Eastern are now tied for second in the Cascade Conference.

Tiffanie Ulmer and Sheena Henderson led the Mounties with 19 and 18 points respectively.

Although fellow junior Elise Hawes wasn't a top scorer, that didn't stop her from being an important part in EOU's win.

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Top "Anti-Valentine's Day" Movies for Singles

Are you tired of seeing the same old cheesy romantic comedies? Or perhaps you're bitter from their sugar-coated ending as you sit alone with your pint of Ben & Jerry's on Valentines day. Whatever the case, we've compiled a list of movies that are either smart, romantic movies, or anti-romantic movies. Enjoy!

High Fidelity

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Kill Bill Vol. 1

Kill Bill Vol. 2

The Breakup

Curb Your Enthusiasm Seasons 1-5 (okay so this isn't a movie, but Larry David will make you glad you're not in a relationship)

Platoon

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy (what else do you have to do?)

Random Thought

You may be single, but at least you weren't involved in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre!

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China in sight for EOU Chamber Choir

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Where will you be for Spring Break?

The Eastern Oregon University Chamber Choir is China-bound.

The group has been planning the trip since Dec. 4, 2005.

In order for the trip to occur, the group needed to raise $150,000 by Feb. 1.

"There are still a few loose ends and small payments, but we are going," Director Peter Wordelman said.

This won't be Wordelman's first trip. He took previous choirs to Eastern Europe in 1998, Ecuador in 2001 and 2004 and now to China in 2007. Combined, that accounts for 140 different students gaining international experience.

"I honestly think this is the best education I can give them," Wordelman said.

Choir member Silas Olson took the fundraising aspect of the trip under his wing.

"I think of myself as the choir accountant," he said with a grin.

Olson, who traveled abroad his junior year, said, "I think it is going to be a great experience for students who haven't gotten to travel. That's part of why I have been so enthusiastic about trying to help the entire choir and putting in the extra work to help keep track of the money and encourage people."

The choir's largest fundraiser was a raffle, with the grand prize being a trip for two to accompany the group to China.

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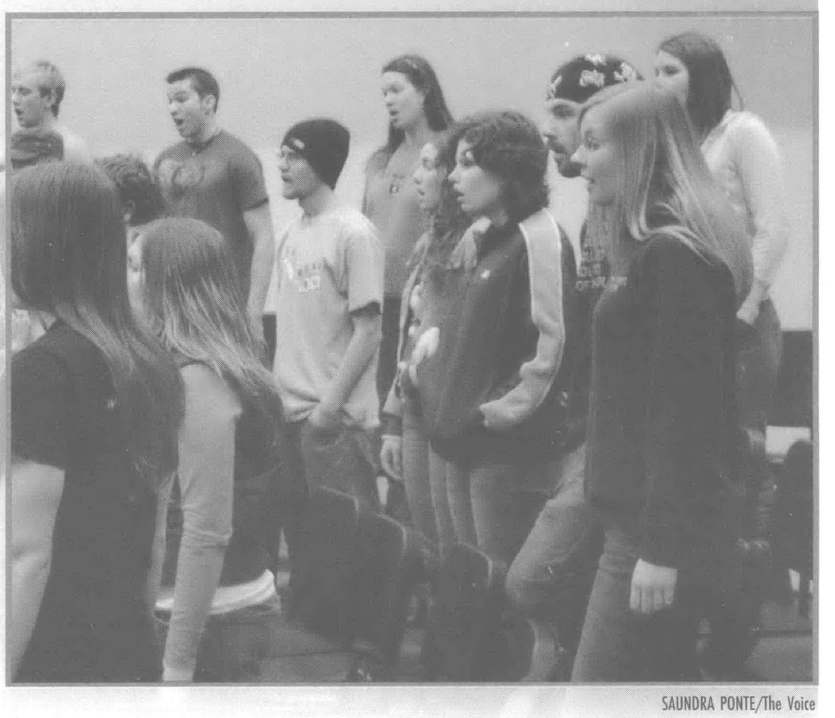

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Members of the EOU Chamber Choir will spend 10 days in China.

Aramark reduces trans fat, switches to new oil

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

Early this winter, Kentucky Fried Chicken announced it would no longer use trans fat oils in their fryers in an attempt to gain more health-concerned customers.

Shortly after KFC's announcement, most of American fast food chains followed the move.

Now, Eastern Oregon University's food provider, Aramark, announced it would also cook with trans-fat free cooking oils.

"I think Aramark's philosophy is to get into more healthy eating habits, so not only are we promoting non-trans fat oil, but we're promoting organic local foods," Real Food on Campus' Head Chef, Mike Morse said. "That's the direction Aramark is headed."

Morse assured that the change in cooking oils would not affect their established cooking practices or the food.

"It'd be healthier," he said.

Before the switch, Aramark was using "Crisco-type oil," Morse said. So, the switch to non trans-fat cooking oils is "definitely going to make a big difference as far as health goes."

According to the International Food Information Council, IFIC, trans fats occur in meats, dairy and hydrogenated vegetable oils,

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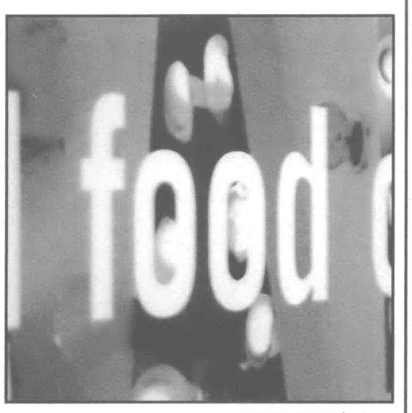

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Aramark supplies all food to EOU.

Slippery sidewalks to blame for student's serious head injury

By Cassandra Smith
Voice Staff Writer

Jeannette Benton, an EOU student, slipped on an icy campus sidewalk and landed with a cracked skull, memory loss, headaches and $40,000 in medical bills.

On January 4, just a few days before the start of winter term, Jeannette and her husband Jim were walking through campus between the library and Hoke.

The couple decided to walk on the grass because the sidewalks were covered in ice.

But in order to continue their route on the grass, the two had to cross an icy patch of sidewalk. Jeannette took one step on the asphalt and fell.

"I'm terrified of ice now," Jeannette said.

Jeannette does not remember much after that, but has been told that she had a seizure, and was taken to the La Grande hospital.

She was then medi-vaced to the Legacy Trauma Center in Portland.

She was in the ICU for two days, and stayed in the hospital for four more.

The doctors explained to Jim that Jeannette had fractured a part of her skull behind her left ear, was bleeding internally, and had air in her skull.

When Jeannette woke up, she found that she couldn't walk, had short-term memory loss, chronic headaches and was sensitive to light and noise.

Concerning her medical bills, Jeannette said, "I hope the school will be fair."

She did receive a phone call from the Risk Manager, and explained that the University seemed "appropriately concerned."

"The doctors told me 'no school,' but I think I can handle it," Jeannette said.

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Looking for love in all the wrong places? Go no further than La Grande

By Holly Arnson
Voice Staff Writer

Looking for something fun to do on Valentine's Day? Many of the businesses and restaurants in La Grande are offering specials for you and your loved one to enjoy.

Ten Depot: This restaurant always does something spectacular for Valentine's Day. Make dinner reservations soon! (963-8766)

Foley Station will have a "Sweetheart Menu" and a special meal that includes salad, a tenderloin and prawn pesto brochette entrée and dessert. The dessert, called Boccone Dolce (sweet mouthful) is made with fruit, meringue, chocolate and whipped cream—and it comes in the shape of a heart. If you are interested, you should make your reservations as soon as possible—they fill up quickly! (963-7473)

Golden Harvest will be serving a prime rib special. (963-3288)

The Cock & Bull is planning to serve prime rib and seafood fettuccine. The fettuccine will have prawns, scallops and halibut, and the meal comes with soup or salad, bread and dessert. (963-0573)

Don's Jewelry: Stop by this business to see how you could have a chance to win one of three prize packages. The Grand Prize is a one-night stay at the Union Hotel that includes dinner and a 1940s themed dance. Second prize is a Gilstrap Winery basket and the third prize is a jewelry-care basket. (962-0646)

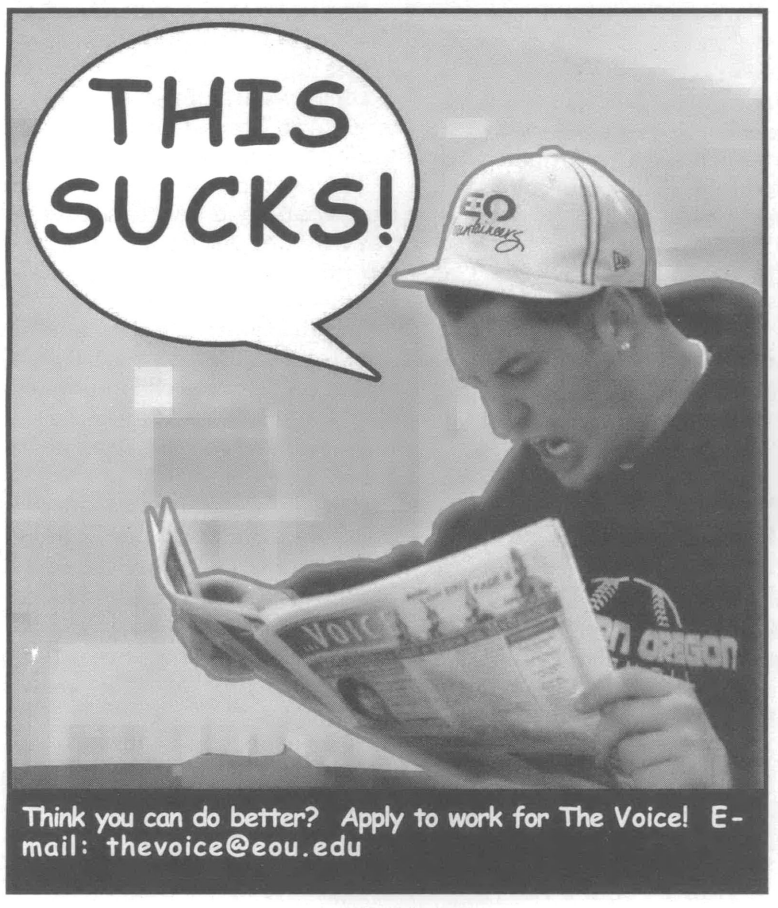
La Grande Gold and Silver will have giveaways over the radio. Tune in to Cool FM 105.9 for a chance to win a heart-shaped pendant. (963-7221)

Other businesses you may want to check out:

Fitzgerald's Flowers (963-2126)

Cherry's Florists (963-7191)

The Sweet Stop (located on the corner of Adams and Willow, across from Safeway).



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that is, they are turned into a semi-solid.

Trans fatty acids, known as "trans fats," are solid at room temperature, like lard, margarine or butter, and are high on saturated fats, which are a leading cause in coronary heart disease.

Non-trans fat oils, such as soybean, corn and sunflower are liquid at room temperature and low in saturated fats, which, according to some health experts, is healthier.

Counting calories?

Apart from changing to healthier cooking oils, Aramark now provides students with the nutritional information.

"That's the big thing in college food services," said Morse. "The kids want to know what their eating."

"A lot of what they've been asking for is nutritional values," said Morse.

This past Christmas break he published a website which shows students the calories, fat content and other nutritional values of the daily featured entrees in the menu for both RFoC and Mac's Grille.

Students can see all of the nutritional values for the featured dish on the menu at www.eou.campusdish.com.



SARA SAWATZKI/THE VOICE
Trans-fat free food is now being served at Mac's Grill.

News from the Cornerstones of Learning

By Anne Spurrier
Cornerstone Program

February is a month of multi-cultural celebration at EOU. We welcome both the events of Black History Month as well as the 20th Anniversary of the International Dinner and Show!

Black History Month will consist of a series of brown bag discussions on Wednesdays at noon in the Multi-Cultural Center, a Friday Film series in Hoke Main Lounge from 1-3, classroom presentations and lectures. Please see signs around campus for more information, or go to www.eou.edu/corner and click on the link to Black History Month activities.

Celebrate a unique multi-cultural event—the 20th Anniversary of the International Dinner and Show! Please join your compañeras/os to celebrate this wonderful tradition. Students from around the world will create a wonderful meal and an entertaining show filled with music and dance!

Please contact the Cornerstones of Learning with any questions about these or any other events or/and volunteer opportunities—962-3308 or email corner@eou.edu.

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Students head up to the slopes for weekend fun

By Cassandra Smith
Voice Staff Writer

EOU students flock to Anthony Lakes for good snow, cheap lift-tickets and non-crowded runs.

Anthony Lakes, a ski hill not 40 minutes from campus, lures skiers and snowboarders seeking a chance to get out and do what they do.

Because of the accessibility, many students spend their weekends flying through powder.

Freshmen snowboarders Courtney Gaskall and Veronica Wigg say that they make the drive to Anthony just about every weekend.

"We like it up there," they said.

The girls also explained that Anthony had a lot to offer even though it is a small facility.

"The ski lifts aren't crowded; you can get right on and head up," Wigg said.

"The snow is good too," Gaskall said. "It's powder, not all icy like Bogus (Boise, Idaho)."

The girls also explained that there are quite a few runs, even though there is only one lift. Skiers and Snowboarders have many options to get down the mountain.

"Sometimes, we make our own runs," Gaskall said.

Thursday afternoons are popular for students who are low on cash. After 1 p.m., students can head up to Anthony and spend only $15.50 on a lift-ticket.

Regular prices for a day session are $31 with a valid school I.D., and $35 without.

If you aren't a snowboarder, but would still like to see what Anthony has to offer, there's no need to feel inadequate.

First time boarder Molly Sumpter said that she had a great time and would definitely go again.

"It was scary at first, and it took me an hour to get down the first run," she said, "but I got better and better every run I went down."

"That's the great thing about snowboarding," Gaskell said, "Everybody starts at the same level, and you can only get better."

INTACT offers a class that teaches skiing and snowboarding. The class goes up to Anthony every weekend.

Anthony Lakes is open Thurs. through Sun., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children, students and seniors receive special discounted prices. There are also special rates for groups larger than 10.

Adult skis cost $22 to rent, and $33 to rent a snowboard.

Anthony Lakes will be open during spring break, March 22 to April 1, including half prices on March 26 to 30.

If you would like to learn more about Anthony Lakes, visit their website at www.anthonylakes.com, or call (541) 856-3277.



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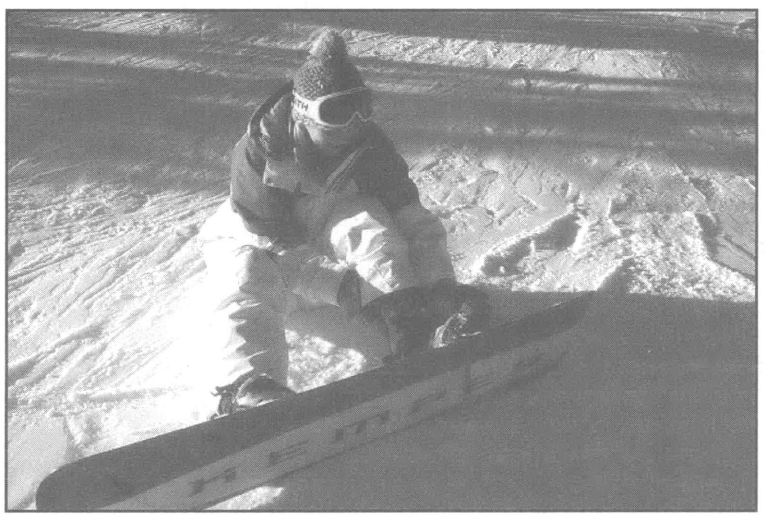
Freshman Courtney Gaskall gets ready to go down the mountain.



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Molly Sumpter straps on her board for the first time.

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The choir sold over 1,800 hundred tickets at $20 each, earning $36,000.

The group also relied on donations.

"We wanted to get the word out to family members and talk to friends," said Olson. "A lot of people from the choir aren't from this area so we really have a wide network of people we can talk to."

The choir pooled money from various concerts, including their most recent, "A Pop Music Celebration."

They also performed various concerts around the community.

Now with fundraising out of the way, the group can look forward to what lies ahead, but first they still have a lot of music to learn.

"We have been in fundraising mode for so long that we have been talking about the need to buckle down," Olson said. "This is a big tour we have worked hard for and we don't want to go unprepared."

"We are in a really cool period of time in our choir right now because we all know that we are going to china and we want to represent Eastern Oregon the best that we can," choir member Tanner Denne said. "We are all in this overdrive mode to get everything done really well. It's nice to feel that sense of drive and aspiration everyday."

"More than anything I am just looking forward to seeing what it is all about over there and gaining the cultural experience," he added.

Sixty-four individuals will make the trip to the Great Wall, including 43 students, four faculty members and 16 community members.

They depart March 22 and will return to Oregon on April 3.

The community members have a slightly different schedule. They will often be touring when the choir is rehearsing, but the students will have plenty of time to tour as well.

The group has four destinations in sight—Shanghai, Lijiang, Guilin and Bejing.

Its first performance will be with the Shanghai Philharmonic Women's Chorus. They look forward to meeting with other local musicians along the trip, exchanging music and culture.

The group will also tour the Chinese countryside, travel to the Yu Gardens, learn about the Naxi culture, take a tram up the Yao Mountain, visit the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, as well as take the much anticipated trip to the Great Wall.

"I think that China is a very unique country right now as they are sort of coming to the forefront of world leadership," Olson said. "I just look forward to knowing that I am going to visit a country and get a glimpse of what it used to be like before everything changes."

"The hope is that if they can have guidance in visiting another country in a safe environment, then later on it may set up something else with more of a global vision that they didn't have before," Wordelman said. "We've created a lot of possibilities, but the exact experience remains to be seen."

Gina Ochsner to do Ars Poetica reading

By David Axelrod
EOU English Professor

Celebrated short story writer and two-time Oregon Book Award winner Gina Ochsner, of Keizer, is the next featured presenter for the Ars Poetica Reading Series at Eastern Oregon University.

Oschner's reading will be held in the Pierce Library Reference Room at EOU Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and donations will be accepted. Copies of Ochsner's books will also be available for purchase after the reading.

Ochsner is an acclaimed author whose work has been featured in "The New Yorker" and "The Best American Nonrequired Reading." She has won more than 20 awards for her writing including the Flannery O'Connor Award, the Oregon Book Award and the PNBA Book Award. The stories in her new collection, "People I Wanted to Be," are simultaneously fresh and mythical, displaying her rare talent for showing how to find warmth and solace in the face of trying times.

Ochsner's tales are rich with culture and beauty but are filled with cold temperatures and temperaments. She takes the reader from the Republic of Karelia and Prague to Siberia to her home state of Oregon. Her stories are filled with unusual individuals who find themselves in strange circumstances, but their universal yearnings will be familiar to all.

The characters in, "People I Wanted to Be," are either looking for something they don't have or trying to make their lives better. These illuminating stories suggest that transformation and small miracles are more probable that one might think.

"I think I've always secretly wanted to be an anthropologist," Ochsner says of her work. "I am endlessly fascinated by people. And for some reason I am particularly intrigued by people who are from or have lived in Eastern Europe. There's an enclave of Russian immigrants, Molokans and Old Believers, who live near the town where I grew up. As a girl, I observed them from afar and found their customs — their style of dress, for instance — and the secrecy that surrounded their faith and traditions, mysterious. And these people, from what little I knew and could observe, seemed nothing like the communists we heard about on TV, the villains we learned about as children. So I think the disparity sparked my interest. After graduating from a small Quaker college, I moved to Ames, Iowa, where I worked at a Brazilian café. The atmosphere — the thick ceiling of cigarette smoke, the nonstop soccer matches on huge TVs, the salsa dancing — attracted a large group of international students and visitors who were in Ames studying at Iowa State's famous meat labs. Many of them were from Russia and the Ukraine. I would listen to them and the sound of those Slavic languages, which seemed to me so rich, so beautiful, and I decided to try to learn Russian. Mercifully, three F's in Russian did not dampen my interest in all things Slavic, though I was prohibited from enrolling in Russian 101 in the future."

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Although Jeannette will continue with school, the English major dropped all of her courses except for her capstone.

"The faculty and the disability office have been wonderfully supportive," Jeannette said.

Although Jeannette is recovering well, she still doesn't feel like herself.

"I really am limited," she said, "which is frustrating for someone who is usually very independent."

Jeannette also wanted to say 'thank you' for all the support and well-wishes that the students have given her. "I'm having trouble remembering names, so I'm sorry if I did not remember yours!"

International student association celebrates 20 years at EOU

By Laura Hancock
EOU University Advancement

When a community comes together to celebrate diverse cultures in an evening rich with traditional song, dance and international cuisine, it is sure to be none other than the International Dinner and Show.

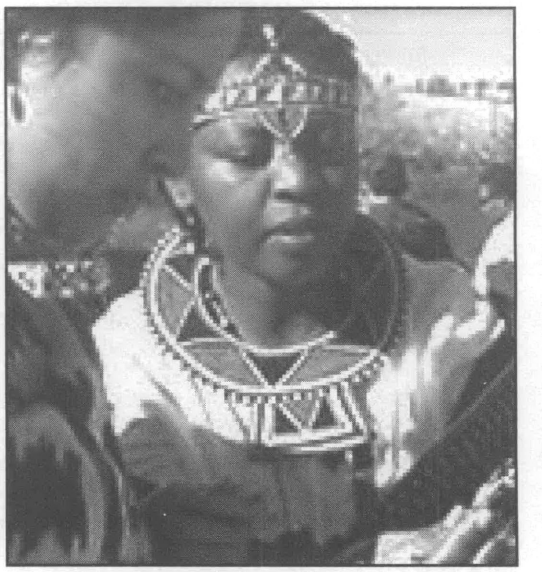
Presented by members of the International Student Association, there is even more to look forward to this year at the annual International Dinner and Show on Feb. 17 as the club celebrates its 20th anniversary. Dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. in the Hoke Dining Hall and the show starts at 7 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.

"We really want to make it unique this year," Doctor Ayeliya said, ISA president. "One person from each country represented on campus is participating. We want to reach out to the community by sharing the best of each culture, but we want to show that we are also all one people," he said.

The students will share their culture through language, dance, food, clothing and crafts. At the dinner a recipe book full of favorite international dishes will be available for purchase. Japanese appetizers, Iranian, Argentinean, Mongolian, Somalian and American main dishes are all on the menu. Try a Mexican fiesta salad or fried bananas, a favorite in Palau, and a Chinese pudding for dessert. A total of 15 different dishes will be prepared and served by the students.

"We are here because of education and this is our way to give something back," Ayeliya said.

There are approximately 90 international students from 31 different countries currently attending EOU. Ayeliya, a junior this year, is from Ghana.



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Visiters learn about other cultures.

During the performance portion of the event students will present a fashion show, song and dance numbers and skits. The national anthems of each student's country will be played as they display their flags.

During intermission in the Loso Hall lobby take a few minutes and learn what phrases mean in another language with students who will be on hand to provide translations. A special audience participation event has also been planned immediately following the show.

Tickets for the event go on sale in early Feb. and will be available at the EOU Bookstore, Sunflower Books or by e-mailing the ISA office at isa@eou.edu. Tickets for the dinner or the show may be purchased separately at $7 for the dinner, $5 for the show. Tickets to both are $10. EOU students pay $5 for the dinner, $3 for the show or $6 for both. For more information visit www.eou.edu/isa.



FILE PHOTO/The Voice
Last year, students participated in an international fashion show.

"Declare Yourself" event to be held Monday Feb.19

By Joella DeVillier
Academic Advicing Coordinator

The College of Arts and Sciences and the Career Services Office are sponsoring a "Declare Yourself" day on Monday February 19th, 2007 from 11-4 in the Loso Lobby. This event will showcase the majors and minors available at EOU. This day is designed for students who have not yet decided upon a major and/or minor, or for students who have decided but not yet declared. Students will have the opportunity to visit with faculty and upper-division students in each major/minor. This is a great opportunity for to ask questions and gather checksheets and other materials for various programs. Academic advisors from the College of Arts and Sciences will also be on hand to answer questions and to complete the necessary paperwork to declare majors and minors. Students may drop by anytime between the hours of 11-4. "Declare Yourself" tables will also be set up in the Badgley Hall foyer and in Mac's Grill in Hoke.

The week prior to "Declare Yourself" Day will include some special events. On Wednesday February 14th, join faculty, students, and career services staff for a lunch discussion about majors and careers. Come by Hoke Main lounge anytime between 12-1:30. The following evening, February 15th, the EOU community is invited to a "major office party" in Hunt Hall lounge at 8:00 pm. The TV show "Office" will be shown and a discussion about majors, work, and careers will follow, led by Danny Aynes, Career Services Director. Snacks will be served.

Why all the focus on declaring a major? Students know the cost of a college education is rising rapidly, so it is in their best interest to complete a degree program as efficiently as possible. Most students spend some time exploring majors, and that is fine. In fact, it is part of what college is about. This is a time to learn about new areas of study and discover interests in academic fields, while working on General Education requirements. However, the time does come when it is important to focus on an academic direction and choose a major. Generally, it is best to declare a major by at least the sophomore year. Students who wait to declare a major until their junior year often fall behind, and may have difficulty fitting in the needed classes in order to graduate.

Many students decide to work on a minor or multiple minors, in addition to the major. Minors will show up on the EOU transcript (once the proper paperwork is filed with the Registrar's Office). This additional area of expertise can be a "plus" in today's competitive job market. It is also possible to complete double majors, or to earn two Bachelor's degrees from EOU. The Arts and Sciences advisors at "Declare Yourself" Day will be glad to answer any questions about majors/additional majors/minors/required forms/etc. Each student's academic advisor is also a great source of information.

For students who do not yet have an academic major declared, or those who may wish to add a major or minor, these "Declare Yourself" activities can help to provide direction. If you have questions about the events, please contact the Arts and Sciences Advising Coordinators: Joella DeVillier, 962-3060, Sam Eggert, 962-3119, or Kimberly Johnson, 962-3070.

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For more information, contact BMCC in La Grande at 663-1378.

What is ASEOU student government doing for you?

By Nick Romriell
V.P. For Campuse Affairs

ASEOU has been working hard Winter Term and all year on many important issues that affect our campus and students. We express our hope that we can continue to help the student body by providing assistance, answers and leadership wherever needed.

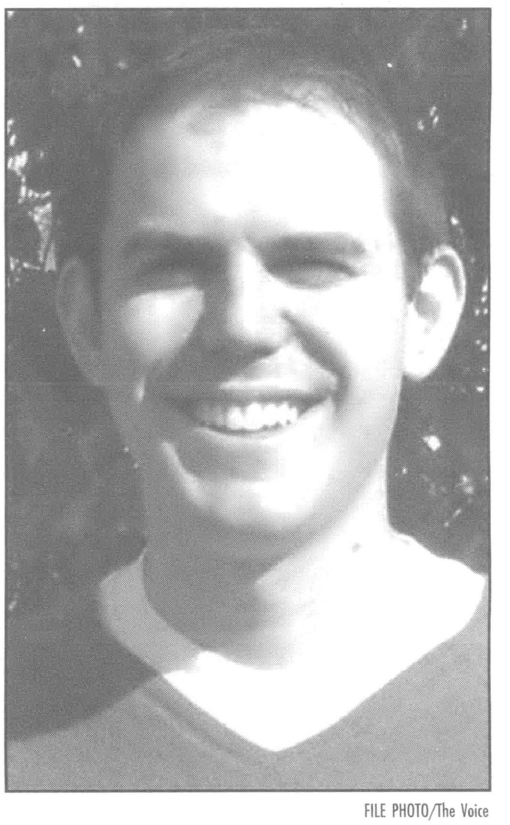
This quarter we are continuing with our yearly goals. They include childcare, diversity, sexual harassment awareness, and the $tudent$ Count campaign, which is focused on the Hoke Renovation, a Tuition Plateau, and Shared Governance.

ASEOU/Student Affairs Forums target many of these specific issues. All students are welcome to come to these forums. They are geared toward informing students on policies, procedures, and ideas related to important campus issues. They give students an opportunity to let their voices be heard.

Our next meeting is on Feb. 28, 2007. The topic is diversity. This is a chance to collaborate with other students to promote diversity on campus. Upcoming include Myspace and Facebook, the Student Fee Committee, and the Hoke Renovation. We encourage your participation and input on these important issues.

Right now ASEOU is getting ready for Rally Day at the Capitol in Salem. The event is sponsored by The Oregon Student Association (OSA), "a coalition of student governments dedicated to the representation, service, and protection of post-secondary education." Sadie Isley and Shakira Bandolin are working on these events. The big day is Feb. 22, and all students are invited to participate! A Day of Action will also take place on campus before Rally Day on Feb. 15 in Mac's Grill from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to show your support to the Oregon post-secondary education system by taking an active role on campus and in Salem.

The theme on our campus and in Salem this legislative year is, "Recipe for a Stronger Oregon." This theme is based on 4 main goals including: (1) Tuition and Funding, which will keep tuition increases low and supply more adequate funding for Oregon schools. (2) The Oregon Opportunity Grant and the Shared Responsibility Model, which will allow students to work their way through college again, without getting into debt. (3) The A.S.P.I.R.E.



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Nick Romriell

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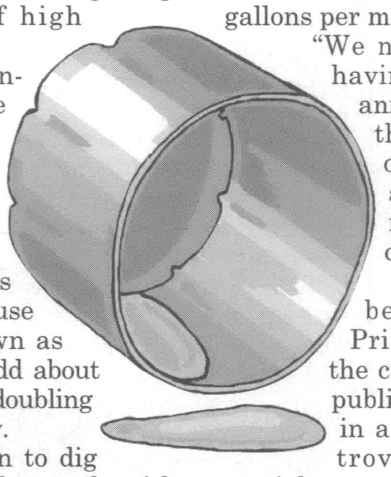
Prineville running out of drinking water

Associated Press--The city is in danger of running out of drinking water after new wells failed, officials say.

Prineville currently has eight working wells that are almost at capacity for the daily water needs of residents, said Assistant City Manager Jerry Gillham.

Consultants for the city dug three wells last year at a cost of about $970,000. Two of the wells did not produce any water. A third at the Crook County Fairgrounds brought up some water that was not of high enough quality, Gillham said.



"We have the potential of running out of water," he said. "The peak demand or maximum day consumption almost puts us at what we can provide, and that's without new growth, that's just existing population."

Bend-based developer Brooks Resources is planning a mixed-use development in Prineville known as IronHorse that will eventually add about 2,900 homes to the city, almost doubling Prineville's overall housing supply.

The city is working on a plan to dig two new wells and figure out what to do with the three failed ones. Officials are also exploring the possibility of legal action to recover the funds.

Prineville originally contracted with Boart Longyear, which has its headquarters in Salt Lake City, in October 2005 to drill four wells at a cost of $1 million, according to a city news release. A geologist on the project, John Sprecher, later resigned over the failure to find water, the release said.

Gillham and City Manager Robb Corbett said they do not want to discuss the specific problems with how the wells were drilled because of possible litigation. But Gillham said that the usual procedure is for a hydrogeologist to examine an area for water potential and then dig a test well that is smaller in diameter than a regular well.

The city's working wells each provide between 220 and 550 gallons of water per minute, Gillham said. The two new wells combined would hopefully produce about 1,500 gallons per minute.

"We need to get over the hump of having enough water to ease that anxiety," he said. "We also know that we have new development on the horizon and it's not going away anytime soon, and we need to continue building the capacity for that as well."

The wells project occurred before Gillham arrived in Prineville last September. Since the city eliminated the position of a public works director two weeks ago in a move that has generated controversy, Gillham has assumed oversight over all public works projects.

The city hired a new team of water consultants and engineers from two companies, Portland-based Groundwater Solutions and CH2M Hill, founded in Corvallis but now based in the Denver area. They will begin examining sites and doing tests for the two new wells.

Once the wells are approved, it should cost around $400,000 each to dig them and the wells would be completed by July, Gillham said.

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Program (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone), a mentor based program that is designed to equip high school students with the proper "tools to reach a post-secondary education", and (4) Tuition Equity, which will "allow access to in-state tuition rates for all qualified Oregon high school graduates" (OSA Outlook). Combined, these programs will strengthen Oregon's post-secondary education for students significantly.

The Senate Allocations Committee has allocated over $10,000 this school year to various clubs for lectures, travel, and activities. These allocations have helped fund the Native American Heritage Month last November, Dr. Jill Hooley, Psychology Professor at Harvard University, and the International Student Association 20th Anniversary Dinner and Show, just to name a few. If you missed our first hearing this quarter and need some extra funding, there will be another hearing on March 1. Stop by Hoke 312 or 313 to talk with Nick Romriell about a proposal for your club.

On Feb. 21, Student Government will be hosting a brown bag discussion for Black History Month in the MSC in Hoke from 12 -1 p.m. The discussion is sponsored by the Cornerstones Program and will be focused on the key role that government has played in Black History.

Charles Martin has been putting most of his time into leading the SFC. This committee manages the incidental fee of $205 per term that each student pays. The committee is ready to hold their most important meeting and decisions about the upcoming allocations to all SFC groups will be decided shortly.

We invite all students to come to Senate Meetings on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. on the second floor of Hoke to find out the latest regarding campus issues. This is a chance for any student to be heard on these and other issues.

We want to thank all the students who take time out of their busy schedules to serve in clubs, organizations, committees, and elsewhere to make EOU a better campus. We invite every student to take part in a good cause on campus, whatever that may be. If you don't know where to start, come by and talk with us.

We have been working hard all year to advocate for students, and we will continue to do so. Keep in mind that this is not all we do, nor is this all we will be doing. We call on all students, clubs, committees and organizations to contribute to a better EOU campus and a better Oregon. We encourage all to come to us with suggestions, questions, concerns or a desire to be more involved.

THE BUZZ

at Pierce Library

Reading by Gina Ochsner

February 8, 7:30—8:30 pm, Reading Room

Gina Ochsner's stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, *Kenyon Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, and many other magazines, and have received awards such as the Raymond Carver Prize and the Chelsea Award for Short Fiction. Her first collection, *The Necessary Grace to Fall*, won the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction. It also won the Oregon Book Award for Short Fiction and the PNBA Book Award for short stories and was an *Austin Chronicle* Top Ten Pick.

Professors: If you plan to encourage class attendance, please let us know so adequate seating can be arranged.

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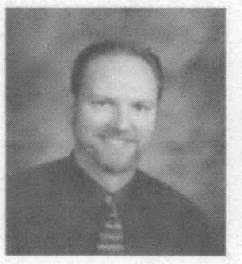
That's the Buzz! See you soon!



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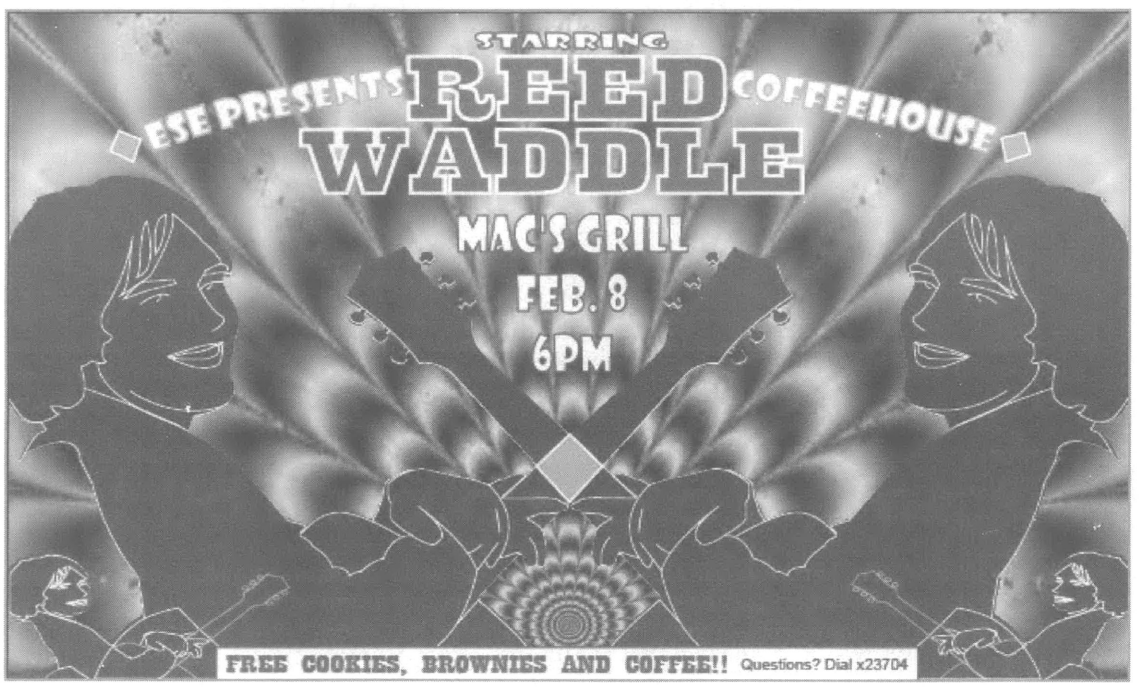

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(Answers on page 10)

1."I don't know how to put this, but I'm kind of a big deal." (2004)

2. "I just stole fifty cars in one night." (2000)

3. "Marvin Gaye is responsible for our entire relationship." (2000)

4. "You never forget kids like Emily, or Andy, but they forget you." (1999)

5. "I'm the king of the world!" (1997)

6. "I live my life a quarter mile at a time." (2001)

7. "There is a bomb on your bus." (1994)

8. "Oh, we have 12 vacancies. 12 cabins, 12 vacancies." (1960)

9. "I hate people, but I love gatherings. Isn't that ironic." (1994)

10."You take someone to the airport, it's clearly the beginning of the relationship." (1989)

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"Clutch" onto this local treat

By Pamela Hagenah
Guest Writer

Sons of Guns have done it! They are proud to announce the release of their debut album, "Clutch."

In celebration of the CD release, Sons of Guns will give everyone an opportunity to win free CD's, T-shirts, tickets, and other prizes. Participants can win more than $200 worth of prizes during halftime at the EOU basketball game on Fri. Feb. 16.

The contest, or "Show Down," will be similar to the game show, "Deal or no Deal," on NBC. Participants must go to the EOU basketball game to learn how to play and be part of the event. Papa Murphy's Morning Show with Bobby Dees Q98 will also conduct a contest.

In addition, Benchwarmers, Longbranch and The Rock are also offering complimenting services and products to individuals that go to the CD release. The band will be present at these locations after the concert to continue the celebration and give thanks to supporters.

Sons of Guns members are Mike Surber (Guitar, Vocals) from Baker City, Luke McKern (Drums) from Hood River, Greg Rawlins (Guitar, Vocals) from Port Orchard, Wash., and E.J. Sander (Bass) from Seattle. Sons of Guns formed a few years ago as friends, but music brought them closer together to persevere in life through sounds and words.

At 22, Surber met Rawlins and the two began to collaborate artistically.

Surber and Rawlins later moved to Seattle and met Sander. Later, McKern (formerly of String Helix) joined the band to complete the lineup.

The group has found its calling and would love to live by the way they know how: through song.

The sound that Sons of Guns projects is made up of two parts: one part organic rock, one part pop, with a hint of folk and a few diced beatniks.

The band's music is comprised under the influences of



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Members of Sons of Guns performing.

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The art of miscommunication in "Babel"

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

Set in Morocco, Calif., Mexico and Japan, this movie tells the intertwined tale about how language may be the only thing that doesn't connect us.

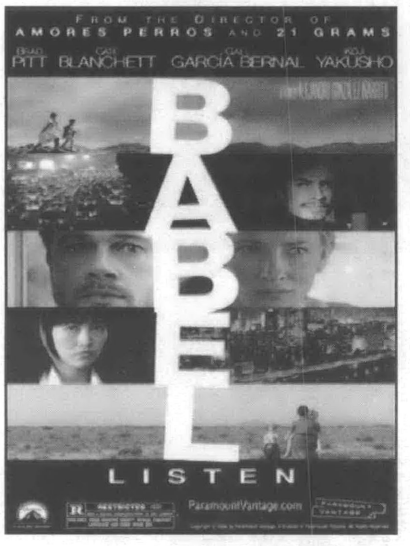
The story revolves mainly around Richard and Susan (Pitt & Blanchet), a married couple from California who is vacationing in Morocco. The tension between them is high as they struggle to save their marriage.

As Richard and Susan continues on their bus tour of Morocco, two young Moroccan boys, Yussef and Ahmed (Boubker Ait El Caid and Said Tarchani), are wandering through the mountains searching for jackals with their new rifle.

In an attempt to prove who is the better shot, the younger brother, Yussef, and older brother Ahmed, take turns shooting at a bus off in the distance and down from the mountain they are on.

And then Yussef hits the bus, accidentally shooting Susan as she is resting.

What happens next is a tale of how quickly things can get distorted out of proportion. The shooting is quickly labeled as being done by a terrorist organization, when, in fact, it was an accidental shooting by two little boys.



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Babel is nominated for seven Academy Awards.

Susan and Richard begin their own adventure to save her life, while struggling with the road blocks from their own embassy.

Meanwhile, back in California, Richard and Susan's two young kids are left in the custody of their longtime nanny, Amelia.

Suddenly, her employers are stuck in another country while Amelia (Adriana Barraza), a Mexican immigrant, is supposed to be attending her son's wedding across the border.

Since she can't find anyone else to take care of the kids while she's gone she is forced to take them across the border with her.

The fourth part of the story involves a young deaf-mute Japanese girl, Chieko (played by Rinko Kikuchi) as she struggles to communicate with the rest of the world and come to terms with her sexuality.

While the acting in the movie is superb, even with newcomers Caid and Tarchani, the connection between stories seems a little bit forced at times. While each story is separately an incredible tale, together it seems a bit contrived. However, that being said, the movie deals with very important themes and is beautifully shot.

Director Alejandro Gonzales Inarritu (21 Grams, Amores Perros) use of intertwined plot lines is powerful, even with it's flaws.

While all the stories are tragic in their own way, the thing that truly binds them together is how much things can get lost in translation, and the confusion that can turn an accident into something as grave as a terrorist attack.

Nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Director and Best Supporting Actress for both Barraza and Kikuchi, this movie is definitely worth watching.

Movie Review: Bable (2006)

Voice Rating: ★★★½

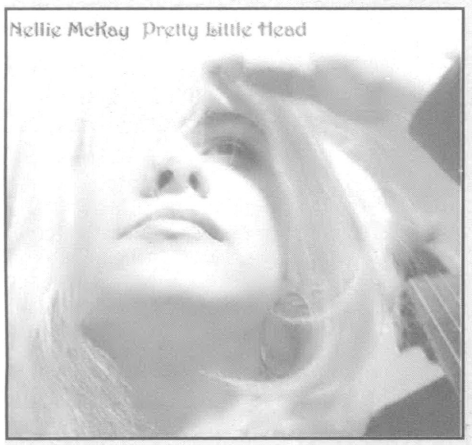
Directed by: Alejandro Gonzales Inarritu
Cast: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza and Rinko Kikuchi
Rated: R

Summary: Four intertwined stories bind this story of language barries and miscommunication between borders.

Pretty Big Album review

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice A&E Editor

Back in 2004, Nellie McKay released her first album, "Get Away From Me," on Columbia/Sony Records. McKay plays piano with styles ranging from jazz to hip-hop and draws comparisons to Doris Day and Eminem. In 2005, McKay announced her departure from Columbia/Sony after a dispute fell through about her upcoming sophomore LP, "Pretty Little Head."



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Nellie McKay's new album.

Columbia wanted just a 16-track album that ran 48 minutes. Instead, McKay wanted a two-disc album of 23 songs with a run time of 65 minutes. This delayed the release of the album. Then in late 2006, the long awaited "Pretty Little Head," was finally released on McKay's own label, Hungry Mouse, in its original intended format including a 44-page booklet of photos and lyrics. "Pretty Little Head" could take a while to get used to, but it does show promise for both current fans and new listeners of Nellie McKay.

Produced entirely by McKay herself, one thing to notice on "Pretty Little Head" is the songwriting. It's not a bad thing. It's actually a really good album. But it is certainly different from "Get Away From Me" as McKay takes a small step away from her jazz roots, and into some Latin and funky grooves, best heard on the tracks "Pink Chandelier" and "I will be there."

McKay presents some more versatility on the second half of "Pretty Little Head." The opener on Disc 2, "Real Life," is a piano-rock tune filled with electric guitars and drum crashes. "Lali Est Paresseux" is heavy on the organ and synthesizers, and is sung entirely in French.

On "Food," the song opens with a dissonant piano fill descending into what eventually becomes a happy upbeat song about looking for food in a house. After a piano break, the song slows down and drags a bit as McKay concludes the song singing, "Well now we're feeling full in the house tonight/feeling full in the house tonight/Oh yeah we're feeling full in the house tonight/we're going to go to sleep in the house tonight/go to sleep in the house tonight." The song is reminiscent of "Ding Dong," one of the finer tracks on "Get Away From Me." After an instrumental break, the song slows down and wobbles around a bit as a drunk person would while McKay, softly and sadly, talks about her dead cat over a bottle of gin.

Guest appearances on "Pretty Little Head" include Cyndi Lauper and K.D. Lang. On "Beecharmer," Lauper's high-pitched childlike voice blends together very well with McKay's own. As in the song, the two seem to get on well with each other. One photo in the CD shows the two goofing off together in the studio.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Nellie McKay is following up her first album, "Get Away From Me" released in 2004

Of the 23 songs on the album, seven don't last longer than two minutes. On the track "Pounce," the song spans a mere fifty-six seconds. McKay meows like a cat, and even in tone later in the song. It's a poppy jingle about pouncing like a cat at someone you like. The song acts as a B-side rather than an actual track, and is completely unnecessary on the album, but is still a fun one to listen to.

The album ends with "Old Enough," a song about a person who finally grows up and is accepting to everything that comes their way. "Never thought I'd live to be old enough," are the last words sung by McKay.

It was probably good decision made by McKay to part ways with Sony. "Pretty Little Head" would have been seven songs short. The new album offers a little of everything on "Get Away From Me" and so much more. "Pretty Little Head" may take some time to get used to, but like the release date, it will be worth the wait.



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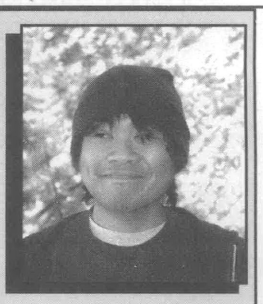

Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

If there is one music event to attend to this year, then it should be The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

Held in Indio, Calif., Coachella will be extended to a three-day event this year. This will be the first of its kind since the first Coachella in 1999.

Coachella has been known to feature reunited acts such as the Pixies, Jane's Addiction, and Iggy Pop and the Stooges.

This year is no different.

Rumors came and went as to who will be on the lineup for this year, and for some time now it's been confirmed.

Rage Against the Machine will be headlining this years Coachella.

After disbanding in 2000, Rage will be reuniting, ending the festival on its last night on April 29. (I've heard and read several different things on reasons for this reunion, but instead I'll just say, if I do go to Coachella this year, I'll let you know. If anything, you'll probably hear something about it after the show is done with).

Forming in 1991, Rage Against the Machine merged together an entirely new style of rock and hip-hop. With metal and funk influenced guitars, and in-your-face political messages, Rage Against the Machine gained millions of loyal followers worldwide.

Rage guitarist, Tom Morello, took a whole new approach to playing his instrument by combining guitar feedback along with effects such as delays, distortion and harmonizers.

A friend of mine told me that Morello once played with a wrench instead of a pick on his guitar. Insane.

From every live set I've seen Rage on (only on DVD), with other members – vocalist, Zach de la Rocha, bassist, Tim Commerford and drummer Brad Wilk – you can tell they're passionate about their music and hold strong in all their beliefs.

And they're really angry too.

You can hear it on their albums as well. Just take a listen to the ending of "Killing in the Name" or "Bullet in your Head." It's very powerful stuff.

It recently came to my attention by a friend of mine that the Rage song, "No Shelter," is not featured on any Rage Against the Machine studio album, but only as a single and on the "Godzilla" soundtrack.

It's a brilliantly written song about subliminal advertising in films. To be able to witness this song in a live performance - in person, not on television – would definitely be a life experience. It would be like purchasing tickets to a Wizard's game during the 2002-2003 season just to watch Michael Jordan play one last time.

If Rage Against the Machine is not a good enough reason to go to Coachella, there's three whole days of other bands to watch. Others include: Manu Chao, Paul Van Dyke, Ghostface Killah, Stephen Marley featuring Jr. Gong, the Arctic Monkeys, Bjork, the New Pornographers, Rufus Wainwright, Regina Spektor, the Decemberists, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and the list goes on and on and on.

Does anyone feel like going to Coachella now? Yeah, I thought so.

Meet "Fefu and Her Friends"

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

The EOU Theatre Department's upcoming production will be the drama, "Fefu and Her Friends" by Cuban playwright Maria Irene Fornes.

Directed by EOU professor Ken Bush, the play will feature an eight-member, all female cast comprised of current EOU students and an alumnus.

"Fefu and Her Friends" takes place during the spring of 1935 in New England. The story revolves around Stephany Beckmann, who is referred to as Fefu throughout the entire play, including seven of her friends, whom she invited all over to her home. It takes place in a span of a day, from morning to evening, in three different acts. The women have gathered for the day at Fefu's house to prepare a group talk in the evening on various subjects. But as the story progresses, small groups have formed among the eight women and different topics arise such as married life and gender roles. Looks can be deceiving as we find out later in the play not everything seems as they appear to be.

The show will open on Thurs. Feb. 8 and play until Feb. 10, and will continue the following week on Feb. 15 through 17.

Tickets are $8 for general admission and $6 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the EOU Box Office by calling (541) 962-3757 and must be purchased in advance.



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Rebbecca Heihn and Genevieve Ehart star in "Fefu."

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classic rock (Zeppelin, Pink Floyd), folk (Hank Williams Sr., Bob Dylan) and the alternative sounds of bands such as Modest Mouse and the Pixies.

Some are drawn to the poignant poetry and all to the unique yet focused musical style.

Sons of Guns have performed in many prominent regional venues such as the Seahawks Stadium, and Chop Suey. Just recently Sons of Guns played at the Crocodile Café and was very well received.

A CD release party will be held on Sat. Feb. 17 at The Gadfly on 117 Elm St.

Their album will be available at www.sonsofgunsmusic.com, www.myspace.com/sonsofguns and also at several local record stores.

Horror-Scope

Aries: Keep laughing, you're broke as a joke. Not now, but soon anyways.

Taurus: You might get distracted today dear Taurus, but keep in check, and you'll get through.

Gemini: The planetary alignment shows that you need to balance time between work and friends.

Cancer: Instead of buying a new car, just get five pairs of new shoes. It's cheaper and it'll look fly with the new pants you just got

Leo: Look forward to a superb weekend with a significant other.

Virgo: It is Beer 30. Where the homies at?

Libra: Wake up, wake up. It is after the first of the month.

Scorpio: Nothing but great things are in store for you. Keep doing what you're doing.

Sagittarius: It is never a good idea to make Tuna sandwiches with bagels.

Capricorn: Don't spend time with Leo this weekend. You'll wake up with a hangover.

Aquarius: If you buy more CD's than there are days in this month, then you do have a problem, Aquarius.

Pisces: Remember this dear Pisces: A woman's heart is a deep ocean of secrets. Yeah, it's a pretty scary thing.

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Opinion & Editorials



Say-WHAT-zki?

Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

It's 6 a.m. and I am up in my office at work.

Why, you might ask? Well here's the deal: I've recently heard several things about the paper I didn't like.

The first being that the paper was a "joke," one of many at EOU. And the second being that someone told me that someone they knew said that the high school newspaper was better than ours.

That's not to say that we don't get compliments, we do. A lot. It's just that when we get criticism it sticks out more to me because I like to think I work really hard for this organization.

Here's the deal though: I'm only hearing these things through the grape vine. No one has come up to me and said this or submitted a letter to us telling us how they feel. So I'm here to tell you all to step up to the plate. I'd like to hear from you so that we can have a chance to defend our paper instead of you just talking about us to our backs.

How can we consider changing what you see wrong if we don't know what it is you dislike about us?

It's hard for me to figure out what more I could do when I already work around 20 hours each pay period that I don't get paid for because it's not in our budget.

I shouldn't complain though because I am employed and have a relatively stead flow of paychecks coming in that I can live off of. But sometimes I just want to show people how it is—just how much work goes into putting together a publication like this. Because I think if they knew the amount of work that our staff put into putting together this paper their view would be a little different.

It's strange though, because it seems like all the complaints are coming from within the university. And all the compliments are coming from the community. Is it just that people on this campus like to complain about other people and organizations?

What happened to supporting each other within a university?

Everyone is at everyone else's throats these days.

I wish that for once people would just stop focusing on the bad stuff and the stuff they don't want, and focus more on the good stuff that they do want.

That, to me, seems way more constructive.

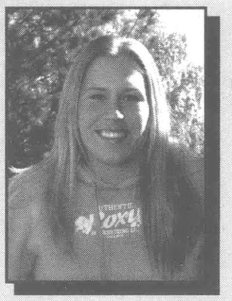
How can we change anything if everyone is just arguing with each other? Discussion and negotiation are what will bring people together. Because when you sit down and have a civil conversation (which, it seems, is hard for a lot of people) you begin to work things out organically.

And that's what this university needs to do. I think we should all get together and tell each other how we feel about what is everyone doing (or not doing). I would love to hear from more people so I can try and fix whatever it is that people think needs fixing. But, until then, I can only continue doing what I'm doing and hope that it's good enough for most.

Eventually though, I'd like to see it good enough for all. So please tell us what we can do better or differently. Email us at thevoice@eou.edu.

So, you can sit around and whine, or you can get out and be active and participate in the things that you think need help.

Which do you think is better?



JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Valentine's Day seemed much more pleasant when we were younger.

You would go to the store with a parent weeks in advanced and pick out your perfectly themed valentine cards.

Your teacher would give you a class roster to refer to as you filled out valentines for not only your friends, but also every single classmate, even if you didn't like them.

Once you arrived at school on Feb. 14, you would make some sort of box or envelope for your desk. Then, everyone would go around the room distributing their gifts.

No one was ever left out.

Once we got out of grade school, it seemed as if more and more people began to hate the holiday.

Especially in high school, when self-image and attention is so important to adolescents, those without a valentine go into depression for the entire month of February!

I don't know how many times I have heard someone say, "I hate Valentine's Day."

Yes, that is usually coming from the mouth of someone who is single, but I still don't understand why people let this one day get them so down.

After all, Valentine's Day is simply just another Hallmark holiday. It's just another way for advertisers to get you to spend more money on "the one you love"—as if you didn't do enough of that at Christmas a month and a half ago.

Flowers and chocolates—they are nice at first. But then the flowers die and you get mad at yourself for already ruining your new year's resolution of minimizing the sweets.

I personally don't mind the holiday, and I will probably plan something nice for my fiancé.

But seriously, the depression is starting to rub off.

If you are starting to feel "un-loved" come Feb. 14, then do yourself a favor.

Since giving happiness to others often comes back to you, why not give a valentine or flower to those who might need a pick-me-up?

You can also just go out with friends or just simply ignore it.

Is it worth getting that worked up over something that will be over in 24 hours?

Here is something that will hopefully bring optimism to all the Valentine's Day haters:

Feb. 15 is also a holiday—Singles Awareness Day.

Dustin Barnes from Mississippi State University created the holiday, and yes, he was single at the time.

Send us your letters!

Have a concern with what's being put in the paper or what's not being put in the paper? Let us know! We want to hear from you so we can help create a paper that the campus wants to see!

You can submit a letter to the editor simply by emailing us at thevoice@eou.edu. Or, if you want to just chat with us about your ideas come stop by our office in Hoke 320.

Our office hours are posted outside the door! Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
The Voice Staff

Have questions about healthcare?

Get them answered by placing them in the "Ask N.P" boxes located in the south entrance of Hoke and in the Hunt Lounge (2nd Floord) right next to the mailboxes. Please feel free to ask anything related to healthcare; there is NO such thing as a stupid question. Guaranteed to remain 100% anonymous!

Look for the answers in an upcoming edition of The Voice!

Remember this Q&A will be beneficial to everyone on campus, so your questions are greatly appreciated and will be answered promptly.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Sports

The Sideline

The Best (or Worst) Sports Cliches

Backs against the wall.

Around the horn.

A Barn burner.

Good teams get better down the stretch.

He always gives 110 percent.

He brings a lot to the table.

He can break the game wide open.

He plays bigger than his size.

He was all over that pitch.

He was literally run over by a freight train.

He was mugged.

If you don't shoot, you don't score.

It ain't over 'til it's over.

It wasn't pretty but we'll take it. It's a rebuilding year.

It's been a game of runs.

It's only a game. Lights out.

Momentum has definitely shifted.

Records are made to be broken.

Stick a fork in him — he's done.

Statistics can be misleading.

That changed the complexion of the game.

Women Reach 20 wins

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

The Eastern Oregon Women's basketball team won games 19 and 20 of the season last weekend, beating Cascade 69-47and Warner Pacific 67-49.

The Mountaineers jumped out to an early lead on Friday night against the Cascade College Thunderbirds, as senior star guard Christy Weaver scored 15 of the Mounties 19 points in the first 10 minutes.

"I was in a rhythm. I didn't do anything different," Weaver said.

The Thunderbirds struggled from the field in the first half going 7-of-27.

Eastern went on a 15-0 run to give them a 27 point lead going into half time.

While the first half was the Mountaineers style of "run and gun," they came out flat and passive in the second.

"We lost our edge," Coach Anji Weissenfluh said. "We played great the first half and then we failed to keep our intensity."

Weaver scored 21 points in the first half then didn't score again after that.

After having 24 rebounds in the first half, EOU only had 10 in the second.

As with assists, they started the second half with 13 and finished with just 20.

Sheena Henderson had 16 points for the mountaineers while Jamie Martinez led the Thunderbirds with 15 points.

Weissenfluh said that if the Mounties came out the next night against Warner Pac like that, then they would lose the game.

She was almost right.

Saturday they hosted the Knights of Warner Pacific and it was a fierce game as each team went back and forth looking to take the lead for good.

Eastern won that challenge as the Mountaineers surged in the second half and pulled away to gain their 20th victory of the season.

Christie Weaver led EOU in scoring with 18 points as well as adding 7 rebounds.

Tiffanie Ulmer had a double double with 12 points and 11 boards and Sheena Henderson chipped in with 11

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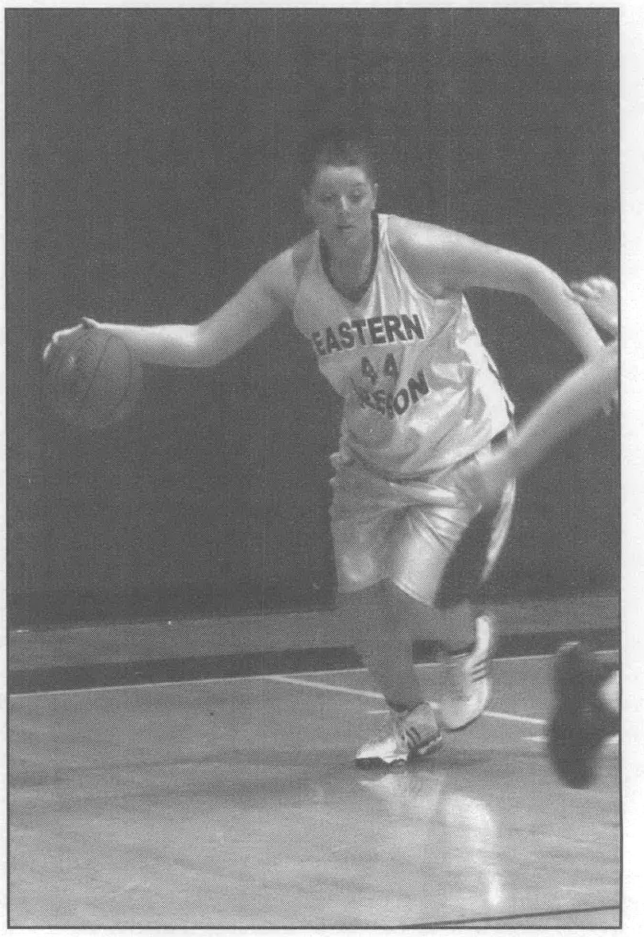

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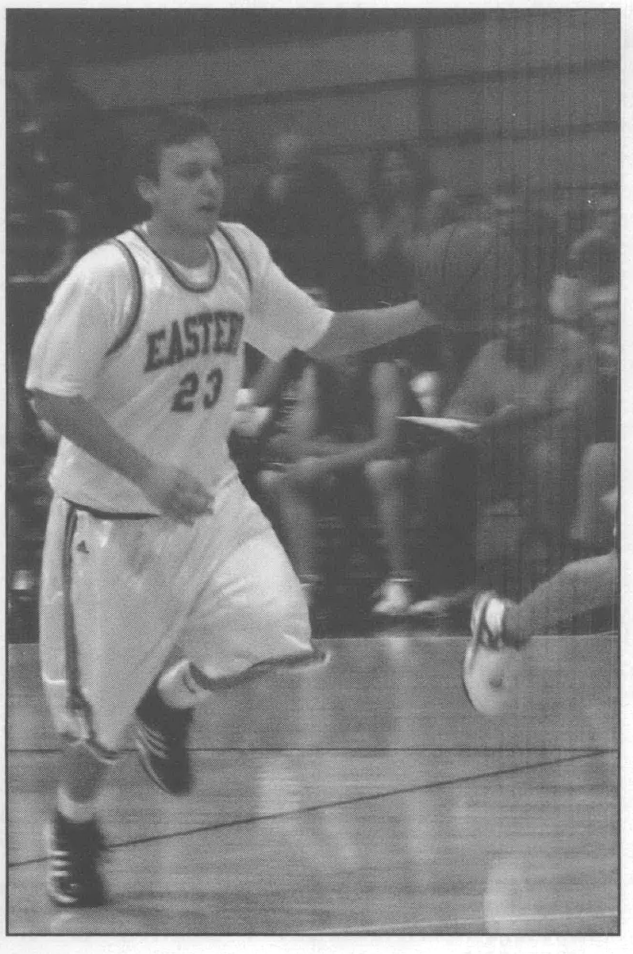
Tiffanie Ulmer recorded a double-double against Warner Pac.



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Nick Finley had 8 steals and 11 assists against Cascade College.

Men's basketball holds Top 25 spot

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

On Jan. 27. the men's basketball team traveled to The Evergreen State college and grabbed control of the game early, never looking back as they won 51-31.

The No.22 ranked Mountaineers held the Geoducks (8-18) to their lowest point total of the season, while also holding them to 43 percent (13-30) shooting from the floor and 14 percent from behind the arc.

They also forced 26 turnovers.

Junior Mark Carollo was back in uniform after missing six games with a sprained ankle, scoring seven points in 17 minutes.

Senior Vernon Cropper led the attack with a game-high 10 points.

The next night, EOU couldn't seem to find the bottom of the hoop, as they suffered a 76-68 loss to Northwest University (18-7).

Despite shooting just 41% from field and only 33% from three, Eastern did hold the lead midway through the second half.

Unfortunately, dismal free throw shooting was too much to overcome for the Mounties.

They shot 35% (7-20) from the charity stripe while the Eagles sank 26 of their 30 attempts (86%).

Neil Fryer led the Mountaineers with 16 points in 22 minutes of action, while Derek Brown tallied 14 points.

The next weekend was full of emotion as well, as the men faced off against Cascade College (5-19, 1-12) on Friday, Feb. 2.

EOU played extremely well all-around, shooting 50 percent from the field, dishing out 27 assists as a team, and only turning the ball over four times.

Defensively, they allowed the Thunderbirds to score just 41 points on 26 percent shooting for the game.

All twelve team members scored, with Dan Blanchard putting in 16 points in 16 minutes.

"We all just went out and enjoyed ourselves," Blanchard said. "It was a fun game and as a team we played real well."

At the point guard position, Jeremy Templeton and Nick Finley combined for 14 points, 11 steals and 20 assists with zero turnovers.

EOU dominated and came just three points shy of the century mark, winning 97-41.

Saturday, Feb. 3 proved to be as tough as the previous Saturday as the

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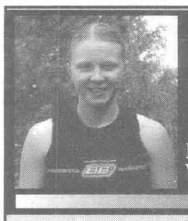


Can I get a WHIT-ness?!

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

In the spirit of the approaching Valentines holiday, I decided to enlighten my lovely readers in a couple of ways.

Enlightenment #1:

Feb.14 is Valentine's Day, and although it is celebrated as a lovers' holiday with the giving of candy, flowers or other gifts, it originated in 5th Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

Yep.

Enlightenment #2:

No matter how inept, incompetent, or hopeless you are in the world of romance, being romantic isn't unreachable.

That's right--you too can do it!

Romance isn't doing what you think you're supposed to do on the days you think you're supposed to do it.

I am referring to those of you who run to Safeway real quick before you head home to buy flowers and candy for your boo on Valentines day, or even a birthday or anniversary.

Romance isn't paying your partner a compliment like, "you know, you're really starting to fill out those jeans."

So, you ask, can I too learn to be romantic? And the answer is, yes, of course.

All you have to do is this: Think of your partner's comfort before your own.

And that's pretty much it.

It's something you can do every day, and doesn't have to cost a thing.

Here's a quick little guide to get you started:

Open doors: It really does mean something weather you know it or not. Yes, it's old fashioned and it shows respect. Besides, if your date walks through the door first, you get to check them out, right?

Pay attention: I'm not just talking about the wonderful world of LISTENING, I'm talking about wardrobes, hair cuts, and looking good—you'd better notice.

We all like to know someone is paying attention to us.

Say something nice: For no reason, just because-"you like nice today," "I like that shirt on you," "I love you." Give it a whirl! And you might just get a hug in return, or at least a

wink.

Do something nice: Cook your date dinner, stop by their work place just to say "hi," tuck in their tag.

So, that's about it I guess.

I hope I enlightened you.

Now go find yourself a Valentine and be romantical!

New look, same chemistry

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

May 8th of last year is a day the EOU softball team will not forget, but instead use as motivation going into this season.

Eastern watched an upset and a regional birth slip through their hands, dropping a heartbreaking and season-ending final-inning loss to Concordia.

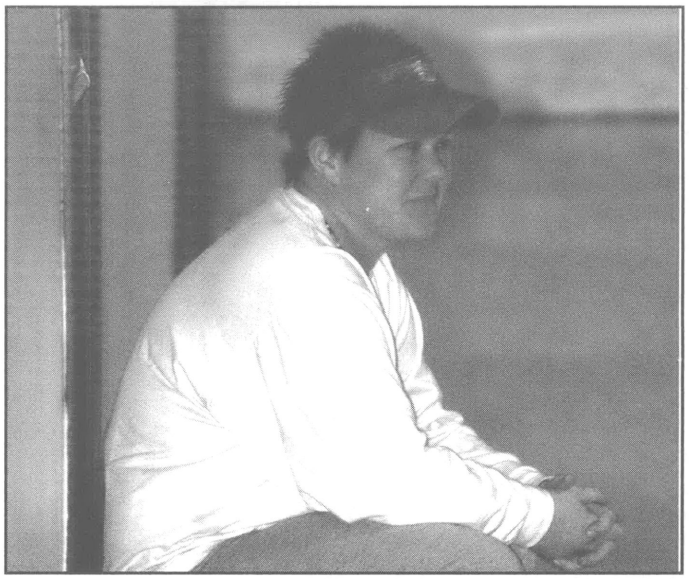
Coach Missy Wheeler is excited about the 2007 season.

It's a fresh start with some new faces and some familiar ones.

Coach Wheeler returns two pitchers and a catcher, but a new player will occupy every other position in the infield.

Despite this new look, Wheeler says the team chemistry could not be better.

Michelle St. John, an outfield transfer from North Idaho College, is a help to this chemistry after being described as, "extremely energetic," by Coach Wheeler. Chemeketa transfer Lydia Holm was also mentioned as being a key newcomer and very "positive and vocal."



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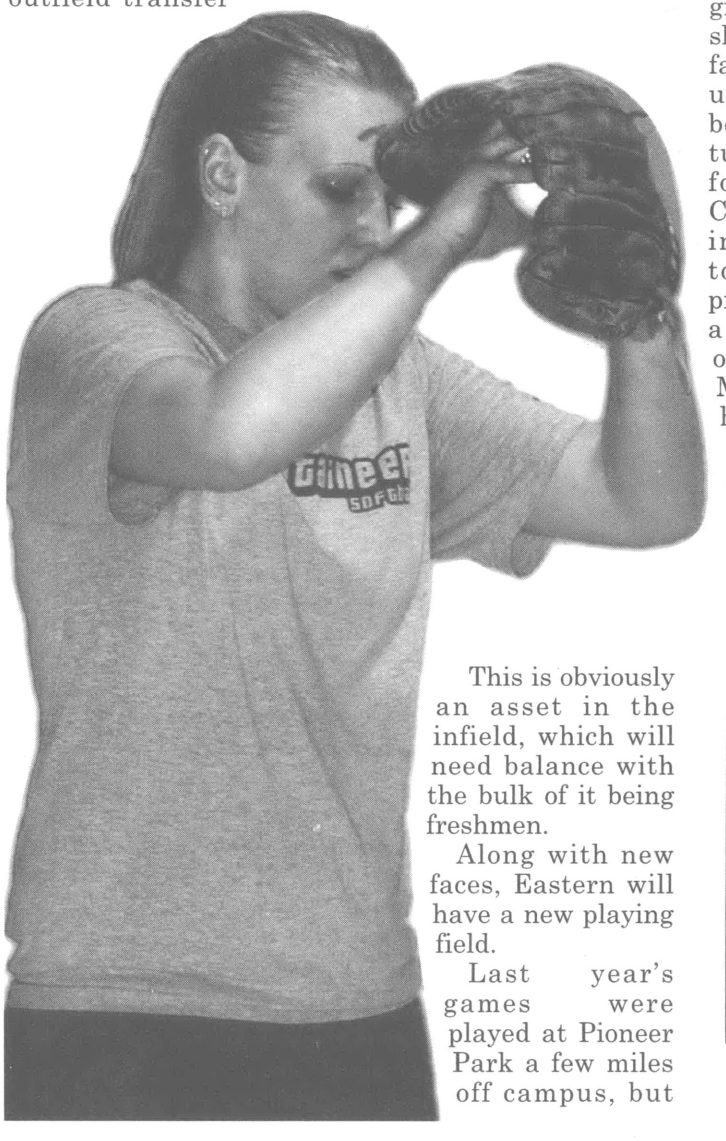
Head Softball Coach Missy Wheeler.



This is obviously an asset in the infield, which will need balance with the bulk of it being freshmen.

Along with new faces, Eastern will have a new playing field.

Last year's games were played at Pioneer Park a few miles off campus, but this season the Mounties will have definite "home" field advantage.

The new field is adjacent to the football field and is close to being completed.

"The new field is a huge advantage, it actually feels like home. It gives us a sense of ownership and pride in our new facility." Wheeler continued, "The weather has been an issue, the moisture on the field makes for a challenge. Constantly going from inside to outside is a tough thing to do. My prediction is we will have a lack of time to practice on the new field before March 6th, the first home game versus Walla Walla College."

Coach Wheeler sees her team as being "Late Bloomers" in the Cascade Conference this season and predicts about the same outcome as last year's finish.

Defending champions, Oregon Tech returns much of their team and is the team to beat. Concordia, Albertson, and Southern Oregon should follow not far behind, and as for Eastern, Wheeler says her team is right in the middle of the pack.

EOU will have the advantage of team bonding when they travel to the Tucson Invitational in Tucson, Arizona for Spring Break.

However, Coach Wheeler views this far from a vacation; Eastern will play six games in three days against competition from Washington, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The month of March looks to be quite a challenge for the young team. Seventeen games in only the second month of play is a lot to ask of a team with only three seniors.

Eastern's first scrimmage is fast approaching on Feb. 17, and first official game will be on March 2.



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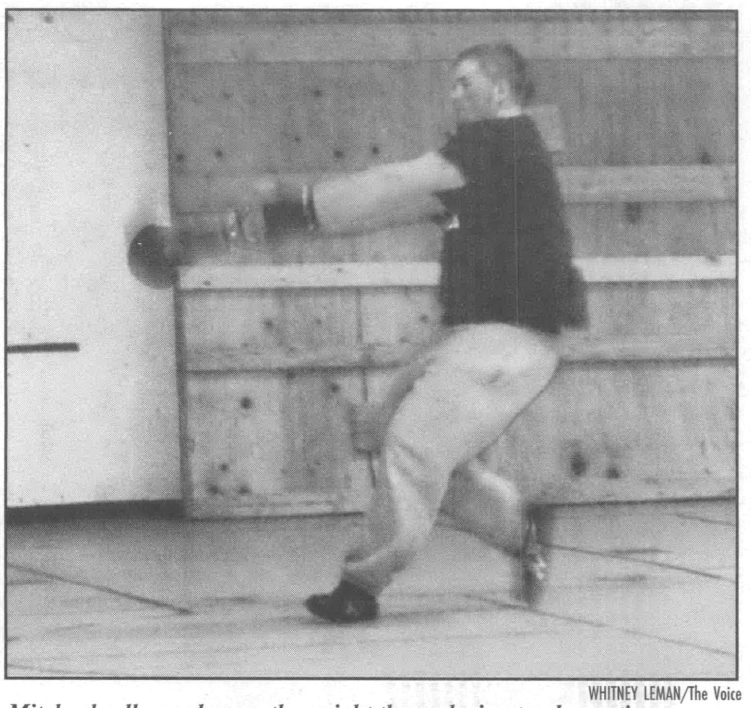
One more chance for Mountie Track

Whitney Leman
Voice Staff Writer



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Mitch wheelhouse heaves the weight throw during track practice.

On Friday, Feb. 2, a handful of Mounties traveled back to Nampa for the United Heritage Invite, hosted by Boise State University.

EOU had both genders competing in the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) and several sprinters.

Despite several fine performances, and a win by the men over two BSU squads, both groups came up short of the goal to hit a national qualifying mark.

The women's relay, which consisted of Kyle Janssen on the opening 1200-meter leg, Dani Reis on the 400-meter second leg, Laura "Montana Clayton" on the 800-meter leg and Marcella Bosch on the closing 1600-meter leg, ran well, finishing in 13:19.

The men's team also had a good race and came from behind in the last leg to win in 10:38.9.

For the sprinters, Erin Ontko qualified for Saturdays final in the 60m.

Andrew Wise-Grittman ran solid in just his second 400m race, while qualifying for the final in the 200m race.

On Saturday, Trish Harshberger had a great day in the weight throw with a mark of 45-6.25, a 4 foot personal best.

In the pole vault, Cayla Wiessert cleared 10-2 in her first collegiate meet.

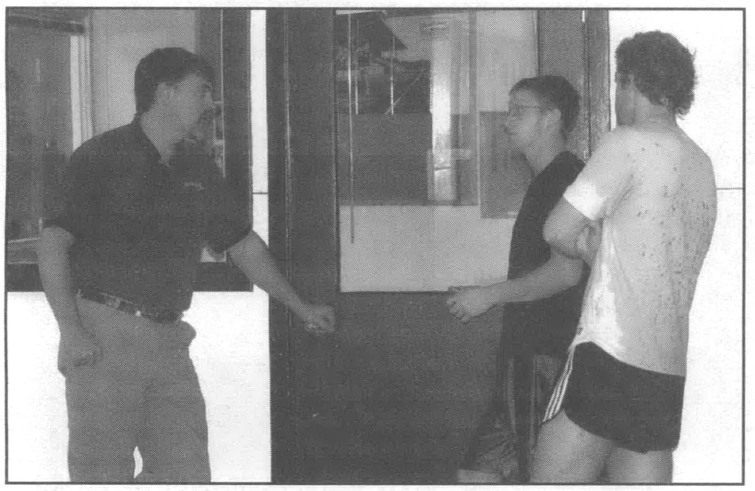
For the men, Mitch Wheelhouse continues to throw well and was just short of his seasonal bests in the shot put and weight throw.

Andrew Wise-Grittman came from behind, but fell just short of his lifetime best in the 200m in 23.33.

In the 1000m race, returning All-American Adam Goulet led most of the race before finishing 2nd with Zach Heath right behind him.

Like several other mouties who just missed qualifying marks, Josh Ego and Troy Blackburn ran in a strong 3000m field, and finished 6th and 7th in 9:16 and 9:17 respectively.

The Mounties will have one more chance to hit qualifying marks for the National Meet in two weeks at the University of Idaho on Feb.16 and 17.



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Ben Welch (left) is in his 4th, very successful year as head Track and Field Coach.

Guest Column
The Week In Sports

Barrett Henderson
Guest Columnist

Apparently my "week in sports" debut went over well enough that I can continue making my insight publicly known.

I almost thought I would have to apologize for being so negative toward professional football—calling it boring and predictable last issue.

On the first play of Super Bowl XLI, I figured I was in trouble when Devin Hester returned the opening kickoff 88 yards for the touchdown, putting Chicago up.

A few things were wrong with this, and I contemplated that there may be more to watch than the commercials.

One, a kickoff return for a touchdown isn't boring.

Two, who can predict that to happen on the opening play?

Three, Chicago was winning when I openly stated the Colts would run away with the game.

Before I began to sweat and think I could actually be wrong about pro football, the game got dull.

I couldn't imagine being a fan for either team, turnover after turnover; when the only excuse from the commentators was the rain.

Are these not million-dollar earning, pro athletes?

By the second half I found myself getting up to grab food during the game—not during the commercials.

Which in essence, may just be the best part of the game; it sure is not the halftime show anymore.

Ever since the "wardrobe malfunction," we've had to suffer through musicians well past their prime.

Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, and now, Prince.

I'm only guessing Boy George as next year's performer.

If CBS or FOX is going to put teens on the field, please at least put an artist on stage that had a hit during their lifetime.

After talking about how great the Pacific Ten conference is this year in men's basketball, Stanford loses to Gonzaga at home, Arizona gets blown out by North Carolina at home, and Oregon State loses by 51 to UCLA.

If you can look past these games, I swear, the Pac-Ten is still the top league.

Can we please all take notice that Duke and North Carolina are not the same teams they have been in the past?

North Carolina went on the road as the No.3 team in the country and lost to below-average North Carolina State.

No. 9 Duke lost at home to unranked Florida State for the first time ever at Cameron Indoor.

It begs the question, why will we all take notice that in the next poll these two teams will still be in the top ten?

In closing, I'd better thank the good people at Sierra Mist for making public the private issue that is combing your beard all the way over your head.

Before the Super Bowl, I thought my uncle was the only who did this.

If I had to vote, this was my favorite commercial-just beating out Kevin Federline's rap video.

Until next time, I'm out like K-Fed's chances at a real rap career.

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Mountaineers (19-6, 10-5) had the NAIA No.4 ranked Warner Pacific Knights (21-4, 12-2) right where they wanted them, but couldn't put them away in the end.

Turnovers and poor shooting in the second half left them on the wrong end of a 78-72 loss.

Eastern turned the ball over on consecutive trips late in the second half, and couldn't execute on offense, while Warner Pac made their free throws to seal the deal.

Paul Carollo, Tanner McIntosh and Mark Carollo all finished in double figures.

Paul finished with a team high 18 points and hauled in 5 rebounds while McIntosh scored 14 points had 5 rebounds of his own.

If EOU sees Warner Pac in the Playoffs, the Mounties are confident that they will get the results they want.

"It will be tough to beat a quality team like ours three times," Nick Finley said. "We just need to stop a couple of their go-to guys and we'll beat them."

Eastern travels to Southern Oregon and No.7 OIT Feb. 9 and 10th.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

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points.

Whitney Leman played stellar from the point guard position, dishing out nine assists without committing a turn over.

"My job is easy when you have great shooters like we have," Leman said. "I'm feeling more confident about my ball handing now and if I can keep the turnovers down it really helps our team."

Nicole Brown led all scores with 26, scoring 23 of them in the first half.

This weekend Eastern will travel to Southern Oregon and OIT for two very important games.

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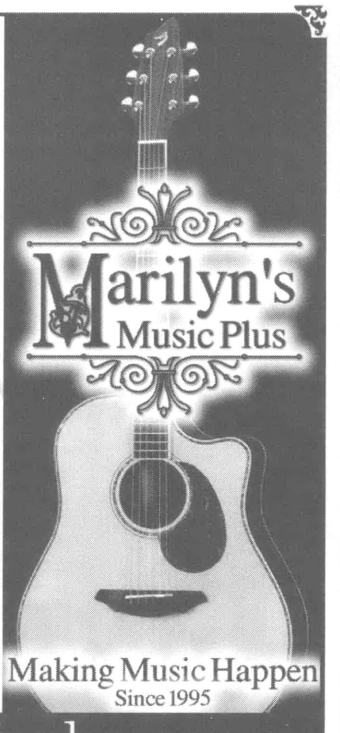

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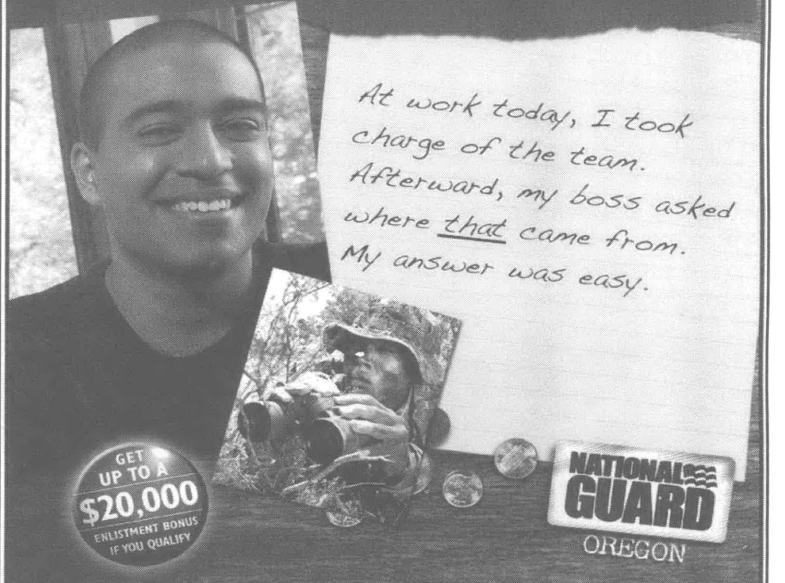

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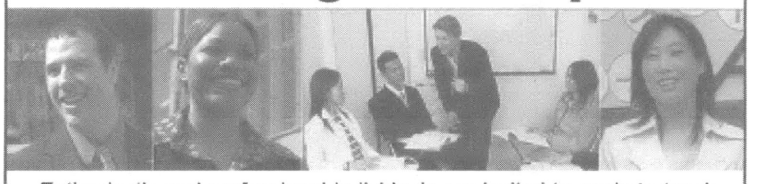

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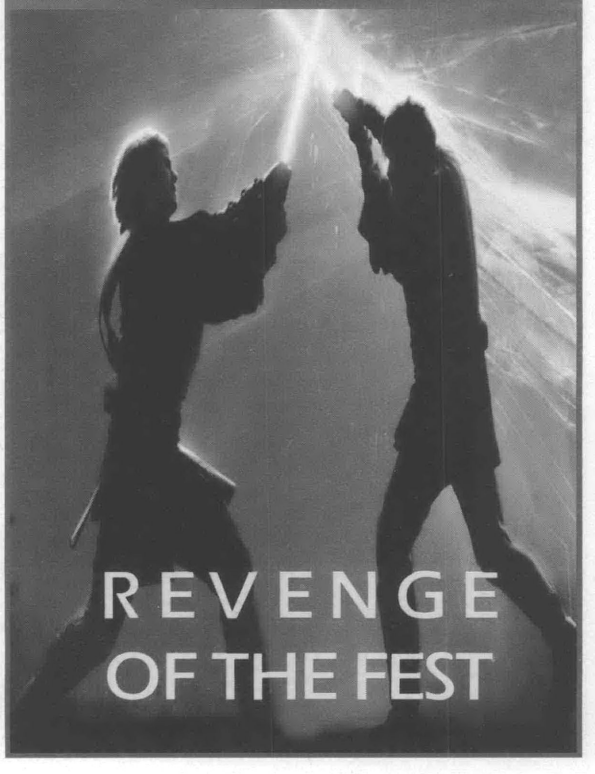



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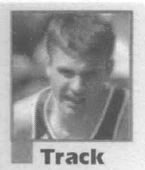

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Black History Month

February is Black History Month. So in honor of that, here's a list of important events in African-American history.

January 1, 1863 — Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation took effect, legally freeing slaves in areas of the South in rebellion.

1909 - Led by W.E.B. Du Bois, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

May 19, 1925 — Civil Rights leader Malcolm X was born in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dec. 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a Mongomery, Ala. bus.

Dec. 21, 1956 - Montgomery Buses are desegregated a little over a year after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.

Aug. 28, 1963 - Martin Luther King, Jr. gives his infamous "I have a dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in front of hundreds of thousands of people.

1976 - Black History Month established by The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

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ISA dinner and show has another successful year

By Stephanie Brookhart
Voice Staff Writer

After months of planning and rehearsing, the International Student Association (ISA) held its annual dinner and show on Feb. 17. It was the 20th anniversary of the event.

"Diverse Cultures, One People," the show's theme, began with a dinner featuring food from all over the world.

Traditional dishes from Japan, Argentina, Iran, Mongolia, Vietnam, Somalia and Mexico were featured, along with American fare of spaghetti with meatballs and California rolls.

Dinner was a big success. Taivan Sarangerel, ISA Vice President, said that more than 450 people attended the dinner.

According to Jane Mburu, an EOU student from Africa, the students began preparing food for the event Friday evening and continued preparation at 6 a.m. Saturday.

"It's a lot of work. But we have a lot of fun doing it," said Mburu. When asked if she was going to perform in the show, Mburu responded, "They can't stop me!"

Following dinner, guests traversed to McKenzie Theater to partake in a stunning array of performances by ISA members.

Beginning with a traditional Japanese dance and ending with a rousing African dance, viewers also enjoyed several other dances, vocal arrangements and an international fashion show.

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NAM NGUYEN/The Voice

Students carried flags from their country as their national anthem played.

Native American Studies Minor to be offered at EOU

By Ryan Browne
Voice Staff Writer

Eastern Oregon University approved a new minor on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The Native American Studies minor will become available to on-campus students as well as through distance education beginning summer term of 2007.

The program became a reality when Renee Roman Nose, a former EOU student, conducted a wide survey finding a large interest in Native American Studies.

Professor of anthropology Kathleen Dahl said, "This is a chance to teach students about the Native American population correctly. Normally, students have the wrong information about Native Americans. This minor will paint an accurate picture."

Linda Jerofke, assistant anthropology professor, is the coordinator of the multidisciplinary program.



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Linda Jerofke

The program will include studies from a wide range of classes already offered at the university. A variety incorporating political science, business administration, history, anthropology and a new class

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Heads or tails?

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

After EOU beat Albertson College and Corban beat Southern Oregon, both teams were tied for the Cascade Collegiate Conference championship.

Both teams were 15-3, split their season series, and broke even on all the conference's merit-based tie-breakers.

It came down to the coin flip.

Corban's athletic director John Nelson and coach Dave Bale were in Salem; Eastern Oregon athletic director Rob Cashell was in La Grande, and Warner Pacific men's coach Bart Valentine, the acting commissioner for women's basketball, was in Olympia for the conference call.

Mountaineers coach Anji Weissenfluh was in Boise when she called heads.

Valentine, in Olympia, tossed the coin.



CHRIS ABBOTT/The Voice

Fans cheer on Mounties.

Evergreen State athletic director Dave Weber was the witness.

Heads it was.

As a result the Mounties are headed for Sioux City, Iowa, as the league's automatic bid.

For more on women's basketball, see page 16.

News & Features

Oregon lawmakers say it's time to reclaim 36-year old bottle bill

By Aaron Clark
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. Copyright 2007 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed. _ Like shag carpeting or a pair of bell-bottom jeans, Oregon's bottle bill was considered a trendsetter when it passed over three decades ago.

Now, some lawmakers say, it's just as dated.

"It's part of being an Oregonian _ returning your bottles and cans," said Senate President, Peter Courtney on Tuesday, as a Senate panel opened hearings to retool the current law. "Container use is different today than it was in 1971. It is time for the Legislature to update the bill to cover today's recycling needs."

When it became law in 1971, Oregon's bottle bill was the nation's first recycling initiative that required distributors to issue a 5-cent deposit for each bottle and can returned. The year after it was implemented, the state's recycling rate for glass and aluminum drink containers shot up from about 25 percent to more than 90 percent.

But the state's beverage container recycling rate has slipped to 78 percent _ in part because a nickel doesn't go as far as it used to. Accounting for inflation, a 1971 nickel is worth 25 cents today.

And the old bill only covers carbonated beverages like beer and soft drinks _ not the bottled water, juices and sports drinks that are ubiquitous among today's consumers.

Lawmakers say the current law needs to be jazzed up so that containers holding everything from green tea to pomegranate juice can be reused and Oregon can again call itself a leader in recycling laws.

But tweaking the current system would likely mean raising the price of drinks by 5 or 10 cents to generate deposit money _ a prospect that Oregon's powerful beverage lobby has fought in the past. And the retail community, led by the Northwest Grocery Association, opposes a bottle bill expansion because they say the process can create sanitation problems if fresh food and drippy drink containers share storage space.

Other places soon followed Oregon's lead and today 10 states have bottle bills, including Michigan which offers the highest return at 10 cents for each empty bottle and can.

Spearheading the effort to overhaul the current law is Sen. Vicki Berger, R-Salem, whose father, Richard Chambers, proposed the first bottle bill legislation in 1969.

At the first public hearing on the issue on Tuesday, Berger testified in front of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee that passing the original law was a hard-fought contest.

"Big national players came in. There was big money, there was big business, there were big disputes. It was a battle," Berger said. But the law has proved to be an Oregon icon and one that continues to be popular among consumers.

"When you talk to people, it's their bill. They love their bottle bill, they love it that it is part of our mythology."

Community garden blooms into life

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

Winter seemed to drag this year.

Although the shy snow stopped early, a freezing flow of cold air froze it solid, along with the morning dew.

Then, the frozen air extended its visit, and the expected brief winter remained.

Now, the first day of spring is almost a month away.



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Studens plant sunflowers.

Local farmers and growers are beginning to make plans to get a head start on the area's short growing season.

But, they're not the only ones.

The Cornerstone Program, along with community members, are also getting ready for this spring and are making plans for this year's community garden project.

The Community Garden, on its fourth growing season this May, "is a student initiated project" that has been supported by the Cornerstone Program, said Anne Spurrier, the program director.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/THE VOICE
Students grow a variety of plants.

The first planning meeting will be held Thursday Feb. 22 in the Multicultural Center in H.U.B second floor.

"We've been around for four years because people think of it as a valuable thing," said Spurrier.

But it hasn't always been a row of flowers for the project.

The pioneering students, a group of art and sociology majors, planted the first garden in Island City on a small plot of land that a community member donated to the students.

"The people were moving," Spurrier said, "and they let us use their garden spot."

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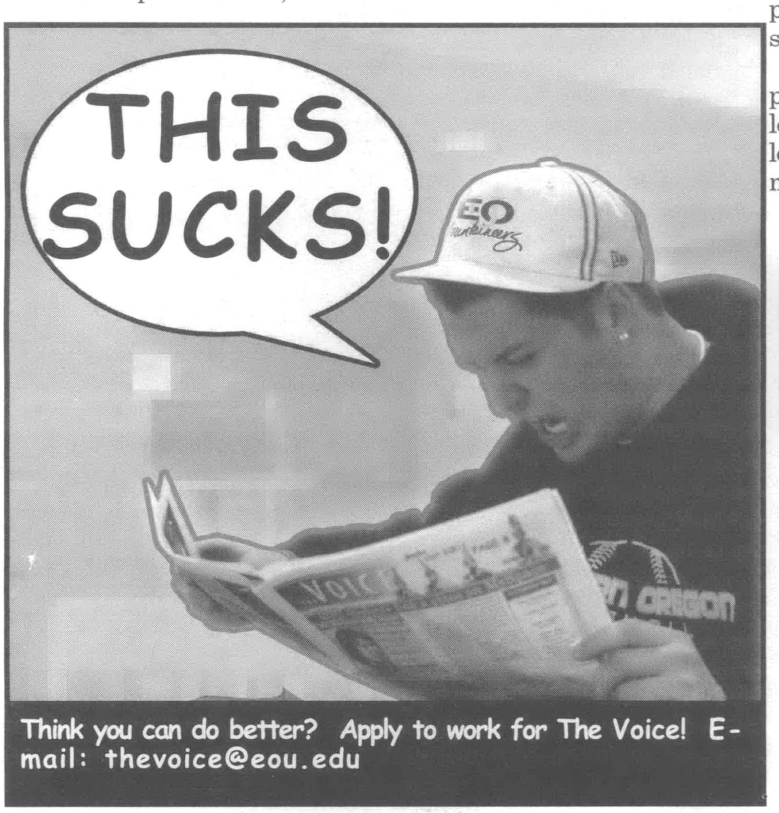
A student works in the garden.



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Union's young mayor attracts attention of Wisconsin public TV

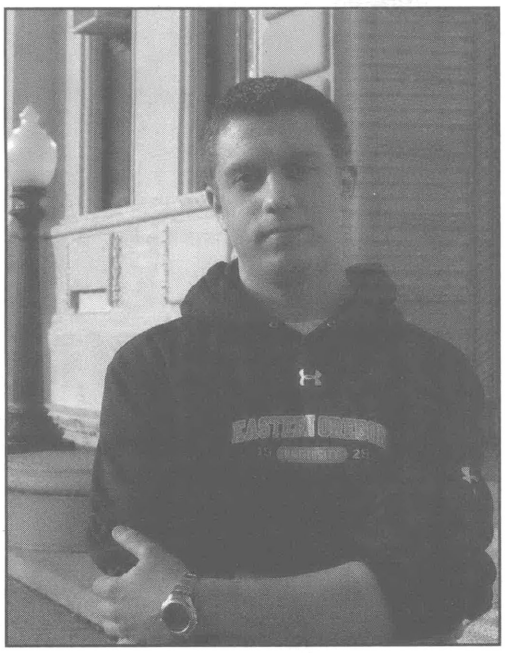
By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Kyle Corbin is making national headlines as he completes his first full month in office as reportedly the second youngest mayor in U.S. history. The story of the 18-year old city official recently caught the attention of Fred Wessel, a producer for Wisconsin Public Television.

Wessel arrived in town last month with a film crew in tow to capture a day in the life of the new mayor of Union. Corbin was elected as a write-in on the ballot last fall and was formally sworn in on Jan. 8, the first day of winter term at Eastern Oregon University, where Corbin is a freshman.

The Wisconsin station found out about Corbin while searching online for stories to include in a classroom instructional series called "democracy it is!" The forthcoming program series is geared for middle school and early high school students and will highlight young people who are making a difference in their communities.

For two days Wessel and his crew followed Corbin everywhere, to his home in Union, his job pumping gas and to his classes at EOU. The small entourage followed Corbin across campus from his political science class to Chamber Choir rehearsal where they captured his classmates singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," on camera. Corbin will travel with the choir to China in March. The cameras were also rolling when he was sworn in as mayor later that day.



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Kyle Corbin.

"We want to show that he's just a regular kid, but he's the mayor too," Wessel said.

The message Corbin hopes to convey to students watching his segment is simple.

"It doesn't take a special kind of person to make a difference," he said. "The only thing that makes me different is that I decided to do something. It's not as complicated as you might think. The easiest thing you can do is voice your opinion, and someone will hear it."

Corbin checks in at Union City Hall and interacts with city employees on a daily basis. He said that being the mayor has affected everything from his class work to his social life – which he admits is basically nonexistent right now. He is studying politics, philosophy and economics at EOU so it comes as no surprise that he wants to pursue a career in city or county administration after he graduates.

"Kyle has a unique opportunity to employ the lessons he is learning in his political science classes – the need to bargain and compromise, open-mindedness and consensus building – to real life situations in Union," said Jeff Dense, associate professor of political science at EOU.

"His fresh and enthusiastic perspective is sorely needed in a community where political divisiveness has long been the norm," Dense said.

From a very young age Corbin was familiar with small-town politics. His grandmother was a member of the planning commission in Union and his mother worked at City Hall. The topics of discussion at home often revolved around city government.

"I was always skeptical and tried to see the other side of the issue," Corbin said. He believes that Union is ready for a change and the good feedback he has received from the community is proof. "I just hope they're sincere," he said.

For more information on the "democracy it is!" series, visit the Educational Communications Board, Wisconsin Public Television's sister organization, at www.ecb.org/democracy/index.htm. Information on Corbin's story will be available on the site in August when the production for the new programs is complete.

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on Native American Law.

"As the program continues, we would like to add writing and English classes," Jerofke said.

Learning about the Native American culture adds to the diverse culture at EOU. The minor will draw students both of Native and non-Native American cultures, as it gives students a chance to work outside the academic realm.

For students who are interested in working with tribes, state and federal agencies the minor is intended to give them, the education to be successful.

Les Balsinger, Director of Student Relations and Marketing said, "This minor would compliment nearly any degree, in particular a business degree, for someone looking to work with casinos."

Jerofke said this is a chance for the university to reach out to the many tribes in the west, including Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes.

The new program does not present any new costs for EOU since all classes except one are already offered. As of now there are no additional resources being used, Dahl said.

In the future the program will hopefully develop into a full major, Balsiger added.

The Native American Studies minor is the 18th minor to accompany the eight full degrees offered through distance education.

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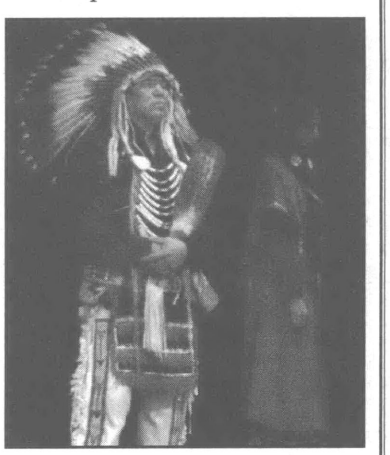
All of the costumes are authentic and were brought from home. None of them were "made in America," according to EOU student Dahlia Taitano from Palau.

Many of the students grew up practicing dance traditions and relished in the opportunity to dance together and share with everyone.

Doctor Ayeliya, ISA President, said after the production that he was quite pleased.

"We come here to learn and we want to give back to the community that we learn from," Ayeliya said. "Promoting and sharing our culture is part of that giving back."

"We are happy with all the help and support from the people in this community," Ayeliya continued. "We received many donations, and faculty and community volunteers helped us out a lot too. We are very grateful for the support from the community. All of the students worked really hard. I am very proud to be a part of this."



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Should EOU provide a childcare center for student parents?

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

The face of the average college student is changing. Chances are when you look around any of your classes this year, you will see one to five students who are also parents.

A group on campus is studying the experience of students who are responsible for schoolwork as well as parenting. Their main focus is finding out if EOU's student-parents could benefit from a childcare center on campus.

What started as an in-class paper has blossomed into three students' senior project.

Valerie Schlichting, Chris Kohl and Nelson Calderon, with guidance from Dr. Rosemary Powers, have conducted almost 20 interviews since Feb 10.

Powers said that they don't know what the ultimate response from student-parents will be. They may need a childcare center as a place to drop off kids during class.

But they may say it would be more helpful to receive special scholarships so that they have more money to hire their own childcare provider.

Another possibility is that they would like more classes oriented around families.

Part of the problem, the researchers say, is that current college programs are designed to meet the needs of the stereotypical college student, that of someone fresh from high school.

Most activities and help available target students making this transition and dealing with their new independence.

It also means that student fees to fund activities are being applied toward things that a parent-student may not be able to take advantage of. Activities such as dances, late-night comedians or films usually don't fit into a student-parents schedule.

The research group said they don't want to take anything away from these current programs, but they do want to find more ways to help the growing number of student-parents.

Because a childcare center would be an expensive undertaking, the team needs to research the situation thoroughly before it presents anything to the administration, one member said.

Their goal is to finish their research by the end of the year. They also plan on speaking about their results at the Spring Symposium.

Kohl added that it is important that the administration be able to recognize the hurdles that student-parents have to overcome. Many students don't talk about what they are dealing with and that is why the research group is asking for interview volunteers.

Many institutions have already added childcare services to their campuses. Some, like Oregon State University, have an actual center available, while others work with providers such as Kindercare.

Many high schools also provide their students with onsite centers.

One of the services currently offered at EOU is a student-parent listserv. The research group said this is great for student-parents to join because it can provide safety nets that might not be there otherwise.

Members can contact other student-parents for support, advice or even to trade babysitting.



SARA SAWATZKI /The Voice

Childcare Advocate Lisa Grief

If interested, the link is http://www2.eou.edu/majordomo/subscribe.html. The subscriber's EOU e-mail address then goes in the first empty text space and "student parents" in the second empty text space. After clicking "subscribe" the applicant will receive e-mails outlining the next step.

Also, a Childcare Survey is currently up on Webster. The information gathered from this survey will be used to assess the need for childcare services on campus and the willingness of students to make this a priority. This is a short survey that asks between five and 14 questions depending on whether the student has children or not.

Lisa Greif, the childcare advocate on campus said, "All students, whether or not they are parents, are encouraged to participate in our survey and help make a difference at EOU.

"Currently, Eastern Oregon University does not provide any formal childcare assistance for students with young children, and the Childcare Committee hopes to use these survey results to make some real changes for students with children."

If any student-parent is interested in being interviewed for this research, he or she should please contact; Dr. Rosemary Powers, EOU associate professor of sociology, at (541) 962 – 3819 or rpowers@eou.edu

Women's center to sponsor Family Night at EOU

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

Family Night for student parents will take place on Feb. 22.

It will start with free dinner for all student parents, their partners and children in the RfoC Dining Hall (Hoke 2nd Floor).

After dinner, at 6:30 p.m., Ice Age 2 will be showing in Hoke Main Lounge. Family Night is sponsored by the SAGE Women's Research and Resource Center and is intended to be a time for student parents to: network with other students who are also trying to balance parenting and classes; find out about current services for student parents; and give input about future services (such as childcare) that are needed on this campus.

Families are welcome to eat anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Students need to bring their student IDs. Everyone is invited to attend the movie. Those with questions about Family Night should contact; Lisa Greif, SAGE WRRC Childcare Advocate greifl@eou.edu.



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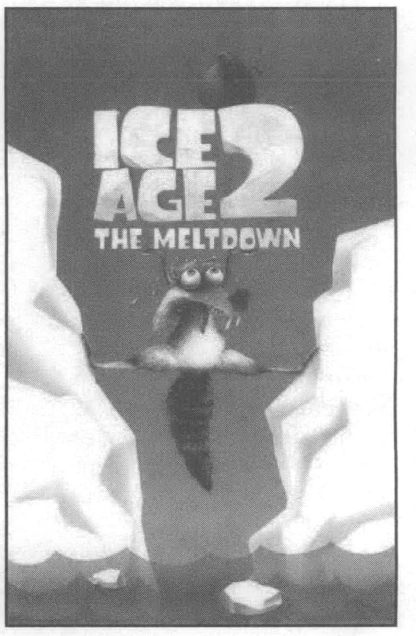
Scrat gets himself in another bind in his quest for a nut.



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Ars Poetica visiting author Gina Ochsner inspires students at EOU

By Shantra Hannibal
Voice Staff Writer

Gina Ochsner, author and winner of the Flannery O'Conner Award, visited the EOU campus on Feb. 8.

Ochsner shared her latest work, "People I Wanted To Be," and wisdom on writing with students, staff and community members.

"Not everybody learns well in school." Ochsner said. "You can still do well in other things in life."

Flawed characters sparkle in her works. Ochsner's explorations of where the sacred and profane meet and inspire the reader to see magic in the ordinary.

It has not always been this way, though.

When Ochsner began her education in Iowa, it didn't occur to her she would be a writer. She wanted to expose people to writing but struggled as a student because she suffered from dyslexia. When she felt like she was failing in school, Ochsner turned to other things in her life.

"Instead I discovered Karate classes, where for $50 a week I could get the s--- kicked out of me."

Ochsner has since been published by AWP chronicle and is in the process of producing a new novel. Although, when she first received the call telling her "People I Wanted To Be" would be published, she hung up on the University of Georgia representative because she thought he was a telemarketer.

Ochsner gave students a "list of things I'd wished someone had told me" to help with their writing.

Don't worry—trust that the well won't run dry.

Love language—all language, love words.

Study the form in which you write.

Find the stories that speak to you.

Surround yourself with balcony people, not basement people.

Don't ask basement people to read your work.

Find a group you can trust with your work.

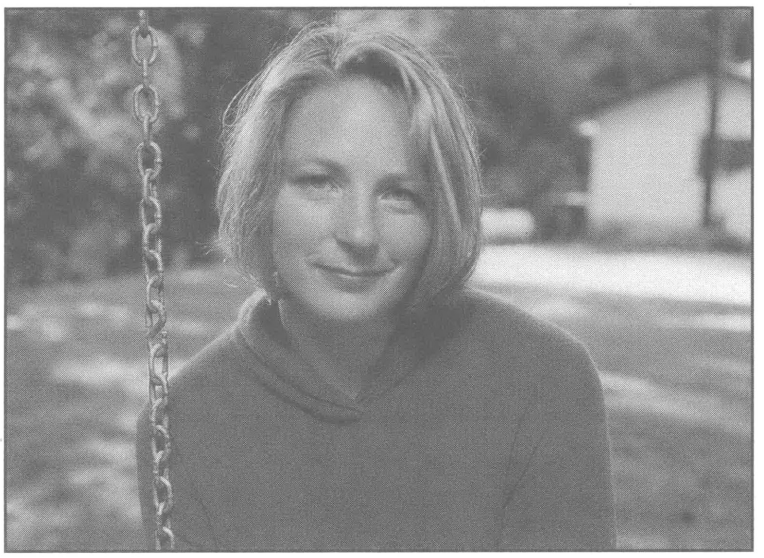
Read, read, read.

Write a story that bothers you and other people.

Learn from your failure—you'll learn more from it.

She also recommends "introducing an alligator" if your work stalls out.

Ochsner continues to write with inspiration from everyday things and open the mysteries of Magic Realism. Her works have been translated to Latvian and Farsea.



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Author Gina Ochsner

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"That's how the community garden has worked. We've been just totally reliant on community members who are interested on seeing the garden exist," she said.

Later, the students moved the garden to 12th street in La Grande, on a small plot Eastern Oregon University lent to the students, which the school later reclaimed from the project.

Then, less than a month ago, when the garden still didn't have ground on which to grow, Mike Dorthey suggested using a small patch of school-owned land next to the Head Start school.

The plot "is about the size of the one on 12th Street," said Spurrier, but I'm not sure how big of a garden we're to do this year."

"Our mission is to create a garden which to provide such vegetables to area food banks while strengthening community bonds," said Spurrier.

We hope to become a community resource," she said.

According to Spurrier, the project is similar to what Great American Harvest and Barbara Richmond Harris has done for the community.

Harris, she said, grows fruits and vegetables that she later gives away.

"Last year," said Spurrier, "she planted, I think, 11 acres, and gave away thousands, hundreds of thousands of pounds of food."

"The garden hopes to do that, but on a smaller scale," she said, "by giving away food and planning a place for anyone who wants to take part in that process."

The community garden obtains its seeds and plant starters from Eagle Cap Nursery and local area growers.

"We donate the food to the [Oregon] Food Bank, Neighbor to Neighbor, Community Connection and Haven From Hunger," said Spurrier.

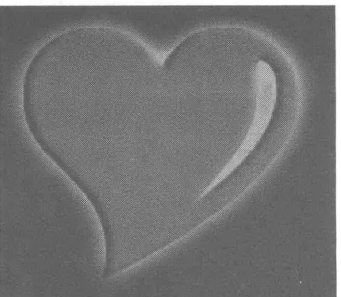
The project is still looking for volunteers for this year's garden. Interested students should contact Anne Spurrier at the Cornerstone office in Inlow Hall.

V-Day?

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

What did you do for Valentine's Day?

Or What is your worst Valentine's Day Memory?



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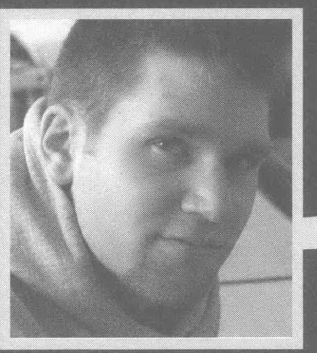
Tim Mustoe
"We went to Foley's and had some good food."
"I remember in high school asking somebody out and she said no and I think it was Valentine's Day."



Patrick Kruse
"I worked. Then I went to Flying J late at night, had coffee and a South West Scramble" "My worst Valentine's Day Memory is, I think I was a Senior in high school, my sweetheart broke up with me because her parents were really strict and they thought Valentine's Day was not something two high school kids should do."



Kari Pack
"For Valentine's day I stayed at school all day and finally got picked up by my lovely boyfriend and he invited me to a movie. I got to relax a little bit" "Actually, lucky for me, I have been single most Valentine's Days. Except for the last four, and they haven't been too bad."

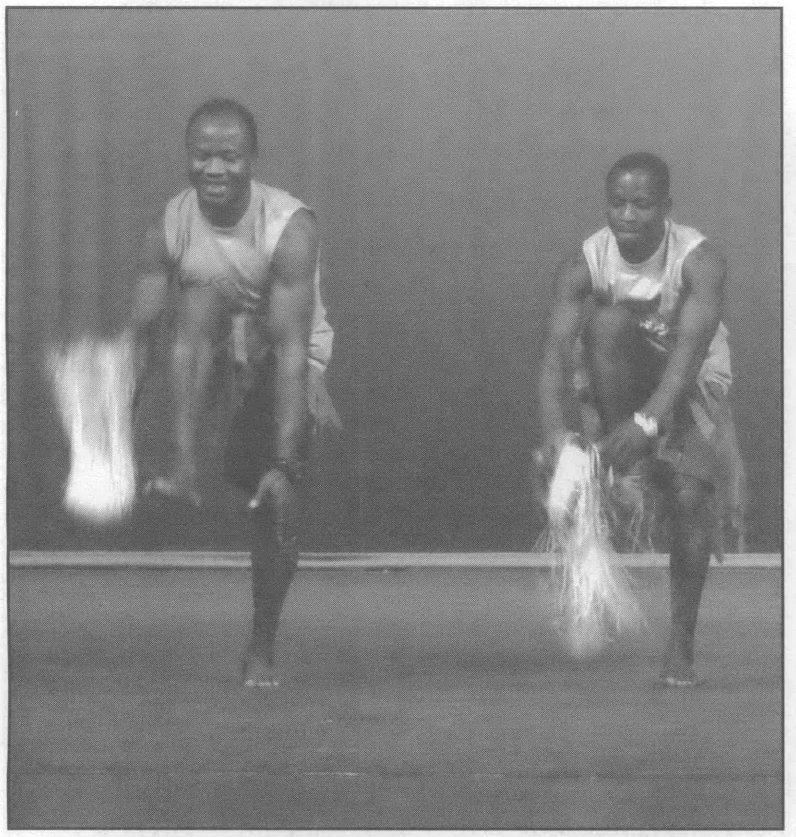


Rachel Rush
"My boyfried decorated our aparment with pink rose petals and purple and red heart-helium baloons. He made me a candle lit lunch with my favorite food—macaroni and cheese."



Katie Mitchell
"My roommates and I went to Cinco de Mayo, and had a few drinks there and then I did homework."

Pictures from this year's International Dinner and Show



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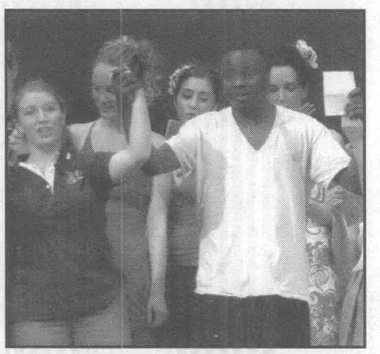

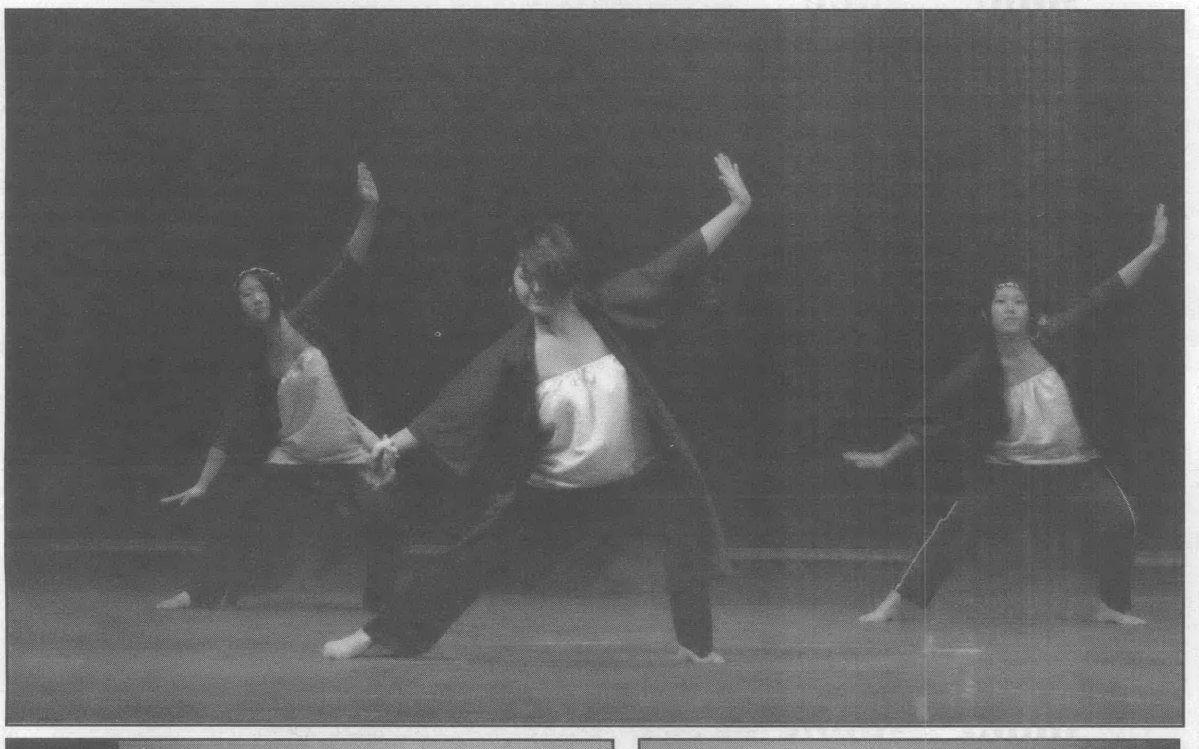

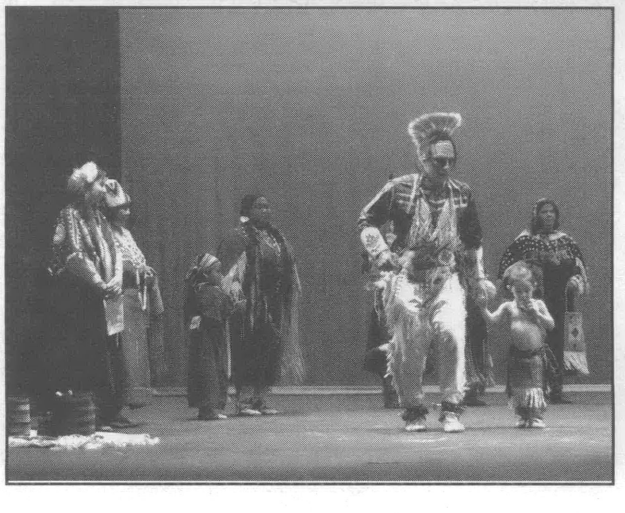

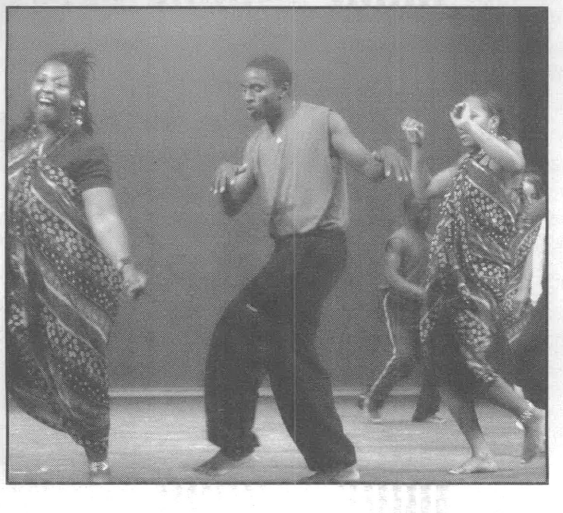

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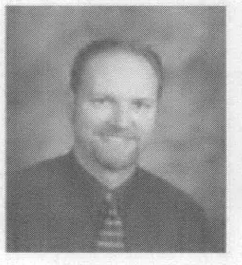

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Climbers line up against Mount Hood locators requirement

By Brade Cain
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. Copyright 2007 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed. _ One after another, veteran mountaineers pleaded with state lawmakers Tuesday not to require them to carry electronic locator units every time they head for the summit of Mount Hood.

Some warned the locator requirement would foster passivity among climbers who get into trouble and activate the beacons.

"They will wait for a rescue, and not do enough to rescue themselves," said Leslie Brown, a spokeswoman for Access Fund, a national mountaineering group.

Another said nothing can replace basic common sense when it comes to keeping people safe, and requiring electronic beacons would not be a "panacea."

"Pulling the cord (on a locator unit) doesn't turn the sky black with helicopters coming to pick you up," said Scott Russell, a veteran of numerous search-and-rescue operations. "Self-reliance and knowledge are what's going to keep you alive on the mountain."

Those arguments came as a House panel opened hearings on a bill to require that climbers who intend to go above 10,000 feet on Mount Hood from November through March carry locators that send signals to help searchers find them if they run into trouble.

Rep. John Lim, R-Gresham, said he introduced the bill mainly in response to last December's climbing accident in which three out-of-state men perished after they got caught in a blizzard near the summit of Mount Hood.

The legislation received a boost this week when three climbers trapped on the mountain overnight were rescued after they activated a mountain locator unit that led searchers directly to them.

"Certainly the timing was right," Lim told the House committee. "Instead of losing lives, they were able to save lives this time."

Lim's measure was endorsed Tuesday by Sheriff Joe Wampler of Hood River County, who led the December effort to find the three climbers, none of whom was carrying an electronic beacon. One of them was found dead in a snow cave; the other two are missing and presumed dead.

Wampler said requiring all climbers to have locators would cut down on the cost of rescue operations and reduce the risk to volunteer searchers by allowing them to pinpoint the location of missing climbers.

"My allegiance is with the search and rescue volunteers," he said. "As a sheriff, I'm responsible for these guys. Anything I can do to reduce the risk to them, I'm all for it."

In recent interviews, mountaineers who oppose Lim's bill had argued that while it's a good idea for climbers to carry electronic locators, requiring all climbers to do so would infringe on their freedom to pursue the sport without government interference.

In Tuesday's hearing, however, the climbers emphasized the argument that requiring the locators would give many climbers a false sense of security in what is an inherently dangerous sport.

"Mountaineering is all about judgment and making good choices," said Rocky Henderson, a team leader with Portland Mountain Rescue.

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Guess the Movie
(Answers on page 10)

1. "Welcome to Lestercorp. How may we meet your filing needs?" (1999)

2. "We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it, that's all." (1985)

3. "I just want them to know that they didn't break me." (1986)

4. "It's amazing the clarity that comes with psychotic jealousy." (1997)

5. "Drive carefully. And don't forget to fasten your condom." (1991)

6. "You are a real boy, at least as real as I've ever made one." (2001)

7. "I want to live a real life. I don't want to dream any longer." (2001)

8. "How could I have known that murder could sometimes smell like honeysuckle?" (1944)

9. "Kid, there's something I ought to tell you. I never shot anybody before." (1969)

10. "You can't be anal-retentive if you don't have an anus." (1999)

Talking with a mime

All Photos By Saundra Ponte
Photography Editor

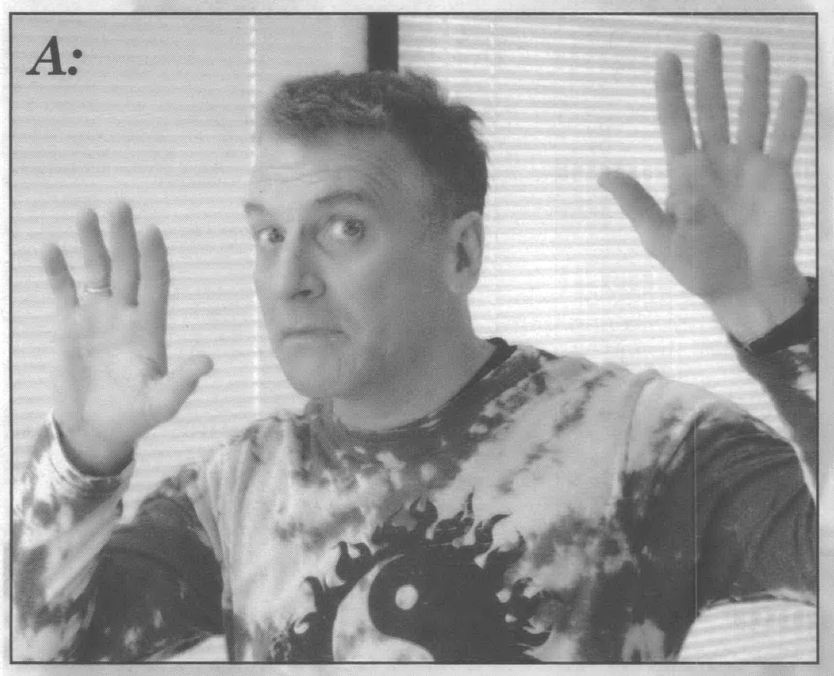
Bill bowers, a professional mime, visited the EOU campus on Monday performing as part of the Community School of the Arts. The show took place at 7:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.

Bowers studied under Marcel Marceau, arguably the most famous mime.

The Voice was able to sit down with Bowers and ask him some questions. Here are his mimed responses.

***Q:** What is your favorite miming technique?*

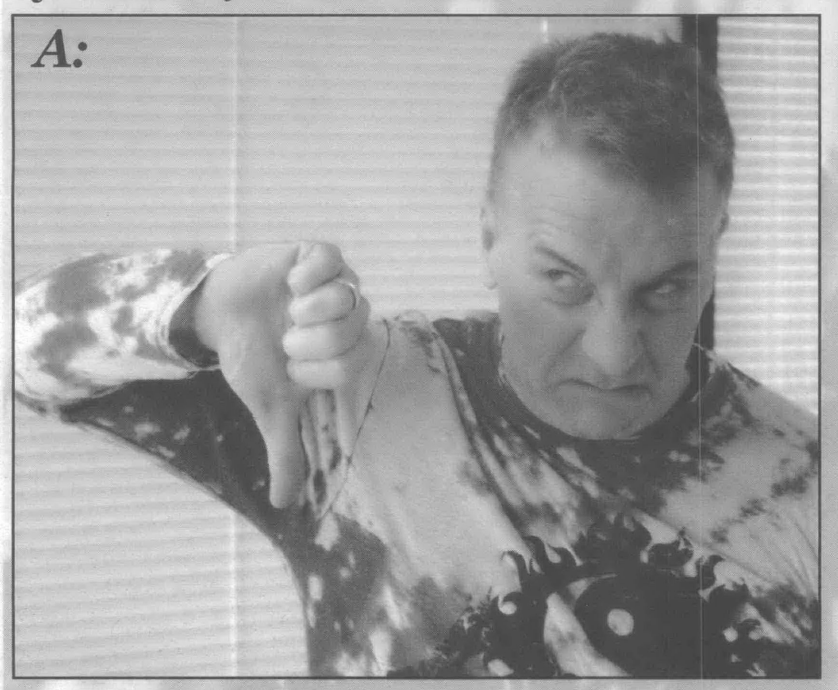
A:



Interpretation: (He's doing the "in the box" technique).

***Q:** What do you think about clowns?*

A:



Interpretation: (He doesn't apear to like clowns much).

***Q:** How do you feel about performing at EOU?*

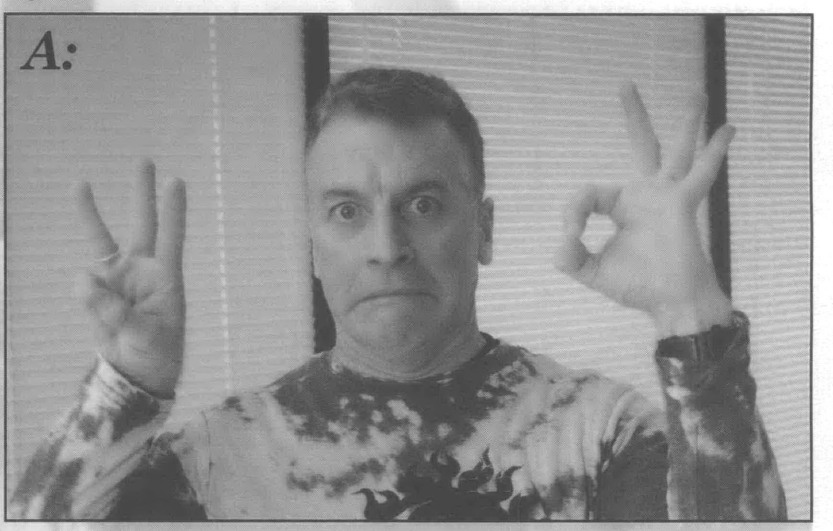
A:



Interpretation: (He looks happy).

***Q:** How long have you been a mime?*

A:



Interpretation: (Three and zero makes 30 years).

***Q:** How do you feel about being a mime?*

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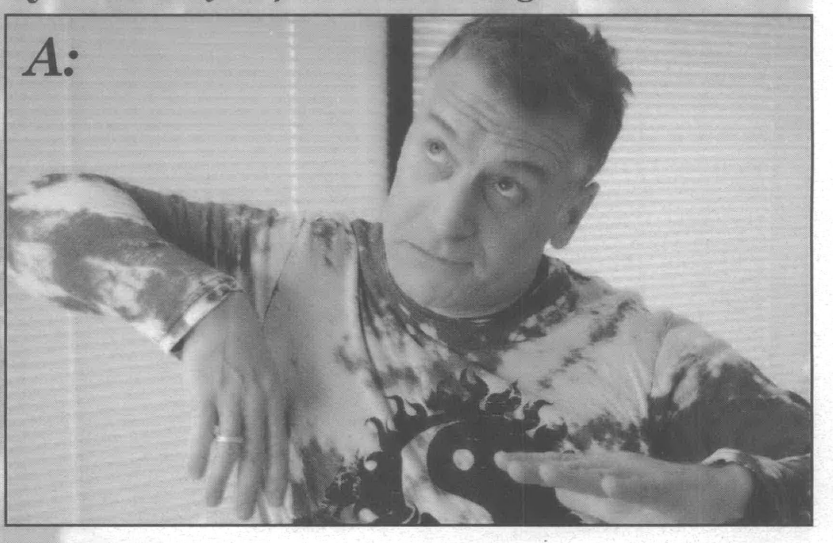


Interpretation: (We'll leave this one up for debate).

Senses Fail releases new album

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

Post-emo quintet Senses Fail formed in 2002 and released its first six-song EP, "From the Depths of Dreams." Drive-Thru Records re-released the EP with the addition of two bonus tracks ("Handguns and Second chances" and "The Ground Folds (Acoustic)"). In 2004 Senses Fail released its debut album "Let it Enfold You" on Vagrant Records. It's almost hard to believe that this group of Bergen County, N.J. locals started the band five years ago fresh out of high school (drummer Dan Trapp was 15-years-old at the time). And for being a fairly young band Senses Fails second release "Still Searching" is by far its most mature album to date.

To listeners familiar with Senses Fail you'll know that Buddy Nielsen (Vocals) is the lyricist of the band and his favorite writer is Charles Bukowski. Nielsen has probably mentioned this at least 500 times in every interview prior to "Still Searching." The title "Let it Enfold You" is named after a poem of the same name by Bukowski.

Nielsen's lyrics range from philosophical ideas to relationships often talking about the darker aspects of life and sadness. With "Still Searching" Nielsen tells a story about a person struggling through life.

The opening track "The Rapture" starts the album with the protagonist already in a depressing state saying "I waited for the light to come to change my life/But I am blind my faith is gone/I'm finding out the good book was wrong." What follows are songs leading the character on a path to nowhere. The last track ("The Priest and the Matador") ends with the character dead on the street with Nielsen saying "The ambulance is singing/As cops push back the crowd/I start to take my last breath/As blood pours out my mouth/The medic's walking my way/I think this could be it/I hear him start to state/The time of death is half past 6."



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Senses Fail's new album.

Even though this character is a fictional one many of the songs talk of true experiences Nielsen had before the album's release.

On the track "Can't be saved," Nielsen sings "Follow your bliss/It reads on my chest/I know I got it tattooed for a reason/Why can't I just hold it true?" Interestingly enough Nielsen really does have the saying "Follow your bliss" tattooed across his chest.

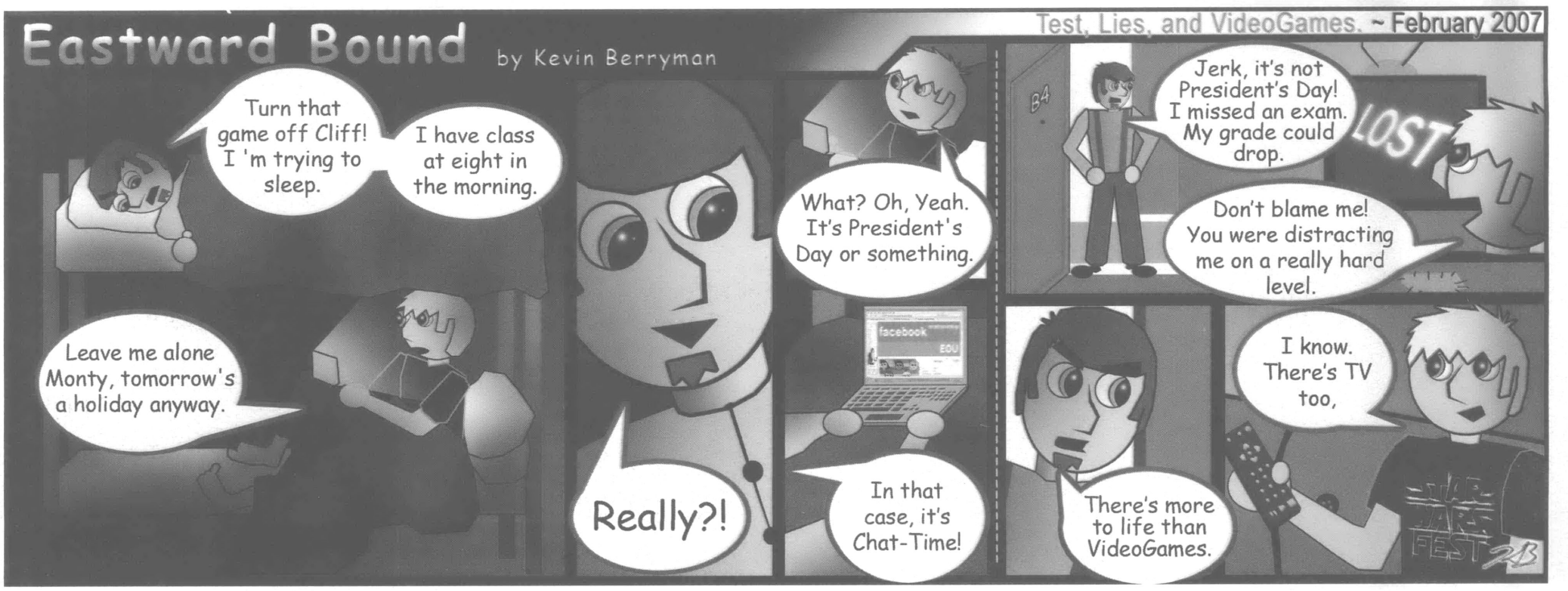
The musicianship on "Still Searching" has also gotten a lot better. Not to say that the members - which also include Michael Gilta on bass, Heath Saracend on guitar and Garette Zablocki on guitar--aren't already good musicians, but the songwriting has become more technical and as a whole a lot tighter.

Senses Fail took a more basic approach of hard rock while staying true to its signature sound of metallic melodies and breakdowns. A guitar solo is also featured on the track "Sick or Sane (Fifty for a Twenty)," a first for Senses Fail. Another first for the band is an instrumental track titled "Negative Space." It could be the prettiest song the band has ever written. Ironically it's the track that precedes "The Priest and the Matador."

Another thing to notice on "Still Searching" is Nielsen's vocals. Majority of the time Nielsen sings with a clean tone with a few screams and yells whereas on "Let it Enfold You" he screamed on every other song.

Every release (Senses Fail has re-released both "Let it Enfold You" and "Still Searching" with bonus tracks and DVD's) from Senses Fail up until now is great in its own right. "From the Depths of Dreams" gave the band its sound while "Let it Enfold You" expanded on those themes. And Albeit Senses Fail is still growing, "Still Searching" shows a promising future for the band.





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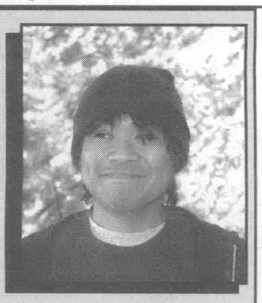

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"My room has never been seen clean." – MxPx

A few weeks ago I came to the conclusion that my room needed some cleaning up.

Not a day went by where I wouldn't step on a cable, notebook or a t-shirt on my floor. I did some laundry, threw out all the trash and organized my closet a bit.

But as the days went by my room got messy again. CD's are scattered along the floor,and clean laundry replaced the dirty laundry on the ground, a sign of my laziness to actually place them in the closet. I then go ahead and pick up my CD's and organize them first because well, it's more fun than folding clothes. I also decided to play some "clean-up" music. After a few minutes looking through CD's and piling more of them on the ground I came across a CD right behind my television. A few visible cracks on the case, the booklet creased and cut up, and the CD scratched all over.

It was my copy of Reel Big Fish's "Turn the Radio Off."

I sat there in my room on the floor and thought.

I could go on right now and write why "Turn the Radio Off" is one of the most important albums in music history, but instead I'll talk about why it's significant to me.

In junior high I was in the school band. I only practiced my trombone because I was scared of my teacher. But then Reel Big Fish released "Turn the Radio Off" and the Ska revival swept across the planet (By the way Ska is not dead, those are just rumors).

It made playing in the band a whole lot more fun.

I met another RBF fan in class, who later would become one of my good buddies to this day, and we would spend an hour or so after class everyday trying to play "She has a girlfriend now." Although it was just the two of us (my friend on the drum set), I didn't realize at the time the difficulty of playing in an actual Ska band until later.

Flash forward 10 years and I learn about transposition.

Basically transposition is writing music for a horn instrument for it to be in concert pitch. It's actually a bit complicated for me, so I'm not going to even dive into that stuff.

Inside the booklet for "Turn the Radio Off" on the list of "Thank You's," it says in tiny letters "all the kids in Hawaii..."

I felt pretty special when I first saw that. I was 13-years-old at the time.

And not to forget, "Turn the Radio Off" makes great road trip music, especially when everyone in the car knows the words to every song on the record.

I sat on the floor and thought about all this.

And it made me feel good.

I finished cleaning my room that day, but somehow it got back to being messy again.

That might be a good thing though.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

April Verch on March 1

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

The April Verch Band will perform in concert at Eastern Oregon University March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.

The band features fiddle player, singer and step dancer, April Verch, performing country and bluegrass music. Traveling with the band on their national tour is Isaac Callender, an EOU alum and former resident of northeast Oregon.

Verch, 27, released her third CD, "Take Me Back," under Rounder Records in 2006. The album ranges through material from Americana mainstays, Buddy and Julie Miller, simple country songs and rollicking tunes from her native Ottawa Valley, to sparkling original instrumentals. Born and raised in Pembroke, Ontario, where her family has lived for generations, Verch grew up in an area with a rich, distinctive musical and step dancing tradition shaped by the diverse roots of the immigrants drawn to the region's lumber camps.

By the time she finished high school she had recorded two self-released albums and was appearing across Canada at concerts, as an invited guest at fiddle contests and as a teacher at fiddle camps, always integrating dance and fiddling into a seamless, dynamic whole. She then enrolled at Boston's Berklee School of Music where she was exposed to and quickly mastered an array of musical styles. At the same time, she capped her fiddle contest career with a pair of impressive wins, earning the titles of Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion and Canadian Open Fiddle Champion. She left Berklee after a year.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Lady Sovereign's new album.

"I only had enough money to get a two year diploma," she says, "and I knew that if I did that, I'd be starting out with nothing but loans. So I decided to take that money and use it to start my career."

With the release of "From Where I Stand" in 2003, Verch added a new dimension to her music, making her singing debut on songs like the Carter Family favorite, "I'll Be All Smiles Tonight" and Greg Trooper's, "Light In The Window." Produced by old-time music favorite Bruce Molsky.

The CD confirmed the growth of her musical palette with a mixture of original and traditional tunes in French Canadian, Appalachian and Latin-flavored styles-along with a healthy measure of Ottawa Valley material.

"My dad always says, 'don't forget where you came from,'" Verch is fond of telling audiences at her concerts. As the music on her new CD shows, it's clear that her roots still lie at the center of her music, but it's also evident that she is a creative artist who isn't afraid to follow her instincts and to take chances.

Tickets for the concert are $15 and are available at Sunflower Books and online at www.eou.edu/csa. For more information please call The Community School of the Arts at EOU at (541) 962-3629 or e-mail at csa@eou.edu.

Horror-Scope

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Don't bother getting out of bed. You'll find out why later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
If you use a public computer, wash your hands, the keyboard is more dirty than a toilet.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
Don't believe anything you read. Except for this.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
As much as you see yourself as a "Monty", I'm sorry to say that you're really a "Cliff".

Virgo (Aug.23 – Sept. 22)
If you didn't go to the Women's first round Playoff game then you will be hexed for life.

Leo (July 23 – Aug.22)
Not going to the Men's Playoff game is worse than breaking seven mirrors while walking under a ladder with a black cat crossing your path.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct.22)
Diet Pepsi is for suckers. That's right, I said it, for suckers! This means YOU!

Scorpio (Oct.23 – Nov.21)
If you missed the Grammy's this year, that's OK, there's always MTV Video Music Awards.

Sagittarius (Nov.22 – Dec.21)
I know what you're thinking. Don't do it! It's a very, very bad idea.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – January 19)
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When the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with mars. Then peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars.

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Darth Vader says, "Go to Star Wars Fest on March 17th or I'll lightsaber your limbs off!" Also watch out for Aries in the Star Wars Jeopardy, he knows his stuff.

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Being John Malkovich, 2. The Breakfast Club, 3. Pretty in Pink, 4. My Best Friend's Wedding, 5. Father of the Bride, 6. Artificial Intelligence: AI, 7. Vanilla Sky 8. Double Indemnity, 9. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, 10. Dogma

Opinion & Editorials

ASK NP

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The Health Center is located behind Badgely Hall off of Sixth Street and is housed in the same building as the Counseling Center. Hours are 8:30-5 Monday through Friday and by appointment. To schedule an appointment , come in or call 962-3524

This has been a short overview of what is provided at the health clinic. Watch for more information about this valuable service and answers to other health questions in future editions of the Voice.

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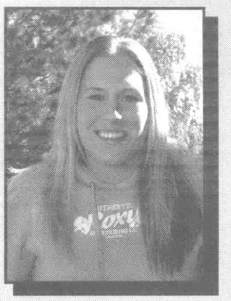
Sincerely,
The Voice Staff



JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

I fell into the trap during the first season, and now in the sixth season, there is only one place I can be found on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings—on my couch, wondering which contestant will be the next to get the boot.

American Idol is a national obsession, and countries all over the world are developing their own versions of the singing contest that decides the best-undiscovered young singer.

Millions upon millions of other Americans share my passion of wondering which contestant will rock the stage and which one will receive harsh comments from the judges—Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Cowell, whose comments have caused much controversy, has told contestants, "Shave off your beard and wear a dress; you would be a great female impersonator," and, "If your lifeguard duties were as good as your singing, a lot of people would be drowning."

"I think you have to judge everything based on your personal taste, and if that means being critical, so be it," Cowell said of his judging style. "I hate political correctness. I absolutely loathe it."

American Idol improves every year. New and better talent comes to the stage, and the contestants become even more popular in the music industry.

According to ratings, during its first season American Idol was favored over the NBA playoffs, Super Bowl, Grammy Awards, Academy Awards and Olympics.

Last season, the show has hit its highest ratings yet—an average of 31 million viewers turn in to learn the fate of top contestants Taylor Hicks, Katharine McPhee, Kellie Pickler, Chris Daughtry and Elliott Yamin.

We watch in happiness as our least favorite "finally" leaves the show, and scream at our televisions when a favorite such as Chris Daughtry gets shown the door after fans slacked on their voting.

Even though we have this emotion, we know the top contestants will make it big, even without the title of American Idol. It is hard to hide from the success of their predecessors.

Season one winner Kelly Clarkson's first album "Thankful" debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 list in 2003. She earned a Grammy nomination in 2004 and won her first Grammy in 2006.

Season two winner Rubben Studdard's first album "Soulful" also debuted at number one on the Billboard charts. He also received a Grammy nomination for "Sorry, 2004."

Carrie Underwood is currently topping the country music charts and taking away one major award after another.

And it isn't just the winners that make it big.

Season two runner-up Clay Aiken's debut single "This is the Night" sold 392,000 copies in its first week, breaking Elton John's previous record.

You can currently hear five of last season's contestants on the radio—Kellie Pickler, Chris Daughtry, Bucky Covington, Katherine McPhee and winner Taylor Hicks.

We also can't hide from season three's Jennifer Hudson's recent success for "Dreamgirls."

I realize that my favorite contestants have made it, win or lose. Yet, I still tune in every Tuesday night for the performances and every Wednesday night for the results.

By the time you read this, the top 12 might have been announced, but right now it is down to only 24.

I usually pick a favorite once the top 12 take the stage, but right now I will have to cheer on Blake Lewis, Amy Krebs and Sanjaya Malaker simply because they all live within 20 minutes of my hometown in Washington.

I would love to see a finale at Qwest field, Safeco field or the Key Arena simply to prove the judges wrong when they said Seattle lacked talent.

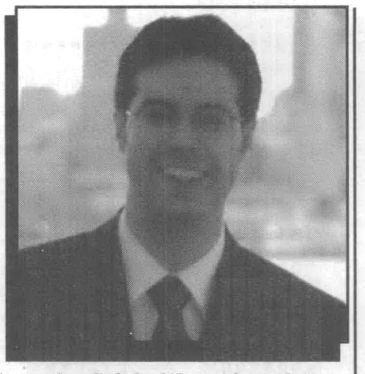
Now, here we sit in anticipation. We are ready again to get sucked into the trials and tribulations of 12 hopefuls.

American Idol has captivated millions, including myself, and it will bask in the limelight for years to come.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Northern Reflections

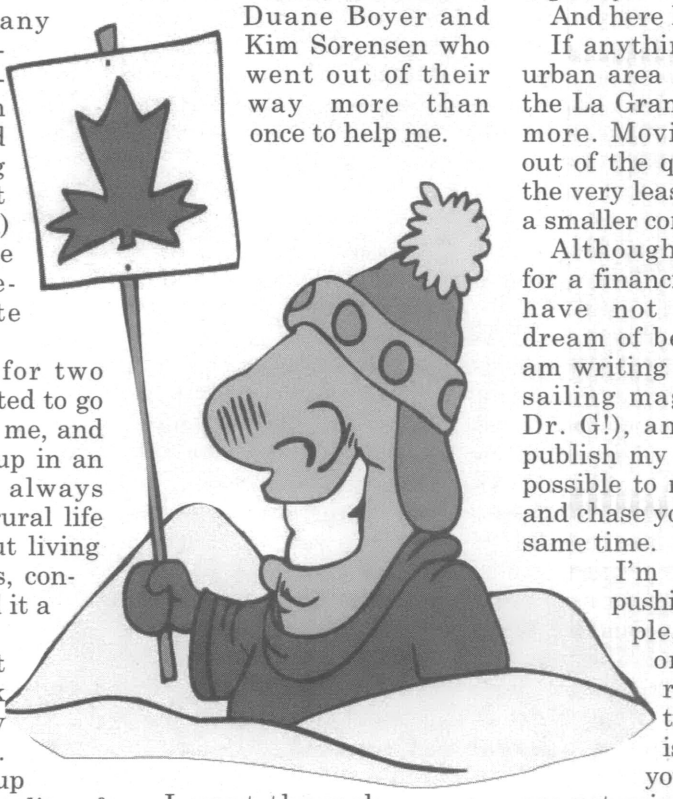
Jonathan Boudin
Former News & Features Editor



■ ***Revelations from a former Voice News and Features Editor.***

Graduating from a university is much like leaving the womb – you have no choice but to walk bravely into the world.

For me and many students, graduating from EOU represented more than an end to exams and studying (or doing other things that wont be mentioned) until four in the morning. It represented a complete lifestyle change.



I went to EOU for two reasons. One, I wanted to go where nobody knew me, and two, having grown up in an urban area, I had always been interested in rural life and fantasized about living in the country. Plus, consumer reports called it a good school.

Before I went back to school, I took time away from my education to work. After being caught up in the rat-race mentality of the professional world, going to a place like EOU allowed me to pause and reflect. During my time in La Grande, I discovered myself all over again.

I formed deep and meaningful relationships with people that continue to this day. I discovered the natural beauty of Eastern Oregon. I even played polo and took banjo lessons! Lets be honest – how many universities offer banjo lessons?

Most importantly, I found a place where I felt I belonged. I may have grown up in a city of two million people, but the little town of La Grande fit me, and I fit it, like a glove.

The small town charm that attracted me to La Grande is also what I liked about EOU itself. Small class sizes allow you to be more than a body sitting in class – the professors pass you in the hallway and remember your name. Many of them go out of their way to help you, people like Dr. Neil Gustafson, Pat Arnson, Duane Boyer and Kim Sorensen who went out of their way more than once to help me.

I went through my years at EOU not really knowing what I would do when I received my diploma. The goal had always been the diploma – how was I supposed to think beyond that? I had a dream of becoming a writer, but wanted a back up plan.

As graduation in June 2006 loomed closer, I had a decision to make. Should I stay in La Grande, in the small town world I had fallen in love with, or return to the city and the promising career in banking I had waiting for me if I wanted it?

Much to the chagrin of those in La Grande who are close to me, and often to the chagrin of myself, I made the decision to leave La Grande. I felt like, if nothing else, I had to go home and regroup for the next part of my life.

On my final drive out of La Grande, I drove past the entrance to the freeway and again asked myself if I was doing the right thing. But, eventually, I got on the highway.

And here I am.

If anything, living in an urban area has brought out the La Grand-er in me even more. Moving back is not out of the question, and, at the very least, I will move to a smaller community.

Although I am working for a financial institution, I have not forgotten my dream of being a writer. I am writing an article for a sailing magazine (thanks Dr. G!), and am about to publish my first book. It is possible to make ends meet and chase your dream at the same time.

I'm not much for pushing advice on people, but if there is one thing I can reiterate, it is that time as a student is precious. When you look back, you are not going to think about that assignment that is driving you nuts right now or that exam you have to study for. You are going to think about the amazing times you had living the student life and the friends you came out of it with.

Now, I look at my diploma and the EOU insignia on it. Soon it will hang in my office, like the diplomas of my colleagues in their offices. Their diplomas might be from the University of British Columbia, Concordia or even Harvard.

But mine says Eastern Oregon University and I am so proud of that and all that it represents.

It's just who I am.

Guest Column

By Daniel Harrington
Guest Columnist

Awakenings

During the recent spell of warm days I have often been rebuked in my remarks about the weather. I said to a friend that the tulips had broken ground on campus and was told "they're going to get snowed on." A similar sentiment was voiced by my vegetable-farming friend, who said that we still have plenty of winter left. Having grown up among the dour denizens of northern New England, I am familiar with unwillingness to see the hope of spring, and yet...

For those of you who look around you and see closed buds on the trees, no signs of flowers, and snow still lingering on the ridges, I would suggest taking a few moments to listen. These sunny days have produced an amazing change that may go unnoticed to many spring naysayers.

Today as I approached campus there were American robins crowding the trees and investigating lawns. In addition to the regular variety of calls and chatters of a foraging flock were the flute-like phrases of some of the first robins giving voice to their full song. At the tops of several trees were robins sitting still, with breasts glowing while they practiced their song of rising and falling trills. After a winter of silence, these songs are truly beautiful.

Once on the campus, the ringing call of a northern flicker echoed off of Loso Hall, and was answered by another bird drumming on the other side of campus. This was the first drumming of a woodpecker that I've heard since winter was on its way into La Grande. A week ago these birds were silent as stones.

This continued – a walk through the cemetery found the bubbling, warbling song of a house finch on the wind. This little bird was at the absolute highest point he could find in the graveside trees, and I do not lie when I say that he was singing continuously for as long as I was in earshot, only pausing for half a breath between each repetition of his song. Near the National Guard building a song sparrow bent the top of a long-dead cattail over with his weight, and with his chest out and head back he voiced his ticking, trilling song.

Now a biologist would tell you that these are males of the species that are using song as a way to establish their right to a territory, and thus increase their own fitness by holding a good territory and attracting a highly sought-after mate. A true ornithologist could go on about how vigorous singing is an advertisement of health, and so on. It's true, I'm sure. However, I also suspect that songs of such ringing beauty in the growing light of spring also tell us something else about life and living.

I know that the birds are also singing because they love the feel of the warming sun, and that they have high hopes of life and love in the coming months. I know they sing because they have survived the winter and are happy to be back on their nesting territory. I know that they are rejoicing in the fact that they are alive. Why else would they make such beautiful music?

The poet Jack Gilbert has said that in life "we must risk delight." So, with apologies to those of you who tell me that spring is far off, I am going to side with Jack and that house finch up there and celebrate the fact that I am alive, and that the sun is warm, and that the tulips are already pushing their heads up out of the dark earth in search of sunlight. There was a dust of snow on the ridges this morning, and yes, winter still has its hold. But it is losing its battle, day by day.

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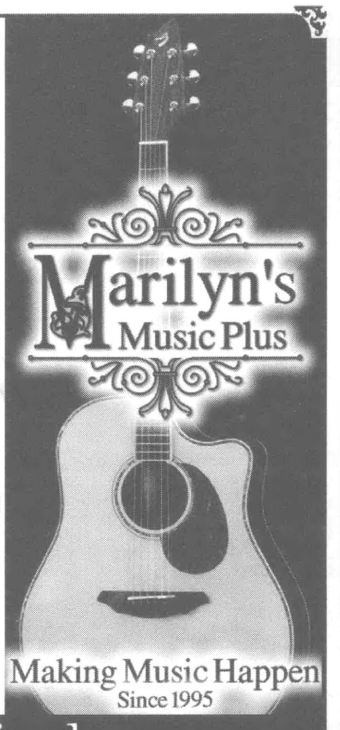

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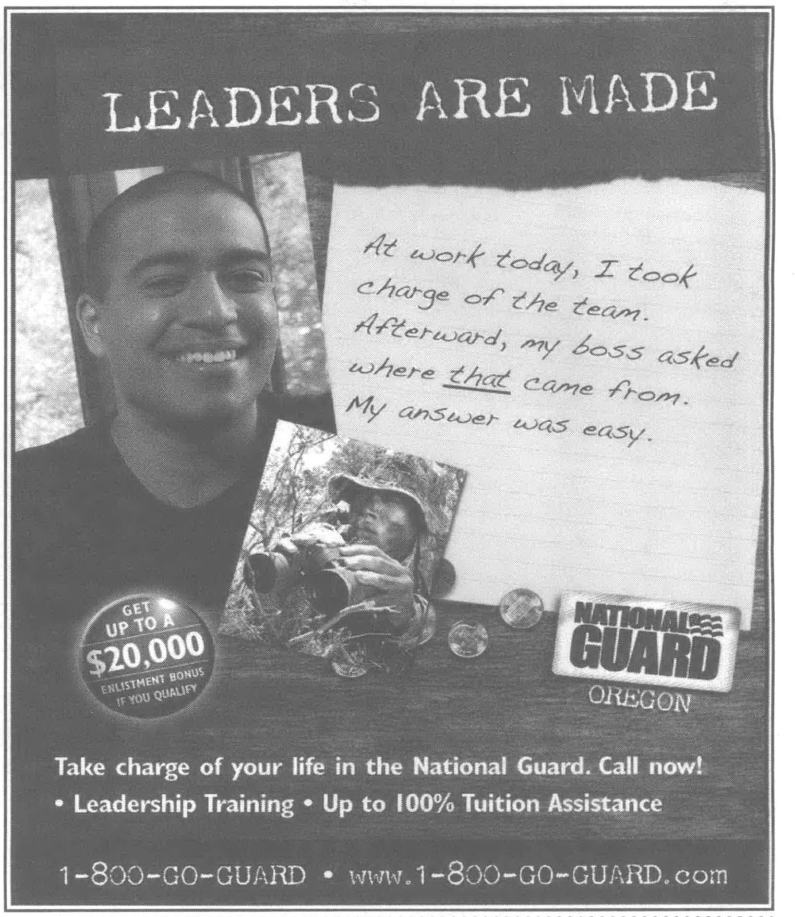

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Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

I think that I tend to migrate toward health and fitness issues, and since for some reason I am having a hard time writing my column today-I'll play it safe.

Honestly, I wouldn't call myself a health nut...my boyfriend eats way healthier than me, and I definitely have my vices when it comes to food.

I love food (and coffee).

But I do like to think I take care of myself, get my vitamins and nutrients for the most part, and obviously I get my work out in every day during basketball practice.

Aside from all that, I am curious about health and fitness, and hopefully you are a bit too-if not, what am I doing this for?!

So, I am calling this one the "unworkout."

My goal is to try and think of ways that are not so stressful or strenuous, and that can actually be fun when it comes to exercising and working out.

One reason that people stray away from working out is because it seems too much like work; and who wants to go to work after they get off work?

Also, just the thought of working out can put a burden on one's mood and can stress us out or even make us feel guilty at times.

So, we need to find the right motivation, and unless there's fun involved, it's hard motivating ourselves to do things most the time.

People say that they don't have time to exercise regularly, but the thing is-people make time for things that are enjoyable.

So, here are a couple of "unworkouts" that we can all try and make time for.

-Do something you wouldn't normally do. Have you ever played tennis? Golf? Laser tag? Go for a swim! It's one of the best things your can do for your body.

Trying something new can be an adventure in itself. Even if you end up not enjoying it, at least you tried, and maybe even have a horror story or two to tell your friends about.

-Put on your dancing shoes. If you're not the sporty type, then dancing is a good calorie burner. I'm not just talking about ballroom, salsa, square and breakdance.

Just get out there and start cutting up the rug... you'll be surprised how good you think you are.

- Take a vacation. Yeah, it's not exactly what you think-but take the weekend off and go skiing or snowboarding. You'll probably be sore the day after, but that's just your body's way of telling you, "Nice job, you actually did something good for yourself yesterday!"

-Spice up a dull routine. If you're bored of the elliptical, grab a friend and go for a jog around town. This may be a little more interesting in a different town, so if you need to take a little road trip before the jog, go for it!

Also, at this point in the 21st century, it might be a good idea to invest in an MP3 player.

-Finally, change your perspective. In an ideal world, people would spend at least 5-6 days a week doing a balanced program of cardiovascular, strength, and flexibility exercises. But in the real world, that's neither realistic nor appealing, so let's try something different shall we... the "unworkout."

Let me know how it goes.

Sports Briefs

UPDATE:

What's with the rumor that baseball is coming back?

What's the future of the baseball field?

Why didn't we replace the baseball field with a softball field?

When is the softball field expected to be completed?

I just wanted to keep everybody up to date because there are different rumors going around.

According to Athletic Director Rob Cashell, there are currently no plans to reinstate the baseball program.

Cutting the baseball program in 2006 no doubt had an effect on our athletics department as well as our university.

"There was a lot of history in the baseball program," Cashell said. "But the reality is...we can't be everything to everybody and something had to give."

So, I'm sorry to report; baseball will not be coming back-in the near future anyway.

The current baseball field, also referred to as "the green space," is being used to accommodate recreation or overflow as needed.

For example, football has used the space for practicing, and it is available for the public to rent.

And of course, the plans for the new softball field were made prior to the cutting of baseball, which is why a new softball field is currently under construction.

"We are hoping to have it done by March 6," Cashell said.

Depending on the weather, the softball team may not see action on the new grass until their first home conference game on April 6.

Arrangements will be made to play games at Pioneer Park as long as they have to.

Answers to Quiz on Page 16:

1) momentum
2) contain
3) time
4) own
5) broken
6) zone
7) system
8) rise
9) clutch
10) distractions
11) focused
12) pressure
13) level
14) toughness
15) intensity
16) stave
17) adversity
18) destiny
19) message
20) total

If you got:

Less than 12 correct: Pretty clueless.

12-13 correct: You're not much of a sports fan.

14-15 correct: You know enough not to be embarrassed.

16-17 correct: You're a casual sports fan.

18-19 correct: You spend most of the weekend in front of the television.

20 correct: Hardcore. Nice work.

(This quiz brought to you by sportscliche.com)

Guest Column

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

The Week In Sports

The saying goes, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," and if that's the case then the NBA should leave all memories of that All Star Weekend in Las Vegas.

The annual "defensive battle" that is the NBA All Star Game was in the Sin City this year, with the Western Conference easing past the Eastern Conference, 153-132.

I understand that this is an all-star game and people don't pay to come watch defense; but people should also recognize that children who are beginning to play the game don't care about fundamentals anymore.

Kids see this particular game and want to imitate the passes and dunks, not the ball screens or back-door cuts.

That's why I hate the all-star game.

If you're going to take out a significant part of the game, defense, then why the hell even play the game?

And then don't turn around give some kid a hard time about making a pass around their back and wondering where they got it.

Sports Center pushes only the highlights at us everyday, not the steals or the extra pass for an easier shot.

But, as far as this game was concerned, this was far from a classic.

It sorely lacked any suspense and only brief flashes of any kinds of showmanship.

I say lack of suspense using the score entering the fourth quarter as evidence, 127-96. Where's the drama in a game that has a 31-point lead entering the final quarter?

Kobe Bryant was selected the games MVP with 31 points on the evening, two better than Amare Stoudemire who managed to score 29 points in 21 minutes!

But odd selections go hand-in-hand with the whole All-Star Weekend.

It begins with the dunk contest, which use to actually put the best dunkers in the league against each other.

Now, the best dunkers can be found during the dunk on contest on the side of the court holding their cameras towards first or second year players who might average 10 minutes a game.

The players for the All Star Game are chosen not by fellow players, coaches or owners of league, but by the fans.

This is fine if you're voting for the next President of the United States, but not for the all stars.

The outcome is players who have played 10 games all season, and have a shoe contract, beating out players with solid all-star statistics.

The fact that the game was played in a city that does not even have an NBA team, pretty much summed up the whole weekend.

Let us move onto the next annual event that gets to me, the 200 lapped, loud and irritatingly long Daytona 500.

Does anyone even watch this anymore?

I might understand getting into it on television, but in person I can only imagine the noise for four or more hours.

I suppose having Budweiser as a sponsor helps.

See **Guest Column**, Page 15

Mounties show promise on the track

Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer
&
Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

The EOU Track & Field team was up against some tough competition Feb.16 and 17, and proved just how good they are.

Last weekend, the Mounties participated in the Vandal Invitational at the University of Idaho, where some of EOU's athletes went up against tough NCCA Division 1 athletes.

Sophomore Lucas Ohmes ran the 60-meter hurdles, recording a personal best time, just several hundreds of a second from advancing to the Friday night finals and hitting the NAIA Provisional mark.

Sophomore Marcella Bosch ran her best mile time of the year at 5:24.44.

Bosch was the only non-NCAA Division 1 runner in that particular race.

The women's 4 x 400 meter relay team finished with their second best time of the indoor season, and doing so without their lead off leg, Danielle Reis, who was injured.

On Feb.17, the Mounties returned to action against fellow NAIA opponents in the McDonald's Open.

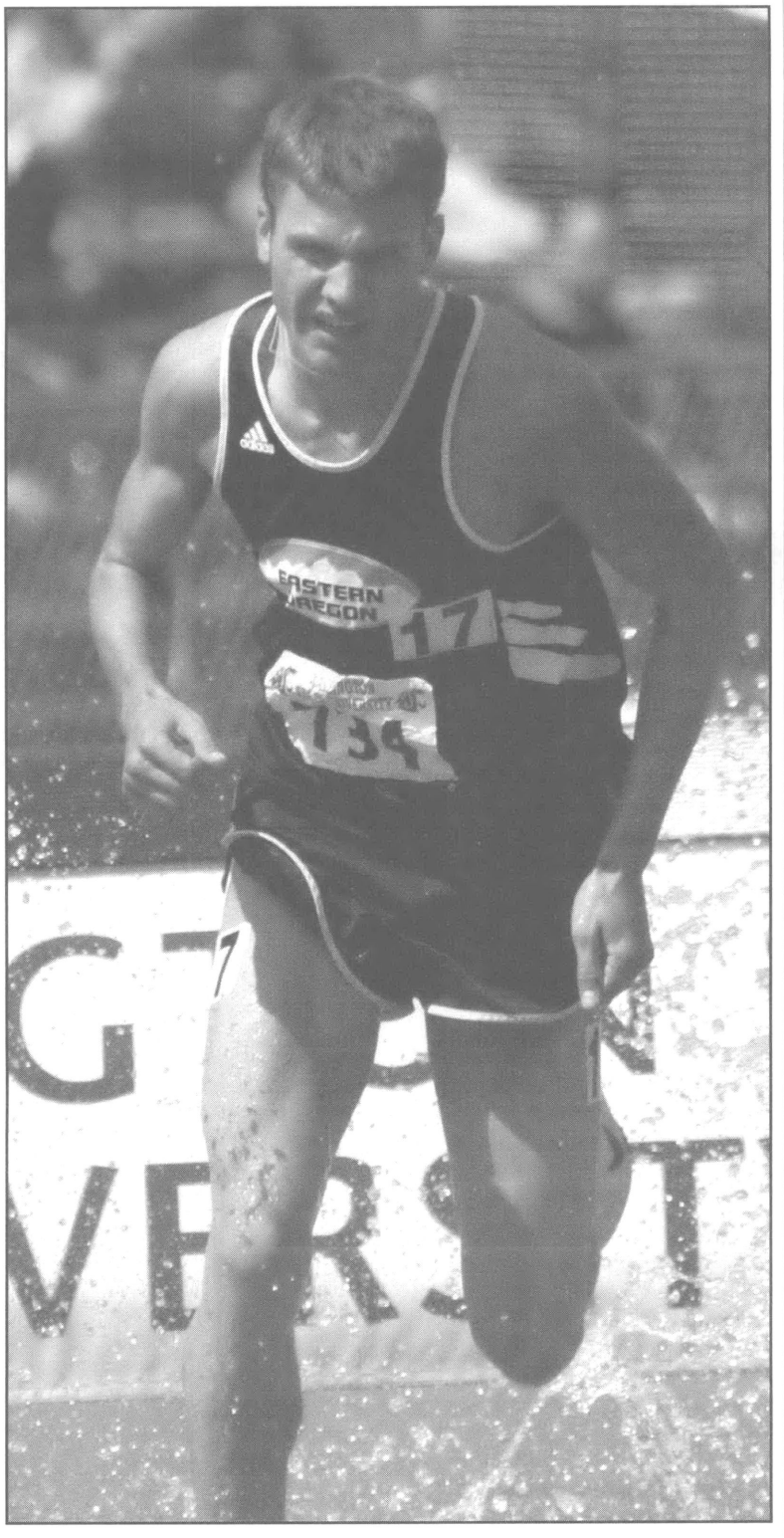
On the women's side, Kasie Gillespie performed very well in the Pentathlon, which consists of the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump and the 800-meter run.

Freshman Dani Murphy and Junior Chelsee Harmon both competed in the 400-meter race and both did well.

Senior Laura Clayton had a solid 800-meter race and Bosch, who ran her first 3,000-meter race of the season, placed third overall.

For the men's squad, Saturday also fared well.

Sophomore Mitch Wheelhouse threw two personal records in the shot put and 35# weight throw events, with throws of 14.69 meters and 14.72 meters respectively.



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Zach Heath won the 800-meter race in 1:59.64.

Freshman Josh Ross also improved his throws in the same events.

Gary Truman had a great day with personal records in three of four events.

Truman competed in the 60-meter, 200-meter and long jump where he achieved personal records.

Senior Adam Goulet ran the mile in 4:24.93, good enough for first place.

Sophomore Zach Heath also had a win in the 800-meter race, leading the whole way.

Ohmes and Gillespie will be competing at the NAIA Championships, where both of them are in the top 16 in the nation.

The rest of the team will prepare for the 2007 outdoor season.

Women's B-Ball From Page 16

was surprised earlier in the night when her parents both showed up to the gym.

"I was nervous at first; my mom hasn't seen me play in a couple of years and my dad only got to see me play about 11 minutes on his trip down last year."

On a different note, held to just two points on the night was guard Christie Weaver.

"I didn't get many looks, but as long as we win, it doesn't matter how many I score."

Weaver did contribute other ways, hauling in 10 rebounds and picking it up on the defensive end.

Weaver, Brice and Davis were honored at half time of the men's game for their contribution and accomplishments during their time at Eastern.

"It was better that they did it then and not before our game," Weaver said.

"It was very emotional."

EOU faced Northwest University at home on Tuesday in the first round of playoffs, winning 77-57 behind Christie Weaver's 32 points.

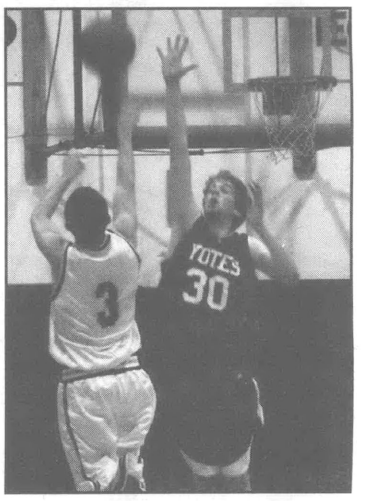
They play OIT Friday at 7 p.m. at Quinn Colliseum and are currently ranked 24th in NAIA.

Men's B-Ball From Page 16

The Cascade Conference is arguably one of the best conferences in NAIA Men's Division II.

One would think winning 20 plus games in such a conference may be enough to land the Mountaineers an at-large bid in the National Tournament in Branson, Mo.

But, Eastern can control its own fate if it wins the conference tournament.



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Jeremey Templeton

Guest Column From Page 14

My definition of a pro athlete is someone being paid to do something I cannot.

I think that I can get into a car and drive fast for 200 circles.

There is nothing athletic about that to me.

If you don't believe me, there was a 72-year-old man who missed qualifying for this year's race by only four spots.

There was talking all week about some of the drivers cheating before the race.

How is this even possible?

Have we come so far down as a society that every sport now has cheating?

First was baseball and steroids, then came cycling and steroids, now jet fuel in race cars? Give me a break.

How are we as fans suppose to believe any feats or records again?

If you feel that there is still a sport out there safe from cheating, you must read this.

Three years ago a proposal was made in Chess Life Magazine that all players competing in the National Tournament be tested for drugs before participating.

Recently, at the U.S. Chess Federation Conference in Massachusetts, the proposal was passed.

There was speculation that players began taking Ritalin to stimulate their brains and make them concentrate more, giving them an edge.

The International Chess Federation has now also made a similar proposal for worldwide play.

I guess we all just become pawns, in the world of cheating.

For more of my negative and odd views into sports, please tune into Sports 101 on KEOL La Grande 91.7 FM every Friday at 1 P.M. (A plug never hurts.

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The Sideline

Sports Quiz

Fill in the blank with one word
(Answers on page 14)

1) You can feel the _____ swinging.

2) You can't stop him, you can only hope to _____ him.

3) They have to take it one game at a _____.

4) He's really coming into his _____.

5) Records are made to be _____.

6) He's really been in the _____.

7) The players have bought into the _____.

8) This team must _____ to the occasion.

9) He always comes through in the _____.

10) They have to ignore the off-field _____.

11) They have to stay _____.

12) He thrives under _____.

13) This team must step up to the next _____.

14) This team has tremendous mental _____.

15) They have to turn up the _____.

16) They need a win to _____ off elimination.

17) This team has overcome a lot of _____.

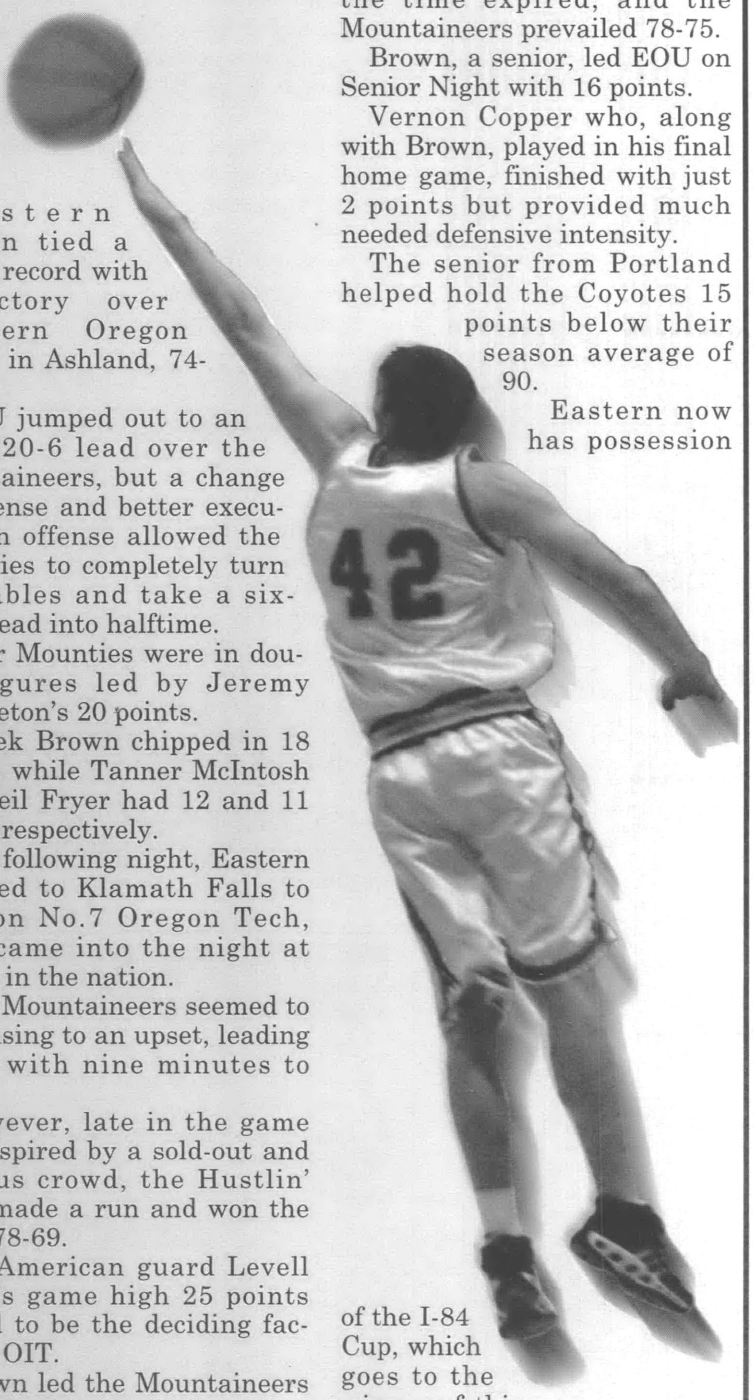
18) They control their own _____.

19) This team sent a _____ today.

20) This win was a _____ team effort.

Eastern Men close regular season strong

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer



Eastern Oregon tied a school record with a victory over Southern Oregon Feb. 9 in Ashland, 74-63.

SOU jumped out to an early 20-6 lead over the Mountaineers, but a change in defense and better execution on offense allowed the Mounties to completely turn the tables and take a six-point lead into halftime.

Four Mounties were in double figures led by Jeremy Templeton's 20 points.

Derek Brown chipped in 18 points, while Tanner McIntosh and Neil Fryer had 12 and 11 points respectively.

The following night, Eastern traveled to Klamath Falls to take on No.7 Oregon Tech, EOU came into the night at No. 22 in the nation.

The Mountaineers seemed to be cruising to an upset, leading by 11 with nine minutes to play.

However, late in the game and inspired by a sold-out and raucous crowd, the Hustlin' Owls made a run and won the game 78-69.

All-American guard Levell Hesia's game high 25 points proved to be the deciding factor for OIT.

Brown led the Mountaineers with 16 points.

Eastern has not won in Klamath Falls since Dec. 19, 1976.

Eastern would return to La Grande to close the regular season against another ranked opponent in No.14 Albertson College on Feb.16.

EOU led the whole game, one time by as much as 14 points, but the 'Yotes cut the lead to two with just minutes to play.

Albertson missed a chance to tie with a three-point shot as the time expired, and the Mountaineers prevailed 78-75.

Brown, a senior, led EOU on Senior Night with 16 points.

Vernon Copper who, along with Brown, played in his final home game, finished with just 2 points but provided much needed defensive intensity.

The senior from Portland helped hold the Coyotes 15 points below their season average of 90.

Eastern now has possession of the I-84 Cup, which goes to the winner of this rivalry. Albertson had won the previous five meetings in La Grande.

The Mountaineers enter the postseason with an opening round game of the CCC Tournament at Albertson College.

EOU enters the game as the fifth seed in the conference at 12-6 in conference play and 21-7 overall.

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Women beat Albertson, get bid to Nationals

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

Coach Anji Weissenfluh is creating a dynasty.

The EOU women's basketball team defeated Albertson College Friday night 60-55, clinching their share of the Cascade Conference title.

If the game wasn't exciting enough, it came down to a coin toss between Corban and Eastern to see who would get the automatic bid to nationals, since both teams had the same CCC record.

Luck was with Eastern, or as Coach Weissenfluh said-things just worked out how they were supposed to— as EOU won the coin toss (calling heads) and will represent the Cascade Conference as the No. 1 seed in the NAIA National Tournament in March.

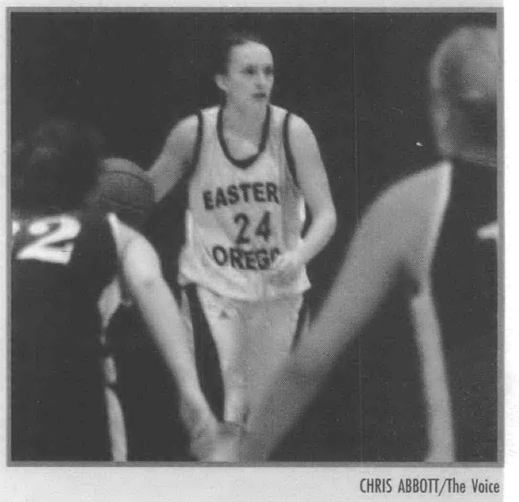
Friday night was also senior night for Christie Weaver, Candice Davis and Liz Brice.

This was their last regular season home game. However, they host Northwest University on Feb. 20 in the first round of playoffs.

Against Alberston, as expected the game was intense and exciting from tip-off.

The crowd was also in fine form from the very start, as the stands was a sea of blue and gold with signs reading "Safeways better."

What started and ended a fast-paced game, the mounties had some trouble handling the Yotes' full court press early, turning the ball over nine times.



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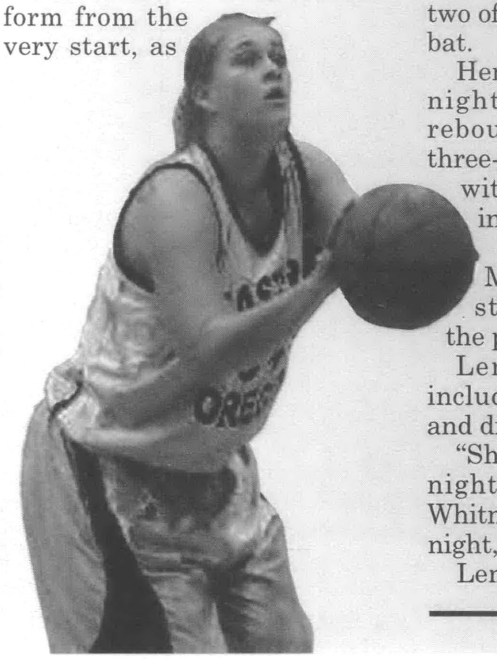
Laura Olsen brings the ball up against Albertson.



Eventually, Eastern went on an 11-4 run to close out the first half and take a 37-30 lead going into the locker room.

"The first half we let our crowd hurt us a bit," said coach Weissenfluh. "We hadn't played in front of a crowd this big and it seemed like it almost rattled us instead of motivated us at first."

The second half started where the first half ended, as leading scorer of the night Sheena Henderson banged in two of her 19 points right off the bat.

Henderson played strong all night, pulling down six rebounds and even hitting a three-pointer before fouling out with 30 seconds left to play in the game.

Whitney Leman led the Mounties with another strong performance from the point guard position.

Leman put up 15 points, including 12 from down town, and dished out four assists.

"Sheena had the shot of the night (her three-pointer) but Whitney played the game of the night," said Weissenfluh.

Leman, who is from Alaska,

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Beacon Bits

Spring break is almost here! So in honor of that here are some things to think about. Also, don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday!

The top 10 places to go within the Pacific Northwest for Spring Break

1. Wallowa Lake
2. Boise, Idaho
3. Bend
4. Portland
5. Seattle
6. Vancouver, BC
7. Eugene
8. Astoria
9. Tillamook (if only for the cheese)
10. Go for a drive on highway 12 in Northern Idaho

Quote

"Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!'" Robin Williams

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ASEOU rallies for higher education

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 14, 13 ASEOU students boarded their vehicles at 5:30 a.m. and headed for Salem.

Between noon and one, while the rest of us attended classes, they rallied in front of the capitol steps in support of higher education funding.

And while some Eastern students waited for the 9 a.m. alarm, ASEOU president, Sadie Isley, accompanied by Shakira Bandolin,the vice president of political affairs, met with Oregon legislators to discuss future higher education funding.

"The rally," Isley said, "was just about creating support around higher education, in general, and getting legislators to commit to making an investment in higher education."

During the meetings with legislators, Isley met with house representatives Greg Smith, Tom Butler and Senator Nelson, lobbying OSA's yearly "priority issues."

OSA, the Oregon Student Association, represents all of the Oregon public universities and community colleges.

Throughout this year, said Isley, OSA "set priority issues for tuition and funding," which asks that, "tuition be no more than the increase in the median family income."

According to Isley, OSA also asked legislators to fund the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

"We've also asked for funding of the Aspire Program," said

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/The Voice

Students from across the state participated in the rally on the capital building steps in Salem.

EOU's grand staircase to receive makeover

By Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor

A symbolic and historic landmark at Eastern Oregon University—the grand staircase—will soon be restored.

"There are 75 years of history connected to that staircase. It's an important historical landmark," Tim Seydel, associate vice president for University Advancement, said.

When the Alumni Association reformed in 2001, one of their main topics of interest was the restoration of the staircase, located below Inlow Hall on "L" Ave.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/University Advancements

Renovations on the staircase will start as soon as 2008.

"The Alumni Association made this one of their top priorities and we bolted into some fundraising activities," Seydel said.

Seydel said that they soon found out there was money available for the grand staircase in the state budget to fund the interior reconstruction of Inlow Hall.

"We were really pleased to learn that it had some funds earmarked in it for the restoration of the staircase as well," Seydel said.

They also researched available grants and received private donations.

The Ignite the Future Campaign at the University has also put the staircase on its list of special projects.

"They recognize it as an important link between the campus and the community, and also as an important historical link," Seydel said.

The staircase is currently on the University's top list of projects submitted to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

The board reviews lists from all campuses and submits its recommended budget to the governor, who then compiles and submits his own budget to the legislature.

The staircase is currently one of the top three priorities on this list.

"We are hoping it will get through all of the hoops and will get signed by the governor's hand," Seydel said.

This is currently in process with the legislature that convened in January.

The University is hoping that it will be getting through all of the capital construction hearings for that component of the budget by June.

Then, the funds will be released for the state to use.

Seydel said they are hoping to sell their bonds in the second part of the current biennium, which would be sometime in

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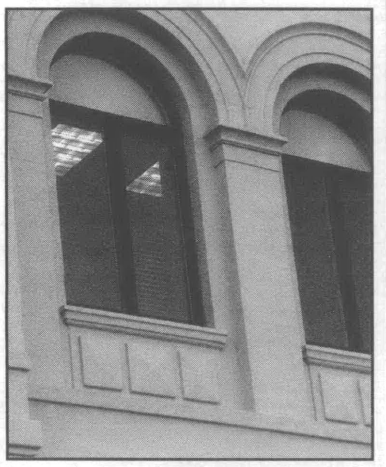
A new look for Inlow Hall

By Kyle Janssen
Voice Staff Writer



JENNA ELLIOTT/THE VOICE
The new windows of Inlow.

The Inlow Hall theater has recently received a facelift. Located on the second floor, the theater has been remodeled into an office space, a conference room and handicap accessible restrooms have been added.

Before the renovation, the 6,000 square foot area was left empty.

According to Michael Rhodes, Director of Facility Operations, it was dark, dank and musty. The theater had a stage on the north end, seating and a ramped floor, but was in total disrepair.

"We had a dilapidated space in our main administration building; it was a totally unusable space," Rhodes said.

"It was an energy nightmare," he added. Prior to the remodeling the air conditioning would get pulled up to the roof, making it difficult to control the temperature of the area.

"We've always had a shortage of acceptable meeting places and handicap accessible restrooms have been in short supply," Rhodes said. "We're going to save a lot of money on energy costs. We killed a lot of birds with one stone."

New windows have also been installed on the front of the building, restoring it to its original 1929 look.

The first windows were bricked over in the 70s, but now the administration is trying to get the building inline with its original appearance.

Because the building is on the National Register of Historic Places, the architects had to work with the register to keep the building's historical face.

The renovation cost just over $6,000. The project's funding came from a deferred maintenance fund from the university.

The project was first pro-

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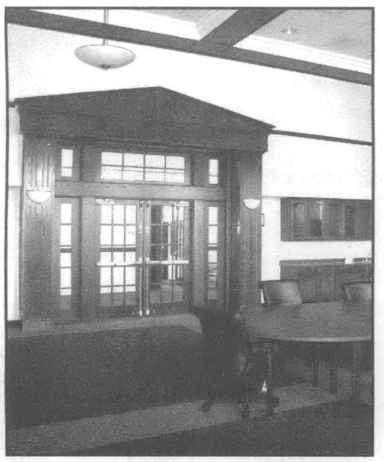

JENNA ELLIOTT/THE VOICE
The new conference room in Inlow.

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2008 at the earliest.

Mike Rhodes, Director of Facilities, said that they will have to hire geophysical engineers to research the stability of the hill the staircase was built on. The findings will determine the length of the project.

The staircase was built in 1928 along with the construction of Inlow Hall. The campus opened in 1929.

It was a popular location, used for graduation, musical performances, and other special events such as weddings.

In the 1970's, the grand staircase was the location for a spring event known as Evensong.

According to Seydel, Evensong, which included Queen and a full court, was an important event for the campus and community.

After the 1970's it wasn't used for Evensong anymore, but it was still used as an access point and a visible connection between the campus and the community.

The grand staircase fell into disrepair in the 1980's and had to be shut down in 1999.

Seydel said that budgets were tight and the money was sent to fix things that students utilize.

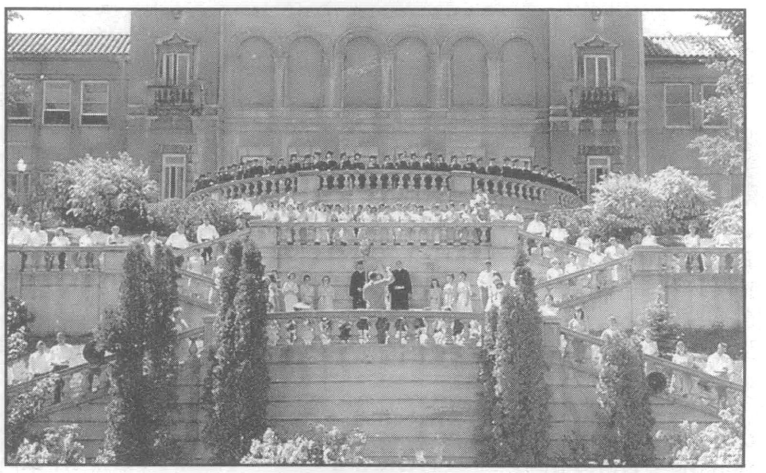
"It made a lot more sense to fix a classroom for student purposes than to fix a staircase," Seydel said.

Now, with the available funds, the grand staircase will again become that visible connection to Eastern Oregon University and La Grande.

"We don't want to be dealing with this in 5, 10 15, or even 50 years. It would be nice to have it secured in a way that it can survive," said Seydel. "If we are going to put it there, it's going to stay there."

Evensong: A Tradition Remembered

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer



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Evensong took place every spring from 1932 until 1988.

She remembers the evening taking her breath away; standing on the grand staircase and looking out to see unbroken treetops.

She wasn't even aware that there were houses underneath, just solid treetops and a procession of flickering candles casting shadows over the line of students.

Fabian took a breath and thought, "What a beautiful night!"

Fabian was my second grade teacher and a graduate of EOU. When she found out last year that I would be attending Eastern in the fall, the first thing she told me was of this magical spring ceremony.

The evening was a June night of her freshman year and she was standing on the grand staircase next to Inow Hall on one of the last years of the Evensong ceremony.

Evensong was started at Eastern Oregon by the first University president in 1932.

Harvey Inlow created the ceremony to symbolize the seniors departing and leaving academic encouragement for the underclassman.

The leader of the evening

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Isley, "which is a program where college students go into high schools and help students who don't have the help at home, or don't have councilors helping them apply for college."

"The meeting," said Isley, "all went really well. I think our legislators are very supportive of higher education."

The rally, she said, "attracted a lot of media attention, which was kind of one of the goals, to let people know what it is that we are doing."

Also, during the rally, supportive house representatives and governor Ted Kulongoski spoke to the 200-300 students present on the capitol steps.

"Our presence was definitely noted," said Isley.

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EOU sets fundraising record in 2006

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Last year was a banner year at Eastern Oregon University. Total revenues received by the EOU Foundation exceeded $3.78 million, more than four times the total received in 2005.

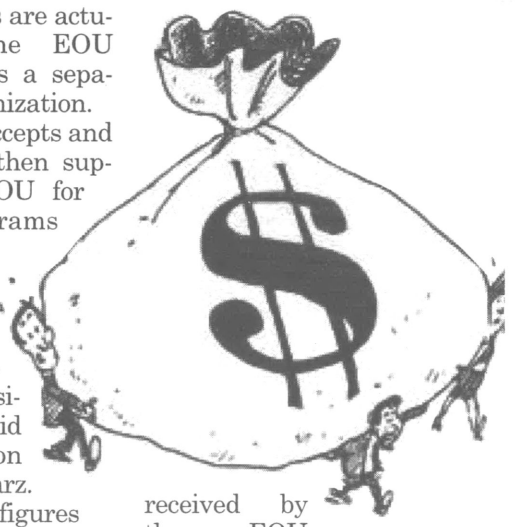
Announcing the success at the EOU Foundation Board of Director's meeting last week, EOU President Khosrow Fatemi noted that finding new funding sources outside state support is a top priority.

"Diversifying our resource base to provide stability and growth is critical," Fatemi said. "Our success in 2006 will not only help students today, but will also provide support for years to come."

Fundraising at EOU is led by the University Advancement Division and involves many departments and individuals. Charitable gifts from alumni, friends and community members are actually made to the EOU Foundation which is a separate, non-profit organization.

The Foundation accepts and manages gifts and then supplies funding to EOU for scholarships, programs and special projects.

"We are so pleased to work together and raise so much to support students and the university this past year," said EOU Foundation President Lyle Schwarz.



The total revenue figures include several different kinds of income. Included in the total is $967,000 of charitable gifts made by alumni and friends of the university and $360,000 of the revenue such as interest, fundraising events and trust income from endowments.

The additional $2.45 million is made up of commitments in gifts and pledges that will be received by the EOU Foundation in future years.

Among the notable contributions made in 2006 is a gift of $580,683 from the estate of Irma Klinghammer, which will establish new scholarships for education and graduate students at EOU.

New estate gift commitments from long-time administrator and alumni Mike and Sue Daugherty and others totaled over $2 million in future revenue.

Several new scholarships were also established including the Loren Nebeker Endowed Scholarship and the Ronald Tonack Memorial Scholarship.

A major part of the success in 2006 was due to the launch of the "Ignite the Future" campaign in May. Gifts to the campaign support scholarships and special projects including the restoration of the university's historic Grand Staircase.

Funds raised will also go to help alumni programs, faculty development grants and the Foundation operations.

"Our alumni, friends and donors have set a new standard for EOU and we are planning for continued improvements in our fundraising and grants offices," Fatemi said.

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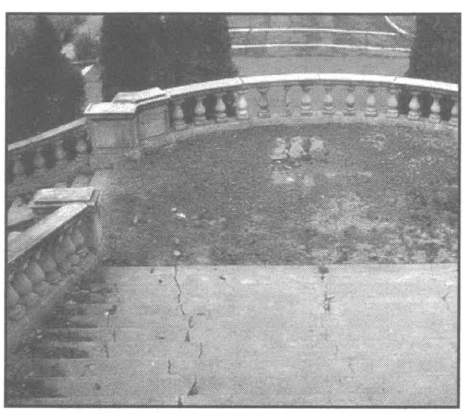
was a senior girl crowned the Queen of Knowledge. Standing on the top tier of the balcony she reined over the evening in a Grecian robe, torch in hand. The seniors lined up below her and the underclassmen after that.

The whole event was highly symbolical, with trumpets blowing and orchestra playing. The seniors lit candles from the Queen's Torch of Knowledge and proceeded down the stairs to light all the others. As they left, the underclassmen would move up to take their new place on the staircase.

Down below, local people gathered to watch the ceremony and listen to the music. Before any candles were lit, the entire student body would sing of the countryside and of the college.

Included was the song to the Queen of Knowledge; "Queen of the mountain, queen of the hill, show us thy spirit; teach us thy will, Queen of our college, queen of our song, Wisdom and honor to thee belong. Symbol of knowledge, thy praise we sing. Our pledge of fealty to thee we bring. Queen of our college, queen of our song, Wisdom and honor to thee belong, to thee be-long. Hear now our song, ring loud and long."



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Looking down at "L" St.

The 1936 college yearbook says the practice sessions for these songs could be heard five or six blocks away.

A student said in the 1933 yearbook; "our vocal cords feel very much as if they have been drug behind an ocean liner in a bad storm."

The Queen of Knowledge was elected from a group of seven senior girls chosen by the professors.

The selection was based on scholarship, character, service and poise. After that, the student body elected their queen. Fabian said one of the neatest things about that night was looking up the stairs to see all the other girls and discovering instead young women standing there.

Eastern Oregon University was much smaller during the years of Evensong. It was also mostly women students, especially in the early years when it was a teaching school.

Evensong stayed with the college as it changed from Eastern Oregon Normal School to Eastern Oregon College and now, Eastern Oregon University. The ceremony marked the passage of each year with song and beauty.

Suzanne Bunker was the last Queen of Knowledge to be elected and said in an interview with *The Mountaineer* (Summer/Fall 2006) that Evensong was a very moving event and a fitting good-bye to Eastern.

Fabian too remembers being touched by the evening, especially how everyone connected in those few hours.

"It wasn't corny though!" She said. "Everyone bought in; it was a beautiful night and ceremony."

"I guess maybe it was because we were the first of the hippies... emotion in ceremonies was okay." She added and laughed.

In 1971, the students lined up for what was to be the last time on Inlow's grand staircase. Student interests had gradually been changing to new activities. On that last night, the candles flickered over not only the departure of the senior class, but also over the head of a graduating tradition.

Small pieces of the evening still remain though; one of the most commonly seen is in the Ignite the Future Campaign. This foundation on campus provides scholarships and other monetary services.

It's symbol? A flaming torch, the same as held by young women on Inlow stairs for almost 30 years.

The same torch that the Queen spoke of when she ended the ceremony by telling students; "May you keep your purpose strong, your courage high, your loyalty true and ever bear aloft the torch of learning."

Now, when you walk by the closed off section of staircase you know why it crumbles; the tread of memories and hopes has weighed down the once strong cement.

Now it remembers its old strength just as we remember the glorious evening it displayed every spring.

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EOU club has some cards up its sleave

By Cassandra Smith
Voice Staff Writer

Wednesday nights are important for the members of the Pocket Aces Poker Club.

These evenings consist of laughter, chatting and of course, "No Limit Texas Hold 'em."

At 7 p.m., the HUB is home to poker players at all different levels.

The thrill of the game lasts for 10 weeks. At the beginning of each term, participants buy in for $20 a person.

The tournament thus begins: a participant receives points according to his placement in tournament. Last place gets one point, first place gets 18, plus 10 for making it to the final table.

These points are then counted up at the end of the term, and a winner is named.

The winner of the term receives a plaque, t-shirt and any other prize that the left over money can buy.

Usually the prize is a gift-card, but last year the winner collected an X-Box.

Richard Geniesse, club president, and Jason Scholl, a two-time winner and club member, explained that the club began in the fall of 2004.

Geniesse said that the club was created because the university didn't have one, and that they wanted to make a place where anyone could come and have fun playing poker.

If you are a beginner, don't feel nervous; everyone is welcome.

"Before I came to Eastern, I had never played poker. Now I like it, and I usually do pretty well in the tournament," Scholl said.

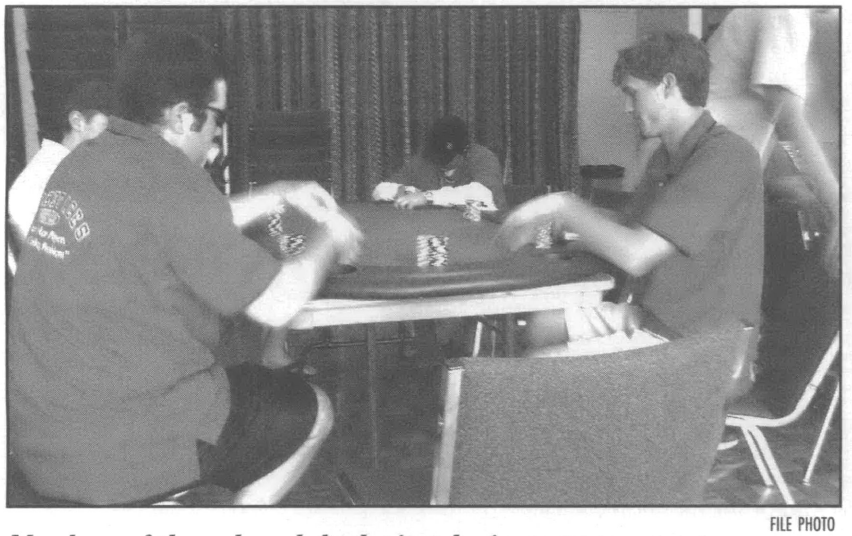
Geniesse suggests that new players come at the beginning of the term, "that way they won't be out point-wise."

Both club members agreed that they wish there were more people.

"It's really exciting and fun when there are three full tables of people playing for a championship," Geniesse said.

Both also agreed that beginners usually do pretty well. "There's always beginner's luck," Scholl said.

If you are interested in participating, look for flyers at the end of the term, or email Richard Geniesse: geniesr@eou.edu.



FILE PHOTO

Members of the poker club playing during a tournament.

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posed to end energy losses and save money, but the administration pushed the project when the remains of early settlers were found beneath the building.

Since then, the burials have been recovered with a concrete cap so they can't be disturbed.

Further renovations are in store for the building when there is enough money in the governor's proposed budget. The future plans will cost around $6 million from the deferred maintenance fund.

Plans for the building include bringing the electric infrastructure to modern standards.

"This will allow us to bring the building back to the looks of 1929," Rhodes said. We're going to have a modern building with the looks of the 1920s. It will be much more usable for students and staff."

Dog bite victim seeks change in Oregon law

Associated Press

COOS BAY-It was nearly 19 months ago, but Sara Weidenhaft is still haunted by the animal's amber eyes just moments after it ripped her lips apart.

It remains a part of every word that escapes her mangled lips, every stare from a stranger. And it's a part of her resolve to change a law.

She had leaned into a truck to hug the dog's owner.

"He bit it off," Weidenhaft said through a small opening where her lips once were. "I didn't even know the dog was in the car until he had my lip in his mouth."

She has had five surgeries to repair the damage and faces more.

She didn't press charges or try to have the dog put down, but learned that in Oregon, the owner of a normally friendly dog is not liable for damages after a first-time attack. The dog's owner, a friend of Weidenhaft's, paid $5,000 through her insurance company, but didn't have to.

Insurance has covered most of the surgery but she doesn't believe she alone should have to pay the rest.



FILE PHOTO

The law would make owners liable for their first-time dog bites.

"So far my surgeries are in excess of $66,000 and I'm still not fixed," Weidenhaft, 52, told lawmakers at a hearing in Salem for House Bill 2345, a dog-bite measure proposed by Rep. Wayne Krieger, R-Gold Beach.

The dog's owner would be responsible for medical expenses but the owner would retain defenses such as provocation of the dog.

"If a dog comes into my pasture and kills one of my sheep, not only can I kill the dog ... I can collect up to three times the value of the sheep. But, if a dog bites my lip off, I have to pay? Something isn't right with this picture," Weidenhaft said.

Oregon is among several states that never altered dog-bite laws that date from 16th-century England, Krieger said.

He said a poor family whose child is attacked by a dog may not be able to afford reconstructive surgery. "Not many (young families) have $50,000, $60,000, or $70,000 for reconstructive surgery."

Weidenhaft, an animal lover with a ranch, says she doesn't hate the dog.

But she says she wants people to realize they don't know dogs as well as they think they do, or what they will do.

Weidenhaft said she thinks the Great Dane reacted to his owner's surprise when she leaned in for the hug.

Her husband, Ted Weidenhaft said they are working through the impact the incident has caused.

"He still loves me no matter how ugly I am," Weidenhaft said.

Recalling an encounter with a former classmate, Weidenhaft said she realized how insensitive people can be.

"I met her in an aisle at the grocery store and she said to me `I didn't remember you as being a harelip,'" Weidenhaft said, her eyes quickly tearing. "I said to her, `Well, I wasn't until a dog bit my lip off,' "

She hopes future surgeries will even out her features and her speech.

"I want to look normal."

"I knew one (surgery) wasn't going to fix it, but each one of these steps is like taking several steps backward. I had no idea that I would be having a sixth, or a seventh or an eighth surgery."

Insurance industry representatives say a law change could mean higher premiums for dog owners.

Shawn Miller, a lobbyist for Oregon insurance companies, said each insurance agency has a different policy regarding dogs and dog bites. Most will alter coverage after a dog has attacked.

Weidenhaft said passage won't erase the memories or medical bills.

"I've been a victim to a dog. I've been a victim to a law. I can't change what the dog did, but I can change the law," Weidenhaft said.

Information from: The World, http://www.theworldlink.com

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HPV – What it is and how to prevent it

HPV is a sexually transmitted infection caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). It has the potential to cause abnormal Pap tests, genital warts, and cancer of the cervix, vagina, anus or penis. Approximately 50% of sexually active men and women will acquire an HPV infection at some point in their lives, with the most affected age group being 15-24 years of age. Many people with an HPV infection have no signs or symptoms, so, many who are infected are not aware of it but can still pass the virus to a sex partner. If symptoms do appear, it is often in the form of visible genital warts or pre-cancerous cell changes detected during a Pap test. HPV is known to cause 70% of cervical cancer, so regular Pap testing, careful medical follow-up, and treatment are important to ensure that pre-cancerous changes in the cervix caused by HPV infection don't develop into life threatening cervical cancer. It is estimated that approximately 3,900 women in the U.S. will die each year from invasive cervical cancer caused by HPV infections. There are many ways to prevent being a statistic of HPV including taking safe-sex precautions as with any other sexually transmitted disease. HPV infections can occur in both male and female genital areas that are protected by condoms, as well as in areas that are not, so condom use is not 100% effective. However, an incredibly successful form of prevention of HPV is to get the vaccine called Gardasil. The vaccination does not prevent infection from all types of HPV or cervical cancer, but is targeted towards the most dangerous, cancer causing strains of it. The vaccination is given over a period of six months in a 3-shot series. This vaccination is available in La Grande, so please ask the Student Health Center or CHD for more information.

RECIPIENTS OF 2007 WOMEN OF VISION AND COURAGE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

The President's Commission on the Status of Women at Eastern Oregon University is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Women of Vision and Courage Awards.

Recognition will be given to the following four women who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the betterment of their community: Dr. Anna Cavinato, professor of chemistry, recipient of the EOU faculty award; Deborah Lee, distance education center director for Umatilla and Morrow counties, recipient of the EOU staff award; Anne Spurrier, recipient of the EOU student award; and Dora Cohen, a student at La Grande High School, recipient of the community award.

A ceremony held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 in the Hoke Main Lounge at EOU will honor the recipients. For more information call Dr. Jill Gibian at 962-342.

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Attend Ten Depot for live music

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

It's a current young lady housed in a fashionable old woman's body. Her walls are filled with live music, good food and friendly people. She is named for the place that she lives: Ten Depot St.

Owner Sandy Sorrels has operated the Ten Depot Street restaurant since she opened it in April of 1988.

She says she named the restaurant for its location just because it seemed to fit. Another factor was the fact that the Prime Minister lives on 10 Downy St. in England.

The restaurant building itself has years of history holding it in place. It has stood in La Grande since 1908.

Over the years it has been a Hotel, a brothel, New Home Restaurant, a music studio, a cleaning and pressing shop, the Works Progress Administration offices, the studio of nationally famous photographer Minor White, The Wheel Restaurant and Dave's Woodshed.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars purchased it in 1948 and still meet once a month upstairs.

Sorrels said that it took her and friends six months to redo the interior after she bought it.

"The Woodshed was a popular, but dated, restaurant with low roofs and no windows," she said. "We gutted the building and started over; I wanted to bring it back to its original feel."

Ten Depot now boasts a roomy interior and impressive bar. It is also well known for its quality food.

When asked what her favorite thing on the menu was, Sorrels had to do some deciding.

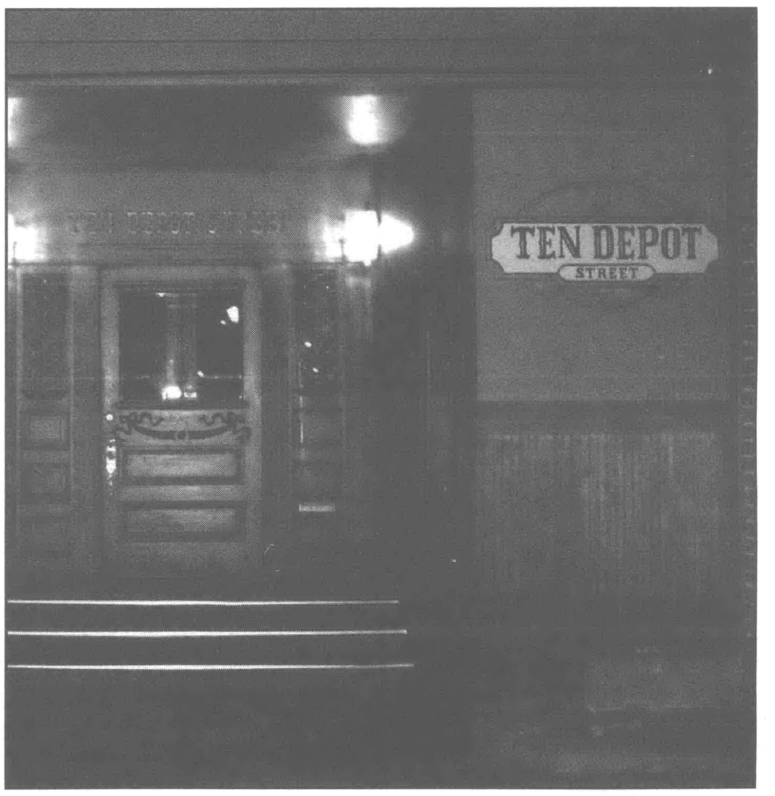
"Oh boy, let's see..." she said, casting her eyes over a menu, "probably the lamb chops we get locally, or the halibut. But we are probably best known for our steaks and prime ribs. We have a great prime rib sandwich for when you want a taste but don't want to buy the whole thing."

She also said traveling salesmen dubbed the prime ribs the "best in the whole country!"

Ten Depot also gets many of its costumers because of the live music played every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Live music has been going

See Ten Depot, Page 6



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Ten Depot often has live music playing in the evenings.

EOU Info Booth gets a facelift

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Need to know where to park on the Eastern Oregon University campus, locate a faculty office, or even find a listing of local restaurants?

Then look no further than the little booth with the red roof located on the corner of 6th Street and H Avenue.

The former EOU parking booth recently received a facelift and now provides a space where campus and community information can be clearly posted for visitors. At the entrance to the parking lot near Dorion Hall where the booth is located, one-day parking permits can be purchased for $1 from a self-serve kiosk. As for parking on campus, permits are required Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking is available anytime at the Community Stadium lot on 6th Street and G Avenue.

"We were concerned that too many visitors and guests to EOU end up getting parking citations because they are not aware of the parking regulations on campus. Of course, that leaves a bad impression," said Steve Wadner, security supervisor at EOU.

"Our goal is to provide anyone visiting with all the information they need to know about parking and the campus, and to avoid as many citations as possible," Wadner said.

This is the first year for Wadner to be in charge of parking on campus and he saw a real need for establishing a central point to direct visitors where they can find information about the campus and the community.

"It may take a while for people to realize that it's here," Wadner said, but he is optimistic that the booth will be a useful resource for new students and visitors looking to familiarize themselves with the campus and surrounding area. Wadner, who has worked at EOU since 1988, believes that the effort is well worth it to provide as much information as possible and to help make that first good impression with visitors.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/The Voice

Scott Greer, campus security officer, sees the benefits of the booth.

A campus map and phone directory listings for all the main campus departments are mounted next to the parking regulations for quick reference. City and county maps and other materials supplied by the Union County Chamber of Commerce are also available at the booth. Janet Dodson, executive director of Union County Tourism, worked with Wadner to provide much of the area information. Tony Calhoun, painter for EOU, made bright new signs for the booth.

Ten Depot From Page 5

at the restaurant regularly for about two years and starts at 8 p.m. normally.

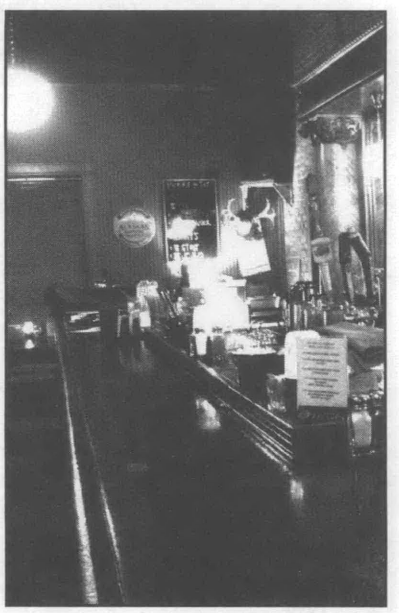
Sorrels said the musicians ranged from 11 years-old to 60. I got to see some of them as they streamed in through the door, lugging instruments, coming to eat at their "regular" table before performing.

March 8th will boasted a performance from Seattle's *Jim Basnight Band*. This well-known group from Seattle had several of her customers excited. However, many of the other groups boast local talent.

Thacher Carter, Easter Oregon University's own health counselor, performs almost every Tuesday night with other area artists.

Sharon Porter often plays bass for the Tuesday night sessions and said what she noticed most about being with the group was "how easy everyone was to get along with. The group is clean, quality, respectful, but we still manage to have a lot of wicked fun!"

Porter also said, "It's always better to have a live band play than canned music.



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Live music is often performed in the bar.

It makes the community feel more creative and gives local musicians a chance to perform."

It seems to be working, the restaurant was bustling in the lobby, many customers taking the time to stop and chat with the owner they knew on a first name basis. Ten Depot is open Monday to Saturday, the restaurant from 5 to 10 p.m. and the bar from 4 to 11 p.m.

Reservations are not required but might be a good idea when planning ahead.

Upcoming March performances include *Jimmy Loyd Rea and Jerry Smith* singing the Blues on March 15.

Then on St. Patrick's Day (March 17) Larry Dickerson and his band will perform Irish music. *The Matt Cooper Quartet* will be visiting on the 22nd and Brady Goss on the 29th.

Tuesdays are booked with Thacher Carter and local artists.

THE BUZZ

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Don't miss the main entrance **display** celebrating women's history through the month of March.

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As part of the Women's Center events held during International Women's Week March 5-11, **We Can Do It: Student Leader Panel** will be held Friday, March 9, from 12-1 pm in the library Reading Room.

EOU Colloquium Resource Lists

Colloquium Resource Lists are now accessible from the **News** area on the library web site. Materials available from the Pierce Library collection in support of the topic are highlighted. Lists will be available for the week following each colloquium.

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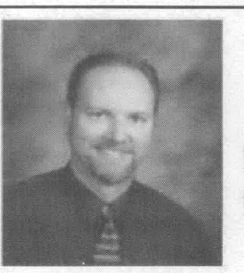

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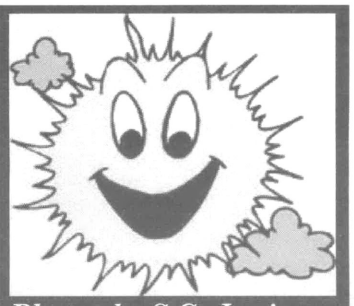
Spring Break

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

Spring Break is almost here!

What will you be doing and where will you be?



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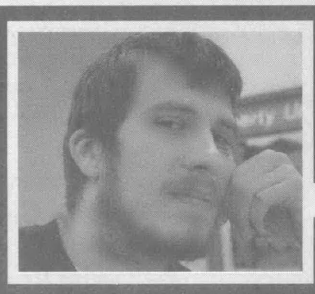

Vojislav Petrovich
"I will be sticking around La Grande. My parents are coming from back home (Serbia), so I'll be hanging out with them."



Robert Kleng
"I'm going to the zoo."



Mirla Navarro
"I'm going to go to Canada."



Erika Pearson
"I'm going home to Beaverton to spend some time with my family. I'll also be going to the Oregon coast to stay with my aunt for a few days, and I have plans to go a friends 22nd birthday party."



Vivian Petersen
"We are taking our new pop-up tent trailer down to the Snake River for a week of fishing."

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Guess the Movie
(Answers on page 10)

1. "You're legally allowed to drink now so we figured the best thing for you was a car." (1997)

2. "Harriet! Harriet! Hard-hearted harbinger of haggis." (1993)

3. "You can go to places in the world with pudding. That's funny." (2002)

4. "I'm gonna get out of the car and drop you like third period French." (2001)

5. "Let's shampoo us some aliens!" (2001)

6. "Nobody steps on a church in my town!" (1984)

7. "I prefer to be called a male madame." (1999)

8. "You're pretty sick, Chubbs." (1996)

9. "This guy is like Leatherface, Chucky and Jan Brady all rolled into one." (1996)

10. "You see a bug hole, nuke it!" (1997)

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Spring into this show

By Onofre Ramiscal
A&E Editor

Spring is finally here!

The EOU Theatre Department continues will end the Winter Term with the musical, "Spring Into Broadway."

With its annual Christmas musical productions, the Theatre Department will instead celebrate the coming of spring with songs that speak of the season.

"Spring Into Broadway" will feature musical numbers from Broadway and Off-Broadway productions.

Some songs include "Guys and Dolls," and "I'm not at all in love."

Songs from Broadway Productions include: "Kiss me, Kate," and "Hairspray," and the Off-Broadway production, "I love you, you're perfect. Now Change."

Director, Kenn Wheeler, said the songs are "all thematically tied together."

"The theme is 'Love' because in spring time you always think about love, so we thought it would be kind of fun," said Wheeler.

Cast member, J.J. Hill, said, "It's that time of year when you get your loved one and you just hold them and you embrace."

"And we got some pretty cheesy and pretty romantic songs," said Hill.

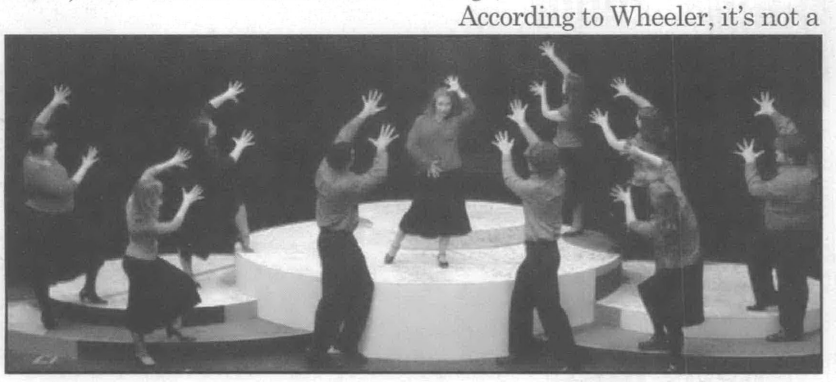
According to Wheeler, it's not a whole bunch of sappy love longs.

The theme will be approached at different angles: from dating to getting noticed from that special someone to making mix tapes, and geek love.

Hill said, "The theme is fantastic. It's cool. People are going to like it, it's pretty family oriented."

"Spring Into Broadway," opens on March 8 through 10 at 8 p.m. Also on March 15-16 at 8 p.m. and March 17 at 2 p.m.

The production will be showing in the Schwarz Theatre. Tickets are $6 for students and $8 for general admission. Call 962-3757 for reservations.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Members of the EOU Theatre Department performing.



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Spring into Broadway will be performed March 15-17.

Lady in the Water Review

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

After watching M. Night Shyamalan's "Lady in the Water," I realized how much I could learn to dislike the man who wrote, produced and directed films like "The Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable."

Shortly after having a couple of drinks and more pizza to ease the ocular shame, I viewed the film a second time, but shared the same conclusion.

Having ventilated my dislike to those close to me, I sat down and forced myself to write at least one thing I liked about the film.

That's when I realized how I grateful I had been that M. Night Shyamalan made a great name for himself as a freshman director, that he was able to sign Paul Giamatti (Sideways) to play the leading role.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Lady in the Water is Shyamalan's fifth major motion picture.

Giamatti plays Cleveland Heep, a superintendent for Cove Apartments. Heep discovers that a "narf" from "the water world" has been living in the apartments' pool.

After meeting the "narf", Story (Bryce Dallas Howard), Heep is called on to help her return to her world where she is to be crowned a queen.

With the help of his fellow tenants, one of who is played by M. Night Shayamalan, they protect Story from "scrunts," grass-like dogs whose sole purpose is to stop the "narfs" from returning to the water world.

The film, Shayamalan confessed on the Daily Show with John Stewart, is based on a bedtime fairy tale that he began telling his kids, but as we know, went horribly wrong.

Though the film is saturated with cheesy symbols, such as the one behind the "narf's" name, one cannot help but laugh at Mr. Farber (Bob Balaban), a movie critic whose final monologue seems to prophesize a critic's review of "Lady in the Water."

I give the film two stars, which solely belong to Giamatti, for his flawless performance.

I recommend the film to for those amateur suspense thriller lovers and fantasy buffs, but suggest to those who must own everything they watch, that they rent the film from Blockbuster or NetFlix for a couple of dollars before trying to pay eighteen dollars too much for a movie that might simply collect dust in their library.

Movie Review: Lady in the Water (2006)

Voice Rating: ★★

Directed by: M. Night Shyamalan
Cast: Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Jeffrey Wright,
Rated: PG-13

Summary: A modern day fairy-tale set in an apartment complex.

May the force bring you here

A long time ago in a dormitory far, far away...

The first Star Wars Fest took place in Hunt Hall in celebration for the upcoming release of Episode III. Now in its third year, the festival continues as a place for fans and newcomers to enjoy this sci-fi legacy.

Kevin Berryman, an advisee for the festival, said, "If you like Star Wars at all, you will enjoy this fest."

"If you've seen the movies to death, but you still like Star Wars, you can participate in the days activities. There is plenty to do."

Some of the day's activities include: a lightsaber (with foam-safe lightsabers) battle, video games, mock tails, Star Wars themed Jeopardy, door prizes and raffles.

One item being raffled off is a custom built PC. Tickets are $1 and anyone can purchase it. Other prizes, including one grand prize, will be announced at the festival.

Berryman also mentioned that during a set time in the day, green screen photography would be available.

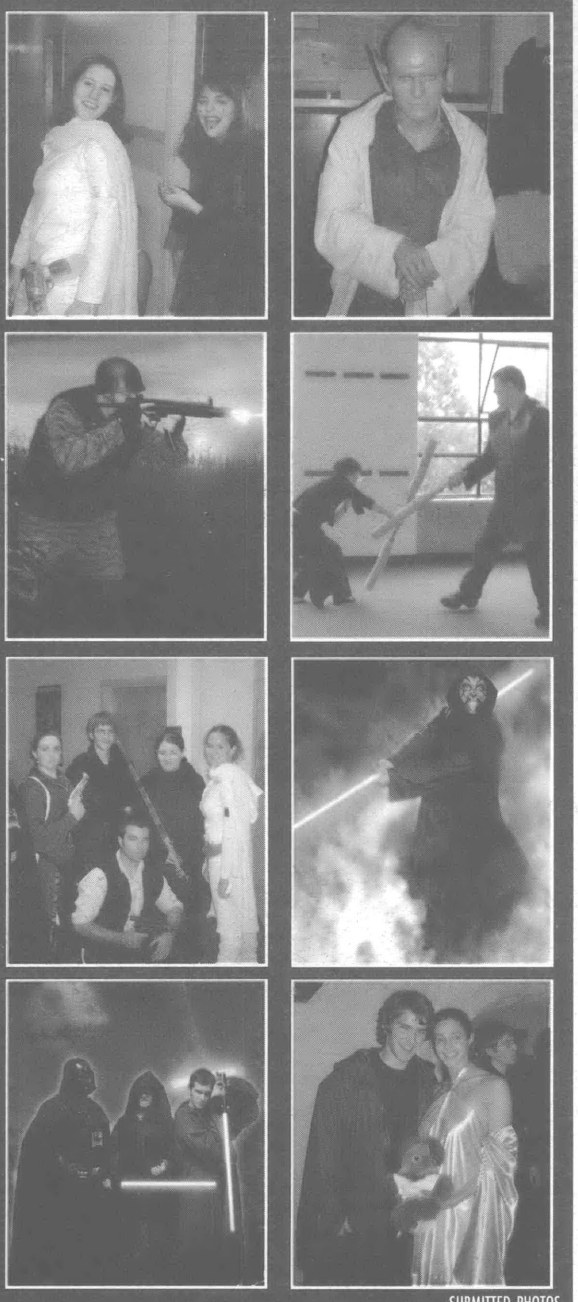
"You choose a background, you pose and your picture is taken. In a few weeks we will send it to your email with you in your favorite Star Wars scene," Berryman said.

The theme for this year's festival is the ice planet Hoth from The Empire Strikes Back.

People may dress however they want to the festival. Come dressed as a character from one of the films or make up your own.

The festival is on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 a.m.

Students and community members may attend the event during any time of the day. Berryman said, "the longer you stay, the more chance you have at winning prizes!"



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Photos from the previous Star Wars Fests. Everything from costumes and green screen pictures to lightsaber battles and contests.



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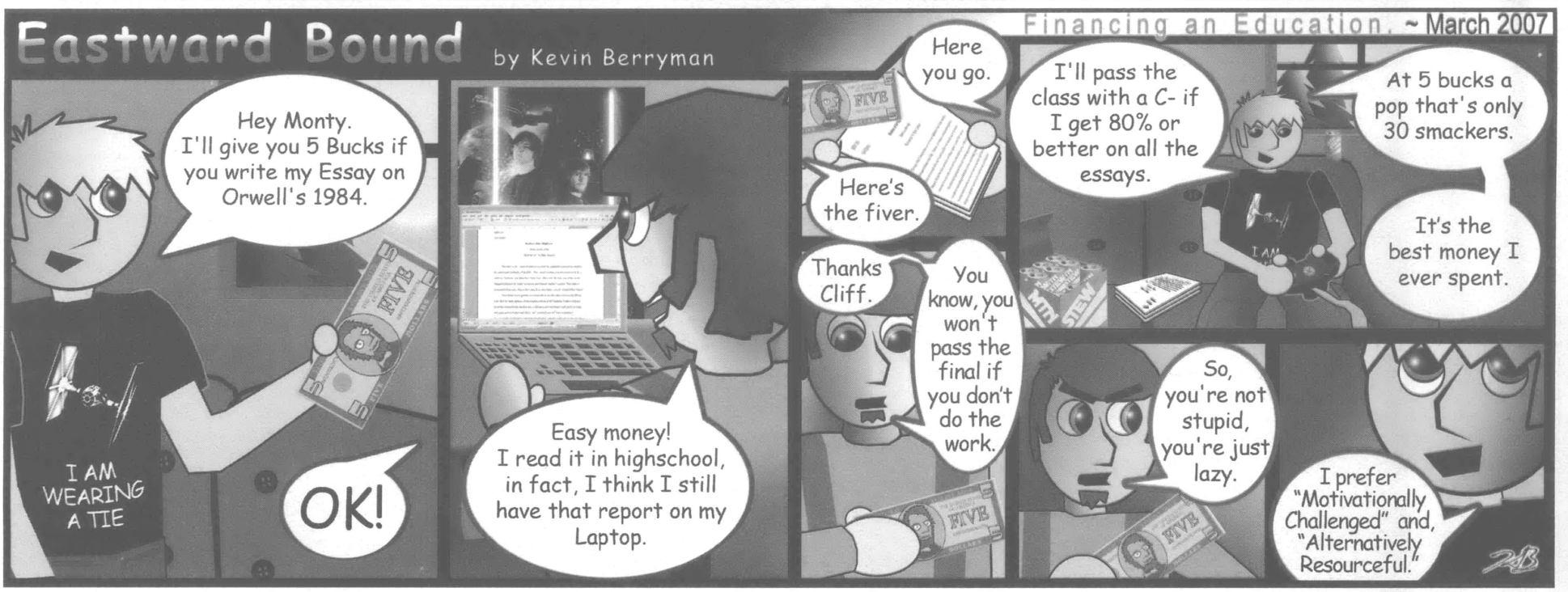

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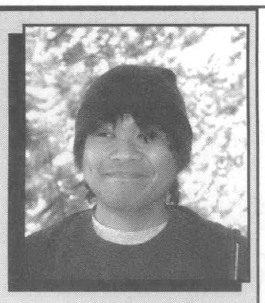

Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

"Say anything, but say what you mean." – Mae

I talked with a professor in the other day and he mentioned about a column I wrote earlier in the term. He asked about the Coachella festival this year and Manu Chao. We talked about music for a good five minutes in Mac's grill and later the cashier at the register joined in. Tool, Rage Against the Machine and Manu Chao were brought up. It's moments like these that I enjoy most.

Earlier last week I played pool with a couple buddies and the fun part about it was having the jukebox playing random tracks.

We're at the bar, so usually the music consists of a plethora of Sublime tunes, a couple Jack Johnson songs, Social Distortion for the punks in the crowd, Michael Jackson and your occasional Snoop Dogg track (only "Gin and Juice").

In addition, you have those tracks that always catch everyone off guard. And that time it was The Darkness's "I believe in a thing called love." I never understood the song and why everyone likes it. It's a pretty fun song to listen to, but other than that, nothing more.

My friends talked about how ridiculous the video is with its guitar lasers and killer octopi. And my friend also happened to say that the lead singer has a falsetto that could grant him the title of "Castrato."

Well, he didn't say that exactly. That's just the cleaned up version of what he said.

Last term I spent some time at Denny's talking to a friend about the definition to alternative music.

Basically I thought of alternative music as mainstream rock. It's a pretty broad definition, but so is the genre itself. I would call Bush, the Smashing Pumpkins and even Everclear part of alternative music.

I remember my friend not agreeing with me and I not agreeing with her. We argued a bit, but not too bad. It was good times.

One time a group of us went out drinking and some how the conversation went into music theory.

I've been told that music theory is the stuff you take with you to cocktail parties.

I guess that's true, but beer should suffice.

From what I can say about music theory is that you need the third of a chord to distinguish whether or not it's major or minor and parallel fifths are essentially power chords to a guitar player.

And from what I learned in music theory, I can say Rufio plays power chords all the time. But Rufio is also one of the few new-school-punk bands to come out at the beginning of the century to actually utilize a second guitar player and provide a sophisticated enough song structure for harmonic analyses. I might be saying too much. I just love Rufio.

I'm not even going to bring up the endless talks about indie-rock. Too many descriptions fill up the genre and I'll just stay out of it. Good learning experience though.

Moments like all the ones mentioned above have meant a lot to me. And I mean that.

Broadcast this album

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

One of the newest releases of 2007 is Comeback Kid's new album "Broadcasting." And so far, it is one of the finest releases of the year.

Hailing from Winnipeg, Canada, "Broadcasting" is Comeback Kid's third album and its second on Victory Records.

On "Broadcasting," Comeback Kid takes a darker approach to its song writing.

The opening track, "Defeated," starts off with fast guitar riffing and explodes into the verse with screaming vocals.

Andrew Neufeld, who took over on lead vocals, provides the same amount of energy and furiousness as the original vocalist, Scott Wade.

Comeback Kid also experiments with more guitar leads rather than just different strumming patterns between the guitars.



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Comeback Kid

The best and probably the most technical song on the album is "Hailing on me."

It starts with a drum intro and speeds up when the guitars kick in. Breakdowns occur as well as tempo changes in the drums.

But other than that, "Broadcasting" can be thought of as a combination of Comeback Kid's previous albums, "Turn It Around" and "Wake the Dead."

"Broadcasting" features, the hardcore sound of "Turn It Around" and the melodic-punk side of "Wake the Dead." Gang-vocals are still intact, both essential and pertinent to the Comeback Kid sound.

"Broadcasting" is a fine piece of work, proving that Comeback Kid is not going anywhere and will be here for a long time.



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Broadcasting is Comeback Kid's third album.

Horror-Scope

Aries: You will find $10 in your pants. Great, but you have an overdraft fee of $100

Taurus: Tonight you will dream about The New Pornographers. No, it's not a movie.

Gemini: Jinx! 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, coke! (Insert name here)

Cancer: This week is a busy one for you. Stock up on beer and coffee.

Leo: "The lion sleeps tonight." And it will be a good one.

Virgo: EOU Basketball! Woo! Get Loud! That's all I have.

Libra: The stars say you'll find that special someone...not!

Scorpio: In two weeks something will happen. I'm not sure what yet, I'll get back to you on that.

Sagittarius: Hangovers are a sign of good times. This will pass in 24 hours after reading this.

Capricorn: Vodka and milk is never a good idea. Eat an onion instead.

Aquarius: You're filled with creative energy and imagination today. But imagine this – I'm lying.

Pisces: "300" at midnight on Thursday. Do it!

Ticket Stub Answers: 1.Good Will Hunting, 2.So I Married an Axe Murderer, 3.Punch-Drunk Love, 4. Ocean's Eleven, 5. Evolution, 6. Ghostbusters, 7. Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo, 8. Happy Gilmore, 9. Blacksheep, 10. Starship Troopers.

Opinion & Editorials



Say-WHAT-zki?

Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

I remember when I used to be able to find the extraordinary in the ordinary.

How the simple thought that the word "set" has the most definitions in the English dictionary would fascinate me for hours.

But it seems, lately, that my fascination with the awesomeness of the mundane has been obstructed in vision by the seemingly insurmountable pile of homework I have had the last six months.

I miss having the time to ponder these curiosities.

I realize, though, that my insurmountable pile of homework is mostly my fault. I let myself get behind because I lacked the motivation to get started on it. Until now. It's catch-up time for me.

They say that everyone gets senioritis in some form or another. Most think it is just seniors who have decided they don't care anymore because they are so close to graduation it doesn't matter what they do.

But I believe it is more than that.

I've spent the last six months pondering what my future will have in store for me. And, to be honest, it has been a bit daunting.

I think that's what senioritis really is. It's not that we don't care. It's that we're so worried about our post-graduation futures that we forget to focus on actually getting to that future.

I still don't know what I'm going to do, but I've decided not to let that bother me anymore. I feel confident that the right job will reveal itself when the time is right. And until then I intend to just sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.

I have three months left. And, at the time this paper is printed, it'll be exactly 100 days to graduation. One hundred days to finish everything up. One hundred days to say my farewells. One hundred days to figure out my future.

And, whereas most people think that's too little of time, I think it is too much. I feel like I want to just get a jump on my career rather than stay here. But I am so close. I'd be a fool to leave now.

Winter term does that to me here. Perhaps because I am from the midwestern plains, and the mountains oftentimes seem confining and claustrophobic.

Things always seem somewhat less alive, less interesting this time of year.

But then the other day I had an epiphany. I was talking to a friend of mine from Germany who told me that there is no accurate translation in German for the word "procrastination."

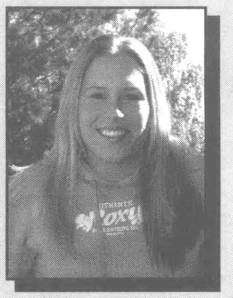
I found myself becoming fascinated in a little, seemingly uninteresting fact once again. It had been so long since someone told me something that made me truly think outside the box.

If the word "procrastination" doesn't exist in their vocabulary does its English meaning not exist either? And then, if that's the case, does that make the concept completely obsolete?

I only wish I lived in a society where that word and it's definition didn't exist. Maybe I'd be able to figure out my future quicker while still being able to finish my homework at the same time.

I have three more months. That's 100 days, 2400 hours, 144,000 minutes or 8,6400,000 seconds. Think of all the absolutely amazing and fascinating facts one can learn in that amount of time.

What an absolutely wonderful thing to think about.



JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Celebrity "starlets" consume the media.

You know who I am talking about—Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears and Paris Hilton to name a few.

I have to admit that I am guilty. I read US Weekly and can tell you what is gong on in Tinseltown.

But then I have to think about the young girls who are looking for a role model.

It is often sickening to see preteens trying to dress like these young celebrities, revealing far too much.

But they don't know any better.

This is the image they see day after day, flashed across the television screen and posted on the cover of every magazine.

Instead of showing what celebrities are doing to better society, we show their drunken antics and the fact that they like to let the whole world know that they aren't, in fact, wearing underwear under their mini skirts.

Their lifestyle is nothing to strive for, always checking in and out of rehab at the age of 20.

It is not a healthy way to live.

Sure they have the money, but what about dignity?

So where are the "good" young celebrity role models.

We seem to be running low these days.

Miss USA,, Tara Conner, is out of the race after her latest racy-photo controversy that nearly lost her the crown.

I believe that they are there somewhere, but the crazies sell more magazines.

Or they are just too old.

Why isn't Reese Witherspoon or Selma Hayek idolized?

Oh that's right, they are over 30.

So our attention turns to Britney Spears.

When she first hit the scene she was huge.

Her physical appearance and bubbly personality covered up her lack of singing talent.

She was everywhere, and in a positive way.

But now after two failed marriages and a few kids later, it appears she is on the verge of a meltdown.

The media is constantly heckling her for gaining weight, but who doesn't after having two kids?

After her recent split from K-Fed she turned into a party animal and was criticized for her parenting skills, or lack there of.

She once puked all over her boyfriend after a night at a club, and of course the paparazzi got plenty of pictures.

To cover it up, her rep. said it was spilt peanut butter.

Peanut Butter? Seriously?

Come on.

Then came the head-shaving stint.

If you read about this incident, then you would know that it is just simply depressing.

Obviously this girl is about to hit rock bottom, and maybe we should just leave her be to heal.

It soon became obvious, with the media attention on the downfall of Anna Nicole Smith, that this has become an intimate fascination of our society.

It is all like some sick and twisted version of the Truman Show.

Like peeping Toms, we watch them rise and then fall...hard.

They crumble right before our eyes.

And soon, no matter how hard they try to regain our attention, we will forget them as another young starlet steps into the scene.

Somebody please save her before it's too late.

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Sincerely,
The Voice Staff

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Sports

The Sideline

Sports Trivia (Answers on Page 14)

1) Against what opposing team did Babe Ruth hit his first career home run?

A: New York Yankees, B: Boston Red Sox, C: Chicago Cubs, D: Baltimore Black Sox

2) What retired basketball player tried out for the Chicago White Sox in 1994?

A: Dennis Rodman, B: Magic Johnson, C: Michael Jordan, D: Frank Thomas

3) What team won the very first NBA game?

A: Philadelphia Warriors, B: New York Knicks, C: Toronto Huskies, D: Chicago Stags

4) What player won All-Star Game MVP, NBA MVP, and NBA Finals MVP awards in 2000?

A: Michael Jordan, B: Kobe Bryant, C: Shaquille O'Neal, D: Tim Duncan

5) What state has earned the nickname "NASCAR Valley"?

A: Tennessee, B: Oklahoma, C: North Carolina, D: South Dakota

"Wearing Blue and Getting Loud"

A message from Rob Cashell.

Dear EOU Student Body,

On behalf of the Department of Athletics and our basketball teams, I want to personally thank you for your outstanding support of the Mountaineers this past season!

Your enthusiasm at games, positive behavior and sportsmanship is helping make Quinn Coliseum a premier venue to play and watch games at.

I know that our team members and coaches appreciate the positive way you cheer them on.

Many coaches and administrators from other school have told me that our student crowds are some of the best they have ever seen and wish their schools had the same spirit!

A key component of creating a home court advantage is cheering for our team and by "wearing blue and getting loud!"

Thanks Again for your outstanding efforts.

Sincerely,

Rob Cashell
Director of Athletics



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Cydney Topping plays air guitar during a time out during the Conference Tournament Championship game.



FILE PHOTO/The Voice

Chrstie Weaver, conference player of the year, led the way against Corban with 21 points.

Women lose conference tournament, head to National tourney

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Sports Writer

The Eastern Oregon Women's team lost 59-58 to Corban College, who took home the Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament Championship.

The Mounties won the coin toss but lost the game. Both teams still get the opportunity to go to nationals in Sioux Falls, Iowa.

The game was everything you expect with a great #1 and #2 seed match up. It was a one or two point game all evening as both teams battled for the right to be called number one.

It all came down to the last 10 seconds of the game.

Sheena Henderson scored on a powerful post-up move, putting Eastern ahead by one.

Corban's Jessi Norton scored only her sixth point of the evening on a dribble-drive to the basket, scoring the layup and giving the Warriors a one-point lead and the victory.

"I thought we prepared well for this game," head coach Anji Weissenfluh said. "We just made crucial mistakes at key times. No one person can take the blame. We win as a team, and we lose as a team. I am disappointed in the outcome of the game, but not the girls. I thought the girls played hard tonight"

Christie Weaver led Eastern in scoring with 21 points and five rebounds in her last game in Quinn Coliseum. Henderson had a double double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Tiffanie Ulmer added 11 points and eight boards.

"It's not the way I pictured my last game," Weaver said. "The feeling is almost surreal. It just kind of snuck up on me."

Corban had their own offensive threat in Brianne Carras, as she led all scorers with 25 points and 15 rebounds. Jessica Steigleman was the only other Warrior in

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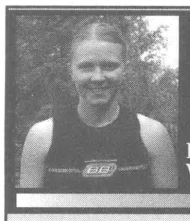

Can I get a WHIT-ness?!

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

March Madness brings April sadness

This is how Wikipedia defines March Madness:

The NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship is a single elimination tournament held each spring featuring 65 college basketball teams in the United States. The men's and women's tournements are colloquially known as March Madness or the Big Dance, the tournaments take place over three weeks at sites across the U.S., and the national semifinals (the Final Four) have become one of the nation's most prominent sports events.

Okay, now that you know that...

Take a deep breath, and exhale. Did you notice? Yep, it's March, and there is pretty much nothing real great about March except March Madness.

The beauty of it is: 1. The upsets, 2. The "Cinderella" story that is almost inevitable each year, and 3. Bracketology.

Yes, it's true; March may be the best time of the year to be a college basketball fan.

February was pretty wonderful too, as it was flooded with college basketball on ESPN, ESPN2, ABC and CBS.

Good times.

But they don't call it March Madness for nothing.

Those "in charge" would probably never admit it, but why March Madness is so huge, is the fact that much of America has a small financial interest in the outcome.

People who don't know North Carolina from NC State suddenly become big fans because they have a couple of bucks on the line...

It's not even about the basketball anymore; it's about bragging rights!

I guess you could say it's pretty much the best reality TV out there right now, a near-phenomenon some may declare.

Now here's a brief history lesson.

Henry V. Porter coined the phrase "March Madness" in 1939...to describe an Illinois high school basketball tourney.

Brent Musburger first used it during NCAA coverage in 1982, causing an insane legal battle.

But everyone finally worked things out and the madness was official.

So, in case I've interested you, or if you already share my month-long obsession, you can download your 2007 bracket online in many different shapes, colors and forms--so do that.

Seeds will be announced on Selection Sunday, March 11, and then opening round games start the next day.

You can also watch March Madness on Demand on the official NCAA website.

Otherwise, the games are traditionally on ESPN and CBS.

OR, you can listen to games at Yahoo! Sports, if you like that sort of thing.

The championship game is on Monday, April 2--but after that, there's not a whole lot about April that is that great either.

(But before all of that, tune into 91.7 KEOL and listen to your lady Mounties play at the NAIA National Tourney. You can also log on and get a live video stream at http://naia.xosnetwork.com/)

Play ball!

By Ryan Quarles
Voice Staff Writer

The Mountaineer women's softball season has finally begun as they faced Division 1 Idaho State in a double-header this past weekend.

Eastern found itself at the wrong end of the score in both games.

Junior Kelly West said, "It's good to play tougher opponents because it can help us improve."

In the first game, a six-run third inning by Idaho State was more than enough to beat Eastern. The Bangles added three other runs, and won the game 9-1.

Idaho State had 11 hits to Eastern's four. In the losing effort, Senior Meghan Henderson went two-for-two with one RBI.

The second game was very close. EOU fell behind early and was never able to catch up. Eastern lost the game 4-2.

Junior Teri Cisler pitched seven strong innings, striking out five and allowing two earned runs. Eastern also committed two errors in the game, which helped the Bangles score two more runs.

The Mounties struggled offensively coming up with three hits.

One hit came in the fifth inning when Junior Lindsey Smith smacked a homerun, putting the Mounties on the scoreboard.

On March 6, the Mounties traveled to Walla Walla Community College to play in a double-header.

The first game wasn't decided until the last inning. Eastern went into the top of the seventh inning down by one run.

Freshmen Iris Woodhead delivered a clutch two-out single into left field tying the game. Walla Walla CC ended the game in the bottom half of the inning winning the game 3-2.

Four of Walla Walla CC's eight hits went for extra bases, one of them being a home run. Eastern was able to produce two runs out of four hits.

The second game began with Walla Walla CC jumping out to a 5-1 lead in the first inning, which proved to be more than enough to win the game.

Henderson continued to play well going three-for-three with a double. Junior Melodee Mildenberger added two hits.

The lead was too large, and the Mountaineers fell 12-4.

Henderson said, "We're very young, and we've got good chemistry. We just need to learn to play together."

West added, "It's still early, and we've got a lot of time of get better."

Eastern's next game is against NCAA Division II Northwest Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho on March 13.



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Visiters learn about other cultures.

Sports Briefs

Women's Basketball

On Feb. 24 Christie Weaver was named Cascade Conference Player of the year.

The senior averaged 15.9 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this season for the Mounties.

She is 3rd in the nation in made three pointers with 97, and 7th in three-point percentage.

For her career, Weaver has scored over 1,500 points and ranks 3rd on Eastern's all-time scoring list.

Two of her teammates, junior point guard Whitney Leman and her classmate Tiffanie Ulmer were both tabbed as honorable mention All-Conference performers.

Leman led the conference and ranks 5th in the nation in assists with an average of 5.7 per game. Meanwhile, Ulmer is averaged 11.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per contest.

(Order your women's basketball championship gear at:

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Men's Basketball

Sophomore forward Paul Carollo was voted onto the All-Conference First Team by the coaches this year.

The Hermiston native recorded 13 double-doubles this season, the most in the conference and 12th best in the nation.

He was also 20th in the nation in rebounds with 8.9 per game, and averaged 11.2 points per contest.

Two other sophomores were named to the Honorable Mention All-Conference Team.

Point Guard Jeremy Templeton averaged 10.9 points and 4.9 assists per contest while Tanner McIntosh averaged 12.5 points and 4.9 rebounds.

Senior Derek Brown was named to the All-Defensive Team after leading the conference in blocked shots, which was good enough for 21st nationally.

A little friendly competition

Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Eastern Oregon University's Intramural Sports Program is designed to enhance the total educational experience.

And if you ask around, many students will tell you that they look forward to participating in intramural sports.

Eastern offers different activities during each term, including: flag football and volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter and softball in the spring.

There are currently 40 different basketball teams that make up a Men's league, a Co-ed league and a Women's league.

Participants range from ex-basketball players, to other sport athletes, to students who have never played basketball before.

Each team plays one game a week, Monday through Thursdays at 7:15 or 8:15 p.m. in either the main gym or the auxiliary gym in Quinn Coliseum.

Coordinator Missy Wheeler, who you can see sitting on the sidelines watching games or walking around making sure everything is running smoothly, is in her first year heading intramurals.

Happy with how intramurals has turned out so far this year, Wheeler does hope to add ping-pong and ultimate frisbee to the agenda next year--if the budget allows.

"All the sports we offer right now are team-based, so it would be nice to add a couple of individual-based sports as well," Wheeler said.

For some students, intramurals is an outlet; a venue where they can get away from the books, hang out with friends, and compete and have fun.

And if you're not taking advantage of these opportunities, then you should because it is funded through your student fees.

Kristin Rice, an EOU soccer player, who plays on team This and That with some of her soccer teammates, said that its fun to come and play basketball and compete but not take it too seriously.

"We let loose sometimes and try to set up for a header into the hoop but we haven't made one yet," she said.



WHITNEY LEMAN/The Voice

Intramural athletes participate in a game.

Nick Finley, who plays on EOU's men's basketball team, and is an intramural basketball referee, agreed that it was a good atmosphere to be in.

"I get to B.S. with the players, get to know new people and see new faces."

However, being an intramural referee isn't a luxury job.

"It's not easy," Missy Wheeler said. "We haven't had any problems yet, but we want them to enjoy coming to work because hiring refs is the hardest part."

Some rules that have been enforced this year are that you must be a current EOU student, and you have to show your ID card and sign a roster before every game.

This prevents roster swapping mid-season or picking up players who are community members.

The ultimate goal of intramurals is to create a competitive, fun, engaging and comfortable environment where people want to come to.

According to Jami Huntsman, an intramurals employee, that goal seems to have been met.

"It's very entertaining! Everybody seems to have fun, and that's why they're here."

Although it's too late to sign up for basketball, spectators are welcome to.

Also, it's never too late to start getting your softball teams together for this spring.

Check out the intramurals website at http://www3.eou.edu/imsports/ for updates, schedules, and rules.

Women's BBall From Page 12

double digits with 12 points and six rebounds.

The loss ended a 13 game win streak for the Mounties.

"It was a good game to prepare us for nationals," Weissenfluh said. "We can start a new streak there."

The NAIA announced the 2007 Tournament Bracket Wednesday, and Eastern got a tough pull. The Mountaineers face the defending national champions Hastings College in the first round on Wednesday, March 7 at 4 p.m. CT.

No Eastern Oregon Women's basketball team had ever made it past the first round of the National Tournament.

Maybe this year will be the year.

Guest Column
The Week In Sports

Barrett Henderson
Guest Columnist

I'd like to dedicate this week's column to the Eastern Oregon Men's basketball team. I should really direct it more towards the flaws in the picking process for at-large bids to the NAIA Division II Men's basketball tournament.

The Mountaineers final record was 23 wins with just eight losses, and yet, still no invitation to the National Tournament. Other than the obvious appearance of the record, let's breakdown some possible reasons why there was no invitation.

1) Eastern played no one tough on their schedule: Out of the 31-game schedule, 12 came against ranked NAIA opponents and EOU went 7-5. Two losses came to NCAA schools, Willamette (NCAA Division III) and Eastern Washington (NCAA Division I). So I feel like we can throw that argument out, and call it completely false.

2) Eastern came out of a weak conference: This one is (quite obviously) connected to the schedule one. The Cascade Conference invited the most schools to the National Tournament than any other conference. The CCC had four teams in the Top 25 for much of the year, and two in the top ten. Eastern lost only six games in arguably the toughest conference in the country. I find this reason to be false as well.

3) Eastern was simply not hot going into the month of March: Eastern did drop three games late in the season, but how about the other five they won? Its record in Feb. was 5-3. The three games they lost were to number four Warner Pacific by six, at number seven Oregon Tech by nine, and at Warner Pacific by seven. I find this to be the only argument that holds any weight, but not too much.

4) Eastern was just an unnoticed team all year: Out of the ten ratings throughout the season posted by the NAIA, EOU played in the first eight. The team found itself among the nation's elite from debuting at number 23 to open the season on November 1 and dropped out of the top 25 on February 14 after their nine point loss at Oregon Tech, a game the Mountaineers were up by 11 in the second half. So, we can throw this argument out as well.

Basically EOU found itself to be the latest victim of "March Madness." It's the best time of the year if you are a basketball fan, but it also can be the worst if you find yourself on the outside of looking in. Conference tournaments are usually the reason for all the craziness.

Lower seeded teams have the same chance as every other team going into these tournaments to pull off miracles. Eastern was the fifth seed going into the tournament and had to face road games throughout the tournament, and won at two ranked teams in the postseason and almost pulled off a miracle, leading by six at Warner Pacific before running out of steam and losing by seven.

A conference tournament champion title was apparently the last shot the men had at getting into the national tournament. The loss left EOU waiting for an at-large bid to the tournament, an invitation that never came. The eight at-large bids, which are handed out by teams in the final coaches' poll, only went down as far as No. 23 Northwood from Florida.

This brings me to the argument that the conference tournaments do not mean anything in NAIA. Unless one of those lower seeded teams wins the whole thing, it does not matter how far they get, it goes unnoticed. The final poll is released a week before the conference tournaments begin.

The reality of all this, Eastern was number 21 with two weeks to go, went to Southern Oregon and won, lost a close one at Oregon Tech, beat Albertson twice in a row, and then at Northwest. In that time EOU dropped from 21st to 30th. Albertson and Northwest were then awarded at-large bids along with Northwood and Cornerstone from Michigan who were unranked before Feb. 21.

The Mountaineers' only game between the last two polls was its 78-75 home win over then-No. 14 Albertson on Feb. 16. EOU's reward for its upset win was receiving 14 fewer votes in the national poll.

Answers to Sports Trivia from page 12:

1.A, 2.C, 3.B, 4.C, 5.C

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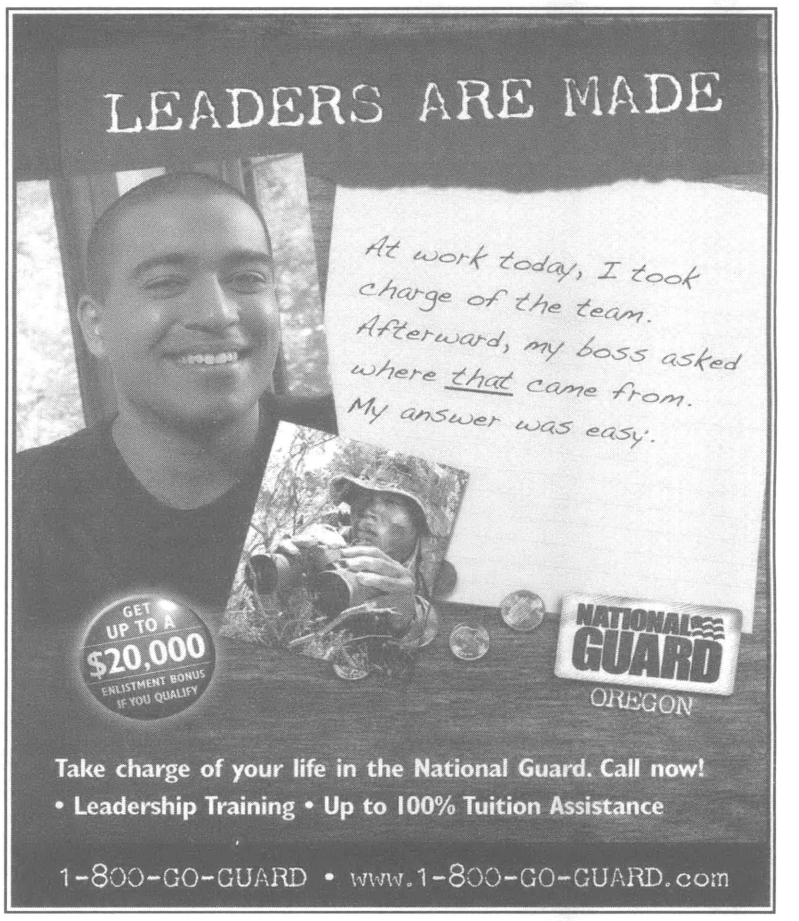

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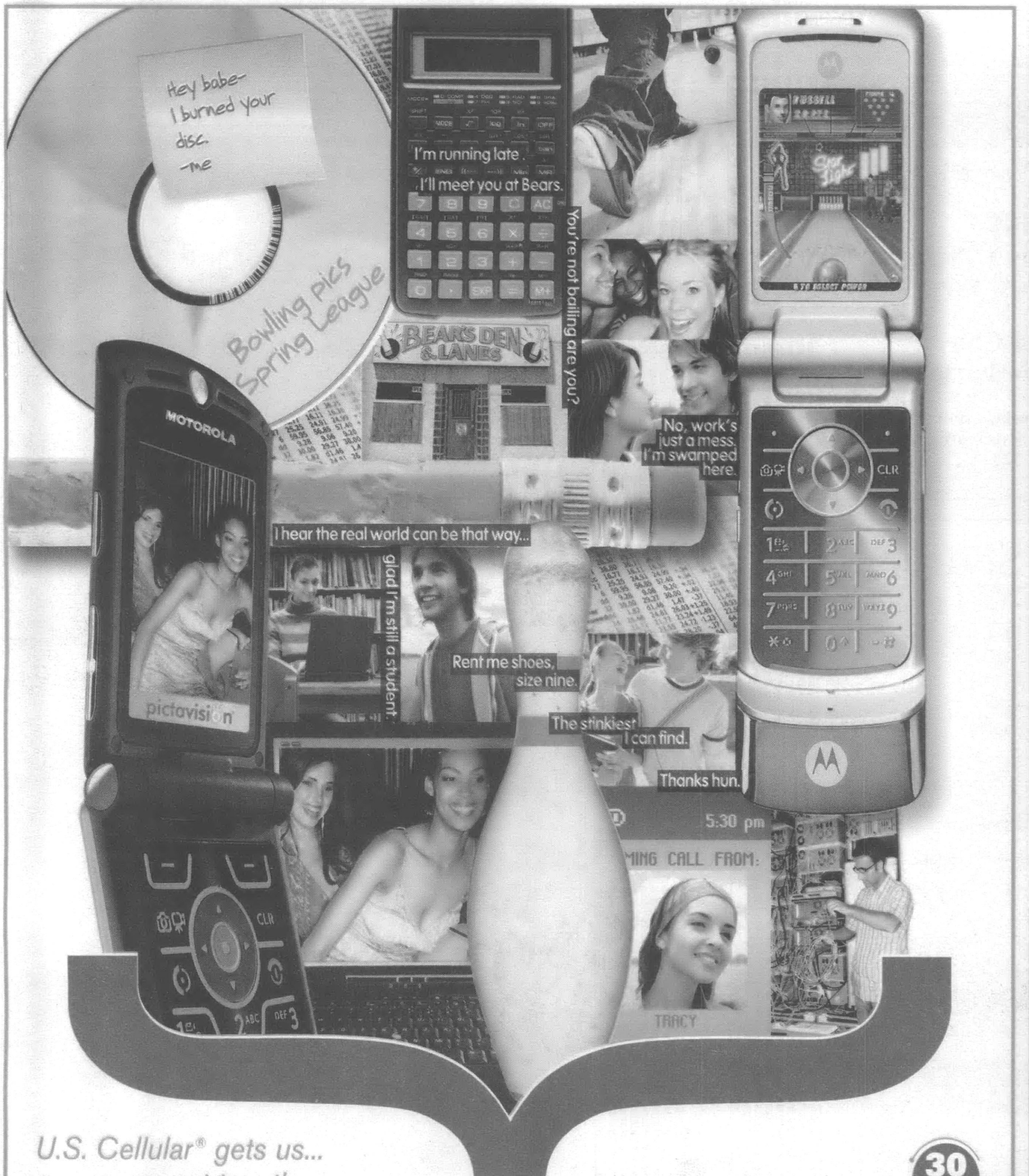

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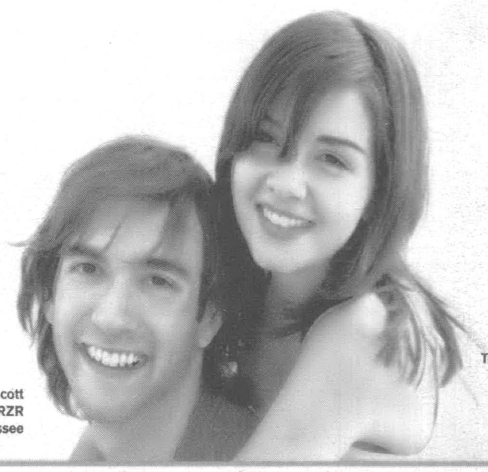

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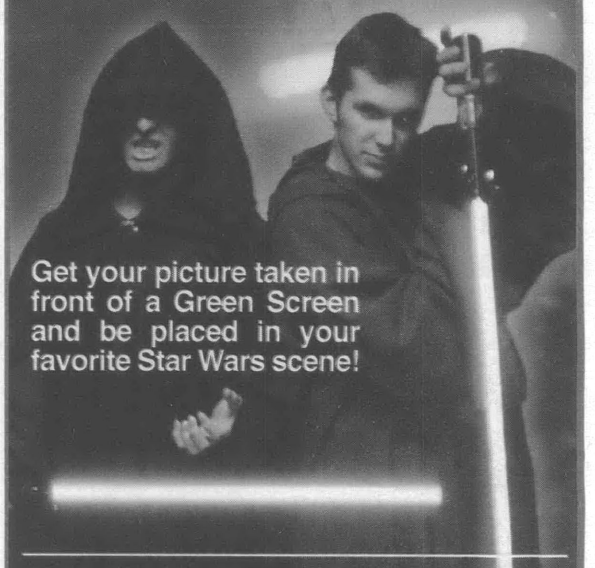

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Enrollment continues to shrink

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

In the last issue of the Voice, a custodial staff member submitted an article drawing attention to the empty beds in Eastern's residence halls. It was written that as of March 1, Hunt Hall has 72 empty beds, Alikut has 24, South Hall has 27 and North Hall has 13 unused beds.

While these numbers don't sound outrageous, consider the size of Eastern's student population and the figures take on a more alarming rate. Just what exactly does this mean in terms of our campus?

Stephen Jenkins, Director of Housing and Residence Life said that in the past, there has been a strong correlation between enrollment and dorm resident numbers. Meaning, the more students that enroll, the more people live in the dorms. However, the more Eastern loses students on its campus, the more rooms go empty in the dorms.



JENNA ELLIOTT/The Voice

Hunt Hall is one of the three dorms that are suffering from low enrollment.

"Enrollment is down and I acknowledge that," Jaime Contreras, Director of Admissions, said, "We all know."

However, he added that the admissions numbers are not just a reflection of what has been happening this year, to fully understand what is going on, the past years must be looked at too.

The plain fact is that the whole campus is reacting to Eastern's drop in enrollment from last year to this year. "It's not how you start, but how you finish," Contreras said, "We are down 10 percent, but that is not how we are going to finish."

Contreras continued on to outline all the steps being taken to draw students; Eastern's publications are being redone with newer and fresher images, the campus web page is becoming more interactive, connections with high schools and organizations are being re-established and events such as campus Preview Days are being refined to be more informative and entertaining.

"It's like dating," Contreras said and laughed, "We need to catch their (potential students) attention and then hold it by showing them there is something deeper."

One of the most important steps being taken, however, according to Contreras and Jenkins, is the establishment of what Eastern Oregon's identity is. Contreras said the university is currently doing a lot of "soul searching" to determine what they want to market to potential students.

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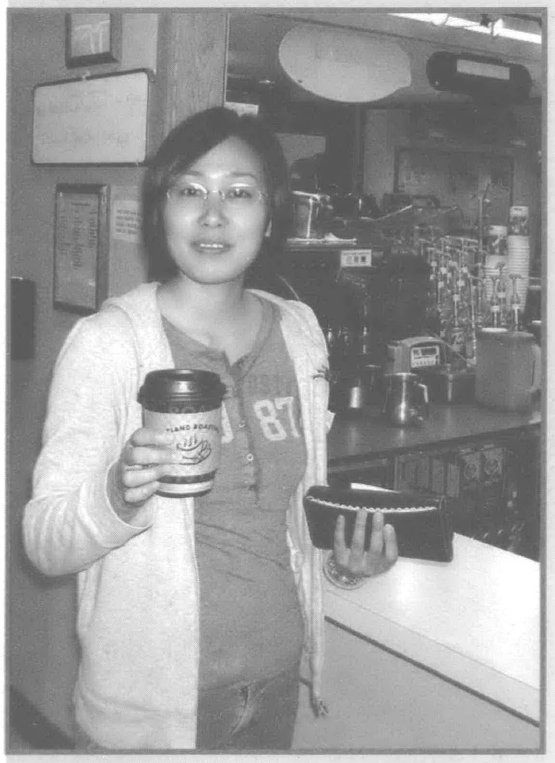
ARAMARK switches coffee roasting companies



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Student Risa Ubagai buying Mac's new coffee.

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

Last week, Aramark Food Services switched their coffee provider from Java City to Portland Roasting in an attempt to provide more regionally grown products at Eastern Oregon University.

Portland Roasting, a small Portland-based coffee roaster, has been filling the Portland metropolitan area's cup of joe since 1996, but through expanding corporation, their coffee is now available through some retailers and campus dining services like Aramark.

"Their product is fresher," said Mike Morse, Aramark's food service coordinator. "I think that is one reason why I changed to this product."

Unlike Java City, Morse said that Portland Roasting roasts their coffee in small two hundred pound batches and immediately after roasting the beans, they grind, bag and ship them, making the product fresher.

"These we get have been roasted less than a week," said Morse.

Because larger coffee companies ship their beans across the nation, they roast larger quantities of green coffee beans weeks in advance, sacrificing freshness.

"With Java City we were getting beans that already had a posted back date, already passed," said Lana Griffin, Mac's Grill Supervisor.

"We get the product faster," said Griffin. "We are not two weeks away from order, now we are two days out."

Apart from being regionally owned, Portland Roasting is an environmentally conscious company.

"One thing that interests me is their awareness of the environment," said Griffin.

Portland Roasting, for example, uses eco-friendly plastic cups made from corn, making them biodegradable.

"You can toss them in your compost pile," said Griffin.

"I'm moving in the direction of biodegradable products," added Morse. "Not only is it going to be the coffee cups, but also the to-go containers."

Morse said that he wants to show that Eastern Oregon can also be part of the environmental movement.

"We are all involved now," he said.

News & Features

Survey gives comparative look at incoming freshmen

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

A recent polling of incoming freshmen at Eastern Oregon University gives a comparative look at students in the class of 2000 and 2006, and the data shows a change in demographics.

The Cooperative Institutional Research Program, (CIRP), Freshmen Survey is conducted annually by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. The comparison group is all first time, full time freshmen at four-year public colleges. EOU administers the survey during orientation for new students.

"According to the CIRP survey, students in our incoming 2006 freshmen class are slightly younger and more culturally and ethnically diverse than in 2000," said Chuck Bleak, director of Institutional Research at EOU. "There are also more freshmen frequently coming from families with lower incomes and more are first generation students," he said.

Gathering this type of data helps ensure students' needs are being met, Bleak said. Of the 120 students who responded to the survey in 2000 and 144 students in 2006, over half were traveling more than 100 miles to attend college, reflecting EOU's regional focus. Nationally, just over a quarter of students travel this far.

The small size of the university and affordability were the top reasons given as to why students chose to attend EOU. In 2000, size was the most important but in 2006, cost became the deciding factor. More freshmen are also expecting to work at least part time while attending college and significantly more think they will change either majors or career goals before they graduate.

In 2000, 92.5 percent of EOU's freshmen started college the same year they graduated from high school. By 2006, that number increased to 96.5 percent and subsequently, the average age of

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Mountaineer Football gets head start

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

The EOU football season doesn't official start until Sept. 1 when they will host non-conference rival Southern Oregon at Community Stadium.

However, they have already started spring practice (6:50-8:40 a.m.) to prepare for the months to come.

This spring football fans will have two opportunities to watch EOU in action.

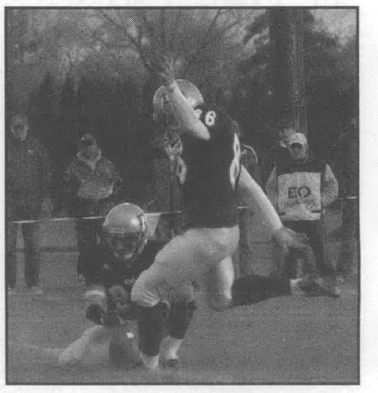
On May 12 the squad will play the annual Blue/Gold Scrimmage, then they will travel to Pendleton for The Rollin Schimmel Memorial Spring Game.

Last season, first-year Head Coach Ian Shields lead the Mounties to a 6-5 record in the Frontier Conference.

Eastern will return 14 starters from that team, and have already signed 43 recruits for the 2007-08 season.

Top newcomers will include Offensive Lineman and University of Oregon transfer Shawn Flanagan, as well as Gavin Smith (University of Idaho) and Jordyn Jackson (Western Washington University).

Freshman Bradley Padayao (Kapolei, HI) and DeShawn Smith (San Jacinto, CA) will also join them.



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Eastern is commonly known as a small rural school. Many people like that, Contreras said.

Right now the important thing is to find the students who fit into what Eastern is. The main method in doing this is through heavy recruiting at college fairs and high school campuses.

"Eastern has great growth potential and these challenges make us better," Contreras said, and added that when looking at any college's enrollment rates there is some fluctuation. For example, three years ago Eastern's population experienced a 10 percent growth and then several years later a 6 percent drop.

Contreras said that with admissions there are always peaks and valleys and that it is inevitable to plateau or dip at times. "But," he added, "We are coming out. I am devoted to turning this ship around but I am not panicked. I have hope, but not fear.

"It is a process, in two to three years, with strategic planning, a vision of growth and an openness to community involvement we will see the EOU population grow."

When asked what might be causing this drop in enrollment Jenkins mentioned the local economy changing as well as some bad press the university has received the last few years due to legal cases.

Budget issues such as those that required the baseball team to be cut are also involved, impacting the moral of the students.

However, Jenkins shows just as much confidence in the future of the school as Contreras does. "This is just a blip," Jenkins said, and both directors said that the new methods of recruitments are going to help enrollment from here on out.

"The journey between you and your goal is what shows true character," Contreras said, adding that right now Eastern Oregon is on track to fixing its problem.



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This Hunt Hall room sits vacant. It is one of 72 empty beds in Hunt Hall due to low enrollment at EOU.

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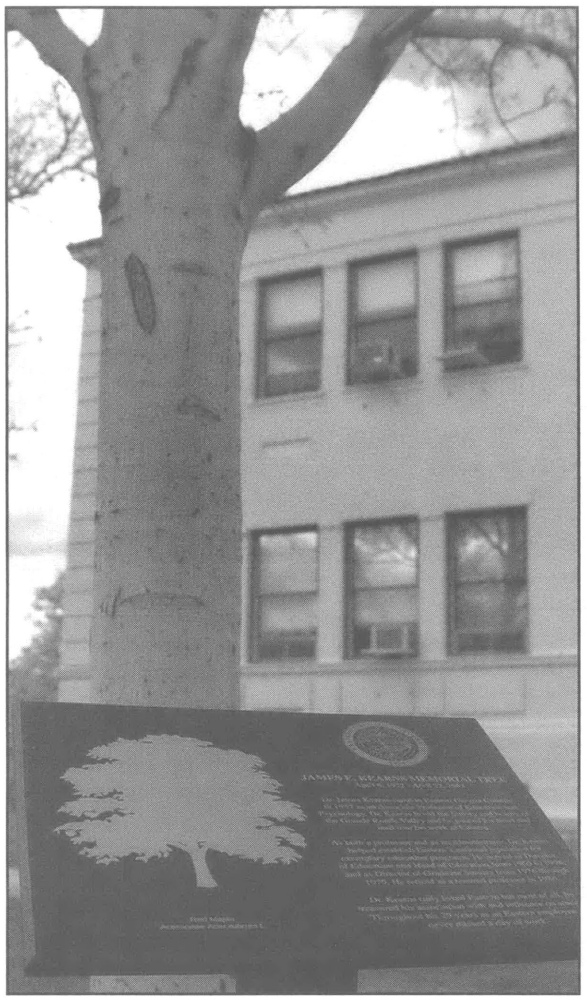

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The plaques were installed to honor individuals who have helped EOU succeed.

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Two young red maples on the avenue leading from Eastern Oregon University's Inlow Hall to Pierce Library have been dedicated to Betty Peck and Dr. James E. Kearns.

Shiny new black and gold plaques were installed as part of the new "Walk of Fame" established by the EOU Foundation to honor individuals who have helped EOU succeed. Currently 14 red maple trees line the "Walk of Fame." Each one will be dedicated to honor individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to EOU. The EOU Foundation considers length of service and achievements of individuals as well as financial contributions in selecting honorees, which are confirmed by the EOU administration.

Betty Peck, a 1936 Eastern graduate, was the secretary to Harvey Inlow, the first president of Eastern Oregon Normal School. It was her first job out of college and she stayed on to serve as secretary to seven EOU presidents, playing an instrumental role in the day-to-day business of the university. Peck was also the secretary to the faculty. She maintained financial records, helped prepare the budget and advised students. She passed away on Dec. 27, 2002, but her 42 years of service will not be forgotten.

"Mother loved walking into Inlow Hall everyday. She would be so pleased to be remembered by a tree on campus and it tells us that she is still here with us," said her daughter Mary Jo Lemon, of La Grande. Lemon is the current president of the EOU Alumni Association.

Dr. Kearns first came to Eastern in 1957 as an associate professor of education and psychology. He fell in love with the history and beauty of the Grande Ronde Valley and poured his heart into his work. In 1965 he was selected to serve as director of education and head of education, a position he held until 1976. He also served as director of graduate studies before retiring as a tenured professor in 1986.

Kearns passed away on April 22, 2003. As a professor and an administrator he helped establish EOU's national reputation for quality education programs. In his 29 years of employment, he never missed a day of work.

For more information about naming opportunities and fundraising at EOU, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (541) 962-3740 or e-mail advancement@eou.edu.

EOU opts for user-friendly, Web-based class schedule

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Eastern Oregon University students will no longer leaf through the 64-page printed class schedule to find the specific courses they want to take.

Everything they need is at their fingertips through Webster, EOU's online student access for registration, including grades, billing information and financial aid information.

"With the online class schedule, Eastern has created a one-stop Web site for our students to use to build their schedule and a site for advisors to use to help students craft the best possible class schedule," said John Miller, vice president and provost for Academic Affairs.

The system, implemented by EOU's Information Technology Department, allows scheduling updates to be reflected on the Web file and students can see the changes immediately. Room numbers and times often change from the time the printed version leaves the press and arrives in the hands of students.

"This way, students will always have access to the most up-to-date information available. As soon as the schedule is printed, it's out of date," said Dea Hoffman, EOU's registrar.

Catalog descriptions for each class are just a click away and the Division of Distance Education, (DDE), is working to add links for course syllabi. Students can browse to the specific descriptions they need and print just that section.

"The online schedule is definitely more user-friendly and provides more features and specific information on location, dates and times for classes offered through DDE," Hoffman said. "This is what the students want and it reflects a trend among other schools in the Oregon University System to eliminate the printed version."



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Web-based class schedule becomes more user-friendly for students.

Although EOU senior Stephanie Petersen likes having a paper copy of the schedule on hand, she sees the upside of moving it to the Web.

"In a time of budget crisis and technological advances, it only seems practical to jump on the bandwagon to save money and make resources more easily accessible," she said.

The Registrars Office is currently moving the class schedule for fall term online and by May the entire 2007-08 schedule will be up on the site. Questions or concerns can be sent via e-mail to registrar@eou.edu.

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First International Children's Day held at EOU

By Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

On May 1, middle school students celebrated El Dia del Nino, International Day of the Child, on the EOU campus.

Sixth Graders from La Grande Middle School attended the event, held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

EOU students from the Cornerstones of Learning program, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs had arts and crafts, games, music, dance and piñatas ready for the children.

Other groups that helped out at the event were the Ambassadors, the Navigators, the Women's Center, the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, the Multicultural Students Club, the International Student Association and the Director of Diversity, Luz Villarroel.

ARAMARK provided snacks for the children.

McDonalds, Wendy's and Radio Shack also provided support.

Students participated in an art contest before the event at EOU.

Students age 11 and under were invited to contribute to the international competition. All artwork was submitted to the Mexican Consulate.

"The purpose of today was to share the arts and culture of Mexico," said Anne Spurrier, Americorps volunteer for the Cornerstones of Living program, adding that it was also important for the students to get a glimpse of a university campus.

"They got the chance to participate in an international experience," Spurrier said. "Hopefully they learned to appreciate the culture."

"We made piñatas and paper mache, ate lunch and played games," said La Grande Middle School sixth Grader Austin Matney. "I learned some Spanish too. It's been fun"

The International Day of the Child is and annual celebration promoting literacy and the sharing of cultures.

According to organizers, the event will hopefully increase and become an annual occurrence at EOU as well.



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Pinatas hang from trees for students to break open.



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Kids participated in various craft activities.



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Kids participate in outdoor activities.



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Lunch was served in Hoke Main Lounge for children who participated in the day's events.

Students advocating Neighbors First program

By Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor

The following article is the second part of a two-piece series. The first focused on Neighbors First creator David Arnold, and appeared on the cover page of the previous issue.

Neighbors First started when La Grande resident David Arnold witnessed troubled relationships between town residents and the students at Eastern Oregon University.

Arnold bought the house next door to his own and rented it out to students as part of the program.

The group is currently focusing on their specific neighborhood (near 8th street) by holding meetings and events, slowly rebuilding the relationships.

Currently, more students are starting to see the need for the program within the community, and are finding ways to get involved.

Anne Spurrier, Americorps volunteer for the Cornerstones of Living Program, was looking for opportunities for students to engage in service learning experiences. She was introduced to the program last spring.

"Since then, I have been supporting the project by spreading the word, and helping with their neighborhood get-togethers," Spurrier said.

Neighbors First was created by Arnold after tension rose in the community regarding students' late-night behavior.

"The community and the University have historically been segregated rather than integrated," Spurrier said, noting that the community members often held negative stereotypical views about EOU students. "The connections that Neighbor's First is making promotes students being part of the community, rather than students in the community."

Arnold will soon be searching for students to live in the Neighbors First house for the 2007-2008 school year.

"We are looking for people to take some of their interests in terms of peacemaking and social justice issues," he said.

"This project is aimed at students who are interested in learning ways to be better citizens—interact with different types of people and create community bonds," Spurrier added. "This could be a great opportunity to earn community service and civic engagement experience, and I imagine that students would be able to use their experience living in the house as part of their practicum or capstone hours."

Spurrier also said that the project isn't for specific types of individuals, but for people of different styles, wanting to help strengthen community bonds.

Neighbors First will hold an informational meeting in May.

Interested students can contact David Arnold at (541) 663-0776 or pickandbow@aol.com, and Anne Spurrier at corner.eou.edu

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House fails to override Bush veto of Iraq war spending bill with troop withdrawal deadline

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WASHINGTON D.C.—The Democratic-controlled House failed Wednesday to override President Bush's veto of an Iraqi war spending bill with timetables for troop withdrawals.

The 222-203 vote, far short of the two-thirds majority needed for a veto override, occurred just ahead of a White House meeting that Bush called to begin compromise talks with congressional leaders of both parties on new legislation to finance the war, now in its fifth year.

Voting to override Bush's veto were 220 Democrats and two Republicans. Voting to sustain the veto were 196 Republicans and seven Democrats.

"The president has turned a tin ear to the wishes of the American people," Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said during the hour-long debate before the vote. "The president wants a blank check. The Congress will not give it to him."

But Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., urged his colleagues to sustain the veto, saying politicians should not make military decisions.

"Now is not the time for the United States to back down in its war on terror," Lewis said.

Negotiations for a new spending bill could prove difficult. Both parties agree it should include benchmarks for progress in Iraq, but many Democrats insist they be tied to timelines for U.S. troop withdrawals if they are unmet. Bush and his congressional allies say such links are unacceptable.

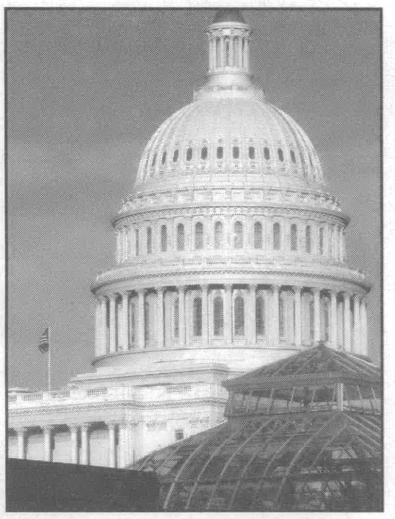
Hours before the House vote sustained the veto, which Bush had issued Tuesday, the president showed little appetite for compromise.

"I am confident that with goodwill on both sides that we can move beyond political statements and agree on a bill that gives our troops the funds and flexibility to do the job that we asked them to do," he said in a speech in Washington before The Associated General Contractors of America.

Of the original bill pushed through Congress by Democrats, Bush said: "It didn't make any sense to impose the will of politicians over the recommendations of our military commanders in the field."

Pelosi had told reporters Wednesday: "Benchmarks are important, but they have to have teeth in order to be effective."

House Majority Leader



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Steny Hoyer said before the vote that he hopes to have a new bill passed in the House in two weeks, with a final measure sent to the president before Memorial Day. "We're not going to leave our troops in harms way . . . without the resources they need," said Hoyer, D-Md.

Hoyer would not speculate on exactly what the bill might look like, but said he anticipates a minimum-wage increase will be part of it. He said the bill should fund combat through Sept. 30 as Bush has requested, casting doubt that Democratic leaders will adopt a proposal by Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., to fund the war two or three months at a time.

As for bipartisan cooperation in Congress, neither side seemed in much of a hurry Wednesday. "There have been discussions about talking," Hoyer said.

Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said Republicans weren't taking any options off the table. But "what I want is a clean bill" without a timetable on the war, he said

The situation has Democratic lawmakers in a difficult position. Because they control the House and Senate, the pressure is mainly on them to craft a bill that Bush will sign, and thus avoid accusations that they failed to finance troops in a time of war.

The party's most liberal members, especially in the House, say they will vote against money for continuing the war if there's no binding language on troop drawdowns. The bill Bush rejected would require the first U.S. combat troops to be withdrawn by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later.

"I think the Democrats are in a box," Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., said in an interview. "We're pretty resolute on our side. We are not going to tie this funding to any type of withdrawal deadline or any type of redeployment deadline."

Some Democrats believe the GOP solidarity will crack over time, noting that polls show heavy public support for a withdrawal plan.

Numerous possible compromises are being floated on Capitol Hill, all involving some combination of benchmarks. Some would require Bush to certify monthly that the Iraqi government is fully cooperating with U.S. efforts in several areas, such as giving troops the authority to pursue extremists.

The key impasse in Congress is whether to require redeployments of U.S. troops if the benchmarks are not met.

Under one proposal being floated, unmet benchmarks would cause some U.S. troops to be removed from especially violent regions such as Baghdad. They would redeploy to places in Iraq where they presumably could fight terrorists but avoid the worst centers of Sunni-Shia conflict.

A new spending bill "has got to be tied to redeployment," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., the House's fourth-ranking Democratic leader. He conceded, however, that Democrats have yet to figure out where they will find the votes.

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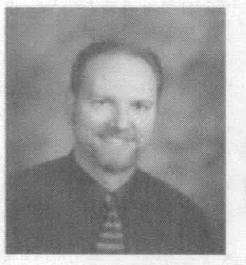

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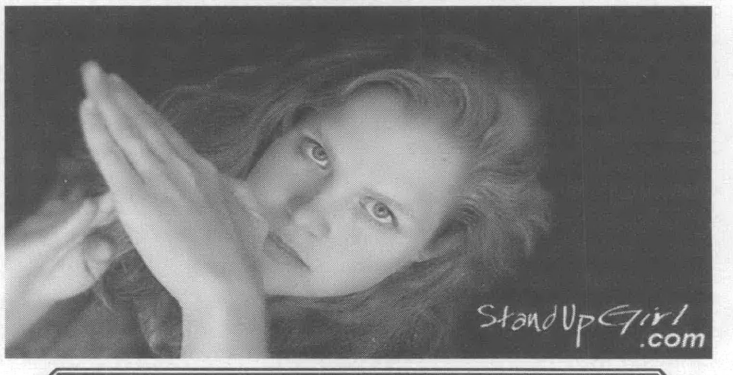

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incoming freshmen dropped to include more 18 and 19-year-olds. A trend toward a slightly more ethnically diverse freshman class is also reflected in 2006.

More students reported coming from families with lower incomes than in 2000 and for both years the numbers were well below the national average for family income. Bleak believes this is directly linked to the decline in the number of students with parents who have college educations.

Nationally, the number of parents with college degrees has increased and is now over 25 percent for both fathers and mothers, while in Oregon the number is falling. However, a positive development is evident in that a higher number of freshmen in 2006 reported earning a master's degree as their ultimate goal. This is counter to the national trend of earning a master's degree, which has dropped from 49 percent to 43 percent.

High school grade point averages are also on the rise. Just over 26 percent of EOU's incoming freshmen reported an "A+" or "A" average, 11.5 percent higher than the national average.

"We've seen the impact of our valedictorian and salutatorian scholarships at EOU," said Sheldon Nord, vice president for student affairs. "When we are able to attract high achieving students from our regional high schools, it enhances the education environment for all EOU students."

"The result is improved retention and higher graduation rates, which are positive outcomes for both students and the university," Nord said.

For more information or to view the complete survey, visit the Office of Institutional Research at EOU online at www.eou.edu/ir/.

British army chief says Prince Harry will go to Iraq

Associated Press

LONDON—The head of the British army said Monday that he had personally decided that Prince Harry, the third in line to the throne, will serve with a combat unit in Iraq.

Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt said the decision would be kept under review, but he hoped his statement would end media speculation on Harry's deployment.

"The decision has been taken by myself that he will deploy in due course," Dannatt said. "I would urge that the somewhat frenzied media activity surrounding this particular story should cease in the interests of the overall security of all our people deployed in Iraq."

He spoke after newspaper reports cited unidentified senior military officials as saying an army review was likely to lead to Harry being banned from the battlefield, although he could still do a desk job.

Clarence House, Prince Charles' London office, would not comment on Dannatt's statement.

Harry, a 22-year-old second lieutenant, is a tank commander trained to lead a 12-man team in four armored reconnaissance vehicles. If deployed, he would become the first royal to serve in a war zone since his uncle, Prince Andrew, flew as a helicopter pilot in Britain's conflict with Argentina over the Fakland Islands in 1982.

Commanders reportedly had reconsidered their decision to allow the prince to fight in Iraq for fear his presence could endanger other soldiers. Harry's regiment, the Blues and Royals, is due to begin a six-month tour of duty in Iraq within weeks.

Over the past two weeks, newspapers have reported threats by Iraqi insurgents to kill or kidnap the prince, including claims his photograph had been widely circulated among militants. Military chiefs acknowledge that Harry would be an attractive target for insurgents and that his presence could lead to a surge in attacks on British forces.

After graduating from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst last year, Harry insisted on an opportunity to serve in the armed forces.

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Guess the Movie
(Answers on page 10)

1. "Personal Philosophy: Clothing Optional." (2007)

2. "Lawrence! Why are you slapping that monkey?" (2006)

3. "That was longer than a heartbeat." (2002)

4. "No, rats are outside, mice are inside." (2003)

5. "Ma? You on 'uppers'"? (2000)

6. "Let me tell you what 'Like a Virgin' is about." (1992)

7. "Does that compute? Or do I have to draw you a schematic?" (1997)

8. "I am a Death Dealer, sworn to destroy those known as the Lycans." (2003)

9. "See those dead plants? I planted those." (2002)

10. "Fill it up again! Once it hits your lips, it's so good!" (2003)

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Speel-Ya preparing for Spring Pow Wow

By Stephanie Brookhart
Voice Staff Writer


SUBMITTED PHOTO /SPEEL-YA
Children participate in prior year's pow wow

Are you hungry for Indian fry bread or Indian tacos? Come to the annual Spring Pow Wow and delight in the feast and dancing festival. Speel-Ya, EOU's Native American club, hosts the annual celebration on May 12, 2007.

The event opens at noon and two grand entries are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tribal nations from Oregon, Washington and Idaho participate in the event in full regalia to honor their heritage. Traditional dance competitions, including the fancy dance and jingle dance, along with drumming competitions will be held. The gala continues until midnight.

Independent vendors selling jewelry and native art will be alongside the food booth and concession stand.

Speel-Ya holds the event on Mother's Day weekend to honor the beginnings of growth, which within Native American beliefs, start with the mother.

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the pow wow. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding and educational extravaganza, sign up at the Office of Multicultural Affairs in Inlow Hall, room 106.

To enter a vendor's booth, contact the group's president, Marshall Moon, at moonma@eou.edu. There is still plenty of time to become involved and your help is needed. All students are encouraged to attend and volunteer.

Speel-Ya is one of EOU's oldest clubs and their annual pow wow began in 1969. If you would like to be a member of Speel-Ya, you do not have to have native lineage. All are welcome to participate. Members hold meetings twice a month during fall and winter terms and once a week during spring term to prepare for the pow wow. Meetings are Mondays at 5 p.m. in Hoke 206.

Smoke-signals is the club listserv. It provides a forum for discussion on issues that concern club members such as promotion, awareness and celebration of their culture.

The club offers support and encouragement to its members by connecting within the group through various activities during the year.

Movie Review: "Me and You and Everyone We Know"

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer



Director Miranda July's third film, "Me and You and Everyone We Know," released in August 2005, starring John Hawkes, Miles Thompson, Brandon Ratcliff, and July, as Christine, tells about the difficulty of building new relationships in a digital century.

The film narratess the life of newly divorced Richard Swersey (Hawkes), a department store shoe salesman on his search for fairytale love, while raising his two kids, Peter and Robbie (Thompson and Ratcliff).

The movie also follows Christine's journey in search of Richard's love, while driving an older taxi and being an amateur digital artist trying to have her work in a gallery.

Through the lives of the children in the movie, July tries to comment on the influence.

Through Robbie and Peter, the film attempts to show the ugly impact the digital computer age has had in raising the younger generations.

Robbie, through his older brother Peter's influence, gets involved in an inappropriate on-line chat room relationship with an older woman.

In a slight turn, the film becomes a commentary on how today's youth have raised themselves in the absence of "responsible adults."

But despite the dark social commentary on today's youth and digital culture, July's strange dialogues and one liner's are bound to make you laugh.

As many critics have pointed out that the movie might trace Richard's journey, but Robbie's character steals the show.

Although Blockbuster claimed not to have the film, which might be due to the fact that I gave them the wrong title, I recall renting the film from them when I first watched it.

If all else fails, try NetFlix, or dig through the Blockbuster dumpster.

July's film won the prestigious Sundance Film Festival award for best film in 2005, and also won in film festivals in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Philadelphia.

Movie Review: Me and You and Everyone We Know (2005)

Voice Rating: ★★★½

Directed by: Muranda July

Cast: John Hawks, Miranda July

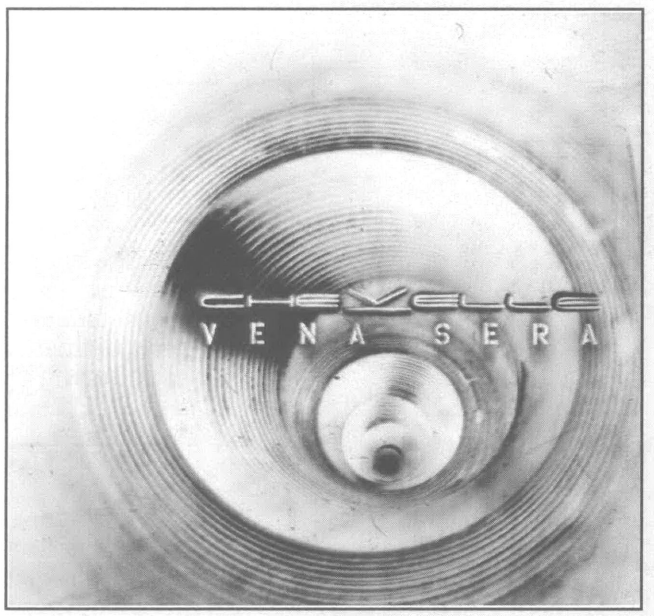
Rated: R

Summary: A shoe salesman and a performing artist struggle to connect.

Brand New Chevelle

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ac3E Editor

With its Epic debut, "Wonder What's Next," Chevelle topped the charts in mainstream hard rock. Released in 2002, the album produced several hit singles such as "The Red," "Closure" and "Send the Pain Below," and was eventually certified Platinum. Two years later, Chevelle released "This type of thinking (Could do us in)," and spawned only one hit single, "Vitamin R (Leading Us Along). Chevelle's second record on Epic evolved with a harder edge with its syncopated guitars and double-pedal drumbeats. Now in 2007, Chevelle has released "Vena Sera," an album full of material best described as B-sides and unreleased songs.



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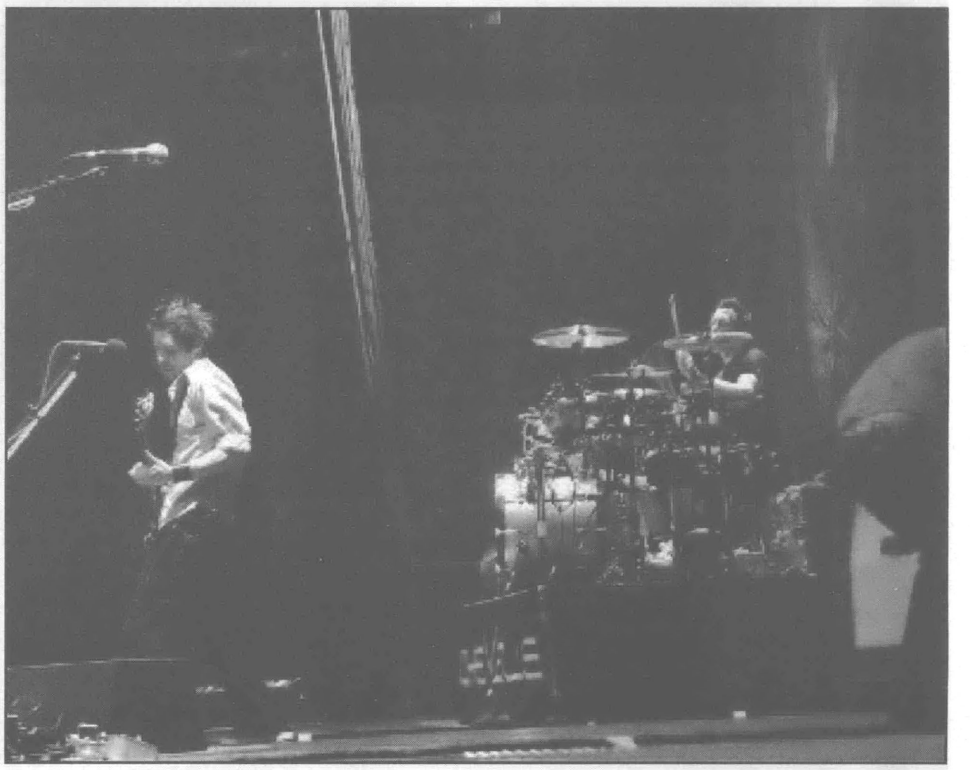
Chevelle's new album.

"Vena Sera" has a few selected tracks that may become hit singles with heavy airplay to support, but on the first listen it's unlikely. The album begins with "Antisaint," a track that is as slow as the first song on "This type of thinking." It's a heavy rock song with a simple chorus that has singer/guitarist Pete Loeffler singing over and over again, "You poor little antisaint."

The song that acts like a B-side more than any other track (and it probably should have stayed that way) is "I Get It." With new member, Dean Barnardini (brother-in-law to Pete and Sam Loeffler), on bass, the song features a bass line that is as groovy as one of those rock song remixes you might hear at a club. This song may come off as one of those standout tracks that makes you wonder how it got on the album in the first place. It may also be the track that helps get Chevelle more airplay as it may be the direction the band might be headed toward.

The first single off of "Vena Sera" is "Well Enough Alone," which features a scream by Loeffler with support by a crashing intro by everyone else. It's the first time Loeffler has started a song like that and he does it again after the first verse. He does as well as he did the first time. "Well Enough Alone" is very melodic with smooth verses and a catchy chorus as Loeffler sings "Why we leave/Well enough alone/Never thought about the shame." Loeffler ends the song with a falsetto unlike any he has done before.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Chevelle plays music at a live show.

Tracks like "Saferwaters" and "Straight Jacket Fashion" are those radio friendly songs that help the album, as they also sound like tracks that should have been on Chevelle's previous records.

The album ends with the song "Saturdays." The track is a bit of a ballad with a heavy edge to it. The song ends in an up tempo beat with Loeffler singing "We all belong/In the Saturdays/Of our youth/Cause we all have lost/So don't feel aliened."

Bottom line, "Vena Sera" is just one of those albums that may take a while to get used to, especially for listeners who have been following the band for years. For you new listeners, you're lucky to have started here.



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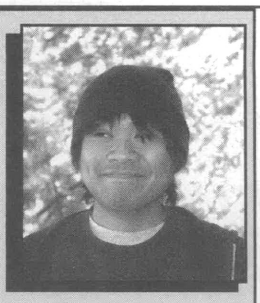

Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

"Music, a steady riot in my soul." – Big D and the Kid's Table

I read Alternative Press' "Top 100 bands you need to know in 2007." The list itself was pretty diverse, with a mixture of hardcore, punk, indie and electronic bands from around the globe. A couple of bands I thought to be pretty well known were featured on the list. One band on the list actually played in this town in October. Cool stuff.

So I thought I would take this time to make a list of my own.

5) PlayRadioPlay

PlayRadioPlay is a solo act by the name of Daniel Hunter, from Fort Worth, Tex. I actually came across PlayRadioPlay while browsing featured artists on Purevolume. PlayRadioPlay is a mix of electronic and indie powerpop. Hunter wrote music on his spare time and would upload them on Purevolume to share with the world. By promoting himself through the web, Hunter caught the ear of listeners and gained quite a bit of an underground following. Also, all of his work was available for download. A year and a half later, the 17-year-old signed with Stolen Transmission, a sub-label of Island. His new CD, "The Frequency EP," is now available.

4) Science Fiction Theatre

SFT is an indie rock band from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. SFT is also the newest project of brothers Matt and Mike Jimenez (formerly of Better Off Naked and Relax Max), Brian Marquez and Artie Marchain. Since 2004, the members of SFT recorded every now and then because of their other projects, but haven't stopped playing. Now with no other commitments and an EP under its belt, SFT will grace the world with its indie rock goodness. SFT is currently in the studio preparing a full length for release later this year.

3) Black Square

Hailing from Hawaii, Black Square is an up and coming reggae/ska/punk band that recently did a two week tour along the west coast. Two weeks on the road may be short, but coming from Hawaii where gigs for any one band come along once in a great while, especially coming from a scene as big (and small) in Hawaii, that's a lot. Black Square's newest CD, "One Glass of Water," is an album full of great reggae and ska grooves. Soon enough, Black Square will be hitting the airwaves all over the country.

2) The Midnight Society

These Spokane locals have been around for a few years tour constantly up ad down the west coast and a few east coast spots. A record is in the works, but an EP and three song demo are available now through the band's website. With a new blend of thrash metal and hardcore, and a fantastic live show to boot, The Midnight Society is one band you have to know (more so for the hardcore kids).

1) The Action Design

TAD is the new project of Emily Whitehurst and Matthew McKenzie (formerly of Tsunami Bomb), and Brett Friesen (formerly of Ariel Mile). With a whole different approach to song writing, TAD is very much unlike their previous projects. There is no one way to define it. Just think the Dresden Dolls meets the Thermals meets Straylight Run. Yeah, something like that.

"Titled:" Senior Exhibition

LA GRANDE, Oregon - Eastern Oregon University's Nightingale Gallery is pleased to present the exhibition "TITLED:" featuring the work of three graduating seniors, Julie Rea, Alec Schramek, and Rick Thew III.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibition Saturday, April 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the gallery. The show combines large-scale sculpture, paintings and ceramics, as well as an installation and will run through May 11.

In Julie Rea's installation she explores the idea of tragedy and humor, a sense of place and home and how both are affected by fate and chance. Rea invites the viewer to laugh at cultural taboos through her absurd and whimsical sculpture and photographs.

Alec Schramek is presenting a series of paintings and ceramic work. His large-scale paintings are selective instances from ordinary life, depicting a sense of irony about the struggle for happiness within a commercialized society. His ceramic work references ancient Greek culture in comparison with that of today and the contrast of societies generates questions about the origins of individuality and the importance of self-perceptions.

Rick Thew grew up in Cove and uses his rural background and strong family ties as themes for his sculpture and mixed media painting. These ties are reflected in his work through his use of vintage Studebakers and his paintings on reclaimed objects, such as decades old evaporated milk cans.

Nightingale Gallery is located in Loso Hall on the EOU campus. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call (541) 962-3667 or visit the gallery's Web site at www.eou.edu/art/nightingale/NightingaleGallery.html.

Gear up for 2007 Mug-a-Thon!

By Caitlin Mack
Art Major

The Art Club is sponsoring a Mug-a-Thon! We spent all day (from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.) on Friday, May 27 throwing mugs. We made about 230, which we will be glazing and firing next week. And then everyone can buy one! We will be set up in Hoke (or the quad depending on weather) on May 10th (and 11th if we don't sell them all on opening day like last year.)

The Mugs will be sold for $10 a piece. All the proceeds go to the art club to pay for trips to Portland gallery openings. So let every one know that moms love hand-made mugs, so make sure to get your mother a mug for Mother's Day!

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You've been busy all week. Take a break, eat some chocolate and wash it down with chocolate milk. You'll develop distaste for sweets. Get back to work.

Gemini:
Imagine you woke up one morning and your fingers were individual pieces of bacon. What does that mean? Not sure, but I strongly suggest not petting any dogs.

Cancer:
You are the sun and the moon. When the two come together, it's pretty damn cool. Remember that, Cancer.

Leo:
The obstacles you'll be facing in the next few days will wipe you out. Now is the time to take advantage of the 2 for 3 energy drink deal that's going on.

Virgo:
If it's snowing when you read this, you'll have a bad day. If it's not, you'll still have a bad day. It's not my fault, blame the stars!

Libra:
Chewing three pieces of gum will not take away morning breath. But eating eight pieces of those red gummi bears will.

Scorpio:
Can you name a band that starts with the letter "E" without thinking twice about it? Yeah, it's tough stuff.

Sagittarius:
The weekend will be here sooner than you think...not! Only in your dreams pal, it's midterms.

Capricorn:
The only thing worse than being 20 minutes late for a class is being 20 minutes late for a 5 p.m. class.

Aquarius:
The last great thing you accomplished means nothing. Give me fifty bucks and I'll change this.

Pisces:
You'll wake to your alarm clock and for some reason it won't turn off. This is just a dream. You're actually sleeping through it.

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Blades of Glory, 2. Night at the Museum, 3. 28 Days Later, 4. Scary Movie 3, 5. Requiem for a Dream, 6. Reservoir Dogs, 7. Alien: Resurrection, 8. Underworld, 9. Stealing Harvard, 10. Old School

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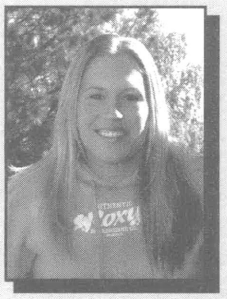

JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

The first Democratic Debate was held on April 26 in South Carolina.

This would be the candidates chance to distinguish themselves and take the lead on the road to gaining the Democratic ticket.

Although there are eight candidates, even before the debate it seemed like it was already only a two-person race between New York Senator Hillary Clinton and Illinois Senator Barack Obama.

While I was anxiously awaiting some fireworks and an emergence of a breakthrough candidate, I came away from the debate slightly disappointed.

In my opinion, no specific candidate came out ahead.

Not surprisingly, Iraq was the most discussed topic of the debate in which all candidates took a stand to end the war.

Obama said, "I am proud that I opposed this war from the start, because I thought that it would lead to the disastrous conditions that we've seen on the ground in Iraq."

Clinton, who seemed to be attacked for originally voting for the war, said, "If I knew then what I now know, I would not have voted that way. But I think that the real question before us is: What do we do now?"

John Edwards took one of the few blows of the night on the topic of Clinton's original response saying, "That is a question of conscience for Sen. Clinton."

The rest of the debate continued much the same way, with each candidate only getting 60 seconds per question.

The defining moment in my book was when three candidates—Obama, Edwards and Clinton—were asked what they would do if Al Qaida attacked American cities.

Obama and Edwards were hit and miss, and seemed to stumble in search of an answer they felt the people would want to hear.

Clinton had the strongest response saying, "I think a president must move as swiftly as is prudent to retaliate. If we are attacked, and we can determine who is behind that attack, and if there are nations that supported or gave material aid to those who attacked us, I believe we should quickly respond."

In all, I think that Clinton, Obama and Biden came out on top based on the first debate alone.

Clinton seemed the most prepared and showed the most confidence.

Obama later admitted to being nervous.

Edwards might still have a chance since he is well known from his previous shot at the position.

There is still a long way to go until November, and I know that things will start heating up very soon as candidates drop out of the race and a champion is crowned.

The next presidential election cannot come soon enough, and you can bet that I will be donning my Democratic blue with pride.

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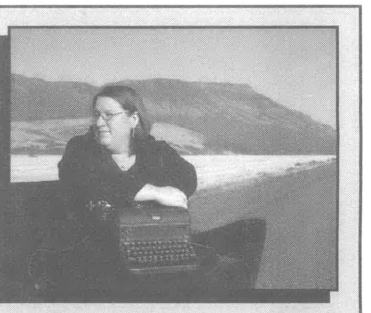

Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

A lot can happen in just over a month.

People die, new are born and life continues on where it began and left off.

I spent my very last spring break up in Canada. It was fitting, as there was no other place that I would rather be.

Last term was rough for me. Work was stressful, class was stressful and I was sick for the majority of the term as a result.

Something happened to me when I was up in Canada though. Away from all the stress and ridiculousness of college life, I found myself able to relax for the first time in months. And within no time I was feeling like a new person again.

It's weird how you lose yourself in the urgency of completing an education. I don't think I even knew how lost I was until I found myself again on a hillside of Salt Spring Island staring out at the ocean and wondering how I ever let my life get that complicated.

Legend has it that Salt Spring has healing powers—that just by being on it and having the atmosphere around you it will automatically make you feel better.

And it did.

I spent five days on that island with two of the most amazing people I've ever known in my entire life laughing until my entire body hurt from hilarity and wonderment.

You wouldn't have guessed that just before we left for that island, my friends received news that a very close family friend had passed away. But in a way it seemed as though they never would have wanted to mourn this man's death—they'd rather celebrate his life.

So the vacation was filled with amazing stories about this man that I had never met. By the end of the week I was really wishing I had had the opportunity to meet such an phenomenal and celebrated man.

And in the wake of his death, I received news that my first niece was born several weeks early—a beautiful, healthy baby girl.

Sometimes the way that the universe balances itself out completely fills me with wonderment.

When I returned back here, my heart was heavy. I didn't want to leave the stress-free environment I was cocooned in. But I knew I had to.

Over the last month back here I have tried very hard to not be stressed. To just enjoy my time for what it is: my last term!

Nothing relaxes me more than knowing that I will be graduating in just over a month's time.

So, until then, I will sing Walt Whitman's "Song of the Open Road," until I can join him on that journey down that "long brown path leading wherever I choose."

Guest Column

Aldo Borghetti
Guest Columnist

The Sac Annex is the seven-story brick building on the corner of Washington and Fir Street.

The Annex, as the locals call it, is also the tallest building in town.

Highway 30 Coffee Co. is a local coffee shop on Adams Avenue and Hought's 24 Flavors is the local burger joint, which happens to make some of the best hamburgers I have ever had. Hought's is also on Adams.

The truth is I can probably keep making a list of some of the most interesting places in town, but that's not my point.

Not too long ago, a classmate said he had never heard of Highway 30 or the Sac Annex.

After he confessed that he lived in the dorms, I wasn't surprised.

But perhaps I shouldn't be so quick in judging him. Had I not left the dorms after my first term at Eastern, I too would have been oblivious to a town below the hill.

In my short time at the dorms I realized many freshmen never left campus.

Sitting on the comfort of "the hill," they never see the necessity of coming down.

It's nothing new at Eastern.

I had a couple of friends that came from Southern to attended Eastern for a year, but left after one term.

They confessed they only left campus to go to Blockbuster, Wal-Mart or Safeway.

These same students complained that they were bored because there was nothing to do in La Grande. Perhaps they were right.

That is why Eastern Student Entertainment (ESE) spends thousands of student dollars every term bringing entertainment to Eastern, but from taking a

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Sports

The Sideline

Funny Sports Quotes

"These are my new shoes. They're good shoes. They won't make you rich like me, they won't make you rebound like me, they definitely won't make you handsome like me. They'll only make you have shoes like me. That's it." -Charles Barkley.

"They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds." -Wilt Chamberlain.

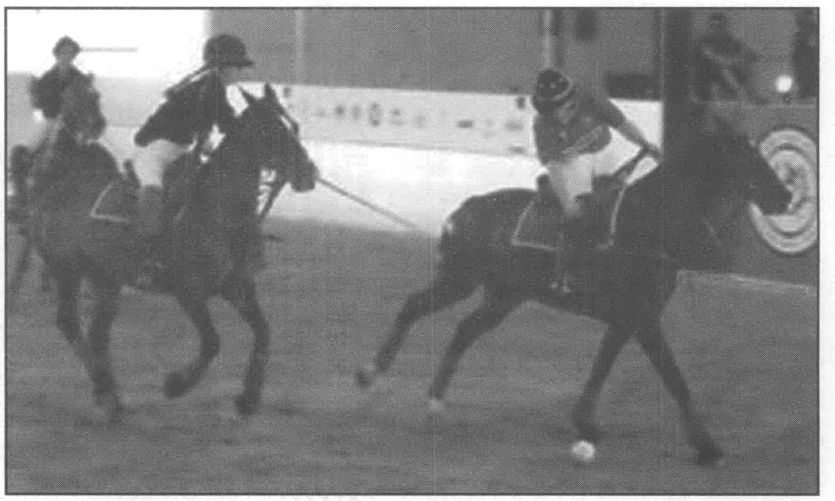
"What does a mama bear on the pill have in common with the World Series? No cubs." - Harry Caray

"Rugby is a beastly game played by gentlemen; soccer is a gentleman's game played by beasts; football is a beastly game played by beasts." -Henry Blaha

"I asked a ref if he could give me a technical foul for thinking bad things about him. He said, of course not. I said, well, I think you stink. And he gave me a technical. You can't trust 'em." -Jim Valvano

Women's Polo returns from Nationals

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer



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Joellyn Hasse, left, goes for a hook.

Got Polo? No, not water polo, but the kind where a horse, a ball and a stick are the main ingredients for the game.

Eastern Oregon University's Women's Polo team is one of only five teams in the Northwest, yet they were the leaders of the pack as they reached the USPA National Intercollegiate Championships last month in Lexington, Ky.

Despite their 3-27 loss to top ranked Cornell University, the four members of the team said they had a wonderful time and learned a lot from the experience.

"That score might look bad, but really it's not," said captain Lydia Wahls.

"Polo is relatively new in the West and most of those kids on Cornell's team have been playing since grade school."

Unlike staple sports such as basketball and football, there are only 50 men and women's intercollegiate teams that compete in polo in the entire country.

Eastern Oregon University's women were one of just 13 teams to advance to Nationals, and the only team to do so thus far in the universities short history.

The varsity players consist of; juniors Lydia Wahls, Joellyn Hasse, Mindy Hartzell, sophomore and Jenny Bartell.

"It was so much fun," Wahls said. "It's a different kind of sport."

Although Eastern only played one game at the tournament, their responsibilities were plenty.

Unlike mainstream sports, Polo relies on team members to help during the week long festivities.

"It is a great week to meet new people and learn new things," Wahls said. "We take turns walking the horses, cleaning stalls, feeding and goal watching."

Polo is a club sport and fairly new activity on the EOU campus.

For those who are unsure of rules, here is a quick rundown:

Each team has three people with at least one sub.

The playing field is 300 yards long and 150 yards wide with goal posts positioned at each end eight yards apart from one another.

A full game is eight "chukkas" or quarters but clubs often play four.

Each chukka lasts seven minutes, a bell is rung, but the game goes on until the ball goes out of play or another 30 seconds when the bell is rung again, the chukka ends where the ball is.

There are three-minute intervals between chukkas and a five-minute half time.

Ends are changed after each goal is scored; this has been found to be the fairest way when there is a wind.

As for the EOU women's polo team, they are taking it all in stride.

"It was a great lesson learned and we took so much away from that experience that will only make us stronger and better in the future," Wahls said.

On May 25, the Polo team will be holding a clinic for those interested and will also play a game against Montana State.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Whals at 541-430-3294.

Mountie track competes at Boise State

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Competing in sunny, clear skies, the EOU Track and Field Teams put together a successful meet on April 28 at the Ed Jacoby Track and Bronco Stadium.

Traveling over to Boise State University, the Mounties were up against host BSU, Northwest Nazarene, Albertson College and Treasure Valley Community College.

Overall, Eastern came away with six event winners and a couple of new school records.

To continue the success of the throwers, Grace Deboodt and Tiffany Ulmer finished first and second in the women's Javelin, both hitting season bests.

Ulmer also joins Deboodt on the EOU all time top five list at No. 5 (Grace is No. 4.)

In the shot put, four EOU women placed in the top eight, while Ulmer, Trisha Harshberger, and Lacy Coble all placed in the top six in the discus.

Carla Hoppie had a PR in the shot put with a throw of 9.19 meters.

On the men's side, Mitch Wheelhouse placed second in the shot, fourth in the discus, and tenth in the hammer; while Jason Dunten placed seventh, eighth, and sixth respectively.

In the jumping events, Kayla Weissert once again won the Pole Vault with a jump right at 11 feet.

Tennly Paul-Bowden recorded a season best at 10.06" to earn second place.

Lucas Ohmes won the men's pole vault with a jump at 14.01", while Chris Mello came in fourth.

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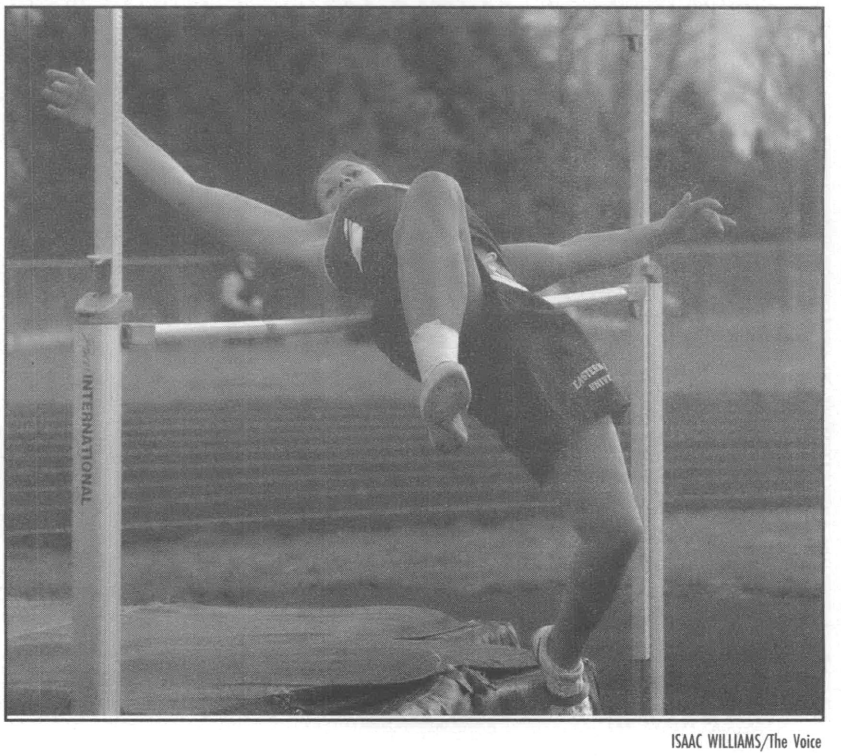

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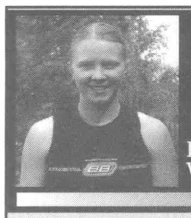
Erin Ontko practices the high jump.



Can I get a WHIT-ness?!

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Since I seem to have started my own trend of NOT writing my column about sports (Barrett makes up for it)... why change now?

First of all, a bit about the Virginia Tech shooting.

The cold hard facts are that in a rampage that lasted nine minutes total, a 23-year-old South Korean English major fired off 170 shots, killing 32 fellow students and then himself.

The chain of events is as follows: at 7:15 a.m. he killed two girls, then he went back to his room for two and a half hours to re-arm himself and put together a package containing pictures, digital video files and documents which he sent to NBC News before heading to a classroom where he shot and killed 30 others.

His motive? Apparently he left a note in which he criticized rich kids and wrote, "you caused me to do this."

Not to mention he was obsessed with one of the girls he killed first, but she was not interested. I wonder why.

Some more facts: On Dec. 13, 2005, Cho was temporarily detained for a psychiatric assessment, as he was suspected to be mentally ill and a danger to himself and others.

Hello-he was still legally able to buy a gun?! Now, that isn't scary at all, is it?!

I wanted to share this in case anybody didn't know, and was curious about exactly what occured that day, and also to raise awareness that things like this really do happen.

We can't do much but pray for and offer our support to those who lost loved ones in the Virginia Tech shooting, but we can look out for ourselves and each other.

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To switch gears here, and end on a better note, I received a great forward in my email today and just had to share it. (Had to change a couple of things to make it appropriate.)

As I've Matured...

I've learned that you cannot make someone love you-all you can do is stalk them and hope they panic and give in.

I've learned that one good turn gets most of the blankets.

I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people just really need to figure it out.

I've learned that whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others-they are more screwed up than you think.

I've learned that depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

I've learned to not sweat the petty things, and not pet the sweaty things.

I've learned that ex's are like fungus, and keep coming back.

I've learned age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

I've learned that we are responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.

I've learned that artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I've learned that 99 percent of the time when something isn't working in your house, the person who isn't around did it.

I've learned that there is a fine line between genius and insanity.

I've learned that the people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon and all the less important ones just never go away. And the real pains in the a** are fairly (or unfairly) permanent.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

...Spend it with someone fun, party if you must, go to the park if it's sunny, root for the JAZZ, and don't forget about Mother's Day coming up!

Tough Trip for Mountaineers

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

EOU found out last week that it's never easy making the long trip across I-84 and then down I-5, while trying to mentally prepare for two teams in the top half of the conference.

The first of the two doubleheaders saw the Mountaineers at Southern Oregon, who sit one game ahead of Eastern in the conference standings.

The Raiders traveled to La Grande in early April and EOU was able to come away with a split.

Much of the same would be found in the two games in Ashland.

In game one, Eastern found themselves up 2-1 in the final inning, but surrendered two runs in the bottom of the ninth and SOU escaped with a 3-2 victory.

Senior Meghan Henderson went two for four with a run scored, while juniors Lydia Holm and Michelle St. John collected the two RBI's.

In game two, EOU rallied after being down 2-0 in the sixth inning as their offense came to life and they managed a come back victory, 3-2.

Freshman Iris Woodhead and junior Teri Cisler each went two for three in the game with one RBI apiece.

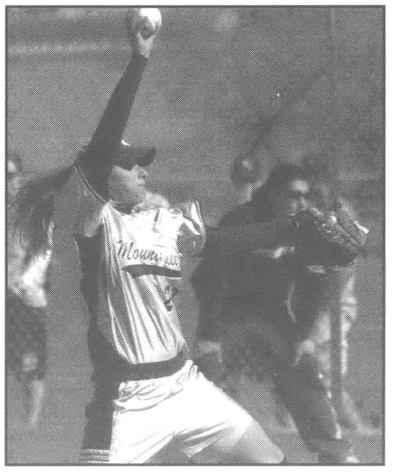
Junior Vanessa Wood was responsible for bringing in the other run.

Kelly West collected the win, pitching five and one third innings.

West gave up eight hits but allowed only the two runs.

The final two games of the four-game trip would take EOU 90 miles east through the mountains to Klamath Falls to face number 13th ranked Oregon Tech.

These two teams split their first two games in April as well,



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Lydia Holm had an RBI against SOV.

giving Oregon Tech one of their nine losses on the season.

Tech came into the match second in the conference with an intimidating record of 29-9.

In the first game, EOU spotted the Owls four runs before mounting a comeback to tie the score in the top of the sixth inning.

Unfortunately, OIT came back in the bottom half of the inning to add two more runs, and making the score to 6-4.

The Mounties never gave up, loading the bases in the top of the seventh before a force out ended their rally.

Lindsey Smith led the way for the Mountaineers, finishing the game 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Yet the second game proved even harder for the Mounties to handle.

Down 3-0 in the top of the final inning, EOU fought back scoring four runs to take the lead 4-3.

It was senior standout Meghan Henderson's two run triple that brought EOU back.

The La Grande native also scored on an error on the play.

However it wasn't enough as the Mounties were unable to hang on.

In the bottom of the seventh, Oregon Tech scored two runs, securing the win.

The Lady Mountaineers will return to the field on Friday, May 5th when they host Albertson College at Pioneer Park.

It will be the last time seniors Stephanie Baumann, Meghan Henderson and the injured Marissa Becker play in front of the home crowd.

Game time is set for 1:00 p.m.

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In the Long Jump, Alex Lostcutoff made her debut and solidified second place with a jump of 4.62 meters.

Chris Hoppie also had a good day in that event, moving into the number two spot on the EOU all time list and placing third at the meet with a jump of 6.89 meters.

Chelsee Harmon ran a solid 100-meter hurdles, getting second place, despite the race being called back three hurdles into the race for a timing system malfunction.

Erin Ontko placed fifth.

In the men's hurdles Ohmes placed first in the 110 meter highs and Adam Miller also won the 400 intermediates, getting an NAIA Provisional qualifying mark.

In the three short sprint races, (100, 200 and 400), Matt Lane led the charge with the first of two school records for the day.

Lane won the 400 in 48.55, missing the NAIA Auto Qualifying mark by .01 of a second.

A great run by Dani Reis in the 200 beat her previous PR by half a second, narrowly missing the EOU all time top five list.

In the 1500 meter race, Marcella Bosch and Zach Heath both competed and finished third, with Zach racing for the win until the last 100 meters and recording another life time PR of 3:58.01.

Bosch ran in 4:48.35.

Katie Clapp and Troy Blackburn led EOU in the 3,000-meter run, both recording PR's in 11:28.40, and 9:10.08 respectively.

In the women's 4 x 100 relay, Reis, Kasie Gillespie, Dani Murphy and Harmon managed to run the second fastest time of the year and the third fastest time in school history in 51.01.

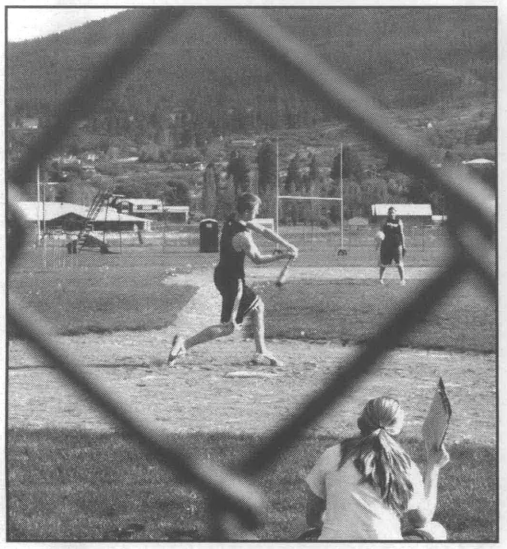
The men's quartet of Nathan Schmidt, Lane, Ohmes and Miller also improved on their season best mark.

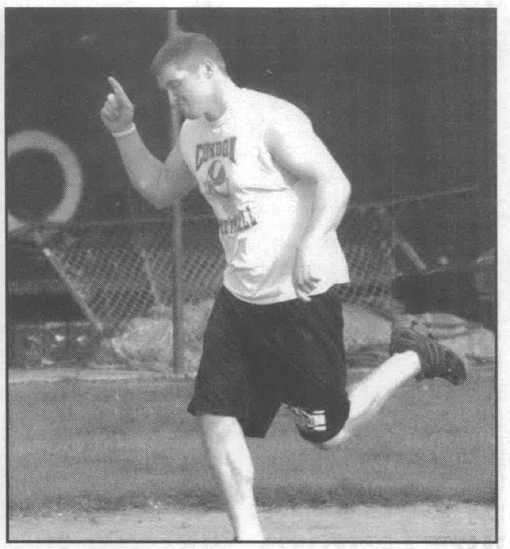
In the women's 4 x 400 relay, Reis, Deboodt, Gillespie and Murphy shaved another 1.13 seconds off of the school record that they set last week.

EOU also finished second behind BSU and dipped under the 4:00 minute barrier for the first time in school history.

On the men's side, Matt Lane, Ryan Browne, Hoppie and Miller produced the fastest time this year and the third fastest in school history.

Next up for Mountie Track and Field is the Cascade Conference Championships May 11-12, which they will host in La Grande.





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Intramural Softball has begun! For updates and scheduals go to www3.eou.edu/imsports



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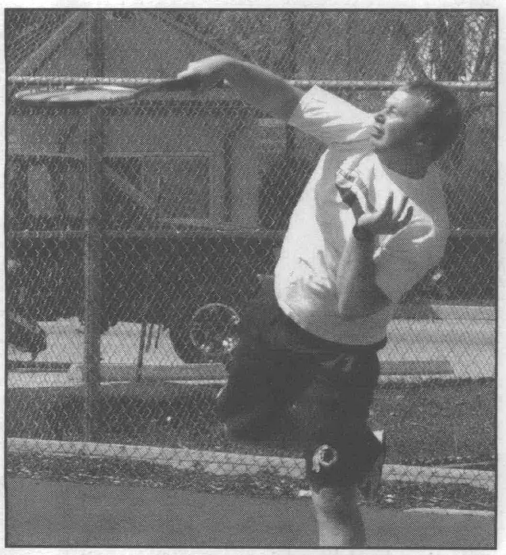
The EOU Women's Basketball team did cummunity service at the National Guard Armory this week.



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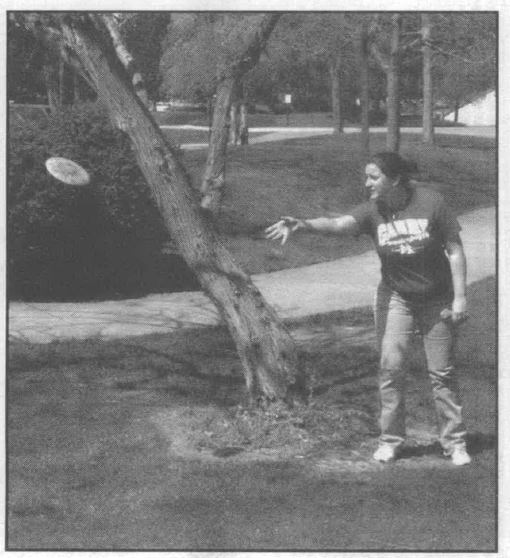
An Eastern Student takes in some sunshine and a tennis match before class.



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Frisbee golf is becoming popular around EOU's campus.

Guest Column

The Week In Sports

Barrett Henderson
Guest Columnist

This week's column looks into the current direction of sports: downward.

I suppose we should start with the oldest news. I didn't get a chance to talk about Don Imus in the last issue because I simply ran out of room.

But, as more of the story unfolded I knew I had to share my opinion.

For those who do not know, Imus has a daily nationally syndicated radio talk show, which is paid for by CBS.

He has been on the air for decades now and it shows in any picture of him.

His comments are usually as odd as the hat he wears during each broadcast, but usually stay somewhat under the radar.

That is until he gave his opinion on the NCAA women's basketball national championship game.

He mentioned the day after Tennessee's seemingly 43rd straight national title, that their opponent Rutgers had a negative look.

I'm not going to put exactly what he said obviously, but the point is he went way past the line.

I have my own sports talk show here at KEOL, a college-run station, and I know that what he said is way too much.

There's a thin line in the media for what can be said these days and it is well known.

For a man who has been in the business this long, I found it shocking that he thought what he said was okay.

The problem was, after his statement about the appearance of the Rutgers female players, he continued, not only on his own show, but also in terrible apologies to keep his job.

To clear things up Imus visited the Reverend Al Sharpton's radio show and said, "There's just no pleasing you people."

Needless to say Don Imus no longer has a job at CBS radio.

Moving on...

One of the many reasons I hate professional sports is that as the NBA playoffs have started and the NFL draft nears, the media talks about the worst teams in those leagues losing games on purpose to secure first draft picks.

What is the point of playing the games? Actually, a better question is, why do they still charge the people to come watch teams who don't care if they win or lose? There is no way that I'm going to pay 60 dollars to go watch a team lose a game just to get a 19 year old kid who will be good in four to five years.

Anyways...

There are two signs that the world is coming to an end.

Number one is the NCAA has just recently placed a ban on any coach making contacts with recruits through text messages.

Seventy-seven-year-old Arizona head men's basketball coach Lute Olson said he loves text messaging players.

So to any students out there hearing about high cell phone bills due to text messages from their parents, there's a really old man who thinks it is a great way to communicate.

Number two, the head coach of the Pakistani national cricket team was murdered after an opening round loss at the cricket world championships in Jamaica. How far down the line has the world come when a coach is murdered over cricket?

I'd also like to throw in--does anyone know the NHL still exists? Last week more people watched ABC's Dancing with the Stars than every game combined in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

On a different note...

For any betters out there, make sure to put your money on Floyd Mayweather Jr. Saturday, May 5, as he takes on Oscar De La Hoya in what could be the curtain call for boxing fans out there.

It seems we haven't seen a marquee match-up like this in years. Will the sport die out with the new craze for UFC? Boxing may find itself down for the count.

I'll close this week's column by giving my condolences to the families, friends, and anyone affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech University.

We as students sometimes forget how great we really have it.

Just think those college students woke-up that morning just as we do every morning, with the only care being that they'd like to sleep five more minutes, and not that it would be their last morning.

College is supposed to be a safe place, a haven for higher learning, the lessons that were taught to the world that day were ones of tragedy and shock.

I'm not asking for everyone to hold hands, but keep that in mind every time you want to snicker or whisper about the quiet or smarter student.

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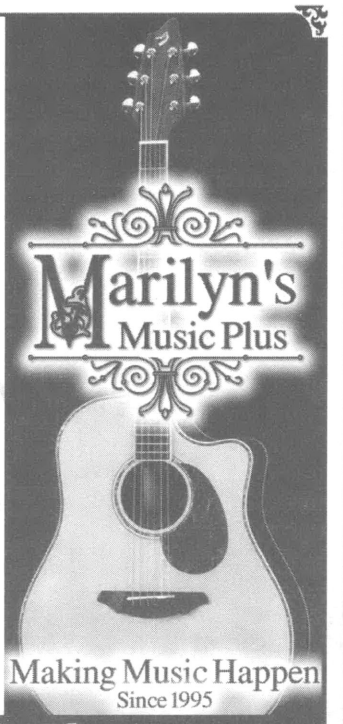

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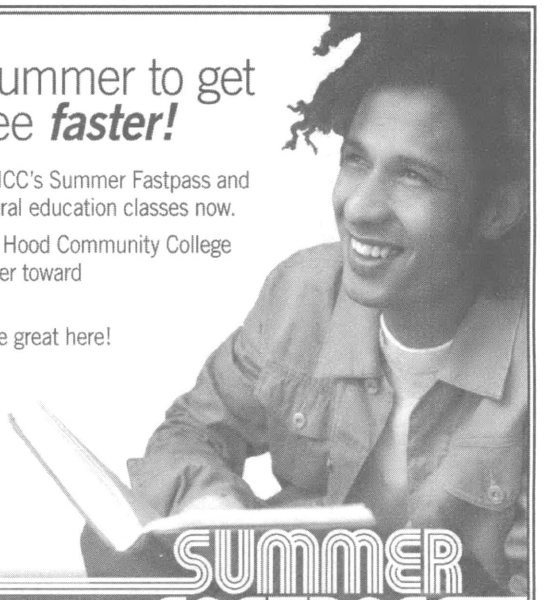

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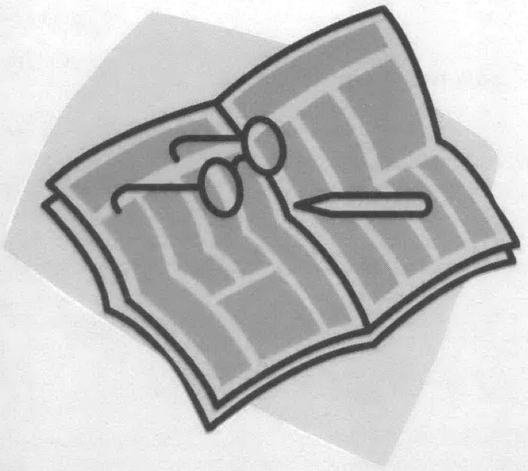

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look at our student retention rate, that hasn't been helping.

Although I must acknowledge that ESE is trying, after all they started the Student Saver Program, which gives students a 10 percent discount on purchases in participating La Grande businesses.

Unfortunately, that still hasn't motivated Eastern students to come downtown and see what La Grande has to offer.

Many students complain that La Grande doesn't have nightlife, but when a La Grande business offers to stay open late, no one goes.

Last term Highway 30 offered to stay open late during finals in order to give students another alternative to Denny's in order to study and get real coffee. Nobody showed.

La Grande offers students entertainment. Unfortunately students will not take advantage of the offers.

La Grande businesses want more than just a student's limited budget, they want to build a community that includes the students. We have power in this community.

There is nothing that La Grande businesses aren't willing to offer to make students feel welcome here. And it's not just La Grande.

All Eastern Oregon enjoys speaking with students "from the college."

So when you are bored of playing the same video game or if you are tired of dorm drama and your roommate, get in your car or take a short walk downtown and see what's out there.

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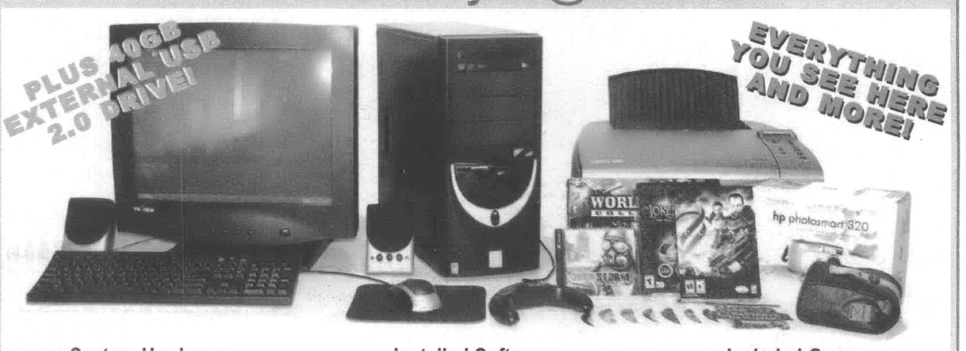

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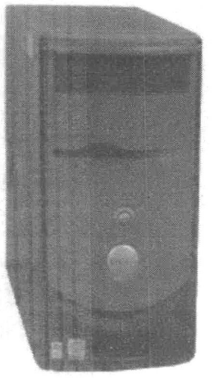

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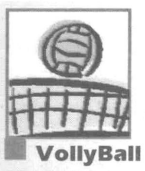

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For lack of more important information, this week's Beacon Bits will bring you a series of really bad jokes to lighten up your mood in this crazy time between midterms and finals. Enjoy.

"Waiter! This coffee tastes like mud."
"Yes sir," came the reply, "it's fresh ground."

Q: Why did the furniture salesman take six backless chairs to the doctor's office?
A: Because the doctor wanted to get a stool sample.

A woman walked up to the manager of a department store. "Are you hiring any help?" she asked.
"No," he said. "We already have all the staff we need."
"Then would you mind getting someone to wait on me?" she asked.

Quote:
"I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific." Jerry Seinfeld

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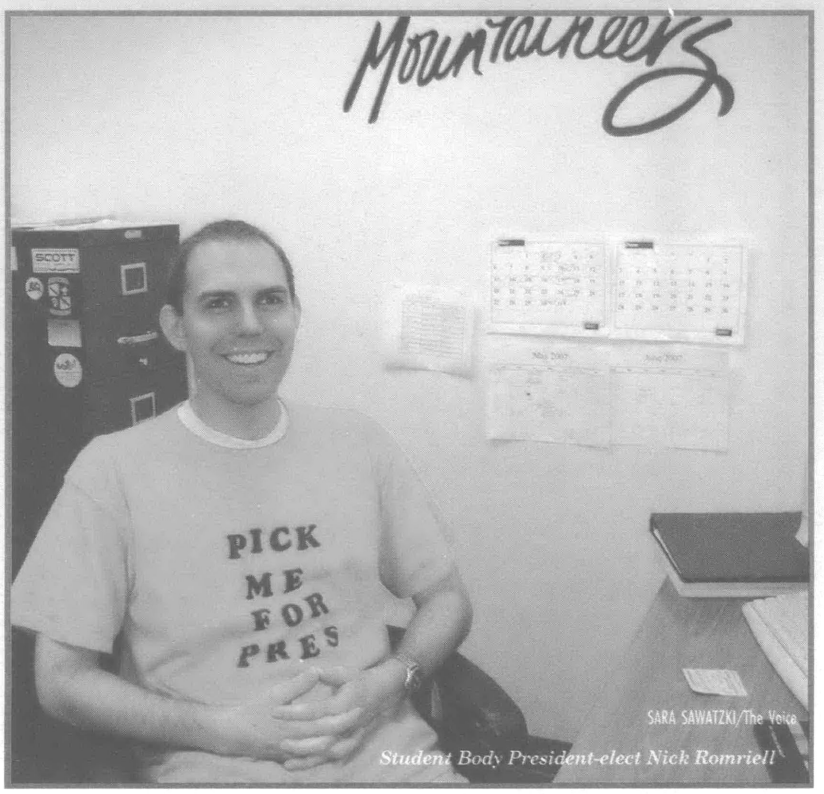
EOU students pick Nick!



Student Body President-elect Nick Romriell

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

ASEOU released election results late Wednesday declaring student body presidential candidate Nick Romriell the winner in what current Student Body President Sadie Isley called "a really close" election.

According to Isley, only 267 students voted in this years election.

The following is an article on Romriell set to run before results were released.

"You've got to have love to be a leader," Nick Romriell said last week when asked what quality it takes to lead. "You can learn charisma and how to answer questions well but you have to possess charity and love. Love for your company and people, with a desire to serve and help, to make things better...If you have that, then you can get things done."

Through the weeks leading up to this year's ASEOU elections, getting things done has been just what Nick has been trying to do. As a candidate for the next campus president, Nick has been putting up posters, handing out flyers, participating in debates and covering the sidewalks in chalk messages.

Nick has been at Eastern for two years now and is coming into his senior year of college. He is originally from Payette, Idaho, and is majoring in Business Administration with a management emphasis. Nick hopes to someday work his way into the top manage-

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EOU hosts 37th annual Mother's Day Pow-Wow and Friendship Feast

By Stephanie Brookhart
Voice Staff Writer

Speel-Ya celebrated its 37th Annual Mother's Day Pow Wow Saturday with dancing, drumming and a Friendship Feast.

Master of Ceremonies Thomas Morning Owl led the event, calling the various dances and drummers.

Several vendors selling Native American-inspired jewelry, sage, sweet grass, beads and medicine bags lined a wall of Quinn Coliseum.

Three groups of drummers provided music for the dancers. Elders and youngsters alike circled the drums, shouting out in their native language.

The full regalia donned by the Native American partici-

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Celia Sarrow participates in the Annual Mother's Day Pow Wow.

News & Features

Eastern Oregon Science Journal wins special merit award

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

The latest edition of the Eastern Oregon Science Journal has garnered a first-place, special merit award from the American Scholastic Press Association.

The journal is a publication of Eastern Oregon University and is the only student-published, undergraduate scientific research journal in Oregon. Out of approximately 2,000 entries submitted to the annual competition, only the top one percent receive first-place.

Articles submitted mainly by EOU students are featured in the 70-page volume. Subjects cover everything from biology, chemistry, math and computer science to sports science and geology.

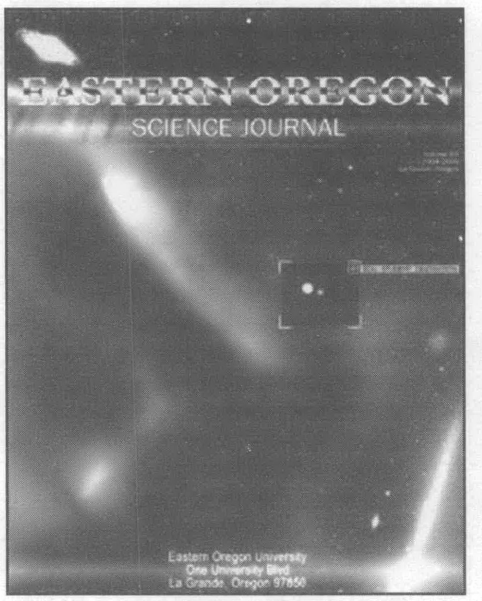
"The broad coverage and the quality of the research really helps our journal stand out," said Colin Andrew, associate professor of chemistry and faculty editorial advisor.

EOU senior Sara Reed is the editor and Meaghan Hammers, a junior, is the assistant editor of the award-winning 2004-06 double issue.

"Sara and Meaghan worked so hard and really rallied to the cause," Andrew said. "The journal defines EOU in the area of science and it is a positive reflection on all the students and faculty members who participate. It is very useful for undergraduates to learn how to write up their results in the format of a scientific article."

Hammers job as assistant editor is to help proofread submissions. She also completely revamped the Web site for the journal to make it more accessible to students and faculty, including a special section with faculty profiles and research opportunities.

"Students spend a great deal of time and effort on their research projects and when they publish their papers in the journal, it gives them the opportunity to share their work with a broad audience," Hammers said. "We are very excited about the



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EOU's Science Journal was among the top one percent of approximately 2000 entries, winning first place.

success of the journal and hope that it continues to evolve and contribute to the achievements of undergraduate research."

"Our goal has been to get more involvement from the faculty and more student interest," Reed said. "I think just looking through the journal gives an idea of how hard we worked on this issue and I look forward to more submissions for the next one, due to our efforts in getting the whole science department - students and faculty - more interested in the publication of the Eastern Oregon Science Journal."

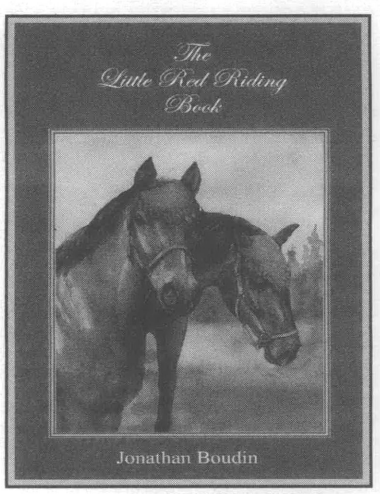
The journal has won awards consistently in its 24 years of publication, which according to Andrew is a clear sign that students are continuing a strong tradition of excellence. Retired EOU professor Dr. Richard Hermens established the journal in 1983. Submissions are currently being accepted for the 2007 issue. Current and past issues can be viewed online at www.eou.edu/scijou.

EOU Grad publishes first book

By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

Former EOU student Jonathan Boudin isn't horsing around with his latest post-graduate endeavor: getting his book, "Little Red Riding Book," published.

The story chronicles Jenny and Jason, two children who are finally starting their horse riding lessons. Each are assigned to a horse, Amaretta and Percy, who are based on the author's own horses.



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Boudin's book cover.

"The Little Red Riding Book is a fictional story that weaves together practical information about horses into the narration," Boudin, a former Voice editor, said, "and the whole thing is filled with vivid illustrations."

But the road to publication has been over five years in the making for Boudin, a British Columbian, who graduated in 2006 with a B.A. in Liberal Studies.

"It depends on how you look at it," Boudin said of when the book idea first came to him, "It really started when I was in eighth grade when I had to put together a pamphlet about a hobby of mine."

So Boudin, an avid horseman, wrote his project about brushes, saddles and general horse care—eventually gluing the information on a piece of red construction paper.

From there, his mother encouraged him to do more with the project. So, five years ago he sat down and completed the first draft of what would become "Little Red Riding Book."

That, according to Boudin, was the easy part.

"After I had written it, I had no idea how to turn the draft I had into a book and put it in a bookstore," Boudin said of the publishing process, which he referred to as "a huge learning experience"

Boudin checked into several book-publishing companies before deciding to self-publish. The decision was based largely on the fact that he wanted to retain ownership of his own work.

So, Boudin decided to start up his very own publishing company: J.B. Max Publishing.

From there, Boudin hired a professional editor and an illustrator, British Columbian equine artist Marti Adrian, to help him polish off his draft.

To Boudin, the book came naturally, "I love writing and I love horses. I wanted to combine these two loves and create something."

"I thought the idea for the book was unique - a book that combines a fictional story with practical information, so that readers will not only have a good story to read, but will learn something as well. I also want to contribute to children's literacy, something that I feel is very important," Boudin said.

Boudin attributes a lot of his success with the book to

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Learning Center celebrates 20 years

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

It all started in a corner of the basement of Pierce Library in 1987. With a lot of dedication and limited resources, the EOU Learning Center was established on a federal grant with three years of funding. On Thursday, May 17, the Learning Center will celebrate twenty years of service with an open house from 1-4 p.m. on the second floor of Loso Hall.

Since its inception, the Learning Center has grown to include two computer labs and the Disabilities Services Office, but its mission remains the same: to provide an environment where students can easily study in groups and have access to tutors, writing and math labs.

Under the direction of Anna Maria Dill, approximately 120 students are employed as tutors, computer lab assistants and Disabilities Services assistants. Dill remains the sole director of the center and from the beginning, she was determined to take what resources were available and make it the best Learning Center it could be.

"We focus mainly on the 100 and 200 level courses that incoming freshmen are taking and help students learn successful study skills," Dill said.



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A math tutor helps a student.

"On average, students earn a half to a full grade higher for their coursework when they attend weekly study sessions. There won't be an empty chair (in the Learning Center) at the end of the term."

When the center moved to its current location in Loso Hall in 1998, students began taking better advantage of the resources and support for the center increased campus-wide. Math and Spanish faculty regularly conduct sessions and Dill is currently working with Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to develop the First Year Experience Program to help decrease dropout rates.

Another avenue for students to excel is through the Peer-Led Team Learning Program for math and chemistry students. An extra class is available in each subject to help train students to use collaborative, inquiry-based learning techniques. The Learning Center is involved with the initiative funded by a grant from the Oregon Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers.

Dill credits her staff for helping to build the "great character of this place," and providing a great service to students, she said. Kathryn Shorts, administrative program assistant, has had students come up to her and say that they wouldn't have finished school if it hadn't been for the Learning Center.

"They become family - international students who are unable to travel home for the holidays often spend Christmas at my house," Shorts said.

When Disabilities Services became part of the Learning Center in 1998, coordinator Pat Arnson helped facilitate the shift in responsibility. A separate Disabilities Services computer lab across the hall is equipped with assistive technology and software that can translate text to audio. Two, 22-inch monitors are also available for visually impaired students. Arnson works with tutors and provides specific training to enable them to support students with disabilities and be effective study partners.

The Learning Center has 20 computers in the main lab - 19 of which were purchased new last summer - and seven in the Disabilities Services lab.

"We have received a lot of support from the administration, faculty and staff," Dill said. "Collaboration helps build a foundation of support and community that can make all the difference in a student's college career."

Read a poem; change your life

By Shantra Hannibal
Voice Staff Writter

Students, faculty and community members celebrated National Poetry Month by presenting important pieces at the "This Poem Changed My Life" reading on April 26 at Pierce Library. Matt Schumacher, Sara Sawatzki, David Memmott, Amanda Spalione, Jodi Varon, Jim Benton, Pamela Steele, Dan Harrington, Donald Wolff and Thomas Madden all shared different poems that changed and inspired their lives.

Some poems, like the one read by Matt Schumacher were written by family. For Schumacher, "Whitman On The Mississippi," written by his sister, allows him the return home to Iowa.

David Memmott presented a weaving of life experiences and poets discovered along the way. "Living your poetic life in the mind, you were suddenly baptized in fire." Memmott chose "The Rose," which helped him uncover how place and life flow together to create experience.

Amanda Spalione relayed the power of sharing a personal experience with the reader while EOU professor Jodi Varon explored the translations of English and Spanish in Lorca's works as what words cannot do.

"I realized there was something completely different. I read half the book and I had to sit down and take a breath," Jim Benton said on his discovery of "Crow." Benton's selection peeked into how sound and content appeal to each individual.

Pamela Steele came from Pendleton to read "From Blossoms" by Li-Young Lee. "I love it for what it does for me physically and spiritually. It evens out my breathing."

"A reminder that you have to enjoy this life" came from Dan Harrington in his reading of "The Round." "The message it gets across is a way of being in the world."

EOU Professor Donald Wolff said, "the failure of a poem to change my life is not the fault of the poem—it's me." Wolff's choice had to do with "poets that taught me how to be—like William Carlos Williams."

The last reader of the night, Tom Madden said, "of the poems that changed my life there are quite a few." Madden read from, "Reality Is An Activity of The Most August Perception."

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his time spent at EOU, citing that classes like newswriting really improved his writing and working for The Voice improved his craft.

In the future the up-and-coming author plans on writing a sequel to "Little Red Riding Book" Additionally, he is in the process of co-authoring several books with a good friend of his, including a travel book about sailing, another one of his passions.

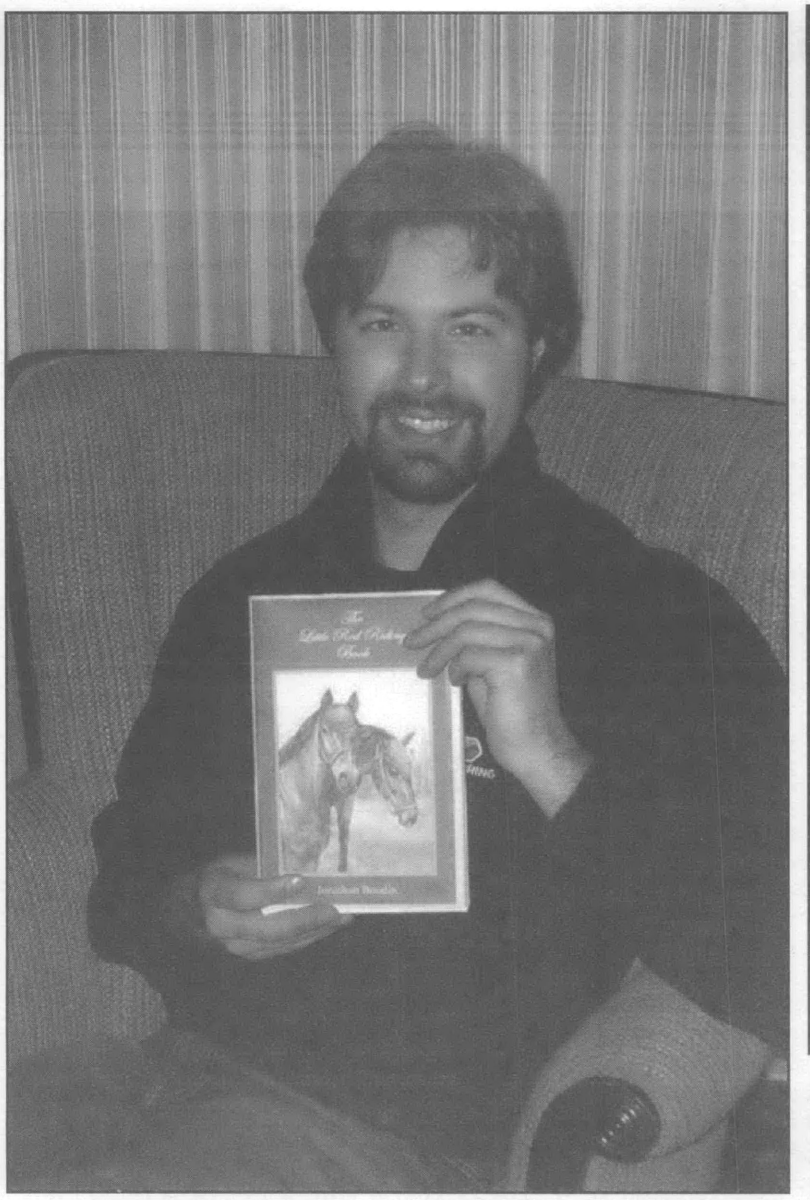
But book publishing isn't all that is in the works for Boudin. "Good Old Boat," a boating magazine, will be publishing a feature story written by Boudin in an upcoming issue.

Boudin is hoping to do book readings at local bookstores in La Grande so people can learn about his book and purchase copies.

Currently working in the banking industry to finance his book, Boudin eventually hopes that he will be able to become a professional writer full time.

But in the meantime the author is enjoying the satisfaction of completing his first book.

Copies of "Little Red Riding Book" will be available in late June, but you can preordered a copy on his website: www.redridingbook.com for $16.95.



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Jonathan Boudin, pictured here with his children's book "Little Red Riding Book," will be selling his books via pre-order through his website www.redridinghood.com.

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Senator Election Results are in!

As election results trickled in late Wed. evening, next year's senator election results were announced. The following eight students will make up next years senators:

Robert Nakasone
Calli Nelson
Elisha Adkins
Hieu Do
Janet Jessup
Shakira Bandolin
Mariah Boyle
Molly Litchfield

The measure to approve a new student fee of $43 to help renovate Hoke Union Building failed to pass with just 96 votes for the measure and 176 against it.

More election coverage will follow in the May 30 issue of The Voice.

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ment position in a corporation, but for now, issues on the Eastern Oregon Campus are one of his main concerns.

The main issue Nick wishes to address as president is putting more effort into getting all the facts that the student government has out to the students.

"We have so much information," Nick said, adding that he would like to get it all out to the students in order to provide them all with a stronger voice.

Nick said he feels that in order for the student government to do what they need to for the students they have to be informed of what that is. "The information will enable them (the students) to make good, rational decisions." And that in turn will enable the ASEOU to benefit the campus more.

He added that with a stronger voice, the students could help make a more unified campus.

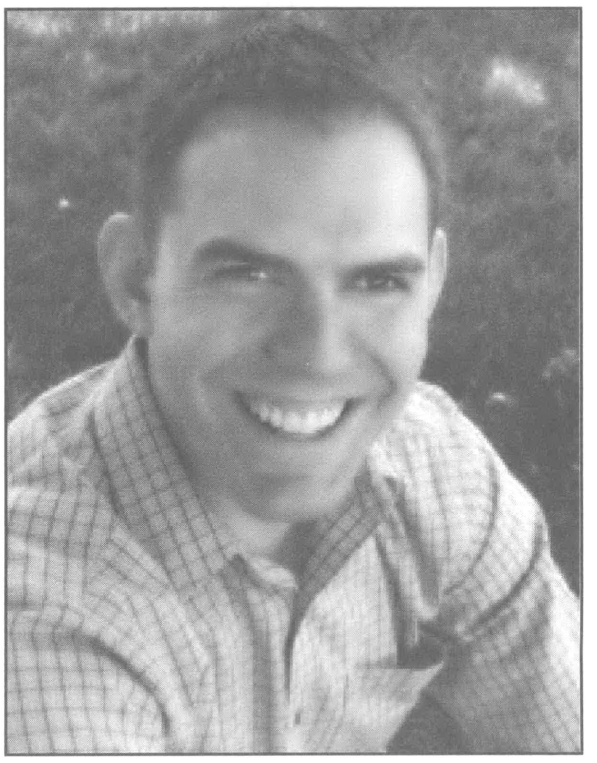
Nick wants to be a leader in the coming year because of the previous experience he has had over the past four years.

"I wasn't involved in leadership much in high school; I was pretty dedicated to my music," Nick said. "But after serving my mission in Brazil my life has been changed forever."

In Brazil, Nick said, he was not forced to lead, but put in a position to learn how to do so. Nick said he started with a group of four missionaries then moved on to lead 20, and then finally 120. Leading 120 people and working with the missionary president taught him the importance of being involved in as much as possible.

Nick has been involved with the Eastern Oregon choir, the Later Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA) and the student government during both of his two years here. He is currently the president of the LDSSA, a student government representative in the Multicultural Student Club (MSC), and the chair of the Mascot Committee, the Senate Allocations Committee and the Student Affairs Committee.

He says his best moments at Eastern Oregon have been traveling to China with the choir and singing a duet with his wife on the stage of the production *Spring into Broadway*.



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Nick Romriell won in a close election.

Nick's advice to students on campus is that it is extremely important to do your absolute best in life.

"Students here have incredible opportunities to do good and make change for the better," He said, "If you have ideas... make it happen, take advantage of these opportunities on the EOU campus, whether its 2 or 4 years. Do your best, not halfway, or mediocre; go all the way or nothing."

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pants were awe-inspiring. The intricate beadwork on shawls and other items of clothing, along with delicate feathers, jingles and grassy attachments make for stunning outfits which were worn with pride and reverence by the participants.

The first Grand Entry included the presentation of flags and an opening prayer by Cayuse Chief Jesse Jones, Jr. Then the dance competitions began, starting with Tiny Tots for those 5 and under, followed by Girls and Boys Jingle, Fancy, Traditional and Grass dances. A speech by Morning Owl honored all veterans in attendance, followed by a celebratory dance.

The Friendship Feast allowed for a break to the festival in which everyone, natives and non-natives, was invited to share in a salmon dinner.

A drum call opened the second Grand Entry and was followed by messages of dignitaries attending the event.

EOU President Khosrow Fatemi welcomed the visitors and expressed his delight in the colorful festivities.

Luz Maciel-Villarroel, Director of Diversity at EOU expressed her thanks to the Native American elders for participating in sharing their culture.

Linda Jerofke, Coordinator of the Native American Studies Minor introduced the new minor program at EOU and expressed her thanks to Speel-Ya, the participants and volunteers.

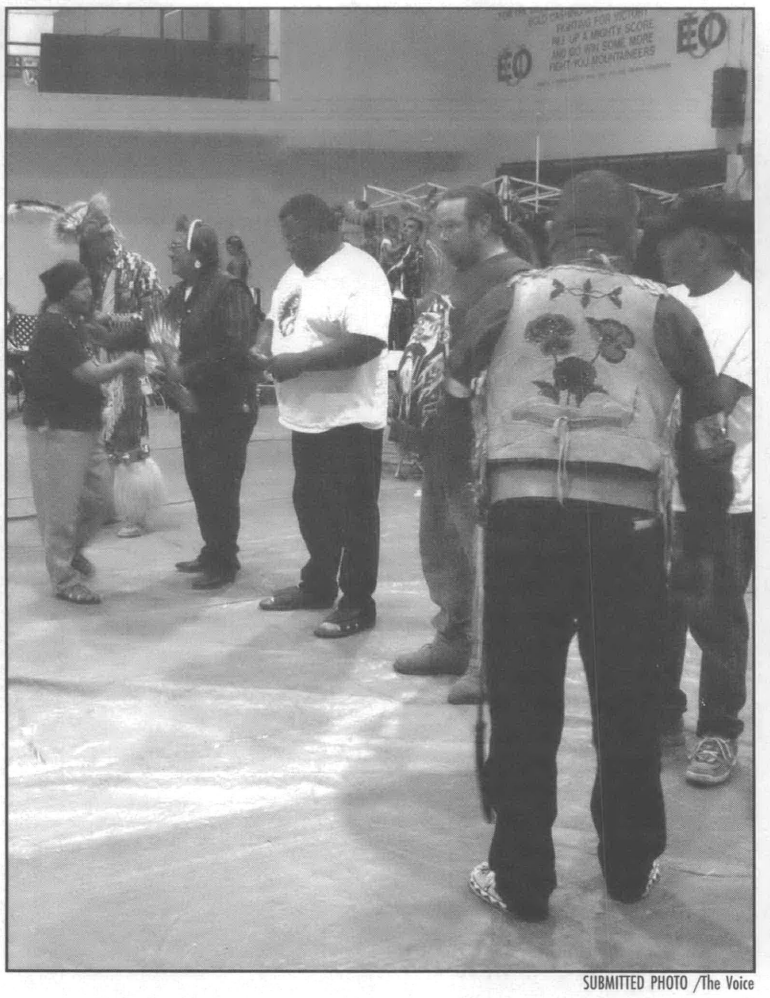
In the spirit of exchanging and sharing cultures, "Island Dream," consisting of several EOU students from the South Pacific presented necklaces made of authentic shells to the female elders of the tribes present. Island Dream then performed dances from their tribal culture, followed by the Island Magic Warriors dance presentation.

The evening continued with Women's and Men's Traditional and Golden Age dance competition. A Mother's Day Honorarium presented all mothers in attendance with a bead necklace along with an invitation to participate in the dance.

Marshall Moon, president of Speel-Ya, said he was very happy with all aspects of the event and that the turnout was better than last year.

"I am very proud of all of the participants and wish to thank all the other clubs that volunteered to help," Moon said. "As a culture, we are enhanced because of the fellowship found here through this Pow Wow. It is important that pow wows continue in order to provide opportunities to pass along our culture to our younger generation as well as to share with non-natives."

There wasn't a still finger or toe in the house, including mine.



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Honorarium to the Veterans, MCed by Jesse Jones Jr. Co-chief of the Umatilla Tribe. Gift given by Erma Sam



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Coach Enna children, (back; left to right) Corey, Samai, Moia and (front center:) Eti Jr. Corey got 2nd and Moia 3rd for teen girl Fancy Dancing competition.

New Women's Center program

By Jessie Zimmerer
Women's Center Student Director

The Women's Center is sponsoring a brand new program this spring, the *Bare Necessities Series,* in which we are asking students to help us raise awareness about a issues relating to gender, sexuality, and personal expression. The events begin on May 18th and will continue throughout spring quarter. All events are free and open to the public.

Bare the Hair Contest!
May 18– June 8

For American women, the act of removing body hair supposedly denotes "uniquely feminine" behaviors, which ultimately help to sculpt and promote a socially acceptable image of womanhood (hairless, soft, exposed, physically maintained, etc.). For men in the United States, body hair is supposedly indicative of "uniquely masculine" characteristics (rugged, coarse, not overly concerned with physical appearance, virility, etc.). This contest is designed to illustrate the socially conditioned behaviors that people are obliged to participate in as a testament to their external gender role assignments and their subsequent social status.

We're asking you to help us *shave* off the burdens of social conditioning by refraining from shaving your legs for 3 weeks. Prizes will be given to students who can grow the longest leg hair. *Everyone is eligible to participate.*

Contest ends June 8, 2007. Participants must register with the Women's Center staff by May 18. Winners will be determined at "measuring ceremony" at 12:00 pm in the quad on the final day. Prizes will be presented to one winner and one runner up.

Sex on the Lawn!
May 29 and June 5 @ Noon

The Women's Center staff will be leading discussions about sex, relationships, gender identities, and sexuality out in the quad during lunch. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Spring Cleaning Your Life!
May 30
Hoke 309 11:00-1:00

Is your house/office/car a mess? How about your life? Join the Women's Center for a workshop about ways to get it all together and keep it that way.

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Guess the Movie

Answers on page 10

1. "You know what makes it even better? If you take like, a lot of pot with it." (1999)

2. "That guy's being awfully forward with that donkey." (2006)

3. "You gave me peace in a lifetime of war." (2004)

4. "Let's put the women and children to bed and go looking for dinner!" (1993)

5. "It was so hot in here last night, I coulda' sworn I saw the Devil sitting in the living room." (1995)

6. "I am feeling very Olympic today, how about you?" (1993)

7. "According to the map we've only gone 4 inches." (1994)

8. "God bless the internet." (1999)

9. "Where does he get those wonderful toys?" (1989)

10. "The choice to lead an ordinary life is no longer an option." (2002)

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Internet Movie Database

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You will like "As You Like It"

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

When an evil duke usurps the crown and banishes nearly the entire court into the woods, the stage is set for romance in "As You Like It," a comedy by William Shakespeare.

Prepare to be transported to the Forest of Arden by the Eastern Oregon University theatre department. "As You Like It" will play Wednesday, May 16 through Saturday, May 19 at 8 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.

"William Shakespeare's comical look at love in May – what could be more timely?" said April Curtis, professor of theatre and director of the show. "This production features some of the best and brightest actors in our program, many of who will be graduating this year."

The challenging lead character, Rosalind, is played by Rebecca Heihn, a senior from Hermiston majoring in theatre and psychology at EOU. In the tale, Rosalind, the daughter of Duke Senior, is banished to the Forest of Arden by her evil uncle, Duke Frederick. For safety she disguises herself as a man named Gandymede. While still in disguise she meets up with her beau, Orlando, and decides to test the strength of his love for her. As Gandymede, she offers to pretend to be Rosalind so that Orlando may practice wooing her.



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Rose Stevens and Rebecca Heihn.

"This is supposedly the hardest, most complicated female role Shakespeare ever wrote. I'm a woman playing a man who is playing a woman," Heihn said.

All the while, separate and unexpected love stories are unfolding in the forest. EOU theatre alum Chuck Peters plays the legendary role of Touchstone the clown. In this tale of mistaken identities, two EOU faculty members have been cast as opposing characters. Greg Monahan, professor of history, and Richard Croft, associate professor of computer science and multimedia studies, play the evil Duke Frederick and the good Duke Senior, respectively.

"It can be so much fun playing the bad guy," Monahan said. "My character is a pretty nasty guy, but he comes around in the end."

Monahan has landed roles in three previous EOU productions of Shakespeare plays and he knew after reading "As You Like It" that he wanted to try out for this one too.

"I have a rule though. I don't take big parts in plays because those are for the students," he said. "What I really enjoy is being a part of a troupe."

Kenny Faust, Michael Cooper, Rose Stevens, Erin Kinzer, Logan Pedrow, Frederick Stutzman, Danae Yurgel, Jennfier Romriell and Seth Olson join Heihn, Monahan, Croft and Peters in the cast.

"The show will be a real crowd pleaser," Curtis said. "This is arguably Shakespeare's finest comedy, with an all-star cast."

Tickets are $8 for general admission, $6 for EOU students and seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets call the EOU Theatre Box Office at 962-3757.

Disturbing point of view in "Disturbia"

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice A&E Editor

Although it is not an official remake, "Disturbia" could be viewed as this generation's "Rear Window." Saturated with elements from the 1954 classic by Alfred Hitchcock, director D.J. Caruso still manages to make an intense thriller by displaying voyeurism at a whole new level.

The beginning of the film introduces Kale Brecht (Shia LaBeouf, in his first starring role, he does not disappoint.), and his father Daniel Brecht (Matt Craven) fishing. After the two are done, they drive back home, in which moments later both get into a car accident. Kale's father does not survive.

Flash forward a year later, and we have a troubled young Kale sleeping in class. Kale clocks his Spanish teacher in the face and is sentenced to three months of house arrest.

This is where the story actually begins.

Along with his sentence, Kale must have a small device strapped to his leg, which will monitor his whereabouts 24/7. If he is outside the set perimeter around his house, the green light on this device will turn red. Kale will then have 10 seconds to get it back to green or else the cops will be called.



PROMOTIONAL PHOTO
Go see "Disturbia"

This limits Kale's activities, as he does nothing but play video games and listen to music. His mom, played by Carrie-Anne Moss (The Matrix), is fed up with his unproductive behavior, so she takes away his X-Box Live and iTunes.

With nothing else to do, Kale takes up an interest in his surroundings, peeping into other people's homes or as he explains to his friend Ronnie (Aaron Yoo), making "simple observations."

Then a new family moves in next door.

Kale takes an extra special interest in one of his new neighbors, Ashley, played by Sarah Roemer (The Grudge 2).

Kale and Ronnie tell Ashley about one particular neighbor, Mr. Turner, played by David Morse, who they both think is a serial killer.

The rest of the film has the three friends staking out Mr. Turner's house.

At times the story is predictable, but towards the end, some plot twists come about.

Throughout the film, the scenes are quick and sharp, never slowing down.

"Disturbia" is the new wave of suspense and thrills.

Movie Review: Disturbia (2007)

Voice Rating: ★★★★½

Directed by: D.J Caruso
Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Carrie-Ann Moss, David Morse, Sarah Roemer, Aaron Yoo
Rated: PG-13
Summary: A remake of the Hitchcock class, "Rear Window."

New Opera Club on the rise

By S.C. Junior
Voice Staff Writer

On Saturday, May 12, the newly initiated Opera Club performed their first concert at the Methodist Church, on the corner of Fourth and Spring Street.

The club, which president Allison Bassett started just two weeks after spring break, performed 14 operas under the guidance of Peter Wordelman and opera coach, Emily Leather of the Portland Opera.

The concert began with the entire club singing Mozart's "Voyager's Chorus," an Italian opera, and moved on with Henry Purcell's "When I am Laid in the Earth."

Most of the pieces the club performed were in a foreign language. Leather helped the club with pronunciation and translated the meanings of words in the pieces, in order to help the students show the correct facial expressions during the performance.

During the concert, club member Amanda Hughes, would introduce a piece and explain it to the audience.

Alyssa Attebery, present at the concert said, "the concert was entertaining."

"I liked the group pieces that were in English because you could understand what they were saying," said Attebery. "The pieces that were in a different language, you had to look at their facial expressions."

"It was a good turnout for a first performance," said Hayley Rankin, who performed in Guiseppe Verdi's "Witches Trio," from "Macbeth," along with Beth Coleman and Rosie Jordahl.

The club, which normally meets on Wednesdays, met nearly every day in the two weeks before the concert.

Krystal Moore, who performed in Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," a quartet, said the club practiced, rehearsed, and worked on trying to understand the pieces in the two weeks.

The club has not made plans or announced their next performance.

The club also encourages students and community members interested in learning more about opera to join.

In the future, the club plans to have small concerts throughout the school year and perform one major opera piece for the community.



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Members of the newly formed Opera Club

Joseph Millar to be final Ars Poetica speaker

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Joseph Millar will be the final speaker in the Ars Poetica Literary Series at Eastern Oregon University this year. He will speak in the Pierce Library Reference Room on Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Millar grew up in Pennsylvania

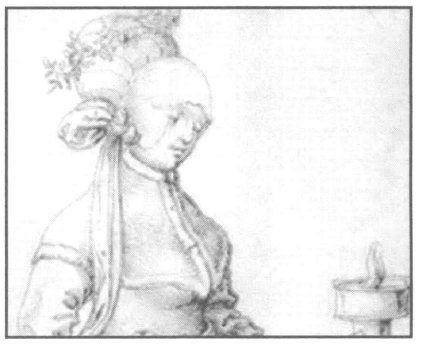

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Image from Millar's book cover

and earned a master's of arts degree from Johns Hopkins in 1970. He spent the next two decades living in the San Francisco Bay Area working at a variety of jobs, from telephone repairman to commercial fisherman, before he returned to poetry.

In 1997 he gave up his job as telephone installation foreman and moved to western Oregon, where he teaches at Oregon State University and in Pacific University's low residency master of fine arts degree program. He lives in Eugene with his wife Dorianne Laux, who is also a poet.

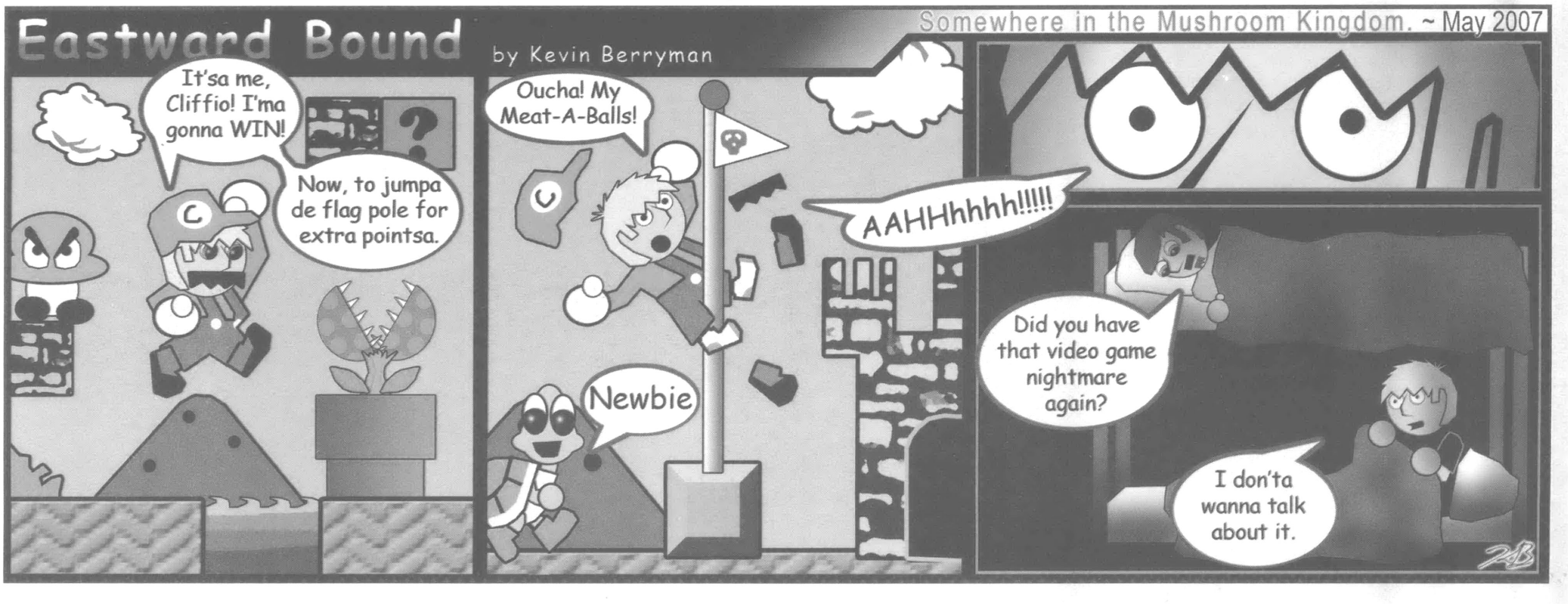
Millar's work has won fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and Oregon Literary Arts. His first collection of poems, "Overtime," (Eastern Washington University Press, 2001), was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award.

His poetry's clean lyric voice, its stark, unsparing narratives, chronicle a life fully lived. The poems come out of an American landscape of runaway diesel trucks loaded with miners, electricians, waitresses, ditch diggers, mechanics, factory workers, the homeless, the hopeless and the lost.

Millar will read from his newest collection of poems, "Fortune," (Eastern Washington University Press, 2007), which tells the stories of fathers, brothers, daughters, sons, weddings, deaths, and divorce, all playing their part.

"There's a tenderness at the core of 'Fortune,' where the commonplace becomes atypical and fantastical, and each poem possesses a voice that summons and reveals. Joseph Millar is a poet we can believe," said Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Yusef Komunyakaa. Former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins, too, praises Millar, whom he says, "can ride a poem into some wildly imaginative territory . . . His impulse is to tell a story, but he never forgets, as a poet, to tell it one line at a time."

The reading is free and open to all. Millar's books will be available for purchase after the reading. Donations to Ars Poetica will be accepted at the door.



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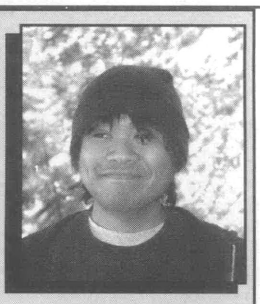

Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

"Guilty." – Judge Dredd

I've never heard any of My Chemical Romance's material until recently. I watched a music video for a track off of "The Black Parade" (MCR's most recent release).

And I didn't like it.

But as Wayne Campbell said, "Led Zeppelin didn't write tunes that everyone liked."

Some fine examples of that (and this is just me) include Dave Matthews Band, "Crash into Me," Primus' "Wynona's Big Brown Beaver," and all the songs off of The Offspring's "Americana" (in my opinion, every album after "Ixnay on the Hombre" is strictly for completists).

I've heard lots of bad things about MCR, but I've also heard lots of good things about "The Black Parade," so I had to decide for myself. Besides, I'm not going to let one song stop me from listening to them.

In order for me to fully appreciate "The Black Parade" and MCR, I felt I had to go back an album or two.

So, I did something I thought I would never do.

This weekend, I bought the album "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge."

I chose that album because I read in a review on "The Black Parade" that "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" christened MCR as the kings of screamo (I like a lot of "screamo" stuff, but I'm a punk and ska kid at heart) based on the singles "Helena" and "I'm Not Okay (I Promise)." And the album cover looked cool. The latter is probably a dumb reason, but c'mon, I'm pretty sure there are some of you reading this who bought albums based on the look of the cover. I did, I'm not going to lie about it. That's the reason why I own Nellie McKay's "Get Away From Me."

It's only been a few days, and I haven't really absorbed the album, but I can say that I like it. A lot.

"Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" is my guilty pleasure.

It's a guilty pleasure for several reasons, but mainly it's due to the tremendous influence of friends. A lot of them dislike MCR. A few select don't.

My other guilty pleasures include Gwen Stefani's "Love.Angel.Music.Baby," Good Charlotte's self-titled album and Jack Johnson's "On and On."

These three albums mentioned are the only ones I like (there are a few tracks on GW's "The Young and the Hopeless" that are pretty good) from the artists.

I like No Doubt, so of course I was curious to hear Gwen Stefani's solo material. And I have to say, "Cool" is my new "Take a Bow" (Madonna).

I got hooked on Good Charlotte after I heard "Little Things." The rest is history.

As for Jack Johnson, I picked up "On and On" for the same reason's as MCR, although I only heard good things about Jack Johnson. But that is until I talked to some friends from back home in Hawaii. And they all don't like his music.

I could name off more albums, but that's personal information. Instead, I'll end with my new favorite line off "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge."

"So long and goodnight."

Jazz duo to perform at EOU

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

The Palmer-Lavin Jazz Duo will perform for the Community Concert Series at Eastern Oregon University on Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre. The concert is sponsored by The Community School of the Arts at EOU.

Sally Palmer and Mark Lavin have played together for four years performing classic jazz interpretations from the "Great American Songbook" in a relaxed and conversational style augmented with hot jazz improvised solos. They perform a mix of well-known tunes, beautiful lesser-known tunes and original music on guitar, voice and other combinations including upright bass and piano.

Palmer and Lavin formed the Duo in the summer of 2002 when they were featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Oregon Art Beat" show. Since then, the Palmer-Lavin Jazz Duo has performed at festivals in Newport, Portland area clubs, resorts on the Oregon coast, the Salem Arts Fair and private events.

Before meeting Lavin, Palmer worked with many of the top jazz musicians from Portland and the Willamette Valley, on stage and in clubs, in big bands, and as a soloist accompanying herself on piano. She has recorded three albums of original music and continues to write new material.

Lavin was raised in the Los Angeles area where his father, Bud Lavin, was one of the top pianists. Lavin studied guitar with Tom Moellering in Santa Cruz and Davis Ramey in San Francisco. Throughout his lifelong musical career he has played almost every style of music and he has taught guitar and bass. Now he focuses all of his time on the small jazz group, which has always been his first love. The Duo's CD, "Prelude To A Kiss," was released in 2002.



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Sally Palmer and Mark Lavin

Tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for students and children and are available at Sunflower Books and online at www.eou.edu/csa.

Horror-Scope

Aries:
You're breaking down. Stay on target! Absorb the sun and run around.

Taurus:
Four weeks and you're out of here. Spend this time wisely, preferably at the bar.

Gemini:
Who would win in a fight, Tristan Prettyman or Colbie Caillat? It could be a close one, "Bubbly" is a slamming track, but Prettyman is wiser.

Cancer:
What do you see when the doughboy is naked? Doughnuts! Hope that makes your day.

Leo:
The stars say you will start a band in the next few months. You will call it Bloated Mannequin. And you will rock socks off to the point of indigestion.

Virgo:
Twenty years from now, you'll be in charge of writing the long awaited eighth book in the Harry Potter series. That would be cool huh? Sorry, but J.K. Rowling will kill off all the characters before giving you that privilege.

Libra:
Here's an idea for a special pizza: Potatoes, raisins and lettuce.

Scorpio:
You spend too much time on last.fm Find something else to do. Instead, go to local shows.

Sagittarius:
Keep the name Black Square in mind. Black Square is the next big thing in ska music.

Capricorn:
You're going to go on your first date in months this weekend. If it's a movie you're watching together, pick out "Tideland." Think of it as "My life as dog" meets "Disturbia" meets "Amelie." The date will be interesting.

Aquarius:
Transformers will be coming out to theatres soon. And two other sequels will come out soon after. It is that good. Prepare yourself.

Pisces:
Keep it real dear Pisces. You'll be caught in a pickle this weekend, but if all else fails, eat your way out.

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Go, 2. Clerks II, 3. Troy, 4. The Program, 5. House Party, 6. Cool Runnings, 7. Dumb and Dumber, 8. American Pie, 9. Batman, 10. Spider-Man

Opinion & Editorials

Guest Column
A Silent Tradegy

Daniel Harrington
Guest Columnist

You may be familiar with Swainson's hawks. These graceful birds breed here in the Grande Ronde Valley. You can find them on most summer days, their breasts gleaming white, their wings edged in charcoal.

Imagine walking out to a group of trees near a big field and finding dead Swainson's hawks. Not just a couple of them, but thousands, piled upon each other. A field littered with rotting corpses.

In the winter of 1995, this is exactly what happened to Brian Woodbridge, a biologist with the Klamath National Forest. He was one of the first biologists to track these hawks to their wintering grounds. He was in Argentina, on the open, prairie-like country called the pampas.

He and others counted over 4,000 dead Swainson's hawks during their visit. When these numbers were extrapolated, a conservative estimate was that more than 20,000 Swainson's hawks had died in Argentina that winter.

This was approximately 5% of the world population. Local farmers, when interviewed, claimed they had seen hawks dead in the fields like this as far back as the early '80s.

The culprit turned out to be a pesticide called monocrotophus. It had been withdrawn from use in the U.S., but was still being used widely in South America to combat outbreaks of grasshoppers that caused crop damage year after year.

Pictures and reports of the thousands and thousands of dead birds caused an outcry that resulted in monocrotophus being banned for use on some crops. A widespread effort began to inform local farmers about the dangers of the pesticide and how to safely use it.

In this case, a catastrophe led to swift action and cooperation between agencies in the U.S. and Argentina.

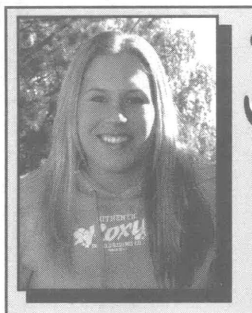
It is possible that this sort of carnage was happening every winter for nearly a decade before Brian Woodbridge made his discovery. How could this be?

A decline in Swainson's hawk numbers had been noted in the U.S. for years before 1995, but no one could figure out why. Their habitat was abundant, and their prey populations were stable.

But biologists were only looking at half of the picture; the discovery of where these birds spent their winters led to the true cause of their dwindling numbers. This only happened because they looked beyond the U.S. border.

The Swainson's hawks that are due to return to the Grande Ronde Valley in the next few weeks are a reminder that the world is a small place and that we cannot afford to consider ourselves as isolated from the rest of the world. The shrinking forests in Brazil, the rising pollution in China and the use of deadly pesticides are global problems.

Recent reports about global warming tell of rising oceans and intense and unpredictable weather patterns that are likely to cause flood and drought. This problem, like that of the Swainson's hawk, crosses borders and requires international cooperation. It is not a time to withdraw from global treaties or to isolate ourselves from the efforts of other countries. We need to reach out and cooperate. Our own survival may depend on it.



JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

For the past few years I have done nothing but look forward to the day I was done with school.

Now that day is approaching far too quickly, and to be honest, I am scared to death.

I have never wanted time to freeze as much as I do right now.

I feel like I have so much to do and not nearly enough time to do it.

Can you believe week seven is pretty much already over? I still feel like it should only be week three.

I guess taking 20 credits and working 30 hours was a horrible decision. I also have to add finding a job and moving into that mix.

I am definitely not as far along as I should be on my senior project (Dr. G. please ignore that last sentence)!

I thought that getting out of here, and by out of here I mean FAR out of here, was what I wanted. But now I really think I am going to miss this whole college thing.

Never again will I be free to just be young and experiment with my future.

This term I have learned that job searching is quite the job in itself. No, I don't mean finding some random job in the city somewhere. Starting a career somewhere where you are comfortable and well off is a really hard task. Luckily, I think I may have found my niche...finally!

What a process! Resumes, cover letters, interviews...I guess it never hit me how long and grueling of a process it would really be.

I have a feeling I am not alone here, and that some of you may be going through the same sort of anxiety and fear. Things will work out for the best; we have to have faith in that.

What has helped my increasing stress level is thinking about things I am looking forward to.

To end my venting session, I am going to list some things that I am personally looking forward to. Hopefully it will make me feel a little better...at least for an hour.

10. The job interview I have in Federal Way, Wash., this weekend.

9. The possibility of starting a career with this company in a few short weeks.

8. The trip to Lake Tahoe with my family for my sister's big day over Memorial Day Weekend.

7. June 8, 2007—the last day I will ever sit in a classroom.

6. Moving back to the city.

5. Hitting up a few Mariners' games this summer.

4. The sun and the sand and a drink in my hand...

3. Being in my friend Lisa's wedding in July.

2. July 21, 2007: Deathly Hollows. Need I say more? Okay if you don't understand it's the Harry Potter book seven release date.

1. Watching Justin bring sexy back at the Tacoma Dome on Sept. 8, 2007.

Columns are strictly the opinion of the writer, and not necessarily of The Voice as a whole.

Corrections

In the May 3 issue of The Voice, guest columnist Aldo Borghetti stated how great ESE was doing by instating and running the Student Saver Program. ASEOU is actually responsible for instating and running the Student Saver Program. Shakira Bandolin, ASEOU's vice president for political affairs, corrected this error in an email to The Voice. We apologize for the mistake.

Sincerely,
The Voice Staff.

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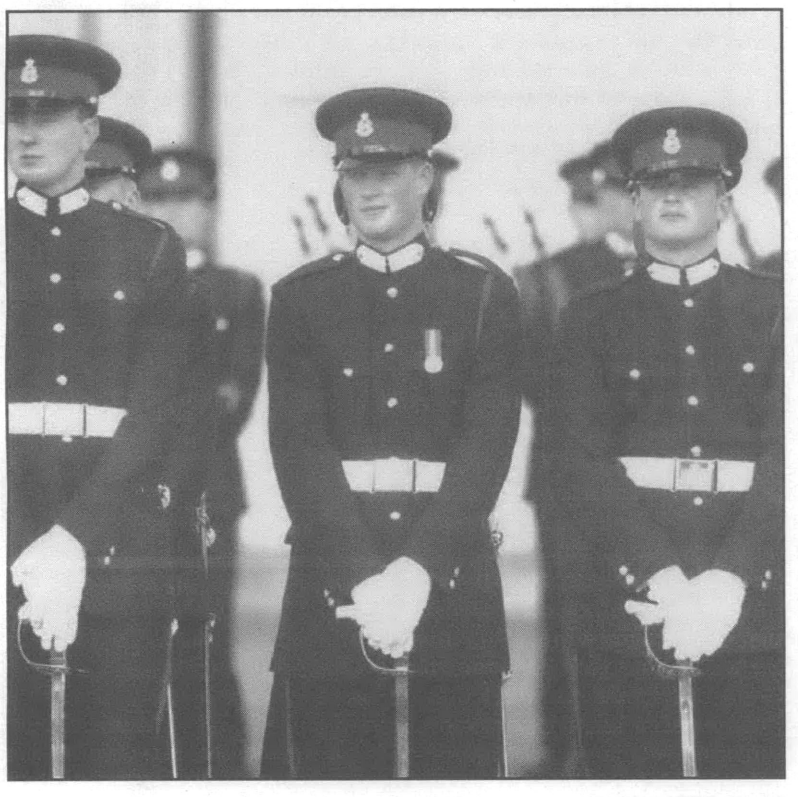
Sincerely,
The Voice Staff

Britain's Prince Harry won't go to Iraq because of threats to him, risk to comrades

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

Britain's Prince Harry will not be sent with his unit to Iraq, Britain's top general said Wednesday, citing specific threats to the third in line to the throne and the risks to his fellow soldiers.

Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, the army chief of staff who recently traveled to Iraq, said the changing situation on the ground exposed the prince to too much danger. Media scrutiny of Harry's potential deployment exacerbated the situation, he said.



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Due to specific threats, Prince Harry will not be going to Iraq.

"There have been a number of specific threats, some reported and some not reported, that relate directly to Prince Harry as an individual," Dannatt said. "These threats exposed him and those around him to a degree of risk I considered unacceptable."

Clarence House, the office of Harry's father, Prince Charles, issued a statement declaring Harry's disappointment that "he will not be able to go to Iraq with his troop deployment as he had hoped."

"He fully understands Gen. Dannatt's difficult decision and remains committed to his army career," the statement said. "Prince Harry's thoughts are with the rest of the battle group in Iraq.

The Defense Ministry had long said the decision would be kept under review amid concerns for the security of Harry, a second lieutenant, and other soldiers serving with him. The 22-year-old prince is a tank commander trained to lead a 12-man team in four armored reconnaissance vehicles.

The move comes as Britain is preparing to hand over much of its security responsibilities to Iraqi security forces, concentrating troops at Basra Palace and Basra Air Base.

Insurgent groups looking to target Cornet Wales _ as his rank is called in the Blues and Royals regiment _ would have had a concentrated area in which to look for him.

Defense officials had previously said Harry could be kept out of situations where his presence could jeopardize his comrades. There had been speculation he would have been shadowed by bodyguards.

"A contributing factor to this increase in threat to Prince Harry has been the widespread knowledge and discussion of his possible deployment," Dannatt said.

Harry would have been the first member of the British royal family to serve in a war zone since his uncle, Prince Andrew, flew as a helicopter pilot in the Falklands conflict with Argentina in 1982.

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Dannatt paid tribute to Harry in his statement, describing him has a professional soldier whose presence will be missed in Iraq.

"I commend him for his determination and his undoubted talent, and I don't say that lightly," Dannatt said. "His soldiers will miss his leadership in Iraq, although I know his commanding officer will provide a highly capable substitute troop leader."

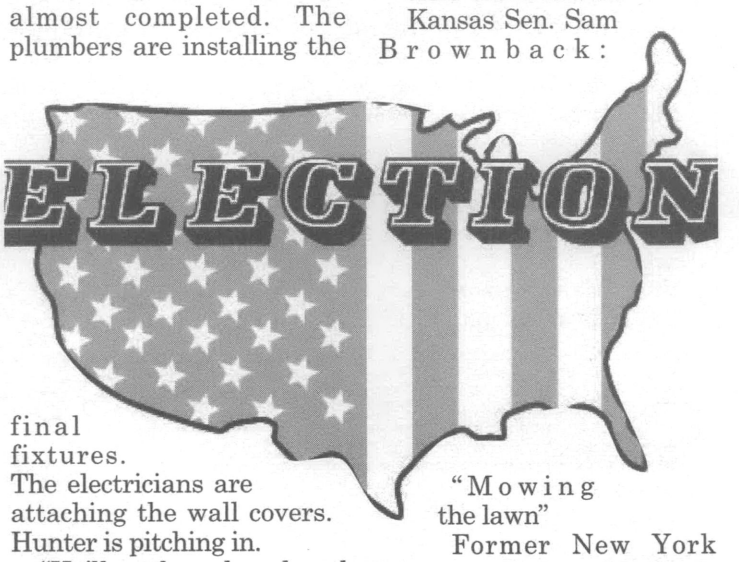
The undone chores of the presidential candidates

By Ann Sanner
Associated Press

Heavy travel demands are drawing the presidential candidates to Iowa, New Hampshire and other states in play for the nomination, and candidates who also serve in Congress are often pinned to the capital as well. All that has kept them from a variety of chores that do not always get done in their absence.

Few have their hands as full as GOP candidate Duncan Hunter of California. In 2003, the congressman's home was destroyed in a San Diego County brush fire that took everything except the station wagon he and his wife were trying to get rid of.

Now his new house is almost completed. The plumbers are installing the final fixtures. The electricians are attaching the wall covers. Hunter is pitching in.



"He'll grab a shovel and dig a ditch," said Roy Tyler, his campaign spokesman.

The Associated Press asked the 2008 presidential candidates about their neglected household chores and found that the Christmas spirit still lingers at one congressman's home.

AP is asking the candidates a series of questions about their personal tastes, habits and backgrounds. Today's question and their answers:

What home task needs tending?

DEMOCRATS:

Delaware Sen. Joe Biden: "Maintaining shrubbery"

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton: "Organizing my closets"

Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd: "My 2 year-old who wakes up beginning at 3 every morning!"

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards: "Clearing paths in the woods"

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich: The garden

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama: "Too numerous to list"

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson: "Taking out the garbage at the mansion"

REPUBLICANS:

Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback: "Mowing the lawn"

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani: "Cleaning the fireplace"

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee: "Cleaning garage"

California Rep. Duncan Hunter: "Finishing the rebuilding of our house that burned down _ a big task."

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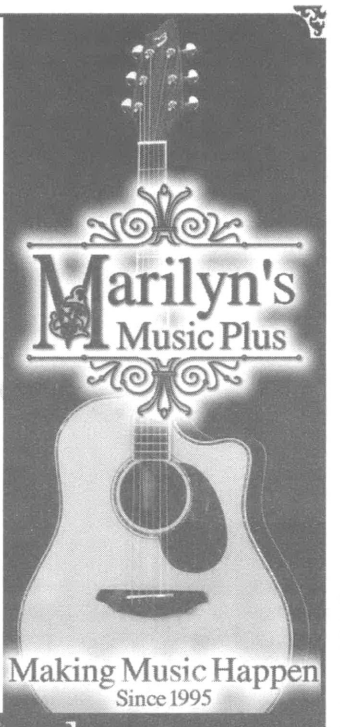

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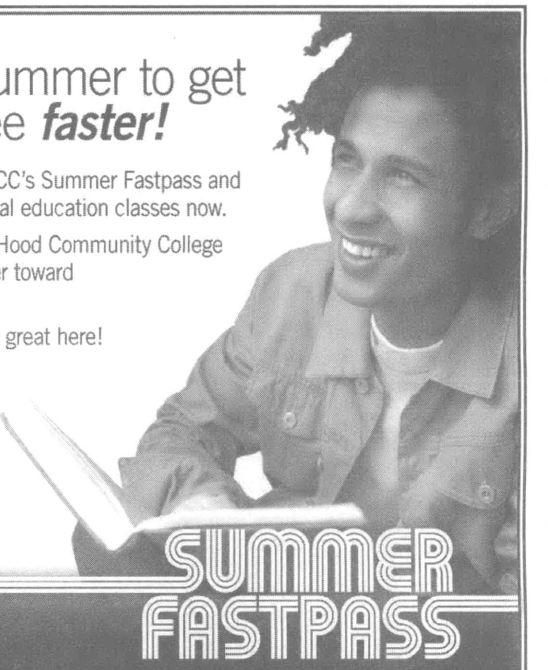

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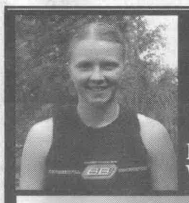

Can I get a WHIT-ness

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Well, once again, I have outdone myself.

Seriously, though-I wonder if people have stopped (if they ever started) reading my column.

Like I mentioned before, I have steered the wheel away from sports, for no other reason, than that I have to write the sports stories, so when it comes to my column I need a change (maybe?).

I hope that's all right with you guys.

Because I guess my columns does reflect my personality, which is the point after all.

So, I won't consider myself a failure as a columnist just yet.

Today, though, my goal is to pick at your brain at least a little bit, and share with you some of the things that just don't make sense to me in this world.

Also, as usual, I shall enlighten you with a few fun tidbits at the end...ENJOY!

By the way, for those of you watching the Playoffs.... how bout' them Jazz huh?!

Think about it...

-Why is it that people say they "sleep like a baby" when babies wake up and scream like all the time?

-Why when we are playing Nintendo, why do we insist on flaring the control all over the place as if it is helping our guys move better? Not to mention, pushing the buttons real hard as if that helps?

-Why is static so funny when it's attacking someone else?

-Why does someone believe you when you say that the electric fence is on and not to touch it, but must check when you say the paint is wet?

-Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word lisp?

-Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these pink weird lookin' things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

-Who was the first person to think, "Ya know, I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes out of that there chicken's back side."

-Why do all toasters have settings so high that you could burn the toast to a black crisp? WHO EATS THAT?

-How come whenever we dial the wrong number, they always answer?

-Why is there a light in the fridge but not in the freezer?

-Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their toosh when they ask where the bathroom is? (sorry, I had to.)

-Why do dogs get ticked when you blow in their face, but love sticking their head out the car window?

-Why are flowers so dang expensive in the store when you can just go pick some other ones for free?

-Why do people (myself included) insist on pushing the elevator buttons a hundred times?

-Did you know that Polar bears can eat as many as 86 penguins in a single sitting?!

And finally...

-Silly Putty was "discovered" as the residue left behind after the first latex condoms were produced. It's not widely publicized for obvious reasons.

Now that's just crazy-talk.

Not just Athletes

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

La Grande, Ore. is not exactly known for being "up" on the latest hip-hop music. However, this Saturday, May 19, the fairgrounds will be alive and "poppin" with the sounds of The Drop In Papyas, B. Anthony, Dan B and Chris Hopp.

Now you might be asking yourself what music has to do with the sports section, and the answer is simple if you know who Dan B and Chris Hopp are.

Dan B, a.k.a. Dan Blanchard, is a member of the EOU men's basketball team while Chris Hopp, real last name Hoppie, is a decathlete on the Track & Field team.

Although it may not faze him when it comes to performing on the basketball court, Blanchard is a virgin, per say, to the big stage.

"This is my first show," Dan said. "I'm expecting a great time and you're guaranteed a good show with tons of entertainment."

The show is open to all ages and will give the students and community something other than the usual things to do this weekend.

Blanchard, a Seattle native encourages people of all ages to attend.

"For all of you that are not 21, this will be a place to come and hang out since you can't get into other (establishments)," Dan said.

Meanwhile, Las Vegas native Chris Hopp is no stranger to the microphone.

"Expect a damn fun night!!!" Hopp said. "We're going to have great music, a great vibe, good people, and the pursuit of a higher level of musical appreciation within this town."



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Chris Hopp and Dan B

Chris began writing poetry in high school and developed his poems into songs by the end of his senior year.

"My friends and life are my inspirations," Hopp added. "I started to develop my passion to write songs when I became interested in lyrics and how they take effect on the people in my life."

Dan B has a similar background as he began writing poetry in junior high and continued through high school.

Yet, it wasn't until he met Chris Hopp that he started recording lyrics.

"I met Chris and he had a studio so we started recording together," Dan said. "Everyone and everyday experiences help me write my lyrics."

When Chris isn't working on his beats he is beating people on the track and in the field. The junior transfer won the Long Jump (22'5") and the 110M High Hurdles (15.10) this past weekend at the Cascade Conference Championships to qualify for nationals later this month.

This summer Chris is scheduled by CodyK with *Xposae* and Beastly Management to do shows in New York and possibly Atlanta and Florida.

Along with the familiar faces you will see performing, another face you may recognize will be in the background.

Vernon Cropper, a senior on the basketball team this year, will be the DJ for the night and the man to talk to for any requests.

This show is being brought to you courtesy Cropper and Cody K.

The cost is a mere $10 per person and show time begins at 8:30 p.m.

EOU Volleyball gets head start

By Whitney leman
Voice Sports Editor

The EOU women's volleyball team is well under way in preparing for the 2007 season.

Despite practicing during the week, last month the girls traveled to Concordia University to play in a tournament.

Other teams featured were Clackamas Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Southern Oregon University, Concordia University, and Portland State.

Of those teams, EOU got to face up against Clackamas, Mt. Hood and Southern.

Head Coach Kaki McLean said that most of the games were low key, and that the team "did a couple of scrimmage type wash games and then would play for the allotted time allowed (90 minutes)."

Although not playing for any prize or trophy, the girls walked away with some great wins, and high hopes.

McLean said the highlight would have to be splitting games with SOU.

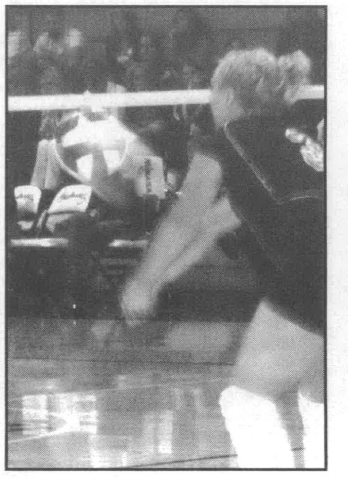
"It is a good start for us going into next fall and definitely a confidence booster to beat a team that has been as successful as SOU has been in the past," she said.

With just seven girls participating that weekend, McLean was very impressed with how her team faired.

"Jolene did a great job coming in and playing after she's been doing knee rehab the past few months," McLean said.

Kiley Kobb, who plays mostly libero, turned out to be a great offensive threat as well. Other teammates joining her were Christy Savage, Alissa Clinton, Chelsea Herron, Chelsea Lally and Danielle Kelley.

"Alissa stepped up and played setter the majority of the time, and did great controlling the speed of the game," McLean added.



Out-of-season tournaments are always a good way for teams to work on their skills while engaging in competition as well.

McLean was happy with the teamwork her team showed and the maturity that is growing in her athletes already.

"The majority of the girls that came and played in that tournament are going to be key players next season," the Head Coach said.

McLean does expect recruits and role players to fill in the gaps as the season progresses, but is happy with the team she has now.

"The girls are very excited, as am I, and they are just improving every single day."

Mountie football scrimmage

Whitney Leman
Voice Staff Writer

On Saturday, while EOU was busy hosting the Cascade Conference Track and Field Championships, the Football team was right next door playing in the annual Blue and Gold Scrimmage.

Although in the past this event has been the highlight of the spring season, this year it was just a practice game for something bigger to come.

Fans will have yet another opportunity to see what the Mounties will look like next year.

On Saturday, May 19, Eastern will scrimmage each other once more, but this time they will do it in memory of EOU and NAIA Hall of Famer Rollin Schimmel.

Schimmel, a 1967 graduate of EOU, won a NAIA National Title as 160-pound wrestler and was a member of the football team.

He was inducted into the Oregon Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2002.

The scrimmage will be played at the Round Up Grounds in Pendleton, and kick off is set for 1:00 p.m.

Admission is free!



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EOU football players on the field.

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and was second in runs scored.

Staff Ace Melodee Mildenberger, Third Baseman Lydia Holm and Center fielder Michelle St. John were also voted Honorable Mention All-Conference for their performances throughout the year.

All three athletes will participate in their senior season next year, leading a strong group of returning players.

Mildenberger went 6-5 with an ERA of 2.43, while batting .389 with four doubles and a homerun.

Meanwhile, St. John provided athleticism in the outfield while batting .300, and leading the team in runs scored with 24.

Holm hit .311 and was second on the team in hits with 41 on the season, nine of those were doubles.

Tied for the team lead in long balls with seven, Holm also brought in a team best 26 RBI.

Eastern had an overall record of 18-24, going 7-13 in conference play.

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lighted by wins in several events.

Hoppie won both the Long Jump (22' 5") and the 110M High Hurdles (15.10), while on the field, Mitch Wheelhouse won the discus easily with a final throw of 149' 6".

The 4x100 meter team of Nathan Schmidt, Lane, Lucas Ohmes and Miller blew away the competition with a time of 42.59.

That time provisionally qualifies them for the national meet.

On the women's side, the 4x100 team of Danielle Reiss, Kasie Gillespie, Danielle Murphy and Chelsee Harmon also provisionally qualified for the national meet.

Marcella Bosch defended her 1500-meter title, winning the event by almost two full seconds.

She also ran her way to victory in the 800-meter race in a time of 2.16.85.

At the end of the meet, Bosch was named the women's athlete of the meet.

Grace Deboodt came in 3rd place in her first ever 400-meter race and qualified for nationals in the Javelin with a throw of 135' 11".

Erin Ontko had personal bests in three separate areas of the Heptathlon and Kasie Gillespie bounced from sixth to second place in the Long Jump on her final attempt.

In the field, Trisha Harshberger placed first in the Hammer Throw, with a toss of 145' 8".

After the teams dominated the meet, Eastern head coach Ben Welch and Concordia coach Randy Dalzell shared coach of the year honors for the men.

Dalzell also took home the award for the women.

The NAIA Nationals Championships are set for May 24-26 in Fresno, California.

Guest Column
The Week In Sports

Barrett Henderson
Guest Columnist

The theme for this week's column will be the word, sense.

It only makes sense: The NBA playoffs try to compete every year to confuse the not-so-average basketball fan that it is just as interesting to watch as the NCAA tournament.

The truth is that it is far from interesting.

The key to the disinterest in my opinion has to be the "best of seven" game series.

One of the huge thrills in the NCAA tournament is the threat of "one and done."

In the NBA, you can lose twelve games and still be the NBA champion.

But, this year the NBA had its chance; it had its sports savior.

The eighth-seeded Warriors in the Western Conference dominated the top-seeded Dallas Mavericks in the first round.

So I became interested, just in time to watch the Warriors drop the first two games of the second round on the road to the Utah Jazz.

Golden State would then win the third at home, and lose a key fourth game at home.

It only makes sense, that this year the NBA finally had a chance to redeem itself with the Golden State Warriors, but it seems that media darling will have to wait another ten years.

It takes street sense: Another year, another 14 hours of coverage in a 24-hour span from Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.

After hours of pre-race build-up, the world's most famous two minutes were underway.

I cannot stress enough how odd it seems that there is so much coverage and so many viewers for two minutes!

How long has it been since the favored horse even won?

Being that there was no big name horse in this year's field, that didn't change.

My pick, Cowtown Cat, ran very well for three-quarters of the track, and then fell from second to seventh.

This year's winner, Street Sense, began at the back of the pack in 19th and in the last half-mile moved all the way in front.

It actually was a very good race, but as for a Triple Crown winner this year, it's not going to happen.

A sixth sense: Barry Bonds, where to begin?

The guy is phenomenal.

Granted he may be one of the rudest people on the face of the earth, but is he being paid to be a nice guy?

No, he is being paid to play baseball, and he does that very well.

Bonds already has 11 home runs this season, and is now only 11 shy of breaking Hank Aaron's all-time record of 755 home runs.

A Dallas auction house has already offered $1 million for the 756th home run ball.

My feeling on Bonds is that the guy never took any steroids and the media can easily use him as a target.

For years he refused to do interviews and sat away from his teammates in the dugout making him an obvious outcast.

Why are we not investigating every huge hitter?

Albert Pujols has never come up in any steroids conspiracy, yet he hits many home runs and is very muscular.

I feel that in a day-in-age when Floyd Landis corrupts cycling with performance enhancements, are there any records left that are sacred?

The point of all this is, Barry Bonds may be an awful man, but an awfully good baseball player.

He simply has a sixth sense of hitting the ball very well.

Use a little common sense: Brett Favre is upset in Green Bay after the Packers were unable to acquire Randy Moss in a trade.

Favre is so distraught over this that he is demanding a trade.

Give me a break.

Favre is nearing senior discounts at Denny's and he's threatening about leaving a team, for who?

What team is going to pick up a guy who has been flirting with retiring for the past few seasons?

Granted, he improved a team of nobody's from 4-12 to 8-8 in the past two seasons, but we have seen Favre's prime come and go.

Brett, please use a little common sense, stop whining and play ball or quit.

On that note, might I add that it makes no sense that Roger Clemens returns to baseball for yet another season.

I think Favre, Clemens, and Clifford Robinson should all look into some retirement home together.

For my two sense (cents, but in this case sense because it IS the theme), tune in every Wednesday at 3 p.m. to KEOL La Grande 91.7 FM for Sports 101.

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-Vince Lombardi

"The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital."
-Joe Paterno

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time. "
-Vince Lombardi

"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them — a desire, a dream, a vision. "
-Muhammad Ali

"Somewhere behind the athlete you've become, the hours of practice, the coaches who push you, and the fans who cheer for you, is the little girl who fell in love with the sport and never looked back. Play for her."
-Unknown

"It ain't over till it's over. "
-Yogi Berra

Mounties Shine at Championships

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

The Cascade Conference Track and Field Championship Meet saw plenty of great weather and even better performances.

After 21 events, it all came down to the final race on the men's side.

Eastern Oregon found themselves down by seven points to Concordia University going into the 4x400 meter relay race.

The Mounties needed to win the race and have Concordia finish no higher than sixth to gain a share of the conference champion title, and that's exactly what happened.

An EOU win with the Cavaliers finishing in sixth place gave the two teams matching point totals at 180.

The relay team of Matt Lane, Ryan Brown, Chris Hoppie and Adam Miller won in a time of 3.22.60 while Concordia finished 6th in 3.30.77.

The men saw plenty of strong performances on day one, high-

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The NAIA Nationals Championchip will be held in Fresno, Calif., May 24-26.



File Photo/The Voice

The Women's softball team lost to Albertson College on May 5.

Eastern drops last games to Conference Champs

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

Seniors Stephanie Baumann, Marissa Becker, Teri Cisler and Meghan Henderson took the field for the last time as Mountaineers, losing their last games to Albertson College 13-9 and 4-0 at Pioneer Park.

Despite Eastern's best efforts, on May 5, the Cascade Conference Champs were just the better team.

In game one, Eastern got out of the gates fast scoring the first three runs of the game before ACI came back to score three of their own in the third inning.

Henderson seized the moment, per say, at the plate with a single, double and a triple. Henderson also added a walk.

EOU tallied three more runs before Albertson would outscore them 10-3 the rest of the way for a final score of 13-9.

The second game saw the Yotes' completely deny the Eastern batters, allowing just two hits the whole game.

However, the Mountaineer pitching staff, led by senior Teri Cisler, held a powerful Albertson team to just four runs.

In the end, the Mounties just could not muster up a run, dropping the game 4-0

Although the last games may have left a bad taste in their mouths, many of the players were awarded for their outstanding play all season long.

Leading her team behind the dish and in the batters box, Meghan Henderson was voted to the Cascade Conference 1st Team.

Henderson boasts a batting average of 378, a percentage of .598.

She also led the Mounties in hits

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Graduation Joke

It was graduation day and Mom was trying to take a picture of their son in a cap and gown, posed with his father.
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The father answered, "If you want it to look natural, why not have him put his hand in my pocket?

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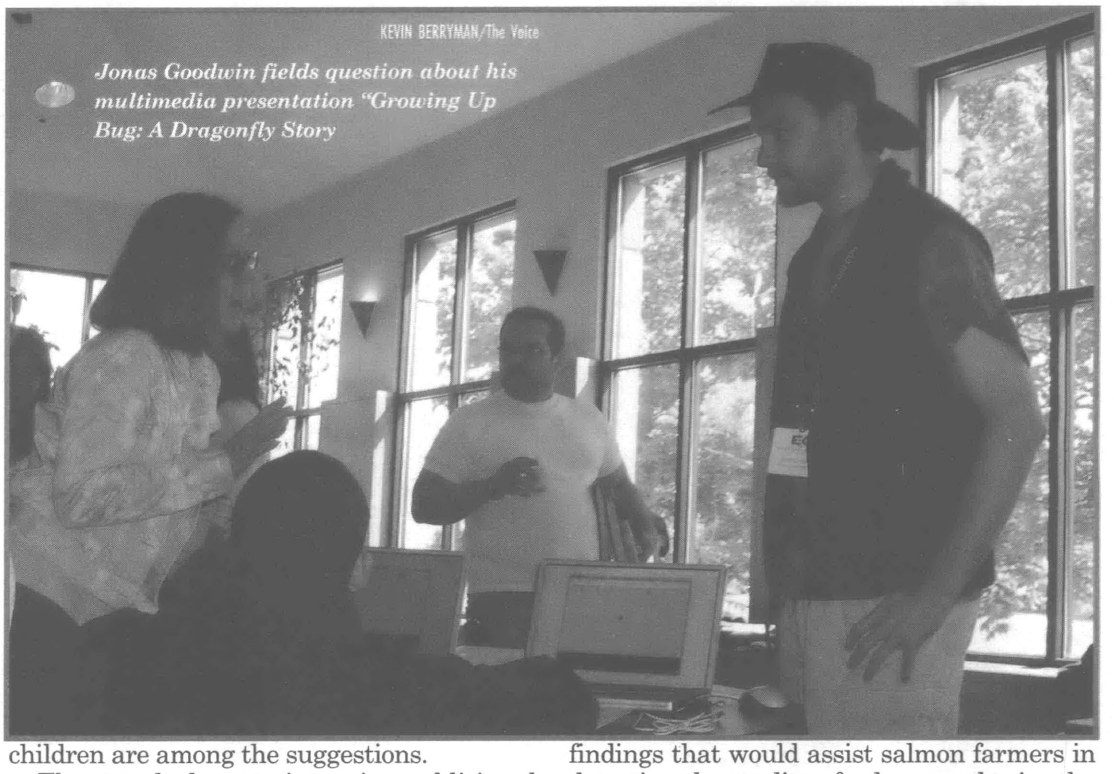
Student achievements highlighted at Spring Symposium

By Stephanie Brookhart
Asst. Editor-in-Chief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Jonas Goodwin fields question about his multimedia presentation "Growing Up Bug: A Dragonfly Story

EOU students shared their research and creative works Wednesday at the Spring Symposium. Presentations included readings of written work, computer science and multimedia presentations, science fair displays and performance art.

The event is an opportunity for students to show their individual and group work accomplished throughout the year.

Sociology students Christine Kohl, Nelson Calderon and Carleen Ashton presented "The Juggling Act: Student Parent Experiences at EOU." The in-depth study showed how student parents of all ages cope with the responsibilities of school and parenting. The study was largely based on interviews of non-traditional parent-students and brought to light the differences between traditional students ages 18 to 23 and those who are older and have children.

Many interviewees reported difficulties with finances, child-care and the relentless lack of time to spend equally with their children and on studies.

The panel brought forth suggestions for EOU to assist the students. Providing low-cost or free childcare; tutoring for older kids; family-friendly activities; and child-friendly study spaces with computers available for children are among the suggestions.

The panel plans to interview additional non-traditional students and prepare a report with recommendations that will be published and submitted to EOU administrators.

A poster presentation about how to detect deep-muscle bruising in salmon presented findings that would assist salmon farmers in detecting the quality of salmon and raise the market value for the sushi industry. EOU student Meaghan Hammers presented for her group and said her professor, Anna Cavinato, went fishing in Alaska to retrieve the salmon to be studied.

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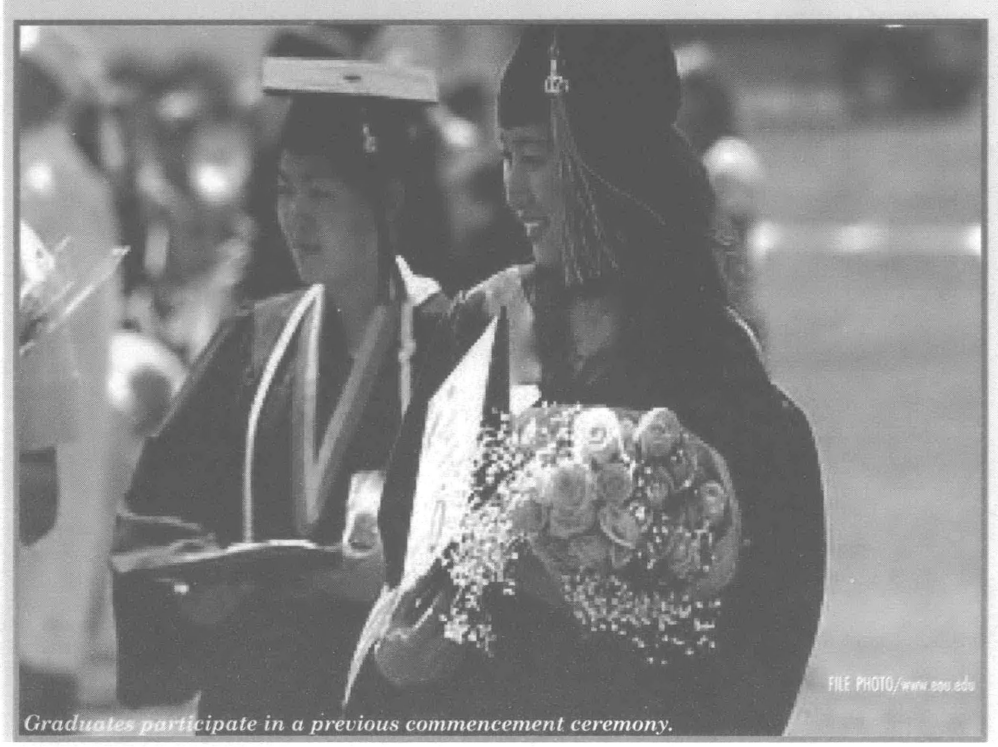
2007 commencement just around the corner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Graduates participate in a previous commencement ceremony.

By Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor

Congratulations 2007 graduates—your time is here!

This year's commencement week will be full of a variety of activities on campus.

Starting on June 15, the OHSU Sigma Theta Tau induction will be held in the Huber Auditorium in Badgley Hall.

On Friday morning from eight until 9:30, graduates will attend a commencement rehearsal in the main gym in Quinn Coliseum.

At 10 a.m. on Friday, OHSU will hold their Convocation and Awards Ceremony in McKenzie Theatre. A reception will follow in the main lobby.

Next, the EOU Awards Ceremony will take place in McKenzie Theatre from 1:30 until 4:00 on Friday afternoon.

Commencement day, June 16, will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the Pinnacle Continental Breakfast in Hoke 309 with the Pinnacle Honor Society Induction Ceremony following at eight.

Students need to

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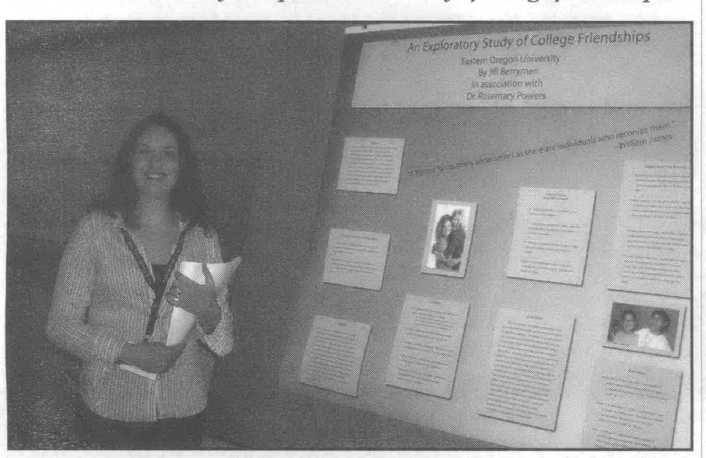

Above: Alesha Porter displays her research with a fellow group member. Below: Jill Berryman presents her study of college friendships.

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Mathematics student Dirk Bortz's study, "John Nash and his Contributions to Game Theory," presented a short biography of the brilliant, yet schizophrenic, math genius. The study also included the theory of the Nash Equilibrium, how it works, and the contributions this made to global economics.

Individual talks included social science research, readings of fiction and psychology projects. The 15-minute presentations allowed for students to share their research results and answer questions from the audience about them.

Jessie Zimmerer presented her findings from a study of feminist activism and its role in women's labor unions. She concluded that although integration into labor unions was difficult for women, these women did not identify as feminists until the end of World War II, when a stronger women's movement evolved.

Loso lobby was the stage for "Octet," a group of music students who performed two movements of Franz Schubert's Op. 166. The arrangements highlighted individual instrumentalists with delightful resonance.

Nearly every department on campus was represented in the symposium. The poster sessions, talks and panels were all well attended. The opportunity to support fellow students was not missed by the university community. Months of research and preparation went into all of the work.

"I can't believe it's over already," Christine Kohl said. "All of that time and work into the project and the presentation went by really fast. It's all a blur now."

The annual event was sponsored by the EOU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Bee population decline affects all

By Emma Hubbard
Voice Staff Writer

"If the bee disappears from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live. No more bees, no more pollination, no more men"

This quote, commonly attributed to Albert Einstein, lends a new perspective to the recent situations that many beekeepers are finding themselves in.

Recently, due to unknown causes, bees across the states have been disappearing, leaving hives empty and their keepers confused. Theories are buzzing everywhere; disease, mites, cell phone waves, insecticides, but no one really seems to know what to credit the situation to.

Dale Borum has been raising bees commercially for six years now and has owned bees for about 25 years. His operation, Borum Farms, consists of a couple hundred hives that travel to pollinate crops in California, Oregon and Washington.

Dale said that his hives are easier to watch than some of the larger operations that can include thousands of hives. However, Dale said this has "affected everyone to some extent." The main issue the rising cost of transportation added to the fact that many beekeepers are having to buy new bees.

However, consumers are not yet seeing any rising costs in the stores.

When asked what he thinks is causing the bee population decline, Dale said that no one is really sure. It can be hard to keep track of because each hive contains about 5000 bees, but the last couple of years have been worse.

This issue is a growing concern because of the number of crops that bees pollinate. Dale's, for example, start in California in February in the almond orchards then move to Northern Oregon and parts of Washington to the Cherry orchards. In July, the bees can be found in conola and sunflower crops and at other times during the summer carrots and beet fields receive attention.

Bees are also vital in the pollination of oranges, cranberries, blueberries, apples, plums, melons, avocados and a variety of vegetables. What this translates to is that about one third of all the fruit, nuts and vegetables found in grocery stores are dependent on bees to bloom.

The drop in the population has been called the colony collapse disorder but covers a wide range of causes. The two most commonly blamed problems have been mites and diseases, but it could simply be a combination of these and other factors.

The hives are vaccinated every year for blood sucking mites including the Varroa mite, but these insects can still factor into a hives decline in health. Other causes may be a new virus or the effect of urban development and pesticide use.



FILE PHOTO

A bee pollinates a flower.

The Star Tribune in Minnesota (www.startribune.com) reported on April 27, 2007 that, "The problem, though more severe this year, is not entirely new. Beekeeper for years were reporting 5 to 15 percent losses in their hives ... That climbed to 35 percent in the 1990's as the presence of a deadly mite known as the Varroa spread among bee populations. Then, about five months ago, some beekeepers began reporting 80 percent to 90 percent losses."

The article added that these numbers can be inaccurate because they are based on beekeeper's estimates, not scientific surveys.

Dale Borum and another local beekeeper, Ray Westencue, both said that the most important thing for them to do was to keep their hives as healthy as they can.

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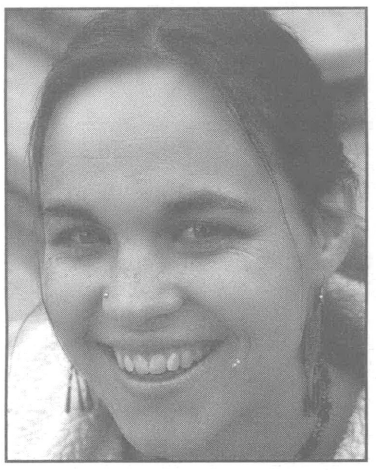
EOU Theatre students accepted to prestigious grad schools

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Two accomplished seniors in the theatre program at Eastern Oregon University will continue their educations at highly rated graduate schools next year.

John Nehlich, of Hayden, Idaho, has been accepted with an assistantship to study stage management at Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Rikki Jo Hickey, of La Grande, has been accepted to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she will study children's theatre.



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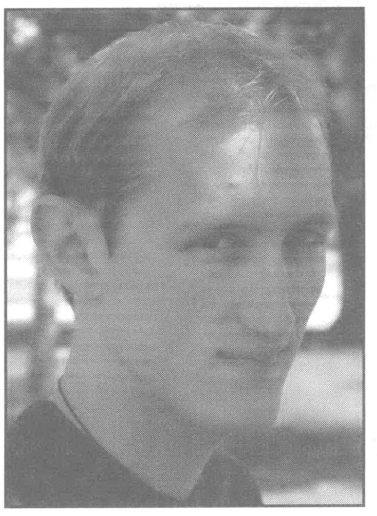
Rikki Jo Hickey

"Theatre is my passion and my profession," Nehlich said. "Being accepted to Rutgers University opens more doors for me than I could ever imagine. I'm thrilled, intimidated, excited and ready for the vital next step that I need to take to follow the path I desire."

The graduate program in theatre at Rutgers is considered to be one of the best in the nation and the school's close proximity to New York offers many opportunities for students like Nehlich.

"In New York there are amazing opportunities on a personal and professional level to continue education of life, which is just as important as my continued education in theatre," he said. "You only live once, so why not live your way? That's what I'm doing and I'm enjoying the ride."

The application process was nerve-wracking for Hickey and she waited on pins and needles for a response from the University of Hawaii after sending in her portfolio.



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John Nehlich

"I finally gave in and called the school to see if they needed anything further from me," Hickey said. "At that point, the head of the department let me know that I had been admitted to the program."

Hickey is not sure what she will do after she's done with graduate school, but she does know it will involve working with children and adolescents in theatre.

"UH-Manoa is too perfect as far as my future education is concerned. To be able to work with children in theatre, to help them create, develop and learn, is a dream I've had since I was 12. Theatre is a world of possibilities – a fantastical world – and I plan to do everything I can to keep it living," she said.

Hickey, who has never traveled to Hawaii before, is worried that the hardest part of acclimating will be in the winter when there is no snow.

"I'm thrilled and nervous, but most of all I'm pretty content because I know that what I have learned here in the EOU theatre department will stay with me for the rest of my life. The faculty has guided and mentored me and kept me in check. They have not let me down and have done nothing short of guaranteeing a road to success."

Nehlich and Hickey will graduate from EOU in June and begin their graduate studies in the fall.

Baker, Little League hope to spur interest in sport among blacks

Associated Press

With fewer blacks playing in the majors, Dusty Baker wants to try to get kids' attention while they are young.

Free trips to play games on the finely manicured fields where the Little League World Series is played might help.

"Go, little man," Baker, the former major league manager and outfielder, shouted from a seat behind the plate while watching a 12-year-old batter at the Little League Urban Jamboree beat out an infield hit. "Little man has some skills!"

Skills Baker hopes players will keep honing as baseball seeks ways to generate more interest in the sport among young blacks.

The purpose of the fourth-annual jamboree and its parent program, the Little League Urban Initiative, is to promote the game to minorities, single-parent homes and poor areas, said the program's director, David James.

It's getting more interest this year from Baker and other blacks in the game as Major League Baseball worries about the declining representation of blacks among its players.

A recent study by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports found that only 8.4 percent of major league players last season were black, the lowest level in at least two decades.

That revelation comes in a year when baseball is celebrating the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the sport's color barrier.

Some players have taken action. Minnesota Twins outfielder Torii Hunter last year started the "Torii Hunter Project," which aims to get more inner-city kids to play baseball.

Hunter's group has taken money from players including Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee, Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis and Tigers outfielder Gary Sheffield, with funds going to help pay for Little League's jamboree.

"Problems don't just take overnight to solve," Baker said. "Usually it's a slow, gradual process, and the next thing you know, it's a big problem."

The cost to pay for bats, gloves and league fees can be prohibitive for many families, forcing their kids to turn to less expensive sports like basketball, Baker said. More kids are turning to video games and computers to keep them entertained.

Baker said some kids might be turned off by negative publicity surrounding Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, whose chase for Hank Aaron's career home-run record has been clouded by questions about steroid use.

And there's not enough money or volunteers to keep leagues running in many cases.

So Baker sees Little League's jamboree as "the planting of a seed" that might get more kids, parents and sponsors interested in the game.

Fourteen teams from around the country gathered over the Memorial Day weekend to play games on at the Little League World Series complex.

"I like the stadiums. And the grass, it's so soft. It's comfy," 11-year-old Tyler Johnson, of Tampa, Fla., said in the dugout as his teammates wearing bright orange Mets jerseys played the field.

"We got dugouts, but not

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begin lining up for commencement at 8:30 a.m. in the main gym in Quinn Coliseum. The faculty line-up will follow at nine.

The commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at Community Stadium.

Tickets are not needed for the ceremony. Seating is available upon arrival times.

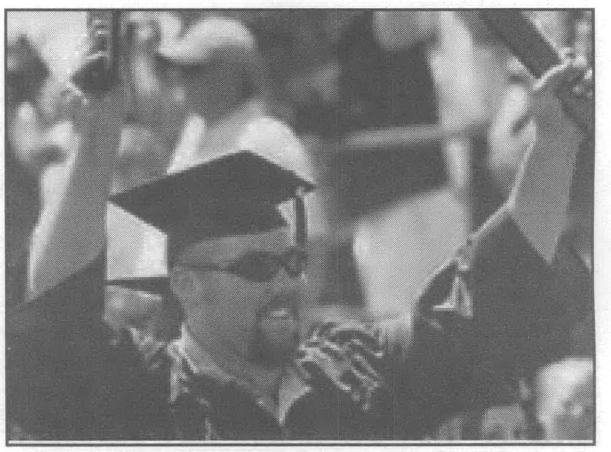
If someone needs special accommodations, contact Kris Olson at (541) 962-3511 or kolson@eou.edu.

A reception will follow at noon on the northwest lawn of the stadium.

The average temperature for June 16 is 75 degrees, but with the recent high temperatures, graduates and families should prepare accordingly with sunscreen and plenty of water.

Don't forget to order a cap and gown; they will be available to purchase in the bookstore up until commencement.

Gradphoto.com will be taking pictures of each graduate as they cross the stage. When visiting gradphoto.com, the EOU password is eastou.



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EOU classified employees receive awards

■ ***Student Service, Customer Service, Distinguished Staff and Team awards given***

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Members of the classified staff at Eastern Oregon University were formally recognized during the annual Employee Recognition Program on May 8.

Awards were given for Student Service, Customer Service, Distinguished Staff and Team. Recipients are as follows: Molly Burke, Office Specialist 2, Student Service Award; Gary Moses, EOU Webmaster, Customer Service Award; Dee Toland, Office Specialist 2, Distinguished Staff Award; Facilities staff, Team Award.

New employees were introduced and staff members who have reached the 10, 20 and 30-year benchmark each received a gift.

Linda Howland, accounting technician, Jerry Brown, groundskeeper, and Jan Kelley, custodian, received EOU jackets in recognition of 20 years of service.

Jana Parmele, office specialist 2, Tom Clark, custodian, Jeff McDonald, library technician 3, and Ladd Roberts, trades maintenance worker 2, have all worked at the University for the past 10 years and received an EOU sweatshirt.

Patti Girrard, administrative program specialist, received a clock in recognition of 30 years of hard work and dedication. Employees who are recently retired will also receive a rocking chair in appreciation of their contributions.

Entertainment was provided by members of EOU's new Opera Club and Peter Wordelman, professor of music. Wayne Arnson, retired EOU staff member, donated a handcrafted metal quail sculpture for the raffle, and ARAMARK food service provider, donted half of the cost of the food for the buffet.

A committee of volunteers - Mona Arritola, Kerry Bullard, Mindee Hayden, Jana Parmele, Gerri Silveira, Jo Tildon and Tracy Wyllie - organized the event.



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Faculty recieves awards.

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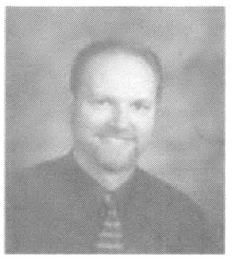

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Families grieve for Fort Lewis soldiers killed in Iraq

Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Just 10 weeks in Iraq, Sam Huff was getting comfortable in her job with a military police unit.

Back home in Tucson, her parents heard a new strength and maturity in the 18-year-old's voice. In one of his last conversations with his daughter, Robert Huff could hear her excitement as she described working with her fellow soldiers.

"She put her arms around that job and did everything she possibly could to be the best that she could possibly be," Robert Huff said.

Pfc. Huff's newfound enthusiasm was snuffed out April 18, 2005, when a roadside bomb exploded near her convoy in Baghdad, making her the youngest of at least 114 soldiers from Fort Lewis killed in Iraq.

Fort Lewis is the Army's third largest U.S. installation with almost 28,000 soldiers on more than 86,000 acres of woodlands and prairies south of Seattle. It is at the forefront of the Army's transformation, which involved developing the Stryker brigade, named for the military's eight-wheeled, medium-weight vehicles. The post is home to three of the Army's seven such brigades.

Like many others, Huff joined the Army in part because of Sept. 11, 2001, but she also saw it as a way to earn money for college. At 16, she got permission from her parents for early entry and enlisted after graduating high school.

Robert Huff wasn't surprised by his daughter's decision; her mother, Margaret Williams, is a former Marine, and he's a retired Tucson police detective.

But he still worried about his youngest child, and even went so far as to take her out with some SWAT team buddies of his so she could practice shooting a gun.

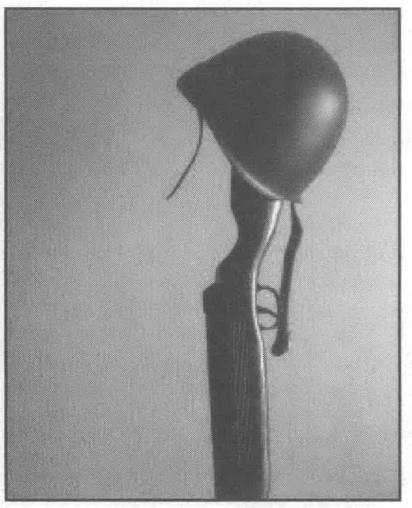
"I wanted to feel personally that she was trained well enough," he said.

Sam, he said, was well aware of the potential consequences. By the time she left for Iraq, at least 1,500 U.S. service members had been killed in the country.

Ten weeks later, she would become Fort Lewis' 54th soldier to die there.

The first was Travis Lee Burkhardt, a married father of two young children who died near Baghdad in a vehicle accident June 6, 2003.

The 26-year-old sergeant had been in the military nine years _ in Iraq for only three months _ at the time of his death. He'd joined with the intention of pursuing a career in law enforcement, an interest his mother said he'd always held.



"He liked going in and investigating things and checking 'em out. Even in high school, he was always in the thick of everything," said Kathy Shipley of Kohoka, Mo.

Almost four years after his death, Shipley's house in northeast Missouri still holds many of the wedding, graduation and military photos of her oldest child.

She said Burkhardt was always smiling and making the best of every situation. Even in Iraq, he could joke about miserable situations, like not being able to shower for several days.

But he struggled with the separation from his family, especially his daughter and son, who were 3 and 1 when he died.

"That was the one thing about going over to Iraq," Shipley said. "He hated to leave because he missed them so much."

Soldiers serving in Iraq often leave behind children, spouses, and mothers and fathers who each day worry whether they will be the next to get the knock on the door.

"Unfortunately good men are dying over there. This time it affected our family," said Bill Poindexter, whose 28-year-old stepson, Joel Lewis, was killed May 6 in Baqubah, Iraq.

Sgt. Lewis, five other soldiers from Fort Lewis' 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and a Russian photojournalist died when a bomb exploded beneath their vehicle.

It was one of the highest casualties suffered by a single Fort Lewis unit in more than two years.

As the United States continues a troop buildup in the Middle East, this post and its surrounding military communities that hug the southern edge of Puget Sound have increasingly endured multiple memorials for fallen soldiers.

At the memorial earlier this month for the six men, more than 700 people gathered at a gym on post, the only place large enough to hold such a turnout. A large U.S. flag served as the backdrop for the soldiers' portraits that were placed before six sets of combat boots, helmets and rifles, from which hung each man's dog tags.

Relatives filed passed the display as a video montage compiled by the men's unit back in Iraq played on two large screens.

A week later, back home in Sand Springs, Okla., the reality of losing their son is taking its toll on Lewis' family, especially mom, Gale Poindexter.

"Joel's death has been fairly tough," husband Bill said. "She hasn't had really time to digest it yet."

This month alone, Fort Lewis has held five services for 11 soldiers, including Lewis and his comrades.

"Behind every number, there's a name and a family," said Sue Rothwell, owner of Galloping Gertie's, a local cafe and community touchstone that attracts soldiers for its burgers and chicken fried steak.

Rothwell last month began posting the names of Fort Lewis' fallen troops on a reader board outside her restaurant that sits across Interstate 5 from the post.

"It's sort of taken on a life of its own," Rothwell said of the sign listing eight to 10 of the most recent casualties. "Especially with Memorial Day, I wanted to keep the names up."

MBA Program accepting applications for fall cohort

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

Eastern Oregon University's College of Business is currently accepting applications for the master's of business administration program. Evening classes start in September for the 2007 fall cohort.

The MBA degree program is available to students at the La Grande campus as well as those in Pendleton, Hermiston and Ontario, where courses are delivered through EOU's V-Tel network. Distance education students have the same benefits as those enrolled on campus and there is no out-of-state tuition cost for students who are not Oregon residents.

The program provides comprehensive training to update students' professional knowledge in areas such as business strategy, global business, innovative management, marketing, information systems, project design and modern financial management. Coupled with a flexible delivery format and an applied approach of inter-disciplinary learning, the course provides students the opportunity to conduct real business consultation, project design, and strategy development work.

For more information on the application process call Mary Brock in the College of Business at (541) 962-3668, via e-mail at mbrock@eou.edu, or visit www.eou.edu/edbus/mba.

Little League From Page 3

this big," Johnson's wide-eyed, 11-year-old teammate Charles Mayhew said. "Out here, I feel like we're on the biggest field."

Keith George, 37, manager of the Tampa team, played Little League but laments he never played baseball above that level. "I want it right now, I still want it."

George only manages these kids until age 12. After that, they either move up to a new division, or many drop out as they graduate on to high school, he said.

"We need more people to help out. Because if it was up to the kids, they would play," he said from the dugout of Volunteer Stadium. "We need more mentors and people to step up and guide our kids."

Twelve-year-old Jamariee Johnson-Brannon, a pitcher with the Peninsula league team from Portland, Ore., marveled at the sights in South Williamsport after watching the Little League World Series last year on television.

He's so interested in baseball his mother, Micole Johnson, plans to move the family to the warmer climate of Arizona, where her son can hone his skills year-round.

"I practice every time I get a chance. On weekends, when I'm bored, I'll throw," he said. He even stuck a tire on a fence to practice throwing strikes.

It's the type of enthusiasm Baker hopes other kids will catch.

"This is something that very few people will ever get to do," Baker said. "When they go home and watch a Little League World Series game, the first thing they are going to do is look at the field and say 'I played on that field.'"

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Guess the Movie (Answers on page 10)

1."That'll do Donkey. That'll do." (2001)

2."It seems like Banky has a problem with all things not hetero." (1997)

3."Sticks and stones, love. I saved your life, you saved mine. We're square" (2003)

4."Your baby is the miracle the whole world has been waiting for." (2006)

5."First you wanna kill me, now you wanna kiss me. Blow." (1992)

6."I like to keep this handy for close encounters." (1986)

7."Who am I to break up the Roundup Gang." (1999)

8."That's a good meatball." (1998)

9."Oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine." (2004)

10."I'm madly in love with you and it's not because of your brains or your personality." (2006)

Check This Out

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Last show of the season

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

A story of a man and his dog will be the final show of the season for the Eastern Oregon University theatre department. "Slyvia," by A. R. Gurney, opens June 7-9 in Schwarz Theatre at 8 p.m.

The title character in the play is a labradoodle, (a cross between a Labrador retriever and a poodle). EOU sophomore Kimberlee Clark has been busy conducting field research to help her accurately portray the part.

"To figure out how dogs move, I spent a lot of time at the park watching dog obedience classes and I also went to the Humane Association and played with dogs," Clark said. "I watched how they sit down and how they move their heads."

This is Clark's debut performance on the EOU stage and she's excited to be cast as Slyvia. The story is presented in what Clark likens to an "alternate universe where people and animals can understand each other." The show has a total of six cast members and is directed by graduating EOU senior Rikki Jo Hickey, of La Grande. Hickey is presenting the play as part of her senior project.

The lead roles in the production are Greg, played by Alan Arnson, Greg's wife Kate, played by Cassandra Beers, and Slyvia. The story revolves around conflicts in the couples' careers and at home. The introduction of Slyvia, a stray, into their household initially causes more problems as Kate becomes jealous of her husband's relationship with the dog. Due to strong language and adult themes, parents are advised that this is not a show for young children.

Tickets are $4 and can be purchased by calling the EOU Theatre Box Office at 962-3757.



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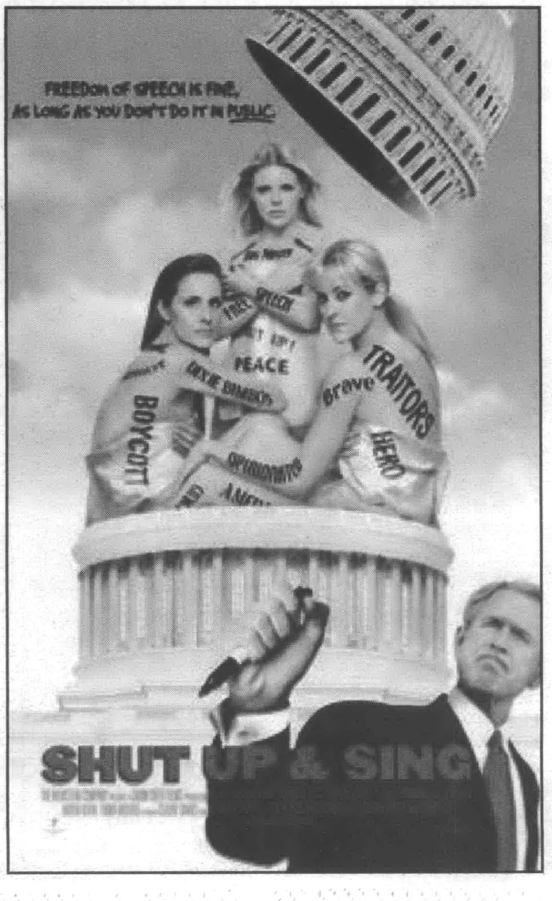
Alan Arnson, Kimberlee Clark, and Cassandra Beers.

The Dixie Chicks speak out and sing in documentary



By Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

There's nothing quiet about The Dixie Chick's documentary "Shut Up & Sing."

Set from 2003 to the present, the movie chronicles the band as they face the backlash of a comment they made about being ashamed that the president was from their home state of Texas.

What comes out of it is not only disturbing but absolutely ridiculous.

I'd be the first to admit that I had never (willingly) listened to a Dixie Chick song before the controversy—country music just never was my thing.

However, after all the ruckus started—the burning of their albums, the death threats they received—I began to listen to them.

That, right there, is why the backlash was worth it all. From out of the controversy, the Dixie Chicks started to appeal to a whole new crowd of people.

Directed by Barbara Kopple and Cecilia Peck, the documentary tackles America's struggle to accept our basic right of freedom of speech within the Country Music community.

After the 2003 comment, when lead singer Natalie Maines said, jokingly, at a concert in England, that they were "ashamed the president was from the state of Texas."

What happened in the days, weeks, months and years that followed was one of the most absurd counterattacks launched against a person or group for speaking their mind.

The Dixie Chicks were left abandoned by their own industry. So-called "loyal fans"

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Movie Review: Shut Up and Sing(2006)

Voice Rating: ★★★★★

Directed by: Barbara Kopple & Cecilia Peck

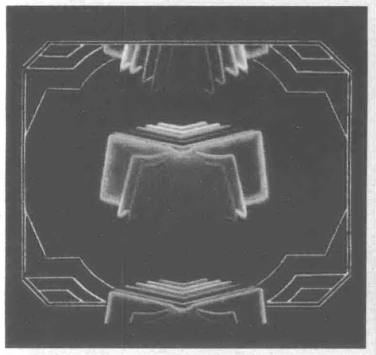
Cast: Natalie Maines, Emily Robinson, Martie Maguire

Rated: R

Summary: The Dixie Chicks struggle with the blacklash of voicing their opinion.

Five Albums to Check Out

By Onofre Ramiscal
Voice A&E Editor



If you were to stand on an ocean side on a late breezy night and close your eyes, you'll get the feeling of the Arcade Fire's new album, "Neon Bible." The Arcade Fire's follow up to "Funeral" is a bit darker, but much more lively. The songs come out in a series of waves, pounding you with each passing track.

The track, "Intervention," one of the darker songs on the album, has two minutes of acoustic guitar and organ, with Win Butler singing like there is no tomorrow.

An interesting thing about "Neon Bible," is that each song is like a verse of scripture. Butler sings straight through the verses, repeating nothing.

With "Neon Bible,"the Arcade Fire sure have a lot to preach about, over layers of new indie rock goodness.



The music on the new soundtrack from the big-budget film, Spider-Man 3, is as swingy as the friendly neighbor himself. Aside from the previous soundtracks, this one sticks with a basic formula of pop songs.

The soundtrack starts off with a new ballad from Snow Patrol, followed by an upbeat bass-driven pop/rock song by The Killers.

As the record progresses, the songs get a little mellow with tracks by Simon Dawes, Rogue Wave and Jet.

The Spider-Man 3 soundtrack also features lots of new music from bands such as the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Wolfmother and The Flamming Lips.

It also has an oldie, but goodie, Chubby Checker's, "The Twist."

If the movie wasn't good enough for your viewing pleasures, this compilation of pop songs will surely compensate for that lost.



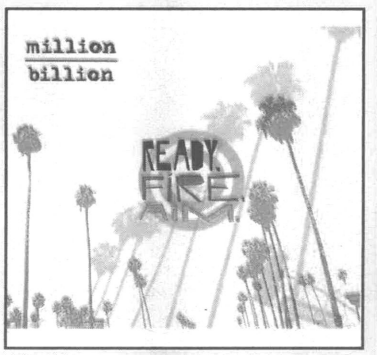
The second release from Brooklyn natives, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, "Some Loud Thunder," is as experimental and noisy as its first self-titled release.

The first song, also the title track, sounds like a bad recording done on cassette tape. "Some Loud Thunder" is painful to listen to because the quality of the song is distorted, but clean enough to distinguish structure.

Some standout tracks include "Love Song No.7." Singer and Guitarist, Alec Ounsworth's vocals are as eerie as ever with his constant whines and moans.

"Satan Said Dance" may be the best track on the album. It is heavy on the synthesizers and guitar effects along with a constant dance beat. It also has a killer chorus. The title of the song says it all.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah may not have record deal yet, but this album may create some noise for them.

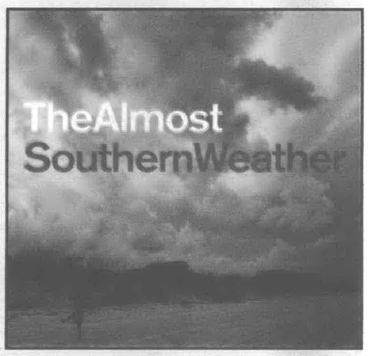


Think Tiger Army meets Suspicious Minds meets Hot Chip and you'll have Million Billion.

Million Billion is an indie/folk/rockabilly trio from Los Angeles. Their debut, "Ready.Fire.Aim." is 13 tracks of smooth indie folk songs. The album also includes a few tracks with ambient affects and keyboards. It help makes the entire album stellar and gives that feeling of spacey atmospherics.

Some key tracks include the upbeat minute and a half jam, "New Friend," the chilled folk tune, "All The Times," and the disco-tech dance jam, "Inhuman."

Make room for "Ready.Fire.Aim," in your collection because it probably is a million/billion times better than your favorite record.



The Almost is the solo project of Underoath drummer, Aaron Gillespie.

On his debut solo release, "Southern Weather," Gillespie tones it done a bit, bringing in acoustic sing-alongs and some new wave hard rock.

Gillespie also wrote and played every instrument on this record, with a couple of guest appearances including Kenny Vasoli of the Starting Line and Jeremy Enigk of Sunny Day Real Estate.

The record begins with a slow start, but it picks up towards the end. The first single, "Say This Sooner," is filled with acoustic rock and catchy melodies, while "Never Say 'I Told You So,'" is a pop gem itself.

Fans of Underoath will be surprised of The Almost and its musical direction.

Just think of The Almost as Underoath's little kid brother.



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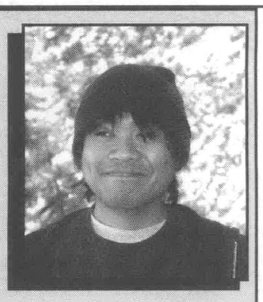


Onofre Ramiscal
Voice Ae3E Editor

"We've had our fun but it seems our fun is over now and that's all right." – Fenix TX

All right, this is my last column for the last issue in my last year (hopefully), here at Eastern.

As a kid, I've always wanted to be a comedian. I figured a comedian's job is to always make people laugh. I made my family laugh all the time, so I told myself "Hey, I could make this into a career." Fortunately, it didn't happen.

Flash forward about 12-15 years and I come to the realization that I have neither the self-confidence to do stand-up on stage and talk for 45 minutes straight, nor the material to last 45 minutes on stage. I can't tell jokes or funny stories, its tough stuff. I'm sure if I worked at it, I could do stand-up, but its just one of those things that I know I can't do. It's not me. It's like this one time in high school where I knew I wasn't going to be doing any college sports because I'm not good at it (and everyone else is bigger than me).

That's probably why I didn't set any real plans or goals during college. I decided I'm just going to ride it out and see what happens.

But before I head out, here are some of the things I've learned here at EOU that I'd like to share.

1) In the EOU catalog, it says that you need at least nine credits from each section for your Gen Eds. (General Education credits). In actuality, you only need a minimum of seven credits (I've been told by someone at the registrar's office). I might be wrong, they might be wrong, but who really knows these things anyway, right?

2) Before renting a movie from a video store, check to see if they have it at the library. Chances are the library does have it and if not, see if they can check it out from an out of town library. Movies are free and the late fees are cheaper.

3) Join clubs or any on-campus organizations. I suggest the school paper and college radio. It's definitely good times.

4) Show up to all your classes. Even if you fall asleep in class, hey, at least you went.

5) Music is all about interpretation. I still don't know what indie rock is, TV on the Radio is hard to listen to, the strokes is NOT an example of post-rock, and the term "ska" came before "reggae" (yes, at one point, Bob Marley and Jimmy Cliff were both described as "ska").

I like to keep rambling about random things in my columns because half the time, I have no idea what to say. I like to think of columns as a conversation with myself. But this time all I really have to say is "Thank You."

A list of people would go on forever, but you know who you are. To anyone who's shared a drink with me, a meal, a conversation, a hug, music, film, or whatever; I say thank you. You've certainly made my time here at EOU more fun than anything else.

Enjoy some Island Magic

By Laura Hancock
University Advancement

If hopping on board a cruise liner with scheduled stops in Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Samoa sounds like a well-needed vacation, then book your seat at the Island Magic Lu'au and Show.

The annual event presented by the Island Magic Club at Eastern Oregon University will be held Saturday, June 2. This year is the club's 20th anniversary and the students have invited all former club members to attend.

The lu'au begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Hoke Union Building with plenty of authentic Hawaiian and other ethnic foods served buffet style. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in McKenzie Theatre.

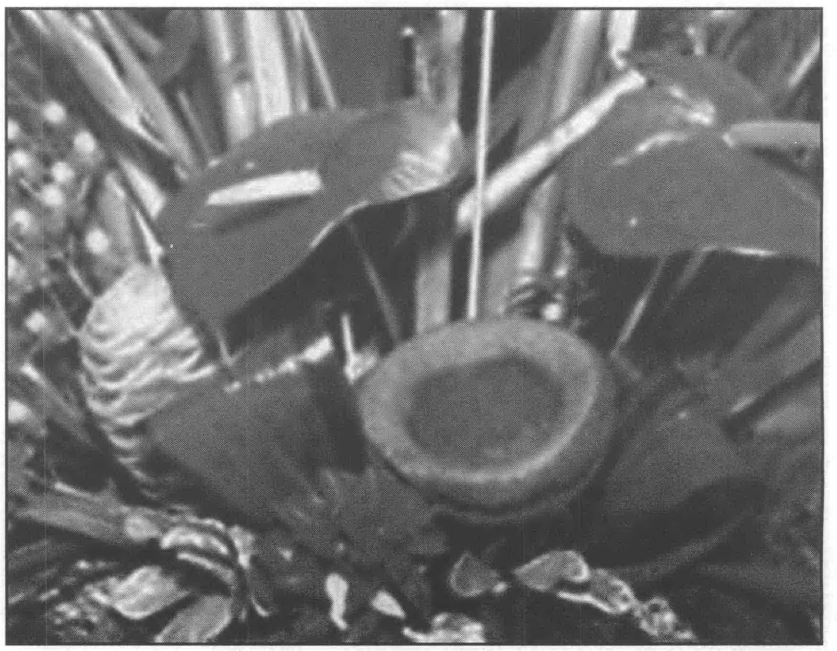
"This is a way for Polynesian and other students to share their culture through song and dance," said Paige Olmstead, vice president of the Island Magic Club. "The audience will see the true meaning of 'aloha.'"

Olmstead is from Hawaii and is a sophomore at EOU this year. She and more than a dozen other students in Island Magic and the Navigators Club will perform for the show and others will help out behind the scenes in the kitchen for the lu'au.

Highlights of the show include a boys vs. girls banana peeling contest – with green bananas – and a pageant show with the male students dressed in drag.

"It's all going to be fun and family oriented," Olmstead said. "We want the audience to have a good time because we are there to have fun too and give a feeling of what it's like back home."

Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 for students and seniors and are available to purchase at the EOU Bookstore and Sunflower Books. For more information call the Student Activities Office at 962-3704.



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Island flora.

Horror-Scope

Aries:
Honesty is the best policy. If you're going to lie, prepare for horrific consequences.

Taurus:
School is almost over! Hang in there!

Gemini:
Five pots of coffee are equivalent to five Amps. Just a tip for those all-nighters you'll have to do. Choose wisely.

Cancer:
You'll meet someone tonight. You will have fun. And you will get married. Whoa! Slow down, you two just met.

Leo:
Worrying is for the weak. Peace is for the strong. Hector wanted peace. He almost beat Achilles.

Virgo:
A situation will come where you'll have to choose between friends and homework. Choose homework, your friends will understand.

Libra:
Your body is slowing down this week. Be careful and take naps if necessary, but no naps at 1 in the morning. That's just crazy talk.

Scorpio:
Apples and Bananas is the best song to sing when you're bored. Sure, only six combinations exist, but try and experiment and come up with a "Y" sequence. It may work - sometimes.

Sagittarius:
Listen to Dane Cook. He knows what he's talking about, especially about Brain Ninjas.

Capricorn:
If someone criticizes you this week, don't take it personally. Negative criticism does not exist.

Aquarius:
Dear Aquarius, don't talk any more smack behind people's back. Someone will lay the smack down on your big candy...behind.

Pisces:
You will be tempted to criticize someone this week. Don't do it, they will eat you alive.

Ticket Stub Answers: 1. Shrek 2. Chasing Amy 3. Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl 4. Children of Men 5. Army of Darkness 6. Aliens 7. Toy Story 2 8. The Wedding Singer 9. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind 10. Little Miss Sunshine

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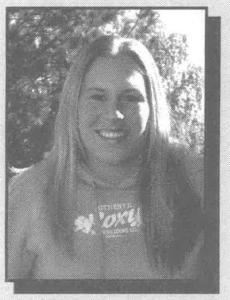

JENNAration

Jenna Elliott
Voice News & Features Editor

Wow. It's really over.

I cannot believe that I am actually leaving Eastern Oregon University

It seems like just yesterday that I was arriving at Hunt Hall, so eager to start the college life.

Time flew by much too quickly, and now I am entering the real world.

Of course the majority of me is excited and proud, but part of me is nervous and part of me feels vulnerable as well.

I have gained so much from my experiences here at EOU, and I am very grateful for my education.

I want to take the time to thank everyone I have come across here. I have met some people that have really influenced my life, and have met some life-long friends.

To all of the graduates—congrats!

I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

I am going to leave you with some words of wisdom—a few quotes from some memorable graduation speeches.

Enjoy!

"The person who you're with most in life is yourself and if you don't like yourself you're always with somebody you don't like."—Marc S. Lewis

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life...don't let the noise of someone else's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."—Steve Jobs

"You must knock on doors until your knuckles bleed. Doors will slam in your face. You must pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and knock again. It's the only way to achieve your goals in life." –Michael Uslan.

"Just keep trying! Never give up. Never, never give up! Because the only person that can stop you is you!"—Yvonne Thorton

"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success."—Robert Orben

"Just about a month from now I'm set adrift, with a diploma for a sail and lots of nerve for oars."—Richard Halliburton

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning."—Orrin Hatch

"Your families are extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money."—Gary Bolding

"Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference."—Arie Pencovici

"At commencement you wear your square-shaped mortarboards. My hope is that from time to time you will let your minds be bold, and wear sombreros."—Paul Freund

"When you leave here, don't forget why you came."—Adlai Stevenson

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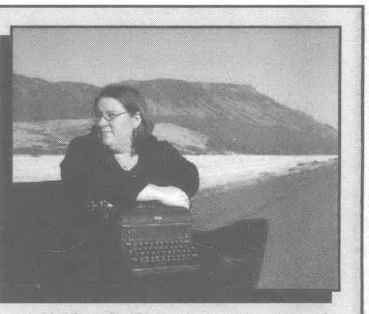
Say-WHAT-zki?



Sara Sawatzki
Voice Editor in Chief

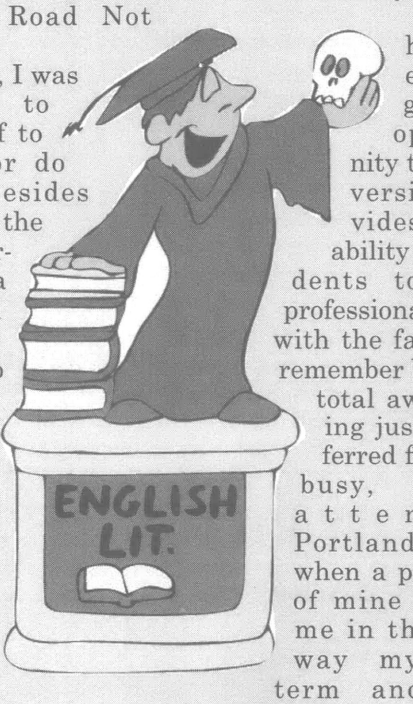
EOU: The Land of Opportunities

When people ask me where I attend college, their response to Eastern Oregon University is usually this: Why?

Everyone always seems shocked that of all the schools in this country I could choose from, I choose to move 3,000 miles away from North Carolina, and transfer from Portland State University to attend a small school in La Grande, Ore.

To me, the answer to this question could always be found in Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken."

Growing up, I was never one to resign myself to the norm—or do anything besides tread against the grain of conformity. So, in a time when all of my friends were going to Harvard or Duke or any number of giant state universities, I chose something different. And, as Frost would say, "that has made all the difference."



To me, Eastern Oregon University is the epitome of what an educational institution should be—one of unique and limitless opportunities for all who attend.

I was fortunate enough to seize quite a few of these opportunities during my time on campus.

Over the past three years at EOU, I became involved in a plethora of on-campus organizations and activities: The Voice, The English Club, Community School of the Arts and even had my poetry published in Oregon East.

I was able to meet some absolutely amazing students on campus and formed friendships that will withstand the separation of post-graduate life—people who continue to amaze me with their points of view and ideology on a daily basis. They all have meant so much over the last few years.

To me, however, the greatest opportunity this university provides is the ability for students to form professional bonds with the faculty. I remember being in total awe, having just transferred from the busy, overattended Portland State, when a professor of mine passed me in the hallway my first term and said "Hello, Sara!"

It would become commonplace to hear such a thing from so many faculty members over the next few years, but as I sit back and reflect on that, it still fills me with such amazement at just how personal Eastern Oregon University really is.

All of these opportunities I was able to get involved with were a direct result of the university's size and emphasis it puts on student activities.

If I had gone to a large state college, I can guarantee you I would not have been able to seize even one quarter of the opportunities EOU has provided me with.

Therein lies the true beauty of this university—that unmistakable ability to provide students with the resources and prospects to gain the tools and experience to facilitate a successful future in whatever post-graduate endeavor he or she so chooses.

What I'm most proud of, though, is the building of character this place has provided me during my time here. And having that distinct sense that what I have done in my time here is different and unique to any other student—but also knowing that each student that walks through this establishment will have the same opportunity to form a different, unique experience all to their own.

That is what I'm most proud of.

So, when I walk past that podium at commencement, I will be able to leave this place knowing that I seized every opportunity I could have ever wanted during my short time here. And *that*—to me—is what it really means to call myself, with great pride and adulation, an Eastern Oregon University Mountaineer.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2007!

Sports

The Sideline

Funny Sports Quotes

Shaquille O'Neal on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece: "I can't really remember the names of all the Clubs that we went to."

Shaquille O'Neal, on his lack of championships: "I've won at every level, except college and pro."

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season..."I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height."

Lou Duva, Veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

Pat Williams, Orlando Magic general manager, on his team's 7-27 record: "We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. As general manager, I just can't figure out where else to play."

Jim Finks, New Orleans Saints G.M., when asked after a loss what he thought of the refs: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy officiating."

Mounties future on track

By Barrett Henderson
Voice Staff Writer

The Eastern Oregon University Track and Field team qualified 12 athletes to compete at the NAIA National Meet in Fresno, Calif.

The meet turned out to be a springboard for the young Mountaineers, as they were outlasted by more experienced schools.

The men, fresh off their tie for first place at the Cascade Conference Championships here in La Grande, sent five members to compete.

Matt Lane, Lucas Ohmes and Chris Hoppie all entered in the Decathlon.

Ohmes used a first place performance in the Pole Vault to capture fifth place overall in the ten-sport event, with a height of 4.35 meters.

He was also was honored as an All-American with his top-six finish.

Hoppie may have had a chance to win it all in his first national meet, but a no height in the Pole Vault ruined his chances.

Lane just missed a spot in the finals of the 400-meter dash, breaking a school record (48.46) in the semifinals.

Other EOU men competing in the meet were Adam Goulet in the 800 meters and Adam Miller in the 400 meter hurdles.

The women, who finished second at the conference meet, sent seven team members.

Kasie Gillespie needed a favorable finish to get into the top six.

Doing just that, she ran a 3:26.06 and finished as the 6th best heptathlete in the country, also earning All-American Status.

The women entered two relay teams in the meet.

The 4x100 meter team of Grace Deboodt, Chelsee Harmon, Danielle Reis and Danielle Murphy finished 9th in the preliminaries with a time of 50.53 seconds.

Deboodt, Harmon, Ries and Murphy were also entered in the 4x400 meter relay, finishing 20th in the preliminaries with a time of 4:02.53.

Deboodt also threw the javelin, but no results were available at the time.

Other Eastern women who competed were Kayla Weissert in the Pole Vault, who finished in 17th place at 3.30 meters; and Marcella Bosch in the 1500-meter run, who finished 15th in the preliminaries with a time of 4:53.96.

Over the course of the meet, the Mountaineers had six performances that made the top-five lists.

Congratulations to the Track and Field team for a very successful year!



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Danielle Murphey and Marcella Bosch hand off.



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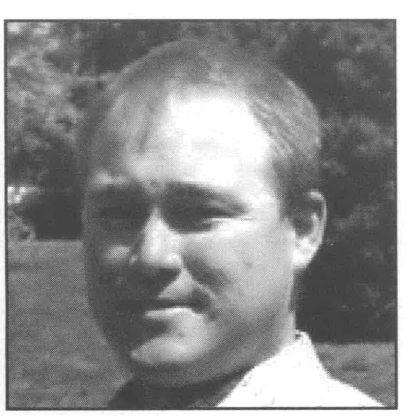
Adam Miller sprints the last leg of the 4x400 meter relay.

EOU hires Head Athletic Trainer



EOU ATHLETICS

Russel Yap, EOU Head Athletic trainer

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

After losing the entire athletic training staff this spring, the Eastern Oregon University Athletic Department has been working hard to fill those positions.

On May 22, the goal was met with the hiring of Head Athletic Trainer Russell Yap.

Yap, a graduate from Oregon State University, received his Bachelor of Science in athletic training from OSU in 2002.

After receiving his degree, Russell spent a year at New Mexico State as an intern before moving on to Southwestern Oklahoma State where he received his Masters Degree.

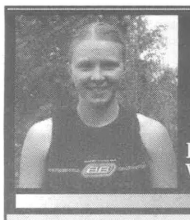
Most recently, Yap has been working as the Assistant Athletic Trainer at University of Missouri-Rolla.

Since graduating, Yap has been looking for an opportunity to get back to Oregon and is happy with the position he has found.

"I'm really excited to join this great athletic department and family," he said.

"I will do my best to provide quality care to these great athletes at Eastern Oregon University. Also, I'm excited to finally be back in the state of Oregon," Yap said via email.

Yap will begin his tenure at EOU in early July.



Can I get a WHIT-ness?!

By Whitney Leman
Voice Sports Editor

This being my last column of the 2006-2007 year, I am going to try to make it extra special.

Yes, I have written one or two columns about sports, and many about things that maybe don't belong in this section.

Today, however, I want to prove that I am the sports editor for a reason, and that reason is simple: I love sports.

So, I ask you this: Why do we love sports?

This may turn into a short piece about why I love sports, but you get the idea.

There are many reasons, of which I only touch lightly on here, so lets begin.

Nothing gets the pulse or adrenalin going faster than when the subject turns to a discussion of sports.

It doesn't matter what level we are talking about, it can get heated and that's pretty cool.

I mean, you can get an uncle fired up about a tee ball game just as much as the Red Sox/Yankees game.

Everyone has an opinion about sports, even if they don't really know what they're talking about.

Isn't it funny how somebody who knows a lot about an athlete or a particular sport is kind of intimidating?

Everybody who watches or plays sports thinks they could be a better coach than the one chosen for that team-whoever that may be.

We all know who should have played, who should not be wearing a uniform, what plays should have been run, who is the biggest idiot out there-better than the next person.

Nothing is too extreme when it comes to sports. Did you know pillow fighting is a real sport now?

We have been blessed by the fact that no matter where you are in the world, there will be sports.

There will be champions.

There will be heroes.

Sports give communities something to look forward to, something to talk about, and something to be proud of.

It's the love and the following of sports that help bind a community and make it a special place.

> ***"Sports keep us out of trouble, in shape, and healthy."***
>
> -Whitney Leman

It's an ingredient, among many, that makes a town a great place to live.

Sports give us a venue to feel passion.

They keep us on the edge of our seats and give us goose bumps. Heck, even replays give us goose bumps.

Sports are unforgettable and exciting.

Sports make the toughest men in the world shed tears, even if they aren't the ones participating.

Athletes can test their skills, challenge their bodies, and overcome things that nobody else in the world will ever know until they experience it themselves.

Athletes can compete to win, and it is the winning itself, not the prize, where reason lies.

Sports keep us out of trouble, in shape and healthy.

Watching sports gives us a reason to hangout, and an excuse to get rowdy, scream and yell.

There's nothing like it.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my columns, if even just a little bit.

Have a great summer.

See you next year.

Mounties pay respect in Pendeleton

By Whitney Leman
Voice Staff Writer

For the second time in two weeks, EOU football spring practices were something to look forward to.

In fact, nearly 700 football fans filled up Pendleton Round-up Grounds on May 20, to watch the team perform their final workout of the spring.

Supporters showed up to watch football, and also to pay respect to EOU and NAIA Hall of fame member Rollin Schimmel, who passed away last year.

Schimmel, a National Champion Wrestler and member of the Mountaineer Football team during the 1960's, was known for dedicating his life to the advancement of amateur athletics.

The Schimmel Memorial Scrimmage was conducted in Pendleton as a way of saying thank you to the Schimmel family, many of who still live in the Pendleton area, for their endless support of EOU Athletics.

Like the Blue and Gold scrimmage in La Grande on May 14, the event was a chance for everybody to see what EOU football has in store this fall.

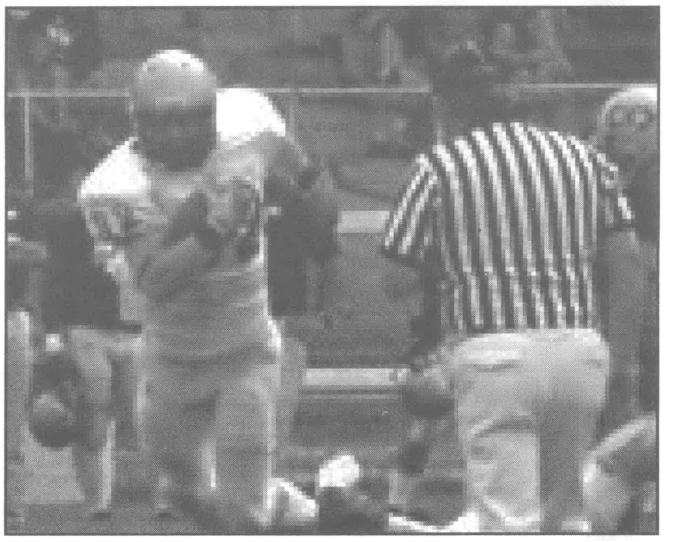
Returning quarterback Ian O'Brien was happy with how both scrimmages turned out.

"Both sides of the ball played well and it was nice to see the progress that was made in one week," he said.

Along with 43 new recruits, and many promising returners, the Mounties hope to prolong their three-game win streak they had at the end of this past season.

"I am excited for the fall, and really looking forward to continuing where we left of this spring," O'Brien added

Eastern is set to host six home games next year, including the season opener versus Southern Oregon on Sep. 1.



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The Mounties open up the 2007 season against SOU.



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Jake Burroughs throws passes the ball.

Staph scare in Quinn

By Tiffanie Sperry
Voice Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, an athlete was diagnosed with Staphylococcus Aurous or more commonly know as a "staph" infection here at EOU.

The athlete's name cannot be released in this story due to privileged doctor-patient information; however, sources have said that the athlete was hospitalized, given antibiotics and is now doing fine.

Athletic trainers and school officials were made aware of the situation and decided to close the Quinn Coliseum and the pool to disinfect and prevent any further outbreaks.

Mountaineer athletic trainer Gen Ludwig said, "The most common place to pick up staph infection is from locker rooms or through direct contact with an infected person."

The Oregon Department of State Health Services (infections disease control unit) states that outbreaks have been increasing in high school, college and professional sports.

The sharing of sports equipment and or physical contact between players increases the risk of infection.

Common skin conditions caused by staph may look like any of the following: sores that look and feel like a spider bite, red painful bumps under the skin, a cut that is swollen, hot and filled with pus, blisters filled with fluid and a red, warm, firm skin area that is painful and getting larger, usually on the leg.

If you think you have ever contracted staph, do not squeeze or pick at the area, and do not ignore the sore.

If you are an athlete, you should tell your trainer or coach right away.

Strategies to protect yourself are washing your hands after working out, sneezing, coughing, before and after touching wounds, after using or cleaning the bathroom, and preparing food.

Doing your laundry, including washing your sheets and towels along with using disinfectant when cleaning the bathroom or kitchen, will also help prevent getting or spreading the disease.

Deboodt succeeds as multi-sport athlete

Jenna Elliot
Voice News & Features Editor



EOU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Grace Deboodt has succeded on and off the field.

Student-athletes carry a heavy load.

Their schedules consist of juggling practice, workouts, traveling, meetings and more.

Also, don't forget to add a full-time class load and sometimes even a part-time job to that agenda.

For Freshman Grace Deboodt, volleyball just wasn't enough, and she added a successful season in Track and Field to her resume this spring.

On the volleyball court, Deboodt jumped into the preseason as an obvious standout.

An immediate starter at middle blocker, she emerged as a leader on the court.

Deboodt ended the season with 246 kills; an average (3.19 kills per game) good enough to place her seventh overall in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

A hitting percentage of .242 was also good enough for eighth in conference.

Her dangerous serves placed her at tenth place in the conference, with 32 total aces; also ending the season with 111 digs and 47 blocks.

All of these statistics earned Deboodt a spot on the All-Conference Honorable Mention team, as voted by the coaches.

During the winter, Deboodt not only participated in the grueling off-season volleyball workouts, but began working double-time with the track team as well.

But compounding her schedule would not obstruct Deboodt's success.

"I was able to go to all my classes, come to track on time and then head to volleyball later in the evening," Deboodt said.

"I found myself struggling a few times to get my homework done, but it always seemed to work out just perfect."

With the start of the outdoor Track and Field season, Deboodt's athleticism was exposed.

Though joining the team to throw the Javelin, she quickly became part of the 4x400 relay team and sometimes competed for the 4x100 relay team.

In the Javelin, Deboodt finished fourth in the conference championships with a throw of 135'11", earning her a ticket to the national tournament in Fresno, Calif.

Deboodt also competed in the open 400 in the conference championship meet and placed third with a time of 60.3 seconds; not bad considering it was her first time ever competing in the event.

"Grace is an amazing athlete and has proven so with her accomplishments in track as well as volleyball, and as just a freshman. She is the meaning of the words 'true athlete,'"Head Volleyball Coach Kaki McLean said.

McLean echoed Deboodt's statements of the struggle with being a member of both teams late in the Track and Field season.

But Deboodt will be the first to tell you that it was completely worth it.

Deboodt added that the support from her volleyball teammates was essential.

"I had 100 percent support from Kaki and my teammates," she said.

"They were always wishing me luck, asking how I was doing, and coming to local track meets to cheer me on. That was a big part of my success, having people there for me."

Both McLean and Deboodt feel that her accomplishments this spring will carry over onto the volleyball court in the fall.

"Track and Field has already bettered her athletic ability; she is faster, stronger and jumping higher than she ever has, so it has been beneficial all the way around" McLean said.

Now that nationals are over, Deboodt is turning her focus back to volleyball in preparation for the 2007 season.

"It is going to be a tough, fun year." Deboodt said.

Guest Column
The Week In Sports

Barrett Henderson
Guest Columnist

Since it is the worst time of the year if you are a sports fan, let's dedicate this week's column to sports rarely discussed.

The battle for Lord Stanley's Cup has begun and for those who do not know, that is the trophy awarded to the National Hockey League champion.

This year's crown will go to either the Ottawa Senators or the Anaheim Ducks (no longer Mighty).

It's a gripping tale between two hockey hotbeds, Canada and Southern California.

My guess is that more people watched the "Dancing with the Stars" finale than will watch Anaheim win this series in six games.

Dario Franchitti, better known as husband to actress Ashley Judd, made a name for himself last Sunday.

Franchitti collected a record $1.6 million purse for winning the 91st Indianapolis 500.

The annual Indy Car race was shortened 85 miles because of a drenched track.

Well-known driver Michael Andretti used his 13th place finish at the Brickyard as a reason to retire from track.

Rain also has caused delays across the Atlantic Ocean at the French Open.

The red clay of Roland Garros offers overlooked excitement each year.

On the men's side Roger Federer has been dominating lately and looks to be the early favorite of the 82-match event.

The Williams' sisters, Venus and Serena, both survived early round matches and hope to have a rematch of the 2002 French Open final.

The Duke Blue Devils fell to John Hopkins University, 12-11 in last weekend's NCAA Lacrosse Championships.

Duke is a group that knows a little something about overcoming adversity.

The 12-11 loss? It hurts, but it's nothing compared to the hardships this program endured over the past year.

This is a team that was one win away from a national title under a new coach and negative perceptions of the program.

Oregon State's baseball team will definitely have a tough road back to Omaha, Nebr. to defend its College World Series title.

The brackets for this year's postseason were just released and the Beavers will travel to Virginia who are seated third in their region, and are opening against second-seeded and Big East conference champion, Rutgers.

OSU finished the regular season out of the top 25 polls for the first time all season after a disappointing Pac-Ten conference season.

The Beav's finished a dismal eighth out of nine schools in league play.

The College World Series is a phenomenal event to watch and the Vanderbilt Commodores enter as the tournament's top seed.

My favorite for tournament champion is the Florida State Seminoles.

My dark horse is Oral Roberts.

The Golden Eagles made it to the Super-Regionals last season and should not be overwhelmed in an open Wichita regional.

The Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina may be overlooked as well, even as the tenth-ranked team of the country.

Well, I'm glad I could show a wide variety of sports that do not often get covered.

Plus, it showed how vast my brain can be in the world of sports.

It may be another long summer, but August is the Little League World Series, and we are only 90 days away from college football.

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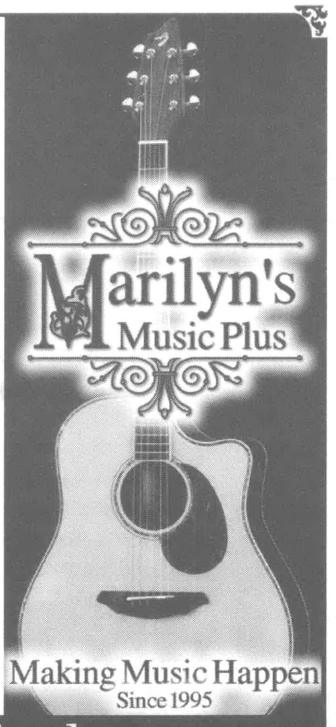

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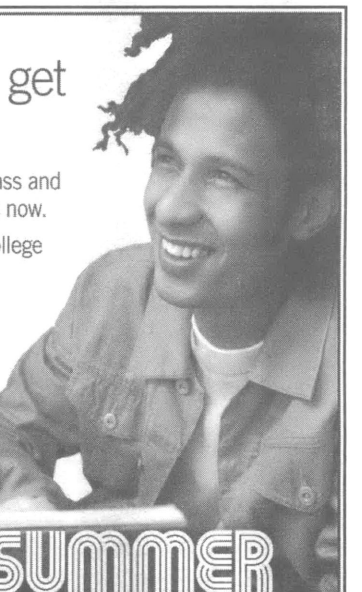

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would call into radio stations and ask that they not play the bands music anymore.

All across America crazed right-wing, Bush-loving patriots organized Dixie Chicks album stoppings and burnings. The destruction of their products is portrayed in the film in a way that conjures up images of book burnings in the era of Nazi Germany.

The film, which also gives backgrounds and family stories for each of the members, also chronicles the very specific death threat they received before a concert in Texas in 2003.

Bouncing back and forth between the incident and it's aftermath to the recording of their hit album "Taking the Long Way," the movie delves into the band members' personal lives including relationships with their spouses and their children.

The bands' affection and closeness with their families make it all the more horrifying when the death threats start to come in, and you can see the honest fear in their eyes as they prepare for the concert where the death threat was supposed to take place.

In the end, the movie brings us back to England to the theatre they made the comment in. A determined, slightly hardened, but fun-loving Maines stands up to the microphone and defiantly states, "Just so you know, we're still ashamed that the president is from the state of Texas."

After you finish watching it, you will be astounded at how ridiculous people can be about opinions.

But more importantly, you'll walk away with a new respect for the band and its members, whose perseverence to exercise their right to the First Amendment is nothing short of inspiring.