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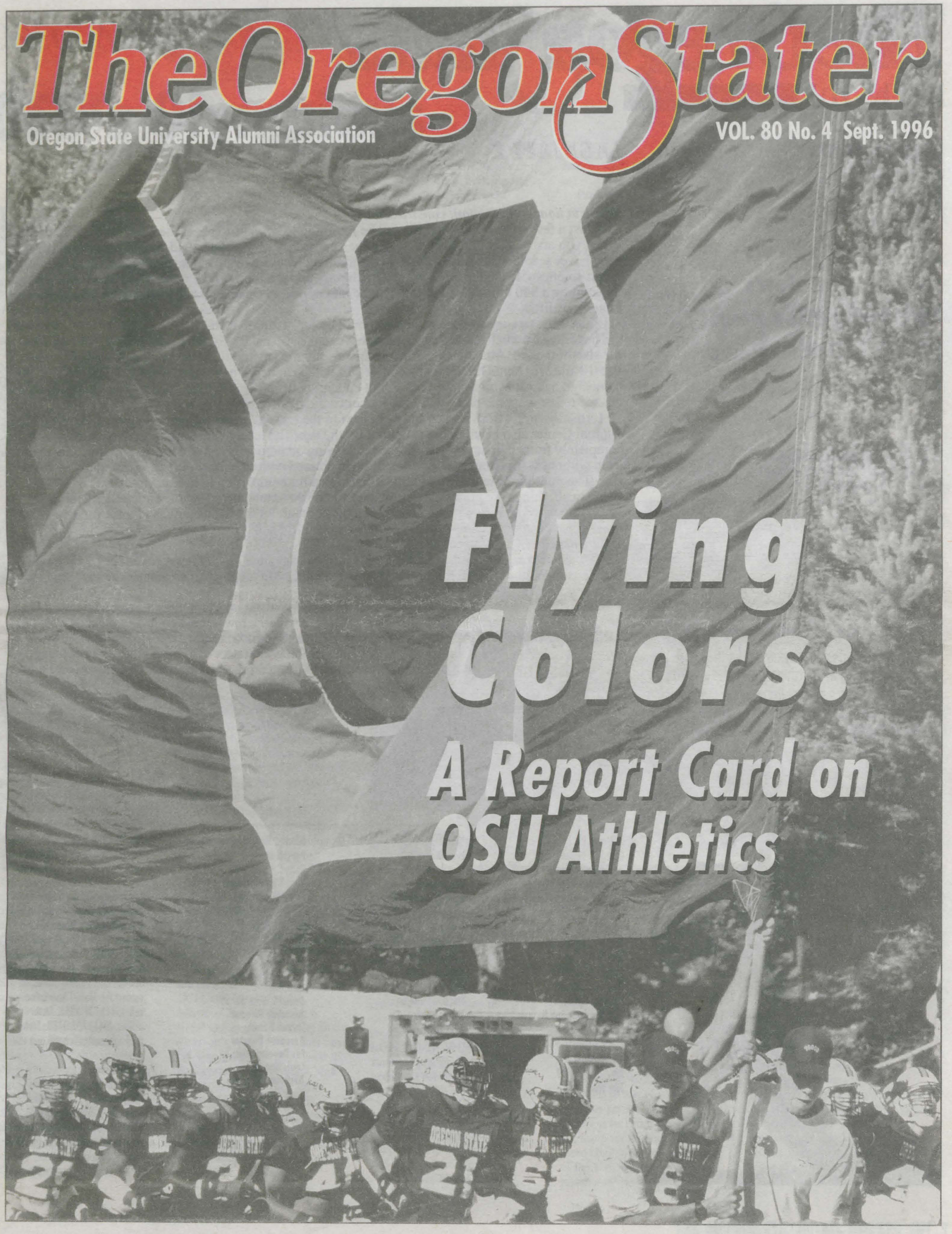

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On the Cover: Despite having one of the worst football programs in the country over the last 20 years, OSU enjoys a national reputation in athletics, as writer Kip Carlson tells us in his cover story beginning on page 18. *OSU Sports Information photo*

LAGNIAPPE

Construction, construction, construction...

In just a few weeks, many of you will be returning to campus to cheer the Beavers on at Parker. When you arrive, don't be too alarmed at the appearance of the place. Old-timers here say they have never seen the campus so "under construction," and I have to agree with them.

Most noticeable are the areas around the library and the Memorial Union, where the former is undergoing a $40 million expansion and the latter is being cleaned, patched and generally given a minor face lift.

Under way, too, are two major projects over by the stadium itself.

The Valley Football Center was gutted this summer to make way for a new building three-times the size of the old. Athletic Department officials say the new facility will be one of the best in the Pac-10 and will help OSU in recruiting. It still will be under construction when OSU opens the '96 campaign against Montana on Sept. 7, but enough of the project will be done to give Beaver fans a chance to see what the place will look like once the renovation is finished.

Across the street from Parker and right next to the LaSells Stewart Center the new CH2M HILL Alumni Center also is under construction. By the time the football season starts, the building will be completely framed up and ready for the bricklaying crew to come in and work its magic. However, even without walls, Beaver fans will still be impressed with the new building, particularly with its size. The multipurpose alumni facility is scheduled for completion in the spring of '97.

All in all, things are going to be turned upside down around here for at least another year or so. But not to worry. Every project is important to the future of this University, and once the construction smoke clears, the campus will again be its beautiful self.

Willi Unsoeld...

My thanks to all those who contacted this office to say how much they enjoyed the piece we did last time on Willi Unsoeld, Lute Jerstad and their successful attempt to be among the first Americans to scale Mt. Everest.

National Geographic's Dennis Dimick, a '73 OSU graduate, used the Internet to update our office on the whereabouts of climber Barry Bishop (he was killed a few years ago in a one-car accident in Idaho) and Bert Brown, the alumnus who originally turned us on to the the idea of telling Unsoeld's story, sent another letter with a new set of names of Oregon Staters who have gone on to achieve great things in the high country. Again, thanks to all for making our jobs here a lot easier...and a lot of fun.

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LETTERS

Where is Barry Bishop?

Yesterday I got my copy of the June *Oregon Stater*. As always, I read it with fond memories of my times at OSU, and always wish I could somehow wend my family and me back to the beautiful lands of my native Willamette Valley.

I read with interest (quite) your piece on Unsoeld, Jerstad, Bishop *et al.* and that famed first American climb of Everest. Your Editor's Note indicated not knowing where is Barry Bishop.

Unfortunately Dr. Bishop is dead, killed in an auto accident on Sept. 24, 1994. He retired from *National Geographic* that year and had moved his residence to Bozeman, Mont. Bishop and his wife, Lila, were driving to San Francisco in late September that year when Bishop lost control of their car on Interstate 85 near Pocatello, Idaho. He died at the scene; she survived.

The Bishops had been traveling to San Francisco to appear at a lecture with Bishop's son, Brent, who had successfully climbed Mount Everest earlier that year. As we know, Bishop had been part of the first American team to reach the summit of Everest in 1963.

It was a sad end for someone who was so looking forward to his retirement years, especially one who had gone so high, literally. I know it was a shock of great sadness for the *National Geographic* staff when we heard of Dr. Bishop's untimely passing.

Dennis Dimick '73
Arlington, Va.

Editor's note: Mr. Dimick, a photographer at the Barometer *in 1971-72, is photo editor at* National Geographic Magazine *and has worked for the National Geographic Society since 1980.*

Good article on Unsoeld's climb of Everest!

I should have included information on Barry Bishop in my correspondence to the *Stater* a few months back.

Bishop rose to be a vice-president of the National Geographic Society and chairman of its Research and Exploration Committee. But sadly, he was killed in an auto accident on Sept. 24, 1994.

On the plus side, Barry's son Brent summited Everest in the spring of 1994, and was able to talk to his father from base camp afterward. Brent had been with his family in Nepal during one of his father's research expeditions; see *National Geographic Magazine* for November 1971, p. 656.

Brent Bishop has two articles in the 1995 *American Alpine Journal.* One (p. 236) tells of his Everest climb and subsequent environmental cleanup project. The other (p. 361) was an obituary notice for his father.

Jerstad's story of the 1963 Everest climb is written up in *Everest Diary* by John D. McCallum. It is based on Jerstad's diary and was published in 1966.

Bert E. Brown '63
Tacoma, Wash.

I enjoyed reading about Willi Unsoeld and his ascent of Mt. Everest.

The article also stirred up some memories for me because I grew up as one of his contemporaries in Eugene.

In those days (the '30s and early '40s), Eugene was still a small town, "Willi" was known to us as "Bill," and I continue to think of him that way. It was only later that his climbing buddies hung the "Willi" tag on him. Bill and I attended different schools and belonged to different Boy Scout troops, but we had numerous interactions through interscholastic activities and Boy Scouting.

In particular, for a series of summers, we both attended Boy Scout Camp Lucky Boy (long since inundated by the Blue River Resevoir) at the same time and did some hiking and climbing together. In fact, I believe it was his experiences as a Boy Scout in climbing the Three Sisters that hooked Bill on mountain climbing.

I enjoyed such experiences too, but although I backpacked for many years, I didn't pursue the mountain climbing activity beyond an ascent of Mt. Shasta. Bill and I began to lose contact with each other when my family moved to Portland in December 1942. My generation graduated from high school a year before the final stages of World War II, and most of us went almost immediately into one of the military services. I was enrolled in the Navy V-12 program, and Bill was enrolled in an Army training program at OSC. I believe it was that introduction to Oregon State and Corvallis that led Bill to return later as a student and educator. The last time I saw him was after he had climbed Mt. Mashabram, and he talked to an Albany Kiwanis Club about the experience. We reminisced a bit afterward. I had no further contact with him, but I followed news of his exploits with much interest, was saddened by the death of his daughter, and then, by his death.

He was a good one.

Floyd W. ("Casey") Wood
sent via e-mail

Malamud

Bernard Malamud, coming to Oregon State and Corvallis from Manhattan, found a cultural wasteland. I came there from an isolated dirt farm and found a cultural utopia.

As an agriculture major (what else?) I was surprised to discover an interest in writing and literature. By pure happenstance, I found myself in Malamud's short story writing class. It was a seminar of about 8 or 10 students. We were each to write two short stories. Class time was spent critiquing one another's stories. There may have been assignments to read and discussions of stories which had become classics.

After 42 years I can still remember my own stories and Malamud's comments concerning them. He was a conscientious teacher and a stern taskmaster. I recall that I was quite proud of my "B" in the class.

On one occasion I remember going to his office in the WWII buildings to turn in an assignment after hours. There was the sound of a heated discussion. After a knock and his opening the door, I saw other members of the English department faculty including a lady (Faith Norris?) looking agitated. I have often wondered if they had just reviewed an advance draft of a chapter from *A New Life.*

In retrospect, I believe Malamud was one of the three or four teachers in my life who had made a difference, even though it was a short exposure.

I am grateful to Oregon State and Mr. Malamud to have had this opportunity.

Dale Helm '55
Lakewood, Colo.

Tom Bennett's article on Bernard Malamud evoked memories of my own encounter with the great writer one spring afternoon in 1977 when I was fortunate enough to be granted a rare interview at Chester Garrison's home. (I am indebted to professor Garrison for arranging the interview, as Malamud seldom granted them.)

I had read virtually all of Malamud's novels and short stories, including the notorious *A New Life*. "If you can't get a laugh out of *A New Life*, I don't know what the hell you can get a laugh out of," he told me. He confirmed that the title for *The Fixer* came from the sign on the shop of Jim "The Fix'r" (Jim, himself, a hunchback whose store—a menagerie of old parts and assorted junk heaped in stacks and piles—would have made an interesting character in a Malamud short story.) He was enthusiastic about discussing his new novel at the time, *Dubin's Lives*, from which he read a chapter that night during a reading at Milam Hall. And he patiently answered questions about the work routine of a novelist. "If I put a three-hour day in, I'm lucky if I get one page," he said. One final aside: I still have the print of the portrait of Malamud taken that afternoon by Steve Dipaola, the *Barometer* photographer who accompanied me. Malamud's sideways glance, hand in the neck of his sweater, glasses, and even the background of the room are exactly the same as the photo published in the June '96 *Stater*, which would place the photo in 1977, not 1972 as noted in the caption.

Bob Goldstein '77
Seattle, Wash.

ROTC

I regret the letters to the editor in the June issue of *The Oregon Stater* concerning the ROTC controversy.

Discrimination about sexual orientation has no place in an educational institution (or in the military, for that matter), for these gay people pay fees and taxes like the rest of us. My memory of the ROTC program is not all that great, but I do remember that in order to survive the grading system (bell curve), the name of the game was to confer with the students in the first class of the day.

Thereafter, if one did not get nearly perfect scores, one flunked. ROTC became a farce. The instructors did not see fit to develop different exams for subsequent classes. Not only were they lazy, they were just not very good.

Kess Hottle '51
Eugene, Ore.

Although I don't agree with the senate action to deny ROTC representation, I hope that some correspondents (June issue of the *Stater*) reconsider their decision to stop supporting the institution as a result of that action.

Why inflict potentially irreparable damage to viable and substantive academic and research programs because of senate torments? If, however, one would prefer to redirect support to the ROTC and NROTC programs, that might get someone's attention and be appreciated by the students in those programs.

Criticism of the senate action aside, I can't help but wonder whether ROTC representatives to the senate might express some personal sighs of relief if set free from attending the sometimes ponderous proceedings. Some of us, before retirement, served on academic senates elsewhere and can remember that it seemed for some senators, sessions substituted for laboratory experiences.

Frank K. Hoornbeek '52, '64
Green Valley, Ariz.

Happy Reader

The April issue of the *Stater* was the most informative, interesting issue I can remember in years. I especially enjoyed the interview with new OSU President Paul Risser, who I had the pleasure of meeting recently.

This is the first issue I can recall reading every article. Keep it up.

Jaclyn J. Rusch '51
Los Altos, Calif.

Briefs

New Environmental Master's Degree Now Offered

A growing concern about the risks to clean water, ecosystem viability, wetland conservation and nonpoint source pollution has prompted the OSU department of crop science to begin offering this fall a new, one-year, nonthesis master of science program in environmental soil science. Course work includes 45 quarter hours of advanced soil science, business administration and engineering. A project is part of the program. Applicants are encouraged to get in touch with the department before applying, advised Richard Dick, OSU professor of soil science.

Library Director Plans Retirement

OSU's director of libraries, Mel George, has announced his retirement later this year but before leaving will help organize a management team to oversee construction of the new $40 million Valley Library project at OSU.

George, the Donald and Delpha Campbell University Librarian at OSU, will retire on Dec. 31. He has served as OSU's director of libraries since 1984. During his tenure, the librarian's chair he holds was endowed by the estate of Delpha and Donald Campbell, the Marilyn Potts Guin Library was built at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, a wide variety of automated services were introduced by the OSU libraries and the new Valley Library was planned.

Karyle Butcher, associate university librarian for research and consulting services, will serve as interim library director, library building project director, and management team leader throughout the construction project. Others named to the management team include Charlene Grass, associate university librarian for technical and automation services; Cliff Dalton, director of library development; and Shirley Scott, head of research and access services.

OSU Trails in Women Faculty

According to an Associated Press story released in July, OSU trails other public colleges in Oregon in the numbers of women faculty members in full-time faculty positions. Women made up about 31 percent of all full-time faculty positions in the Oregon State System of Higher Education in 1995-96, compared to 18 percent in 1980-81. But women make up just 21.7 percent of full-time faculty at OSU. In some fields, such as engineering, computer science and business, more than 90 percent of faculty are men. However, women faculty are well represented at OSU in four disciplines: humanities and fine arts, social sciences, education and home economics.

Video Aims to Help Natural Resource-Dependent Towns

OSU has released a video called "Towns in Transition" and a companion study guide designed to help communities across the United States whose economies are linked to natural resource industries. "Global, national and local forces have been causing dramatic economic and social changes in natural resource-dependent communities," said Lyla Houglum, director of the OSU Extension Service." The goal of this educational package is to lend a helping hand to the families that live and work in these communities.

OSU Hosts Annual Meeting of American Dairy Science Association

The 91st annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association took place at Oregon State July 14-17, attracting more than 1,700 international experts in dairy science to Corvallis to discuss the latest findings in the field. This was the primary meeting of the year for the group and only the second time in history that OSU has hosted the gathering.

New Undergraduate Program Will Be First in the West

OSU will be offering a bachelor's degree in biological engineering beginning with the 1997-98 academic year, and school officials are saying the new degree is being offered in response to an industry shift from research to production. It will be the first such degree program in the West. Students enrolled in the new program will work on practical commercial applications for scientific research and discoveries and learn how to manufacture biologically engineered products. Students will be trained for jobs in the agricultural, biological, food, medical and pharmaceutical industries.

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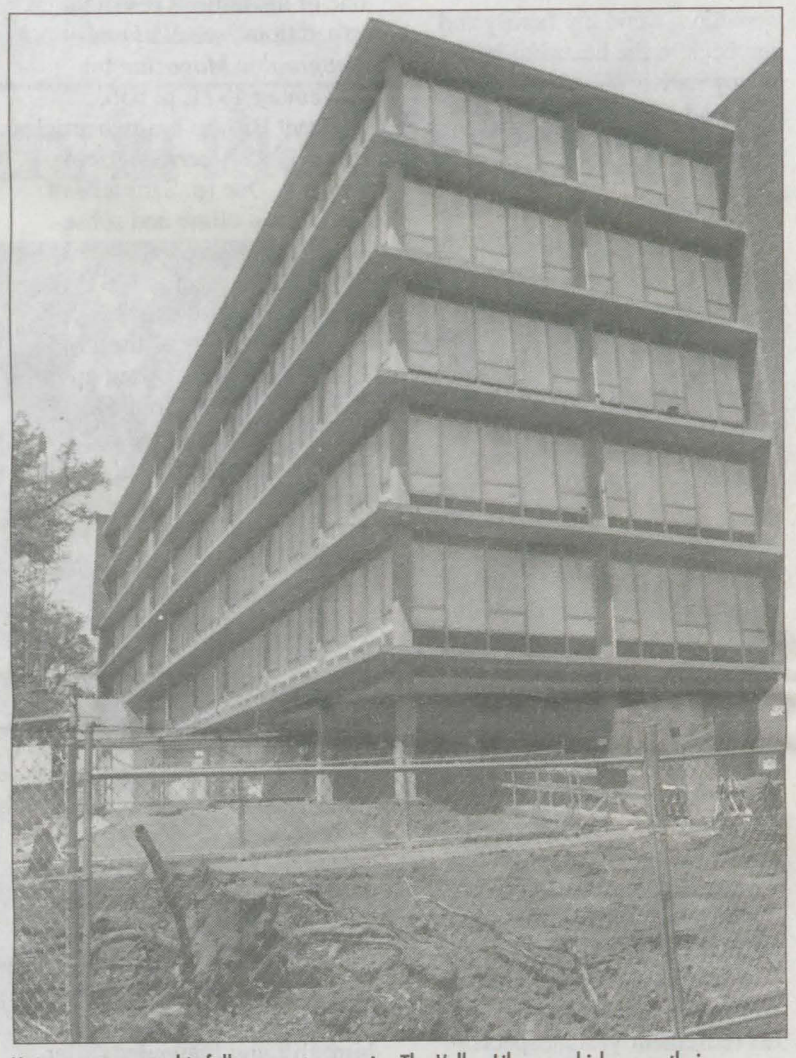

Visitors to campus this fall may not recognize The Valley Library, which currently is undergoing a $40 million expansion. Signs of heavy construction surround the building.
Photo by George P. Edmonston Jr.

Faculty Briefs

Animal Science...**Fred Stormshak** has been elected president of the Society for the Study of Reproduction. "The society...is among the foremost organizations in the world dedicated to the study of human and animal biology," said James Fitzgerald, head of OSU's Department of Animal Sciences. Stormshak joined OSU in 1968 and is known for his research on various aspects of uterine and ovarian function in domestic animals.

Botany...**Lynda Ciuffetti**, assistant professor of botany and plant pathology, is the recipient of a five-year NSF Career Award totaling more than $490,000. The National Science Foundation's Career Program is designed to help young faculty early in their careers and replaces such earlier NSF programs as the NSF Young Investigator Award.

Forest Engineering...**Steven D. Tesch**, a silviculturist and forest ecologist, has been named the new head of the department of forest engineering. He succeeds William A. Atkinson, who retired in January after serving in the position since 1986.

Forest Products...**Barbara Gartner**, an assistant professor, has been awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Scholar Award for her work on how variations in wood anatomy affect forest products—understanding how a tree is grown and the influences of that growth on the type and function of wood cells. She joined OSU in 1992.

Geosciences...Assistant professor **Dawn Wright** and graduate student **Aileen Buckley** received fellowships to attend the 1996 International Young Scholars Summer Institute in Geographic Information in Berlin, July 24-31. Only 15 such fellowships were awarded nationwide.

News and Communications Services...**Mark Floyd** has been named to the permanent position as director of OSU news and communications services. Floyd, who holds two degrees from Oregon State, has been with the University since 1981.

Research, International Programs...Vice Provost **George Keller** has announced his retirement. The *Stater* will feature a story on the career of Dr. Keller in October.

Sociology...**Sally Gallagher**, an assistant professor in the department, has been awarded an Emerging Scholar Award from the OSU chapter of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. Gallagher, who joined OSU in 1994, conducts research on gender, aging and family sociology issues.

Undergraduate Academic Programs...**Leslie Davis Burns**, a professor in the department of apparel, interiors, housing and merchandising, is the new director of the program, which is designed to oversee undergraduate advising and curriculum, help improve student retention and undergraduate instruction, aid articulation with community colleges and review student appeals and grievances.

Taught Carefully, Religion Needn't Be Taboo Topic in U.S. Classrooms

By Mark Floyd

American students may lag behind much of the world when it comes to learning about math, science and geography, but they are virtual Einsteins in those fields compared to their knowledge about religion.

The teaching of religion in the United States hasn't completely disappeared, educators say, but it may be the most under-taught—or poorly taught— subject in the curriculum of most American schools.

Many teachers either ignore the controversial topic for fear of political backlash or resort to tokenism—for example, covering Judaism by including a single Hanukkah song during the annual holiday pageant.

"There is a noticeable gap in the inclusion of religious topics as part of a standard curriculum," said Barbara McEwan, an associate professor of education at Oregon State University. "Most teachers go into the classroom woefully unprepared to deal with many legal issues, including the teaching of religion.

"We are alarmingly ignorant of the laws affecting education," she added. "As a result, we make it up as we go. And, as a result, we get into a lot of litigation."

McEwan, a nationally recognized author in the areas of educational law and classroom discipline, said teachers can respect religious diversity while avoiding bias and tokenism. The Supreme Court has never mandated the exclusion of religion from American classrooms, she added, merely prohibited an advocacy role.

"I don't see how you can teach history and culture without teaching about religion," McEwan said. "Religion played a role in the Pilgrims coming to this country in the first place and, in part, motivated the westward settlement.

"Failure to include religion as an integral part of how societies define themselves would leave students with a shallow and very limited understanding of human history and cultures," she said.

McEwan has developed a series of guidelines for teachers to integrate religion and diversity into the curriculum. Published in a recent issue of the *Middle School Journal*, the guidelines focus on maintaining an atmosphere free from cultural and religious bias.

Most important, she says, is for teachers to integrate religion and culture into the yearlong curriculum, and not to use Christmas—or other holidays—as the basis for a celebration in a public school classroom.

"We need to avoid giving students the impression that everything there is to know about Native Americans should be taught in November or that everything there is to know about African Americans should be taught during Black History Month," she said.

McEwan said that comparative religion courses are important but shouldn't be implemented until at least middle school and probably high school. Students at a younger age may be unable to make up their own minds about complex concepts.

Many educators prefer not to delve into the teaching of religion for fear of igniting controversy among students or parents. McEwan, author of a book called *Practicing Judicious Discipline: An Educator's Guide to a Democratic Classroom*, said the Supreme Court is clear on what can and can't be done regarding religion in public schools.

"Some teachers like to share their own religious perspectives with students because that can be an effective way to teach," McEwan said. "The Supreme Court has a different opinion. It advocates a policy of 'wholesome neutrality,' which says that the state cannot promote or prohibit religion.

"In other words, you can give a moment of quiet to students and some of them may choose to pray," she pointed out. "That's okay. But you can't establish a prayer time. It's all about providing students with choices."

Providing alternatives is why many public school districts around the country are forgoing Halloween parties and decorations in favor of "harvest parties"—in deference to students and parents who dislike the holiday's pagan origins.

"Some parents feel that's nitpicking, but when a student—especially a very young one—has to walk into a classroom filled with dangling ghosts, cobwebs and witches, it can make them uncomfortable," McEwan said. "And there are some families—Jehovah's Witnesses, for example—who don't believe in the celebration of any holidays."

And that is why the traditional Christmas pageant has all but disappeared from many American schools, in favor of "holiday" pageants, or "winter fests." That may not be enough, McEwan said.

"If you call it a winter festival and then turn around and sing 39 songs about Santa Claus and Christmas, then one song about snowflakes and one about Hanukkah, you still have a problem."

OSUWEBNEWS

Imagine having a source for OSU history at your fingertips any time of day or night, no matter where you live. Say you're having a friendly argument with your spouse, also an alumnus, about when the *Barometer* became a daily. The love of your life, it seems, insists this took place during your undergraduate days. How then, do you gently disabuse him or her of this notion?

Point your browser to <http://www.orst.edu/Dept/archives/> to reach the front door of the OSU Archives. The OSU chronology and Exhibits are most likely to quench your thirst for OSU lore. Both are accessible by clicking on the block labeled Historical Records; You also can reach Exhibits by clicking on one of the covered wagons.

Location, hours and staff are listed for those planning to visit or contact the archivists. This site also contains lots of useful information for OSU personnel responsible for managing records, but the Webworm suggests that we leave such things to professionals.

The chronology, based on a shorter version that has appeared in the OSU Fact Book, is arranged by decades graphically represented by thumbnails of pertinent historical photographs or other images. (What constitutes an impertinent photograph?) Click on one of the photos to open up a decade. Alternately, you can click on the underlined hypertext links below the photos.

Let's start by clicking on the photo for the 1910s, which turns out to be the sheet music cover for "Carry Me Back," the alma mater. Browse through the entries, and it's apparent that OAC was fairly bustling with firsts during this dynamic decade. In 1910 alone, the chronology cites the first reference to Beavers as an athletic team name, the first correspondence courses offered here, the first regular garden bulletin published by the College and OAC's first adoption of student self-government.

You simply must click on 1913 to find the most amusing

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Don't forget to visit OSU's Web page at **http://www.orst.edu**

Major Campus Music Events 1996-97

10/12—OSU Northwest High School Band Day Parade. Monroe Street, Time tba.

11/22-24—OSU Madrigal Feaste with the Oregon State Choir Madrigal Singers directed by Kathryn Olson, Memorial Union Ballroom, 6 p.m. [$]

11/24—OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra Family Concert directed by Marlan Carlson, with Mark Westcott, piano. LaSells Stewart Center, 3 p.m. [$]

12/6—Holiday Concert. OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra directed by Marlan Carlson with the Oregon State Choir directed by Kathryn Olson. LaSells Stewart Center, 7:30 p.m. [$]

2/28/97—Oregon State Chamber Choir directed by Kathryn Olson. First Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m. [$]

3/2—OSU Symphonic Band Winter Concert. LaSells Stewart Center, 8 p.m. [$]

3/3—University Singers directed by Gary Frame. First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

3/5—OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra Concert directed by Marlan Carlson, with Aida Baker, violin. LaSells Stewart Center, 8 p.m. [$]

4/11—Oregon State Chamber Choir directed by Kathryn Olson. First Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

5/4—OSU Department of Music Honors Recital. LaSells Stewart Center, 3 p.m.

5/22—OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra Concert directed by Marlan Carlson. An Evening of Toe-Tappers. LaSells Stewart Center, 8 p.m.

5/29—OSU Choral Spring Concert. Oregon State Choir directed by Kathryn Olson; University Singers directed by Gary Frame. LaSells Stewart Center. 7:30 p.m.

6/3—OSU Symphonic Band Spring Concert. LaSells Stewart Center, 8 p.m. [$]

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Your Health...

Vegetarians May Not Get the Good Vitamin B-6

By Joe Marks

Those who consume a vegetarian-type diet might shortchange themselves on vitamin B-6 because they could be eating foods that contain a less usable form of the vitamin.

Women are more likely than men to have a B-6 deficiency, which can weaken the immune system and make them more susceptible to heart disease.

Scientists from Oregon State University have found that some plant foods, like beans, contain as much as a third of their B-6 in the glycosylated form—a form not readily used by the body.

In the current issue of the *Journal of Nutrition*, OSU professors Jim Leklem and Lorraine Miller and graduate student Christine Hansen reported that the glycosylated form has a glucose molecule attached to it, so the vitamin in some plant foods is not absorbed and used efficiently.

The research was funded by OSU's Agricultural Experiment Station.

On the other hand, animal-type foods contain good forms of vitamin B-6. Good sources are beef, pork, turkey, chicken, tuna and salmon.

"Don't go to extremes and eat all-animal food sources. You'll miss out on other good things you need in your diet," said Leklem, a professor in the department of nutrition and food management.

Leklem, who subscribes to a variety-in-the-diet philosophy, said some good plant-food sources of usable vitamin B-6 include bananas ("the riper the better"), avocados, and nuts—especially filberts, cashews, peanuts, walnuts and pecans.

Potatoes are a moderately good source of B-6, but part of it is glycosylated.

Legumes may have a lot of vitamin B-6, Leklem said, but as much as a third is in the glycosylated form. Some examples would be soybeans and pinto, garbanzo and navy beans.

Sunflower seeds are especially high in B-6; again about a third is glycosylated.

"That doesn't mean you should stop eating those foods," Leklem pointed out. "After all, they contain protein, fiber and other important B vitamins. But also make sure your diet contains other B-6 sources like meat or fruits."

Leklem, who has been studying B-6 for more than 30 years, said his recent studies focused on women because early studies dealt mostly with B-6 in men.

"We found that a woman's intake of B-6 is lower than that of men, and they are often marginal in terms of B-6 status," Leklem said.

He said adequate B-6 levels, which can be determined by blood tests, are important for these reasons:

- To make efficient use of proteins (amino acids) in the body. "The more amino acids you take in, the more B-6 you need," Leklem said,
- To form blood cells.
- To maintain a good immune system.

Athletes and other active persons need B-6 to break down glycogen, the chief form of carbohydrate storage in the body.

Leklem said B-6 also works with folic acid to break down the amino acid homocysteine. That's important, he said, because too much homocysteine can lead to heart disease.

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"first." The College, it says here, received acclaim for producing "Lady McDuff," the first chicken to lay more than 300 eggs in one year. She managed 303, by the way.

At the bottom of each decade, there's a hypertext link to take you forward or backward one decade. So let's click ahead to the 1920s, where we learn that the *Barometer* went daily in 1923. "Sorry, dear, you weren't even born yet," you say sweetly to your errant loved one. The Webworm suggests that you quickly segue to another entry to prevent further ego injury.

Under the sources section of the chronology, you'll find a nice bibliography of OSU related books plus other interesting sources, like the Memorabilia Collection, that OSU buffs find useful. Be sure to check out a special text section on the presidency of John V. Byrne, which is listed next to the chronology under Information about the History of OSU.

Exhibits currently include the Gallery of the Presidents of OSU and another on a particular president, George W. Peavy: Friend of Man, Forester of the West, 1869-1951.

The other exhibits are Holsteins, Horses and Hogs: The Barns of OSU and Fighters on the Farm Front: Oregon's Emergency Farm Labor Service, 1943-1947. These titles nicely illustrate some of the Webworm's lifelong observations about archivists: 1) no archival exhibit can exist without a colon; 2) archivists almost always achieve alliteration; and 3) these people are loaded with dates, and they don't hesitate to use them.

Please be patient with your computer when you visit this site. Unless you have what computer nerds like to call "a screaming system," it's going to take time to load all those wonderful historic photos. The Webworm finds this is an excellent opportunity to rearrange the refuse on her desk, sip some coffee and investigate household cat depredations.

Data junkies should be sure to click on Links to Related Web Sites, featuring links to the OSU Enrollment Report, the Graduate Summary and the Fact Sheet. The Fact Book is expected to join this section.

Researcher Finds Anti-Mutagenic Compound In Yogurt

By Bob Rost

Ongoing studies at OSU of possible cancer prevention benefits from eating yogurt have led to the discovery of a compound in this popular dairy product that is anti-mutagenic and may be anti-carcinogenic.

Researchers presented their latest findings from this project at the recent annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association on the OSU campus.

Alan Bakalinsky, an associate professor in the OSU department of food science and technology, led a team of scientists that isolated palmitic acid as the beneficial component by chemically separating yogurt into its basic parts and testing each individually.

"Initially we were surprised to find that it was palmitic acid that appeared to be anti-mutagenic, because this fatty acid is found in many foods including other dairy products and meats," said Bakalinsky. "However, consumption of these other foods has not been associated with a lowered risk for colon or other cancers."

A mutagen is a chemical or other agent that attacks and damages DNA. Sometimes, this damage can be the initiating event in cancer development. An anti-mutagenic compound prevents the mutagen from damaging DNA.

According to Bakalinsky, how the body absorbs palmitic acid may be the key to its anti-mutagenic properties.

"Further analysis revealed that palmitic acid occurs in a slightly different state in milk than in yogurt," Bakalinsky said. "In yogurt, palmitic acid occurs to a greater extent in the form of a free fatty acid, which is caused by the fermentation process that produces yogurt.

"The fermentation appears to partially alter the molecular structure of some of the components commonly found in milk," said Bakalinsky. "This change doesn't affect the amount of palmitic acid in the product. However, it does result in yogurt containing about 50 percent more free fatty acids of the palmitic type than are found in milk.

"It seems plausible that perhaps the body absorbs these free fatty acids in a way that allows them to express their anti-mutagenic characteristics," Bakalinsky added.

The researcher said that he is planning to conduct an animal study to explore this possibility.

"Once more is known about this, the next step will be to set up a feeding study in which the anti-carcinogenic effects of palmitic acid can be evaluated," Bakalinsky said.

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OSU Summer Field School Studies Civil War Site

By Mark Floyd

Archaeology students from Oregon State University are taking the first steps toward unearthing a bit of Oregon's Civil War history this summer by carefully removing more recent artifacts piled atop the grounds of old Fort Hoskins.

Eventually, project organizers hope to establish an interpretive center at the former fort site in King's Valley, 20 miles northwest of Corvallis.

A dozen OSU students are participating in the project as part of the department of anthropology's annual Summer Field School. While some students are picking through the rubble of a former blacksmith shop, others are meticulously measuring and drawing the Frantz-Dunn house. Built in the late 1860s on fort grounds, it still stands overlooking the picturesque valley.

David Brauner, an associate professor of anthropology at OSU, said most Oregonians know little of the state's early history, or of its ties to the Civil War. Fort Hoskins was built in 1856 to help protect the newly established Coast Reservation—"keeping Indians on the reservation and settlers off of it," Brauner said.

"And then the Civil War came along and the role of the fort changed," he pointed out. "The primary responsibility of the soldiers became keeping an eye on the growing number of secessionists in Benton County. The area around Monroe was a hotbed of secessionism."

One of the soldiers stationed early at the fort was young quartermaster Lt. Philip Sheridan, who would become a prominent Union general during the Civil War and heavily involved in Indian affairs in the postwar West.

Sheridan actually chose the site for the fort, over heated objections from Indian agents assigned to work with the Coast Reservation some 20 miles away near present-day Siletz, Brauner said. Sheridan preferred the King's Valley site for military reasons because anyone moving into the valley from the north had to go through a narrow opening—right by the fort site.

The military won that argument, though Sheridan and his troops did build a blockhouse for Indian agents at Siletz. Unfortunately, they constructed it right on an Indian burial ground, straining relations with the Siletz.

In 1865, the fort was decommissioned and shut down. Equipment and materials were sold, and the land passed into private ownership where it remained until four years ago, when the 130-acre parcel was purchased by the Benton County Parks Department.

Brauner, who chairs the Fort Hoskins Advisory Committee, said the site is important because it provides a link to an era long gone.

"There is so much that people have forgotten about the past," he said, "especially the Civil War. It was perceived as a struggle between the North and the South—but in the East. In the talks I've given, people are amazed that chapters of the Civil War actually were played out in their backyards.

"Most people don't know about Oregon's secessionist movement. There were fiery rallies in the streets. And attacking Fort Hoskins was what they all were talking about," Brauner added.

The site also serves as a microcosm for the development of Oregon. The town of Hoskins evolved into a timber community, then suffered the inevitable letdown. A line of the Valley and Siletz Railroad was built near the fort. The entire King's Valley area became a prosperous farming community and local Indians worked as migrant farm laborers.

Brauner poses next to a wheel found on the site of a 1920s blacksmith shop located on property that once included a Civil War-era army post. *Photo by George P. Edmonston Jr.*

OSU students sift through dirt and debris at Ft. Hoskins. *Photo by George P. Edmonston Jr.*

"Most people don't know about Oregon's secessionist movement."

"The fort is as much part of the Siletz history as it is part of white history, and maybe even more so," Brauner said.

Representatives of the Siletz and Grande Ronde tribes are working with the Benton County Parks Commission to restore the site. Eventually, they hope to restore the Frantz-Dunn house and an old barn on the site and use the facility as an interpretive center. The project will not be cheap. Merely developing an approved water system will cost an estimated $200,000, Brauner pointed out.

But the project at last is under way. Already, OSU students have combed through historical records and analyzed letters, diaries, books, military records and other archival materials. Now this summer's field school students will begin delving into the postwar rubble and begin comparing their findings with the written record.

And despite a string of days with temperatures hovering near 100 degrees, the students seem to enjoy their work.

"Oh, it's hot on almost every archaeology dig you go on, no matter where," said Lydia Kachadoorian, a master's student working on the project. "The stuff we've found so far hasn't been as old as we thought, but we're nowhere near where the floor of the building was yet. We'll get there."

Faculty Profile...

Dave Nicodemus and the Manhattan Project

By Patricia Filip

Standing in the predawn desert 20 miles away from ground zero, David Nicodemus remembered the instructions, "Don't look." Still, with his back turned, he could see the sky light up, feel the blasts of wind and hear the thunderous sound as the first atomic bomb exploded at Trinity test site in New Mexico.

His work on the Manhattan project had brought him a long way from his boyhood home in Japan. This journey would come full circle when the bombs developed through the project were dropped on Japan's Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Nicodemus, who later became an OSU faculty member and OSU dean of faculty, supported the use of the atomic bomb to end the war.

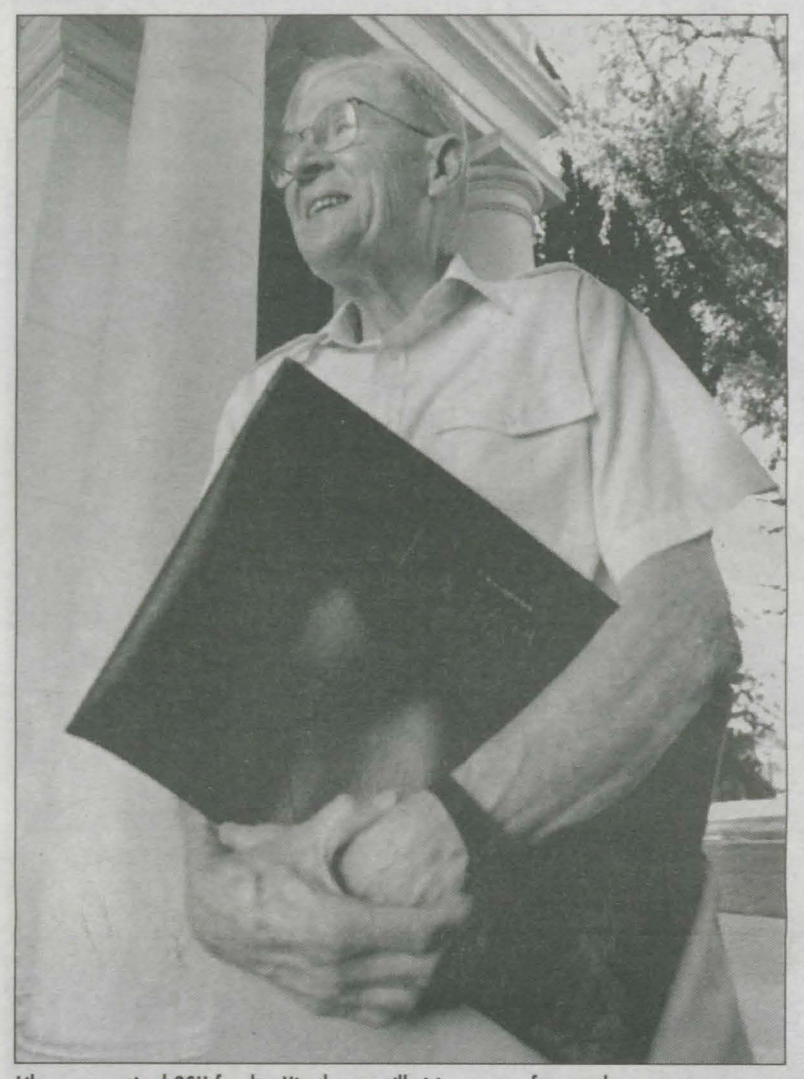
"I still believe that many lives were saved by the use of the bomb," he said. "Too many people were being killed on both sides. The determination of the Japanese to protect their country was so strong that an invasion was probably the only other way we would have been able to get the job done, which would have been a very, very painful experience for both countries.

"Whether it was a good thing or a bad thing I can't say. I just had the feeling it was a reasonable thing to do. War is dirty to begin with, and the killing is terrible, particularly of civilians."

Nicodemus, son of missionary parents, was born in Kobe, Japan. He grew up in Sendai, Japan, where his father taught in North Japan College. He was taught at home by his mother until high school, when he attended the American school in Japan, located in Tokyo.

After graduation he and several friends sailed to the United States on a Japanese silk boat. He had planned to attended Oberlin College, but when the ship was passing through the Panama Canal he was notified he received a scholarship to DePauw University and changed destinations mid-ocean.

At DePauw he majored in math, thought he might want to be a math teacher and even did his practice teaching in math. In his senior year an assistantship in the physics department became available, but it was open only to physics majors.



Like many retired OSU faculty, Nicodemus still visits campus frequently. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

"What did I do," he said, "but switched majors to get the job." He has no regrets about that decision. "It gave me the chance to get involved in physics and do much more than I otherwise would have done," he said.

"Whether it was a good thing or a bad thing I can't say. I just had the feeling it was a reasonable thing to do."

He received a graduate teaching assistantship at Stanford, moved there in 1937 and began working in the physics lab in radiation physics. By the time he finished his Ph.D. course work and research for his thesis, the war was well under way.

Pearl Harbor brought Nicodemus several worries. His brother was in Honolulu but had not been injured in the attack on Pearl Harbor. His mother had returned to Sendai after her husband's death and was teaching in the mission's college for women. She was interned in Sendai along with about 50 other missionaries and was repatriated a year later on the ship Gripsholm. During that year Nicodemus had no contact with his mother, except a report midyear from the Swiss Red Cross saying she was well.

The effects of the war also were felt at Stanford. A small cyclotron, a machine that accelerates charged particles to high energies, had been built in the physics department. "People doing research with that machine were eager to contribute to the war effort," Nicodemus said. Two of those researchers, Hans Staub and Felix Bloch (who later received a Nobel prize), had received a research grant from the Office of Scientific Research and Development for measuring the energy spectrum of fission neutrons and needed an assistant to help run the

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'Jumpstart' Art Program Booms in Second Year

By Rebecca Landis and John Maul

Jumpstart, an intensive three-week accelerated residential art program for high school students in grades 10-12, capped off a year in which it nearly tripled in size. Approximately 275 students, parents, grandparents, faculty and interested University faculty attended the second annual Jumpstart Final Exhibition and reception on July 12.

Jumpstart director John Maul and art department chair David Hardesty presented two full-tuition resident undergraduate scholarships. Elizabeth Buscher and Nathan Langner were awarded the Dr. Helen E. Plinkiewisch Visual Arts Scholarship; eight students were awarded Outstanding Junior/Soph./or Freshman Awards (tuition and fees to Jumpstart 1997); and six students received Outstanding Portfolio Awards.

This year 76 students attended from six western states: Oregon, California, Washington, New Mexico, Idaho and Colorado. Thanks to a $20,000 grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation supporting bridge programs between secondary and higher education, 15 students received financial aid to attend Jumpstart. Of these 15 students, nine were minority students, and six were designated as at risk.

Jumpstart students playing the drums. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

The program grew from 27 students in 1995 to 76 in 1996. The increase was attributed to several factors, including the quality of the first-year program, name recognition and an intensified recruitment campaign. Maul said the program has a firmly established network of high school teachers throughout the state and region who have come to recognize the quality of Jumpstart and the department's undergraduate art program.

Jumpstart provides a challenging schedule of study and activity, six hours of studio course work each day and many

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ASOSU President Libby Mitchell: Looking for the Right Balance

By Amy Hellickson

As the new president of the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU), Libby Mitchell is learning how to juggle the responsibilites of leading OSU's student body and the goals she holds for her future.

Mitchell, 22, from Portland grew up in Lake Oswego with an older brother, Tom, and a sister, Ashley. Mitchell's mother, a single mom, worked full time to raise her three children.

"I've learned a lot from my mom that really matches up to what I'm doing here," said Mitchell. "She served as an example to us as far as how we should be and work. She gave us all of her time and always repected everyone."

"I'd like to see students be prepared to learn that what affects one affects another."

Mitchell, who will begin her fifth year at OSU this fall in biology, was a senator for the College of Science as a junior. Last year, she served as the chair of the Undergrad Senate before being elected as ASOSU president in March.

"Being president means sacrificing parts of your life for the job," she said. Mitchell, however, had no second thoughts about running in the elections.

"I have a sincere concern for what's happening with students, and toward the emergency of students' accessibility to education," she said.

With these concerns in mind, Mitchell is currently working on several goals to better OSU's community.

Mitchell relaxes in her MU East office. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

With help from Oregon Governer John Kitzhaber and state legislators, Mitchell hopes to implement a health care program for needy students.

"This means working with discriminatory issues concerning women, people of color, gays and lesbians who aren't receiving health care," she said.

On the campus front, Mitchell hopes to strengthen students' belief in OSU as a community. She hopes such beliefs will alleviate separateness among campus groups.

"I'd like to see students be prepared to learn that what affects one affects another," said Mitchell. "We need to work together."

Mitchell recently attended the Congress of the United States Student Association (USSA) at Chapel Hill, N.C. Joined by six other OSU representatives, Mitchell brought back ways to better educate students on issues that affect them directly.

"We received legislative updates on financial aid and welfare reform," said Mitchell. She hopes to use this information as a platform for ASOSU's strategy for OSU in the year ahead.

This fall, Mitchell will be working on getting a tuition freeze for OSU students as well as looking toward her own future.

After graduation, Mitchell plans on attending law school in natural resources or legislation.

But for now, Mitchell has her mind and energy set on ASOSU and her responsibilty to OSU.

"I want to continue making ASOSU stronger and work harder to push student issues," she said.

Mitchell also hopes more students will volunteer at ASOSU.

"I find it so rewarding watching volunteers work their way up in responsibility," she said. "I hope I can encourage more to do so."

Briefs

Community Donations

At the end of spring term, 1,900 OSU residence hall students donated food, clothing and recyclables to mid-Willamette Valley charities.

Students participated in OSU's fourth annual "Summer Close-out," a drive that helps local charities.

Donations included 713 pounds of food to Linn Benton Food Share; 4,640 pounds of clothing to the Assistance League and Goodwill Industries; and 240 barrels of recyclable items processed by Campus Recycling and picked up by Corvallis Disposal and the Garten Foundation.

Travel Abroad Program Boosts Global Savvy

Christina Edwards Van Muijen is one of 11 students who spent the summer working on another continent in an attempt to boost global savvy.

Van Muijen, a junior at OSU, took part in Global Graduates, an internship program operated by Oregon State System of Higher Education in cooperation with the state Department of Economic Development. She left in July to spend six months in Italy to work in a food-related chemisty laboratory.

Other students interned this summer in Mexico, Senegal, Scotland, Brazil, Japan and Malawi.

Student Leaders Recognized

OSU students have earned spots in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students were selected for their academic and community involvement. They were nominated by the Student Activities Center advising staff.

Those students honored are Libby Mitchell, ASOSU president and senior in biology; Jon Issacs, senior in political science; Amy Millward, senior in forestry; and Heidi Schmid, junior in pre-pharmacy.

Students Earn Scholarships

Heather Cavanaugh and Wende McClay, both of Klamath Falls, have earned OSU's Eva M. Seen Scholarships.

Cavanaugh, who will receive $3,000, is studying physical activity and development and fitness program management. She plans to pursue a doctorate in exercise physiology.

McClay, who will receive $1,000, is focusing on fitness program management and plans a career in corporate wellness and fitness program development.

Alumni Gifts Make New End Zone Complex Possible

By Sarah Vasil

The OSU football program soon will have a new and improved home in the remodeled and expanded Valley Football Center.

The original center, built in 1990, was soon recognized as being too small for the needs of the football program, so planning for its renovation was begun. The center will be expanding from 20,000 square feet to approximately 57,000 square feet.

When completed in late November of this year, the center will house the entire football program, making space available in now-cramped Gill Coliseum for other sports programs. In addition to the football program's offices, the center will contain the team locker room, training facilities and equipment area. Additional space will be available for conferences and Beaver Club activities.

Eleven primary donors made the entirely privately-funded $5.5 million construction project possible by funding over half the project in a very short period of time. The lead gift was made by an anonymous donor whose sons were Beaver football players. The connection created by his children has proven to be valuable to OSU's athletics program.

Another primary gift was made by Bob and Dorothy Butler of Eugene. Luckily for OSU, Bob Butler's childhood radio only received a clear signal from the station that broadcast Beaver football and basketball games. Butler cites this as the beginning of his strong allegiance to the OSU athletics program. He remembers listening to the "transplanted Rose Bowl" in 1942 over the radio while living in Siletz. Later, while he was a member of 4-H, Butler visited the OSU campus for a 4-H summer program. While Butler received his degree from the University of Oregon, his son, Scott, graduated from OSU in 1975 in food science. Scott was no stranger to the OSU campus, because his father had taken him and his brothers to Beaver football games while they were growing up, creating for his sons a connection similar to what he had had listening to his radio as a child.

The new Valley Football Center under construction. *Photo by George P. Edmonston Jr.*

After spending what he calls his "first life" as a high school teacher, coach, principal, superintendent and guidance counselor in, most recently, the South Lane School District in Cottage Grove, Butler and his wife, Dorothy, started their own home-building company, Future B Inc. The Butlers donated stock in their company for the Valley Football Center renovation, culminating a lifetime of allegiance to Beaver athletics.

Nowadays, Butler still credits his early experiences with OSU as the impetus for his recent contributions to the athletic program, but he also says that he admires the football program under Coach Jerry Pettibone. "I believe in what they're doing," says Butler. "There's a lot more to sports than winning and losing . . . and Jerry Pettibone has the right goals and objectives." One of the goals that Butler cites is Pettibone's emphasis on the academic side of the athletes' college career. The football program is known for its high graduation rate; in fact, since Pettibone has been at OSU, 93 percent of his players have graduated.

Gifts-in-kind have also been welcomed by the OSU athletics program for this renovation project, and approximately $218,000 has been raised so far. Two OSU Foundation trustees, Martin Chaves and Bert Babb, are co-chairing this area of the fund raising.

Chaves, of Corvallis, was captain of the 1942 OSU football team that won the Rose Bowl game Butler remembers listening to on his radio. He graduated from OSU in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in education. Chaves served as Beaver Club president in 1985-86 and chaired the club's annual auction in 1987. He also chaired the Gill Coliseum renovation and was instrumental in the Parker Stadium renovation.

Babb served as Beaver Club president in 1981-82 and was integral in the development and organization of the club into a fund-raising entity. While he was president, Beaver Club contributions exceeded $1 million in one year for the first time ever.

"The expansion of the Valley Football Center is a major step in the development of our program," says football coach Pettibone. "It will allow us to properly manage our team and maximize our recruiting efforts. To get OSU back to its former level of prominence, it will take not only the men on my roster, but people who will help us build the facilities that will attract oustanding players to OSU in the first place. The new Valley Football Center will help position us to do just that."

Beaver Club: Volunteers Make All the Difference

What a difference volunteers can make!

Beaver Club, the fund-raising arm of the OSU department of athletics, relies on volunteers to conduct its two major fund-raising drives every year—a telephone solicitation and an auction.

Scott Spiegelberg, executive director of Beaver Club, says, "OSU alums and fans are among the most loyal—if not the most loyal—group of supporters in the country." This loyalty is reflected by the outstanding success of the club's fund-raising efforts.

In January and February, 250 volunteers kick off the year-long fund-raising effort by making approximately 15,000 calls to past and potential athletic donors. In 1995, this telephone drive raised $1.7 million in cash gifts and an additional $300,000 in gifts-in-kind. Almost all of this money is used for student-athlete scholarships in all 15 of OSU's sports programs.

The annual Beaver Club auction, held in April in Gill Coliseum, is also volunteer driven. The 1996 auction, chaired by John Johnson, a volunteer from Corvallis, attracted 500 attendees and raised $145,000. Seventy volunteers from throughout Oregon help coordinate the event and solicit most of the more than 800 items that are auctioned. These items have included vacations, cruises, art and furniture. Other auction items are unique to OSU—dinners with coaches and trips with the teams—and are only available through the auction.

The Beaver Club auction is open to the public at a cost of $75 per couple, which includes dinner, a hosted bar and an auction favor. The next auction will be held April 26, 1997, and will be chaired by Tim McGuire of Portland.

Beaver Club has a 63-member board of directors that meets three times per year. Allen Rolland of Tangent is the current president. Beaver Club started in the 1930s as the "Buck-a-Month" club, and, in the 1970s, Jim Barratt, then director of athletics, hired Jim Rudd as the first director of what became known as Beaver Club.

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

Katharine Field, assistant professor of microbiology, recently received an exceptional opportunity grant totaling $47,800 from the **M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust.**

Field, a professor at OSU since 1988, received her bachelor's degree from Yale, her master's degree from Boston University and her doctorate from the University of Oregon. She currently is using two areas of study—gene research and anthropology—to create a new methodology that will advance understanding of human origins and development. Field is using her knowledge of the two areas to study the DNA of ancient hair samples from North America and Asia that can be used to characterize early Paleo-American populations.

Working with OSU's Center for the Study of the First Americans, Field coordinated teams of volunteers that worked alongside archaeologists this summer, searching for ancient human and animal hairs. Field's study could lead to a major breakthrough in the study of ancient humans and provide answers to age-old questions about the origins and migrations of the first Americans.

OSU Foundation Elects New Officers and Trustees

Joan D. Austin of Newberg was elected chair of the board of the OSU Foundation at its spring board meeting.

Austin, senior vice president and treasurer of A-dec Inc., succeeded Martin N. Kelley of Aurora, retired vice president of Kiewit Construction Group.

Keith R. McKennon, '55, of Portland, chair of the board of PacifiCorp, was elected to succeed Austin as president of the board of trustees. Dwayne L. Foley, '66, of Portland, senior vice president of Northwest Natural Gas Company, was elected vice president. Board treasurer is Cecil Drinkward of Portland, president of Hoffman Corporation.

In addition to officers, the Foundation elected eight new trustees to serve three-year terms beginning July 1. Those new to the board are: Darald W. Callahan, '64, Danville, Calif., senior vice president of Chevron Chemical Co.; Glenn W. Harvey, '50, Paisley, consultant and retired owner of Harvey Ranch; Cheryl J. Lutz, '72, Portland, vice president of finance for Lutz Tire Co.; James E. Richards, Albany, president of Fisher Implement Co.; Charles R. Schrader, Portland, shareholder of Tarlow, Jordan & Schrader; Donald L. Wimer, '53, Albany, retired owner of Wimer Logging Co.; Margaret Wood, '61, Portland, financial executive of The Harlock Agency; and William R. Woodard, '68, Portland, vice president of May Co.

Re-elected trustees are: Bruce B. Andrews, '70, Salem, director of agriculture for the State of Oregon; Ward S. Armstrong, '60, Salem, executive director of Oregon Forest Industries Council; James G. Barratt, '50, Corvallis, president of Jim Barratt Tours; Henry L. Bauer, '50, Portland, owner of Henry L. Bauer & Assoc.; Patricia M. Bedient, '75, Boise, Idaho, partner of Arthur Andersen & Co.; Martin Chaves, '46, Corvallis; Earle M. Chiles, Portland, owner of Earle Chiles & Affiliated Companies; William C. Floberg, '70, Portland, partner of Preece and Floberg Commercial Real Estate; H. Dexter Garey, '59, Vancouver, Wash.; Larry M. Giustina, '71, Eugene, owner of Giustina Land & Timber; Richard E. Goff, '53, Lake Oswego, retired partner of Deloitte and Touche; Jane W. Goudy, '52, Portland; Ken L. Harrison, '64, Portland, chair and CEO of Portland General Corp.; Charles Heinrich, '56, Lake Oswego, retired senior vice president of Portland General Electric; Terry Holden, '72, Lake Oswego, vice president of finance for J. G. Jones Co.; Russell V. Kuhns, '68, Portland, president of R. V. Kuhns & Assoc.; Ronald Miller, '41, Portland, retired chair of the board of Northwest Natural Gas; James K. Neill Jr., '67, Portland, partner of Davis Wright Tremaine; Dinah Nicholson, '74, Portland, certified financial planner for Waddell & Reed Inc.; James H. Rudd, Portland, chief executive officer and principal of Ferguson, Wellman, Rudd, Purdy & Van Winkle; Sally R. Plumley, '62, Monmouth; John C. Scharff, '25, Hines; Katherine E. Smith, '61, Chicago, Ill., Dairy Management Inc.; and Benjamin R. Whiteley, '51, Portland, chair of the board of Standard Insurance Co.

In addition to electing and re-electing trustees, the Foundation gave honorary status to James E. Bryson, Newberg, Star Mooring Farm; F. Bruce Michels, '58, Carmel, Calif.; Kenneth L. Smith, Warm Springs; and Fred E. Trotter, '53, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Vet Medicine Receives $638,808 Gift for Student Scholarships

The Oregon State University Foundation has received a $638,808 gift from the estate of Anna Conley to benefit the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Conley, of Otis (Roads End), was born and raised in Salem. After graduating from Sacred Heart Academy, she attended OSU for the 1943-44 academic year. She had a successful career ranging from being a buyer for a major department store in Oregon, to introducing soft ice cream to the northeastern part of Brazil, to operating a gift shop in Tiburon, Calif.

Conley donated the residue of her estate to the joint Oregon State University/Washington State University veterinary program because, in addition to her love of animals, she admired the quality of veterinarians the program produces. This feeling was enhanced by the educational experience of Melissa Smith, a 1992 graduate of the OSU School of Veterinary Medicine and the daughter of Conley's close friends and neighbors. Smith is now a practicing veterinarian in Sequim, Wash. Conley died October 7, 1994.

The gift will be used by the college for scholarships for students who demonstrate both financial need and academic merit. The first scholarship is expected to be awarded in 1997.

"This is a wonderful gift for our students and will help ease the burden of rising tuition costs," says Dean Robert C. Wilson. "Scholarships are so important for attracting and retaining high caliber students. It is not uncommon for a veterinary medicine student to graduate with $45,000 in loans, so I know our current and future students will greatly appreciate the help this will provide."

Council of Regents members (*left to right*) Bob Loomis, Roy Gaussoin, guest Les Dell and Grace Tower listen to a Yamhill County Extension Office staff member explain how to test the age of wood. Ninety members attended the two-day Council of Regents event (July 24-25), where they visited the extension office, Willamette Valley Vineyard, the Davidson Family Farm, Monrovia Nursery and the 4-H Center in Salem.

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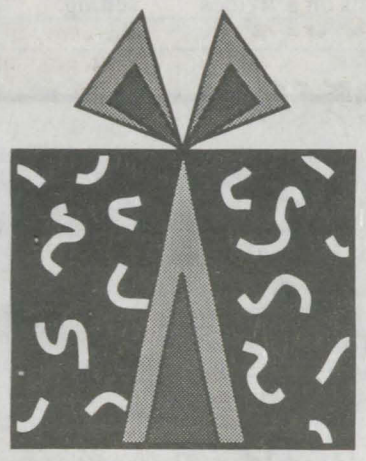

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Director's Column

Don Wirth, '61

This summer has been one of the busiest I can remember in a long time, and a lot of it is connected to the construction of the new CH2M HILL Alumni Center, which rapidly is taking shape next to the LaSells Stewart Center on the south end of campus.

I encourage you to drive by the new center the next time you're in Corvallis. At press time, construction crews were putting up the last of the steel that makes up the frame of the new building, and when you see it, I know you will be as impressed as I am with the sheer size of the center.

For those who can't make it back to campus to watch the center take shape but who have access to the World Wide Web, we now have several construction-phase photos included on our Alumni Association Web pages. The address is <*http://www.orst.edu/dept/alumni/index.html*>. The plan is to update the photos every two weeks or so to give alumni a chance to watch construction in progress.

Of course, the football season is a time when many alumni and friends of OSU return to campus to cheer on the Beavers, and this would be an excellent time for alumni to catch sight of the center, which is located just across the street from Parker Stadium and just down from Gill Coliseum. Next year, of course, the center will be open and will play host to a variety of alumni activities connected to reunions and the football games. We're still in the planning stage to determine exactly what activities we will want to offer for returning alumni, but it already looks like an exciting lineup for '97. As we approach next summer, the *Stater* will have all the details on activities for the fall in the new Alumni Center.

Even though construction is now under way, there are still many giving opportunities available, and we would welcome any inquiries from OSU supporters who want to participate in this most worthwhile project.

The summer months also bring about changes in our Association board of directors and executive committee. The 60 or so men and women who volunteer their time to these groups provide an invaluable service to both our Association and to the University as a whole. Every member gives a lot, in both time and travel, to attend to the business of the Association, and we are always very appreciative of what they do.

I particularly want to thank outgoing OSUAA President Mike Cowgill for all of his hard work this past year. So much of the progress we have made in the last year has been as a result of his expert leadership and his understanding of how to get things done in a large group setting.

Although Mike will be missed, the job of president has now fallen into the hands of Kathy Baines, who is profiled on the next page. We wish Kathy all the best as she guides the board and our Association through this most exciting time.

And while you're reading through this issue of the *Stater*, be sure to take a look at pages 16-17, which give an excellent summary of where the Alumni Center project stands and what alumni can look for as we count down the days to the opening of our new "place for alumni to come home to."

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OSUAA President Kathy Baines, '62

Devoted to Her Alma Mater

By Patricia Filip

New OSUAA President Kathy Kjome Baines, '62, jokes that some things definitely have changed at OSU since she attended 35 years ago. "My kids talk about Kidder Hall," she said. "Well Kidder Hall was a different building than today. Did they change the name to keep us on our toes?"

Building names may change, but what is unchanged for Kathy Baines after 35 years is her devotion to her alma mater. "I always enjoyed my time at Oregon State," she said, "and welcome the opportunity to give something back."

Although she claims she has always been "one to volunteer," she has become the consummate volunteer for OSU during the last 12 months. Last fall she served for several intensive months on the search committee for a new University president while maintaining her active involvement as vice president of the Alumni Association. In July she assumed the presidency of the Association.

One of her priorities as Association president will be the completion of the Alumni Center. "All of the funding is in place but the ballroom," she said. "I would like to encourage all alumni to support the Alumni Center. If you have the opportunity to buy bricks or make other in-kind donations, it will help the University make a giant step forward.

"The Alumni Center is a very important element for the campus as it will be a focal point. It is important to have a facility people can call home."

Baines believes another area of focus for the Alumni Association should be student retention. She would like to see a subcommittee of the OSUAA student recruitment committee work with the University to strengthen student retention.

"We owe it to the students to help them continue their education and leave with a degree," she said.

Two of her three children attended OSU. They participated in the orientation program for new students as freshmen and then, when they became upperclassmen, went on to work with other new students.

"My daughter Libby had a lot of personal contact with her adviser and the faculty, and I was so impressed with the time that they gave her. In this day and age we tend to lose that personal touch. It's too easy to turn on a computer screen. There are times when a student will hit a rough spot, and if he or she feels a closeness with the faculty it will help," said Baines.

Baines said the highlight of her six years on the OSUAA board of directors was the opportunity to serve on the search committee for the new president.

"It was a very stimulating few months," she said, "and almost like a full-time job in addition to my real full-time job. It was so interesting to serve with our professors and to meet all of the candidates."

"Some people felt the selection was made too quickly," she said. "But the candidates seemed to appreciate that we moved along so quickly. We believed that confidentiality was a key factor and that we would lose outstanding candidates if the process dragged on."

"I always enjoyed my time at Oregon State and welcome the opportunity to give something back."

Baines graduated from OSU in education and taught elementary school for five years, beginning with the second grade and working her way up to fifth. She left teaching to have a family. She and her husband, John, have three children: Jenny, Wally, '92, and Libby, '94. Although John is not an OSU alum, he is a staunch OSU fan.

Baines started out her college career in home economics and has always maintained an interest in textiles and design. Over the years she did some design work out of her home and seven years ago launched Interior Fabrications in Lake Oswego. It has evolved from a drapery workroom to a complete design service and retail store. She has been able to put her design expertise to use as a member of the interior design committee for the new Alumni Center.

Kathy Baines *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

Club News

Anchorage: *Upcoming:* The Anchorage OSU Alumni Club will host an evening reception for all admitted students from Alaska on Sunday, Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m., at the Anchorage Hilton. If you would like to assist with the coordination of the festivities, feel free to contact Jeff Manfull, '81, (907) 272-1571 days or (907) 337-2450.

Bay Area: *Upcoming:* Join Beaver fans and friends for a tailgater prior to the OSU vs. UC-Berkeley football game! We'll gather at the Faculty Glade on the Cal campus 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. An informational flier with complete details will arrive in your mailboxes soon! For information regarding future club activities, please call Todd Gunderson, '81, (501) 686-5187.

Capital Area: *Upcoming:* Savor the flavor of Oregon! Join OSU and UO alumni living in the Washington, D.C. area for a celebration of uniquely Oregon products on Saturday, Oct. 19, 6-9 p.m., at the Dominion Hills Recreation Center. Share your memories of OSU and the Northwest while sampling sausage, cheese, fruit, cider, beer and wine. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Contact Max Clausen ,'70, (301) 424-0888, for more information.

Dallas/Fort Worth: *Upcoming:* Cheer on the Beavers as they prepare to battle Baylor University on the football field! Skittles Corporate Village on Dutton Drive in Waco, Texas, will be the site for our tailgater on Saturday, Sept. 21, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Watch for mail for details or call Karrie George, '81, OSUAA Geographic Clubs Program Leader, (541) 737-2351.

Hawaii Club: Honolulu was the site of a July 13th special orientation program for incoming Oregon Staters from the Islands! Fifty-two new students and 48 family members were welcomed into the OSU family by admissions personnel, faculty and club members.

Southern California: *Upcoming:* The Beavers welcome the 1996 football season on Sept. 14 with a pre-game tailgater at the USC Fine Arts Park on the corner of Watt Way and Exposition Boulevard, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Help cheer the team on to a victory over the Trojans! For details, call Karrie George, '81, OSUAA Geographic Clubs Program Leader, (541) 737-2351.

Puget Sound: *Upcoming:* Puget Sound Club members will host a tailgater prior to the OSU vs. UW football game on Nov. 9 at the Urban Horticulture Center. If you would like to assist or attend, please call Jocko Burk, '56, (206) 924-5630.

For more information regarding the OSUAA Clubs Program, please contact Karrie George, Geographic Clubs Program Leader, at (541) 737-2351 or ***georgek@ccmail.orst.edu.***

1996 FOOTBALL TAILGATERS

vs. **University of Southern California,** Sept. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., USC Fine Arts Park (Exposition Boulevard and Watt Way), $20 per person. Includes barbecued chicken, brown sugar beans, potato salad, fresh fruit, soft drinks, beer and wine. RSVP: Sept. 6.

vs. **Baylor University**, Sept. 21, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Skittles Corporate Village (off Dutton, close to Floyd Casey Stadium), $15 per person. Includes assorted vegetables, chips and dip, chicken fajita quesadillas, build your own nachos or soft tacos, soft drinks and no-host bar. RSVP: Sept.13.

vs. **University of California-Berkeley**, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Faculty Glade (west of California Memorial Coliseum adjacent to The Faculty Club), $20 per person. Includes barbecued chicken, spinach salad, fruit salad, herbed foccacia, home-made cookies, soft drinks, beer and wine. RSVP: Sept. 20.

vs. **University of Arizona**, Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m., University of Arizona Tailgate Area (next to McKale Memorial Stadium), $15 per person. Includes barbecue beef, sourdough rolls, potato salad, soft drinks, beer and wine. RSVP: Oct. 18.

vs. **University of Washington**, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Urban Horticulture Center. Menu and cost to be determined at a later date (coordinated by Puget Sound Club).

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Alumni Association Summer Picnics Attract Record Numbers

By Steve Smith

"Come and get 'em; the 'burgers are ready!"

The call to dinner resounded through parks in Oregon, Seattle and Boise this summer as alumni, friends, students, prospective students, parents, faculty and administrators gathered to socialize and talk about Oregon State past and present. The gatherings, collectively known as the OSU summer picnics, which have now spanned three university presidents, were sponsored by the University and hosted by the OSU Alumni Association. This summer's schedule included a trip to Astoria and Tillamook on the north Oregon coast, a four-day swing through Pendleton, Boise and Ontario in the east, a sojourn to Seattle in early July and culminated with a series of stops in the Willamette Valley. Unfortunately, rain showers and the threat of thunderstorms caused the cancellation of the Portland picnic for the second time this decade.

Attendance at this year's picnics set new records at almost every stop, possibly due to the enhanced effort to include current and prospective students in the evening's activities. Another contributing factor was the attendance of OSU's new president and first lady, Paul and Les Risser.

"This was, in many cases, the first opportunity for our alumni to meet and speak with Dr. Risser," observed Alumni Association Executive Director Don Wirth. It was also an opportunity for the Rissers to witness the range of Oregon State's involvement in communities as they visited extension agents and experiment stations and met with community leaders, alumni and friends along the way.

If food consumption were any measure of success, OSU alumni enjoyed the opportunity to congregate and meet with faculty and staff. Hungry "Beaver Believers" devoured nearly 3,500 hamburgers at nine picnics, as well as tables full of salads and desserts provided by attendees.

Several of the evenings culminated in the singing of the OSU alma mater and in Eugene, coach Jerry Pettibone led alumni in a rousing "GO BEAVS," designed to shake the foundation at nearby Autzen Stadium.

As usual, the success of the picnics was attributable to the efforts of many outstanding alumni and University staff who contributed time and effort to organizing, setting up and assisting with the events. A special note of thanks to the following individuals/groups who assisted in the communities where the picnics were held: Clint Shock and staff at the Malheur Experiment Station; Dick Smiley and staff at the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center; Alumni Association board members Evelyn Fink, Jerry Hecker, Denny Miles, Ron Pahl, Ralph Poole, Don Warner and Randy Young; and the Puget Sound Alumni Club.

Steve Smith is the associate director of the OSU Alumni Association.

OSU President Paul Risser (*second from left*) and wife Les (*far right*) visit with alumni at the Boise picnic. *Photo by George P. Edmonston Jr.*

Left photo: OSU's Erin Haynes cooks and serves hamburgers at the Eugene picnic. *Above*: Just a sample of the huge crowd that turned out at the Corvallis picnic. *Photos by Barry Schwartz*

YOUR Alumni Center is Now UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!!

We are very proud to present to you a report on our progress to date on the CH2M HILL Alumni Center.

We hope you will be pleased with this facility, one brought to you by many generous friends and alumni of Oregon State University. Next time you visit campus, go by the site at 26th St. (just north of Western Blvd.) and watch YOUR alumni center take shape.

Construction Update

While a ceremonial ground breaking celebration was held in mid-March, our wet Spring weather didn't allow for much heavy construction work until mid-May. Nevertheless we remain on schedule for a mid-May 1997 move-in date, thanks to the hard work of the Andersen Construction Company team.

By the first OSU home football game on September 7, you will see the outline of the new Center. Masonry work will have begun, giving you a real sense of not only the size of the facility, but what the exterior will look like. Let us know what you think!

Interiors Update

While construction of the shell is underway, a group of volunteers is hard at work with our IDC & Andersen team in finalizing the interiors of the Center. These latest drawings of the Ballroom, Living Room & Multipurpose Room represent our current vision of the "feel" of the building.

The Ballroom is the centerpiece, able to seat 550 people at tables of 8 for an elegant meal. Divisible into three smaller spaces via the use of moveable walls this space will be available for weddings, banquets, meetings, OSU events, and reunions. Nearly all Alumni Association activities will take place here in our new home. This will be a part of the building in high demand, as it is much larger than any similar room in the area. Still unfunded, this jewel of the Alumni Center is an excellent, high profile, recognition opportunity for a sponsor.

The Living Room will be located in the front of the building, to the north of the large foyer area where CH2M HILL and its founders will be recognized. This warm, welcoming room will feature a bay window, a fireplace, and comfortable seating. Join your friends in this room before an event and spend a few minutes looking at the main Donor Wall which will be located here. These individuals, corporations and foundations have made the Center a reality with their gifts.

The Multipurpose Room will be a truly versatile place. Designed to do double duty as a conference or meeting room as well as a dining space for mid-size groups, this room will be a popular choice among Alumni Center users. This room will have two fireplaces, two bay windows and can seat 150 people for a meeting, or 100 for a meal. Located on the first floor to the south of the central foyer, it is also divisible into two smaller spaces as needed.

Construction Schedule Highlights

Fall 1996
- Masonry Work Begins
- Paving
- Concrete Work
- Electrical
- Waterproofing
- Roofing
- Irrigation Systems in
- HVAC Systems in

Winter 1997
- Windows & Doors
- Architectural Finishes
- Interior Finishes
- Ceramic Tile

Spring 1997
- Masonry Completed
- Finish Carpentry
- Paint & Flooring
- Specialty Stonework
- Equipment Installed
- Furnishings In
- Lighting & Finishes
- Landscape Plantings Begun

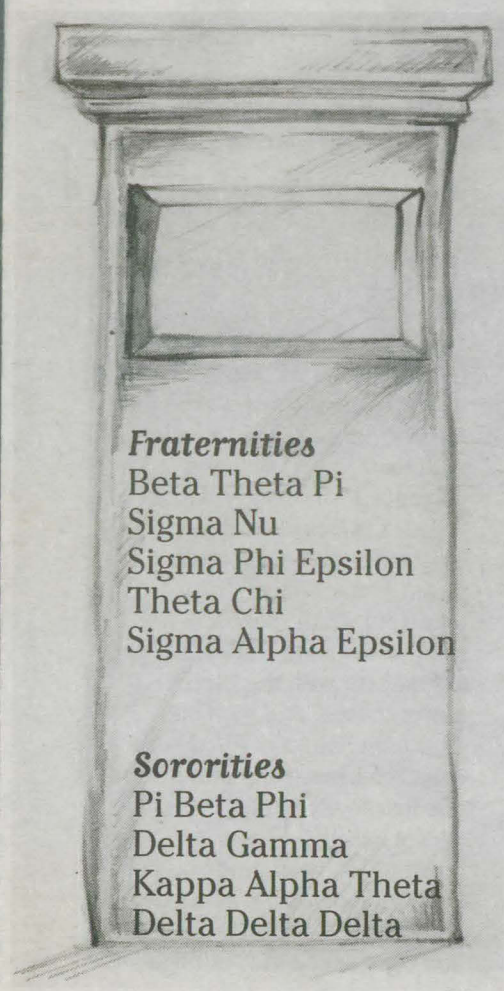
- Public Dedication to be scheduled in the Summer of 1997.

Pictured here are the architect's renderings of the Ballroom (upper left), Living Room (upper right), and the Multipurpose Room (left).

Pictured at right are various stages of on site construction.

Fraternity Sorority Challenge

As a direct result of the enthusiasm of the many donors and volunteers working together to make this dream a reality, a fraternity/sorority challenge has developed, launched by the successful effort of the SAEs. There are a total of 12 columns attached to the exterior of the CH2M HILL Alumni Center, each available for sponsorship at $25,000. The fraternities & sororities listed here have signed up for individual columns, wanting their houses to be recognized as supporters of this project. If your fraternity or sorority isn't listed here and you would like more information, let us know. Call Carrie Kinnear at (541) 737-2351.



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While we are very grateful to the generous people who have made large gifts to this effort, we recognize that many others would like to be able to participate in this historic undertaking. We want all alumni and friends of OSU to be able to have a part in their "Place to Come Home to," so we have developed a program of personalized pavers to be installed on the covered portico of the Center. A brochure on this program is inserted in the back fold of this issue of the Oregon Stater.

These funds will be used for the furnishings of the building and are a critical final piece of our fund raising efforts. If you haven't ordered your paver yet, this is your opportunity to have a piece of Oregon State history!

FLYING COLORS
WHAT'S RIGHT WITH OSU ATHLETICS

BY KIP CARLSON

That first Saturday in September, it all starts again.

Oregon State's football opener against Montana means the beginning of another athletic year for the Beavers. Alumni across the country will watch the scores scrolling across the bottom of the TV screen Saturday afternoons, or scan the small type in their local sports section to see how the Beavers fared.

Last fall, those loyal Oregon Staters opened the Sunday paper to find football scores like Pacific 23, OSU 10; Washington State 40, OSU 14; and Oregon 12, OSU 10. After seeking out a one-touchdown win over Idaho in the season's first game, the Beavers dropped their last 10 contests of 1995.

When the country turned its eyes to men's basketball, the news didn't get much better. The Beavers won just four games all of last winter, losing a school-record 23 times, and finishing with their lowest winning percentage since 1919. Ouch!

Has the Beaver athletic program become a complete mess? Is it too much for a relatively small school, in a small town, with a small budget, to compete with the Pacific-10's powerhouses? Are the Gill Coliseum hallways filled with dazed coaches, wandering from one loss to the next?

Not exactly.

More has been going on at Oregon State than just the two highest-profile sports—you just don't get nationwide college

gymnastics or men's golf scores in your morning paper. While football and men's basketball have been somewhat sickly lately, the OSU athletic program in general is in pretty robust shape.

For instance:

• In early July, alumni could open up *Sports Illustrated* and see accolades Oregon State earned for having the highest graduation rate in the nation among NCAA Division I-A athletic programs.

• During the 1995-96 school year, three Beaver teams (gymnastics, wrestling and men's crew) finished in the top 10 nationally and another three (women's basketball, men's golf and women's golf) qualified for regional or national NCAA competition.

• OSU senior Les Gutches won his second straight NCAA wrestling championship and represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, earning seventh place in the freestyle 180.5-pound division.

• Oregon State is recognized by the NCAA as a national leader in developing programs to help athletes adapt to college life and life after college.

News like that, though, tends to get lost in the dour feeling created by losing football and men's basketball teams.

"I think there's an awareness of it," OSU Alumni Association director Don Wirth said of the Beavers' brighter developments. "But you could win in everything but football and men's basketball, and people wouldn't perceive your program as being good."

Those two sports cast a big shadow over an athletic department.

"They really do," said Andrea Talcott, life skills coordinator for OSU's athletic department and a former Beaver softball player. "In terms of how people view an athletic department and staff, it gives them the wrong impression. We work here for the student/athletes, to help them do well in school and in their sport."

And, for the most part, the Beavers are doing well in their sports. Besides the programs that advanced to postseason competition, OSU's baseball and men's and women's soccer teams were all well over the .500 mark last year, and the women's crew team rose to fourth in the Pacific-10 championships.

The Sears All-Sports Trophy standings are based on where schools finish in national competition. OSU placed 79th among more than 250 NCAA Division I schools this past year and was 36th in 1994-95.

"And we were ahead of a lot of powerhouse schools," said Mary Alice Stander, who guides OSU's academic support program for athletes. "You look at things like that, and our teams are very successful. If people only understood—we have a lot of All-Americans and Academic All-Americans."

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If you believe in the phrase "student/athlete"—and that those two words are in the proper order in terms of priority—then the news of OSU's graduation rate for athletes was reason for former Beavers to puff out their chests a little bit. It may not have provoked the high-fives and general giddiness that a return to the Rose Bowl would, but it was good for a bit of quiet pride.

And that cap-and-gown bulletin may be the best place to start a look at what's going on in OSU athletics.

The NCAA study of scholarship athletes entering school in the fall of 1989 showed that OSU graduated 95 percent (42 of 44) of those people in six years.

"And that's not an anomaly," Stander said. "We've been in that percentage range all along. This time, it just happened to hit the papers."

That 95 percent graduation rate for athletes compares to a 63 percent rate for the general OSU student body during that time and 58 percent for all Division I athletes.

"When people think of athletics, they think of dumb jocks," said gymnastics coach Jim Turpin, whose teams have two national academic championships to their credit in the 1990s. "But when the graduation rate is 95 percent, and it's 150 percent better than the general student population, something is happening right.

"It's amazing—we've got the No. 1 graduation rate in the country. You can't get too much publicity for that."

Wirth called it a tribute to the athletic department.

"That's what we're here for, to graduate people," Wirth said. "I may be naive, but I hope we're preparing people for life after sports. The rates for some high-quality institutions are not very impressive.

"I definitely think people take pride in that—how could you not? Some will say, 'Big deal, I'd rather go to a bowl.' But that's our mission—to create productive citizens."

In a department that, by its nature, is filled with competitive people, you'd think Stander would be as euphoric as football coach Jerry Pettibone would be upon being voted a national title.

"We've gotten a lot of support from coaches, and there's been a lot of teamwork to make sure people get through school."

Not quite.

"Personally, I think the graduation rate is great, but that's not the end product I'm thinking of when I work," Stander said. "I'm thinking, 'Is the student getting the education they need to get where they want to be?'

"If a student finishes their eligibility, I expect them to graduate. If they don't, I don't know what they've been doing."

The reaction of OSU alumni and those on campus to the Beavers' academic prowess has been scant.

"Very candidly, I'm disappointed," athletic director Dutch Baughman said. "I've got to conclude it means less to others than to us. We've gotten less response from alums and the university than I thought we would.

"I've gotten maybe five e-mails from people in the University expressing their pride in it. I've had more response from people at other schools, asking 'How did you do that? What steps have you taken?'"

OSU's academic support program began mainly to help the football team; Stander can remember the days when it consisted of her and one other person, and the office didn't even have a typewriter.

"Now, we assist all sports," Stander said. "We've got graduate assistants and computers.

"We've gotten a lot of support from coaches, and there's been a lot of teamwork to make sure people get through school."

That's the big reason athletes are more likely than students in general to graduate at OSU.

"A sense of belonging is the key," Stander said. "More people care about the athletes than care about a typical student. There are a lot of people they can talk to—us, a trainer, a strength coach—there's a lot of opportunity for a personal touch that a typical student doesn't get."

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That personal touch extends to areas other than athletics. As Talcott sees it, athletes need to be doing well in their athletic, academic and personal lives to reach their potential in any of the three.

"Each of those areas affects the other," Talcott said. "If you take a test and you think you blew it, then you're thinking about that at practice and you have a bad practice. Then when you get home, you yell at your girlfriend.

"You need to have a handle on all three areas."

The personal side is where Talcott comes in. She's in charge of OSU's BALANCE program—Beaver Athletes for Life Skills Awareness and Necessary Choices for Excellence.

In short, the program helps athletes adjust to life at college, and then life after college. In depth, BALANCE includes a freshman orientation program; seminars and workshops for teams on subjects from alcohol and sexual responsibility to agents and goal setting; career preparation and a fledgling mentorship program; and community service programs and a speakers bureau.

In the early 1990s, the

Athletic director Dutch Baughman sees Oregon State's program as being one that's managed to balance academics, student development, athletics and fiscal responsibility. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

NCAA began addressing how athletes mature away from their sport. OSU was one of the first-year schools in the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

"Now, it's a model for others in the country," Turpin said. "Andrea could be out giving talks every day."

Talcott already has spoken to the NCAA's training session for Life Skills administrators, and Baughman has outlined OSU's program before the American Football Coaches Association and will soon speak to the NCAA Life Skills convention.

"We're seen as one of the best in the nation," Talcott said of the BALANCE program, which previously had been headed by former OSU gymnast Wendy Smith. "Whatever I need, I can get for athletes."

No, not a couple grand in cash—but things like guest speakers and materials.

"I can use my imagination and get what I need," Talcott said. "Dutch is into being for the athletes, helping them where we can, and few universities have athletic directors like that."

"It's a philosophy that the administration is here to help the student/athlete grow and mature."

Turpin agreed.

"The majority of it starts with Dutch," he said. "There's been a tremendous change since he's taken over. Basically, it's a philosophy that the administration is here to help the student/athlete grow and mature. The BALANCE program is a primary example."

An early focus of OSU's program was getting athletes ready to find a job after graduation—writing resumes and cover letters and giving good interviews. Athletes in Transition is now a two-credit class; of the 18 going through the class's mock interviews last spring, one woman already is being sought by Nike, and two other athletes have been asked back for second interviews.

Class credit isn't the only tangible carrot at the end of the BALANCE stick.

Athletes must attend at least one personal development workshop a year to be eligible for letters, and teams are required to perform one community service project per year.

Blending Academics and Athletics

By Kip Carlson

There may be no better blend than this one.

In the struggle to balance athletic and academic prowess, Oregon State has one of the nation's most successful programs on its campus.

While placing in the top 10 at the NCAA gymnastics meet every year since 1988, OSU has also won two of the sport's national academic championships in the 1990s. Since 1984, Beaver gymnasts have earned 37 scholastic All-America honors from the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches.

While those accomplishments aren't held up at OSU coaches meetings with a "why don't all of you do that?" air, the gymnasts' success in both arenas make coach Jim Turpin's program the kind of influence a department likes to have.

"Absolutely," athletic director Dutch Baughman said. "They're a tremendous model. They're a shining example of what can be achieved in those areas.

"Coach Turpin and his staff have been most gracious in working with others and supporting other programs. And we've seen the same kind of growth in other programs. It's nice to have a high-water mark like that to show how much can be achieved."

So what's the trick?

"Hiring an excellent staff," Turpin said. "Dick (Foxal) and Jill (Hicks) and I have been together nine years, and that's longer than any other gymnastics staff in the country."

And the way gymnasts are developed in the United States provides a more fertile recruiting ground for academics-oriented athletes than coaches in some other sports may find.

"We have an advantage over most sports, especially football and basketball, in that we deal with more middle class and upper-middle class kids," Turpin said. "Our sport is unique. At this level, to be competing at a Division I school, a lot of kids have been training since they were 4, 5 or 6 years old. Most of them, in junior high and high school, have been working out 20 to 40 hours per week in a club setting. Most others are seasonal sports.

"You've got to be extremely disciplined to get by in school doing that. You've had to budget your time and energy to get things done."

That discipline carries over when gymnasts move into a college setting. And to minimize the chance that it won't, Turpin's recruiting priorities get turned around a bit.

Turpin lists athleticism, grades and personality as the three things his staff looks for in a potential Beaver.

"Then, for recruiting visits, we bring them in in reverse order of those," Turpin said. "The best personalities, then the best grades, then the best athletes. We've proven over the years we can develop athleticism. Dick and Jill do a marvelous job of that, and it's easier to develop athleticism than the academics or character. That's a big part of why we've been successful with some unknown names."

"Getting motivated student/athletes and putting them in the right environment is the key."

In college gymnastics, where the sport is still team-oriented, the key is specialization. OSU may take a good, but not great, all-arounder and have her concentrate on one or two events; the end product is more gymnasts in a more-potent lineup.

"Last year, we were fourth in the country and just missed third place with a bunch of kids who were unknown" in national gymnastics circles, Turpin said. "UCLA had three Olympians on its team and Alabama had two, and Georgia had six or seven national team members.

"We've got a few kids who never made it past regionals (in youth competition)."

The hardest part of all this may be getting such a program going. Because once you've reached the Beavers' current status—an annual Top 10 resident and academic powerhouse—pressure from within the team and from fans becomes an important factor in maintaining that perch.

"I never say anything to them about grades," Turpin said. "There's so much pressure on the team that if I say anything more, it doesn't help. When kids all want the same thing and work as hard as they do, good things have to happen.

"Getting motivated student/athletes and putting them in the right environment is the key."

And, when you're trying to keep track of more than a dozen 18-to 22-year-old women who have a high profile in Corvallis, you work hard to get the right material.

"We're not perfect," Turpin said. "But we have eliminated some good student/athletes who didn't have what we wanted in character and grades that could have helped us.

"Part of it is my selfishness. I don't want to work with kids like that. I'd rather bring in good people because it makes my life easier. And I think you can still win that way—we've proven we can stay up with almost anybody."

The result has gymnastics peeking out from under that shadow cast by football and men's basketball.

"I do feel that way," Turpin said. "And it's a great feeling. I can go for a visit in a recruit's home and say we're not a minor sport in any way, shape or form. It's a good feeling.

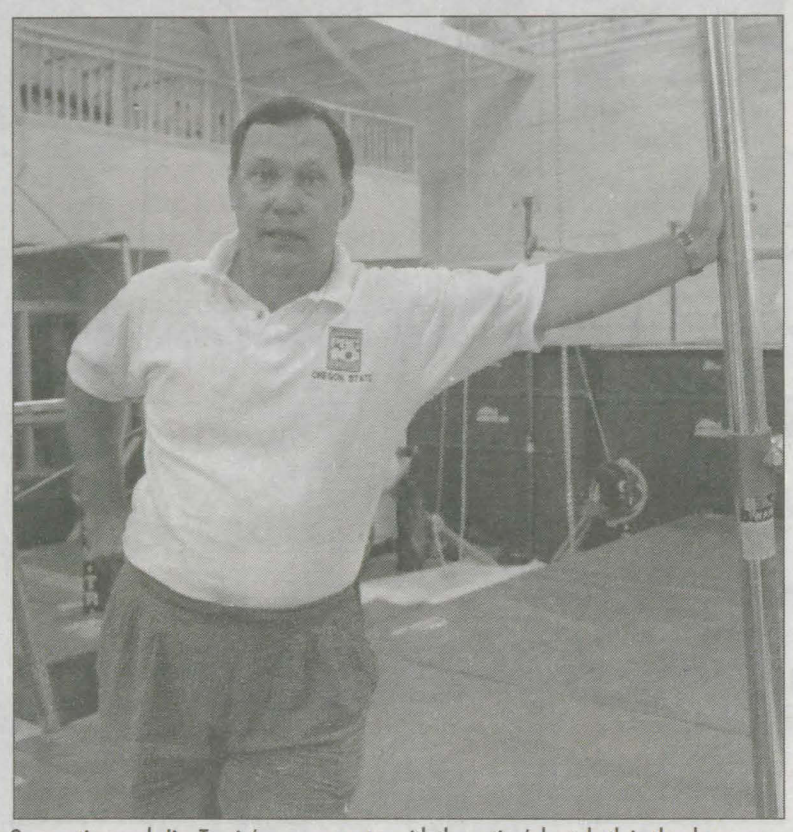
"The truth is, any athletic department has got to be run with football and basketball first and foremost or you don't survive. But I can count on two hands the number of institutions that give another sport the type of support we get here. We never lack anything, but we've never asked for it. We've earned it."

The attendance shows it.

OSU averaged 5,266 fans per home meet last year—more than the men's basketball team. Beaver fans accounted for 49.9 percent of the Pac-10's total gymnastics attendance and 43.9 percent of the entire West Region's attendance.

"This is the first year I haven't been able to say that our lowest-attended home meet had more people than the rest of the Pac-10's season attendance combined," Turpin said. "The athletic department—and the University—have gotten behind the program. We had 117 professors with season tickets last season.

"Other (Pacific-10) schools have good programs, but they don't have the support. They're just as good athletically, but ... ," Turpin shrugs, "You wonder if they have as good a time as we do."



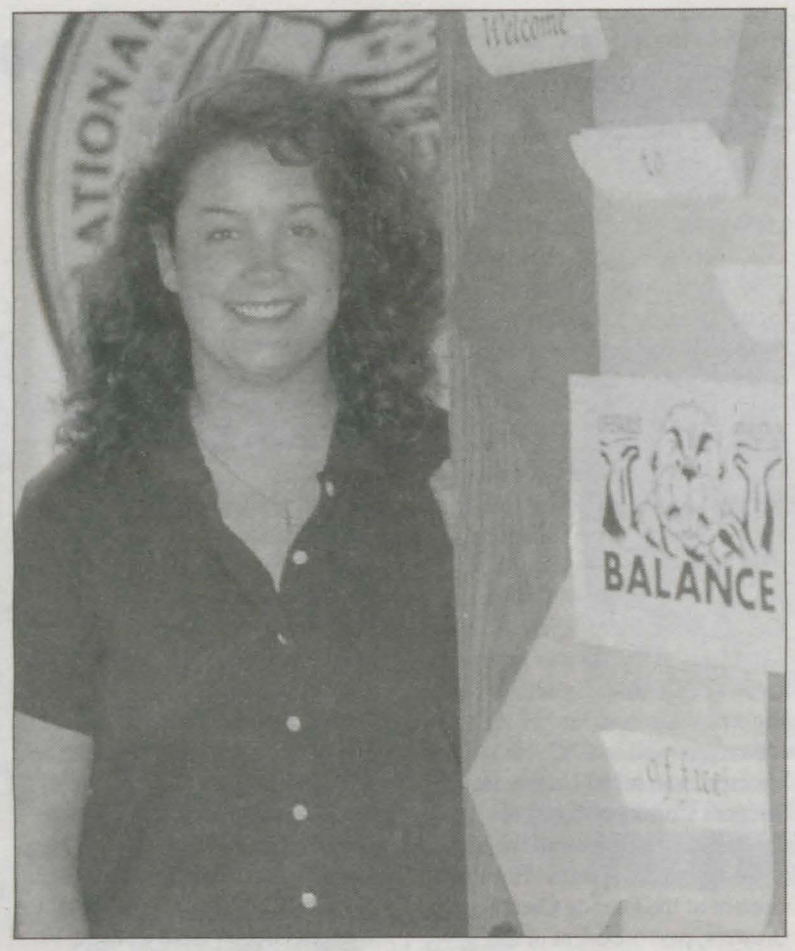
Gymnastics coach Jim Turpin's program rates with the nation's best, both in the classroom and the gym. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

Last year, the Beaver footballers helped the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club with its Rubber Ducky Derby fund-raiser; the men's basketball team was involved with Linn Benton Food Share; and the crew squad aided in sandbagging during February's extensive flooding.

"It's just two hours of your life, and you see what you can do for someone else," Talcott said. "They love it, and they really seem to enjoy it."

The most popular community service outlet is WARM—We Are Role Models. It's the athletic department's speakers bureau, an idea of Baughman's after he saw NBA star Charles Barkley's television commercials claiming Barkley wasn't a role model. The program sends Beavers to schools to talk about their experiences.

"A lot of athletes can tell them personal stories," Talcott said. "My roommate, who was also a softball player, had a brother who got into drugs and jail, and it made her determined it wasn't going to happen to her. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and is going to become a doctor.



Former OSU softball player Andrea Talcott heads the Beavers' nationally known BALANCE program. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

"They can tell kids you don't need to go down with some of your friends. It's our biggest thing in terms of community service, and the community loves it. The problem is, we don't have enough athletes for all the people who want them as speakers."

Talcott has seen a change since she began attending OSU in 1990.

"You've got young guys, and problems will occur," Talcott said, perhaps thinking of the recent charges of misuse of a telephone credit card by several students, including some football players. "But they're solid kids, they can play, and they're good people. Before, when I first started school here, you wouldn't have gotten anyone in here. Now, they realize what an asset they can be to the department and the community."

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Oregon State's athletic administrators have responsibilities as well, and two of the biggest are seeing that NCAA rules are followed and all the bills are paid.

"But the caveat is always there—they'd like to see us win more games."

OSU's methods of assuring compliance with NCAA regulations has developed to the point that Baughman and school compliance coordinator Michael Beachley have been invited to go to other schools to talk about the Beavers' methods and to

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Building Boom Under Way in Athletics

By Kip Carlson

Think back about four or five decades.

That's how far you'd have to go to find an athletic building boom at OSU to match current construction. Not since the opening of Gill Coliseum in 1949 and Parker Stadium in 1953 have the Beavers' facilities seen such change.

"Compared to the past, we're making drastic improvements," said Greg Goracke, associate athletic director in charge of facilities. He rattled off a list of recent or current projects—the expansion of the Valley Football Center, the new press box and roof at Parker Stadium, the soccer complex that goes into use this fall, the press/storage/restroom building at softball's Ropes/Fetrow Field, rebuilding of baseball's infield at Coleman Field and the opening of the Gladys Valley Gymnastics Center.

In the planning or dreaming stages are a 4,000- to 5,000-seat annex on the west side of Gill Coliseum, completion of the brick fence and landscaping around Parker Stadium, a new playing surface for the stadium, improvements to the crew docks and locker facilities on the banks of the Willamette River and a new Coleman Field grandstand and press box.

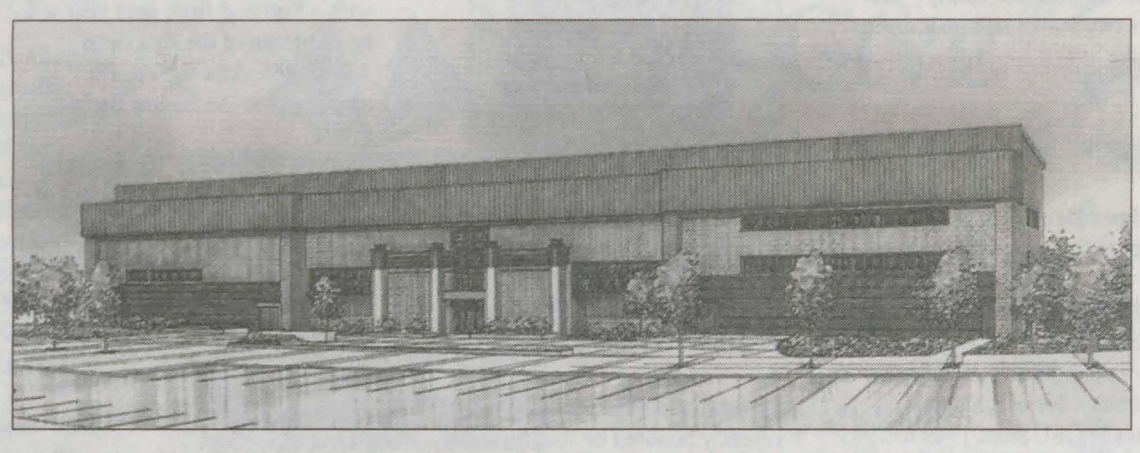
The completed projects will leave an impression on more than just OSU athletes. Athletic director Dutch Baughman said the connection between a school's facilities and its image is "crucial."

"I've heard so many times that athletics is a window to the university, and it's true," Baughman said. "So many people come to an athletic event and spend a few hours on campus, and their impression of the university is based on their experience as a supporter of the athletic event."

The work is also part of a focused effort to make OSU's facilities and teams more competitive with those of other Pacific-10 Conference schools.

"We feel good we're providing fine opportunities for our student/athletes and coaches to reach their goals," Baughman said. "I'm not sure the public understands the effect facilities have on student/athletes and the recruiting process."

Some of OSU's facilities, like the Valley Gymnastics Center, are the best that can be found in their sport. But that's far from the case across the board.



An artist's view of how the finished Valley Football Center will look.

The most recent and currently most noticeable construction project involving athletics looms over Parker Stadium's north end zone. The Valley Football Center that opened in 1990 was gutted this summer and is in the midst of a $5.5-million project that will ultimately benefit more than just the football program.

The privately funded project will take the VFC from 20,000 square feet to approximately 57,000 square feet. When work is finished this fall, all football operations will be housed in the building across Ralph Miller Drive from Gill Coliseum.

The football offices will move from Gill to the VFC's third floor, and the entertainment area on that level will double in size. The second floor will include a slightly larger weight room and several meeting rooms; the first floor will provide the Beavers with larger locker, training and equipment areas.

"The direct benefit is to football, but there are indirect benefits for all the other sports," Goracke said.

Moving the football offices and meeting rooms out of Gill will free up space to expand the academic services center, allow other teams to move their chalk-talks from storage areas into new meeting rooms and provide more office space for other coaches.

The next major project would likely be the Gill annex.

"Those plans are still in the preliminary stage," Goracke said. "It would be a chance for our teams with a smaller fan base to compete in a closer environment. And maybe the biggest thing would be that it would give us a second practice area."

As it is now, late fall finds the volleyball team and the men's and women's basketball teams trying to fit all their practices onto Ralph Miller Court.

The Gill annex would also include additional office space for the athletic department and possibly an OSU Hall of Fame.

"We've made marked improvements," Goracke said. "But there's always room for more."

CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS news

'30s

Donald E. Tomlinson, '35, married **Louise Lerch**, '32 in 1964 and they are living in Wickenburg, Ariz. He is now starting his 33rd year of retirement. The couple volunteer with the Desert Caballerous Western Museum and Habitat for Humanity.
Tom Fraser, '37 and his wife, Elsie, '57, are retired in Charbonneau near Portland. They had lived in California for 30 winters and spent summers harvesting at their Pendleton ranches. She volunteers at the Meridian Hospital and he, as a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel, belongs to the Retired Officers Association. They have joined the Oregon Artists Association and the Oregon Potters and are building a new studio. Fraser writes: "From the looks of the *Oregon Stater* of April 1996, it's the class of '37 that is archaic—one entry for the '30s. I was deeply moved to see the names of younger AGR fraternity brothers as deceased. Now I wonder how many of us old leaves still hang on the tree. My brother Paul, class of '38, is still hale and hearty—that makes two leaves still on the tree."

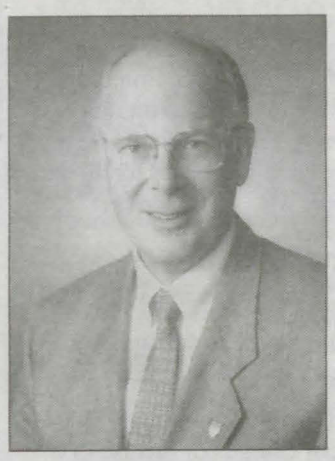
'40s

W. Elmer Dent, '40, published an article on the cause of ketosis in dairy cows and ewes.
Bob Knoll, '49, and his wife, Ann, of Mercer Island, Wash., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He was alumni director at OSU from 1949 to 1961.
Mary and **Richard "Dick" Ferguson**, '49, of Burien, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a mystery weekend getaway given by their four children. He worked for Boeing for 36 years, retiring in 1989.

'50s

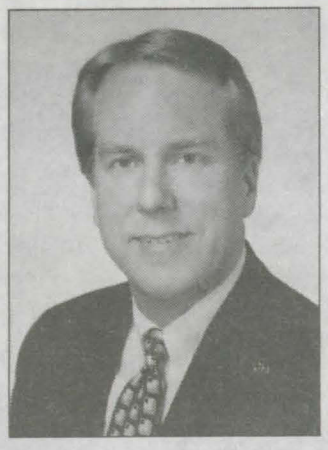
Russ Dorran, '50, of Hermiston, has been appointed to the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council. He retired in 1990 as manager of Umatilla Electric Cooperative.
Verlin Hermann, '53, and his wife, Phyllis, are living in Broadbent and recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.
Kirby Brumfield, '54, is a semi-retired author, video producer and sometimes Biblical actor. He recently ran as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, using his campaign to raise awareness of the need for campaign finance reform.

'60s



Fred Kern, '60, has completed a three-year board of directors term with the 2,000-member Seattle section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

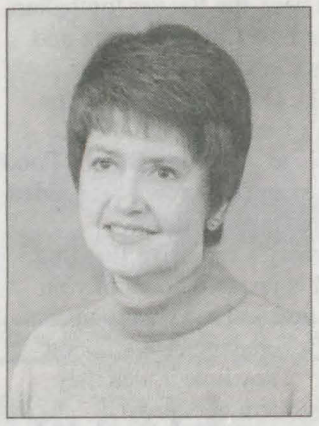
Carol Flood Peterson, '60, was recently honored by the Pillsbury Company for her 30 years of food styling. In 1965 she began her food styling career at Cascade Pictures in Hollywood as a food consultant on the campaign featuring the newly created Pillsbury Doughboy. She since has been the principal stylist on Pillsbury's commercials nationwide. Her company, FOOD DESIGN, specializes in food styling for ads, commercials, labels, menus and editorial assignments, as well as food writing and developing visual recipes. She and her husband, **Richard Peterson**, '53, reside in Glendale, Calif.
Rabbi **Jack Segal**, '60, retired in July from Congregation Beth Yeshurun in Houston, Texas. He served the large congregation of more than 2,060 families for more than 31 years. He plans to spend his retirement writing a book entitled *Two Roads to God—The Moses Road and The Jesus Road* and also a book about his experience in the rabbinate. He also will be leading groups to Europe, Israel and South America.
Leland Myers, '62, is a self-employed land surveyor in Sumpter.
Russell Wickwire, '62, a California Department of Fish and Game employee for 33 years, has moved to the Department of Fish and Game's Region 4 headquarters in Fresno. He had been on-site district biologist for the Greater Tahoe region since 1970.
Robert L. R. Bailey, '63, received Western Oregon State College's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, at the college's 1996 commencement. He is co-owner and president of Orchard View Farms in The Dalles, a 1,200-acre family farm. He was appointed to the Oregon State System of Higher Education board in 1988 and reappointed in 1992. He is a representative to the Oregon Health Sciences University board of directors and chairman of the board of Columbia River Bank. He is past director of the Oregon Cherry Growers, past president of the National Cherry Growers and chairman of the board of trustees of Mid-Columbia Medical Center.
Terry W. Baker, '63, an attorney with a Portland firm, next year will be chairman of the American Automobile Association. He recently wed the former Barbara Pierce.
Meridel Prideaux, '63, has been appointed to the national board of directors for Young Audiences.
Donald Stastny, '65, of Portland's Stastny Architects, has been selected as part of a team to guide an international design competition for the Murrah Federal Building Memorial Project in Oklahoma City, Okla.
Sheila Swinford, '66, is a counselor with Lifeworks Counseling in Newport, Ore.
Alice Elle Rader, '66, is an artist, activist and homemaker in Mahing, Pa. Her most recent efforts focused on supporting a hunger strike organized by the Pastors for Peace organization in Washington, D.C. She claims to have been introduced to activism as a student at OSU when she joined the Y-Round Table.
Jack Raiton, '66, has been named vice president and chief financial officer of Planar Systems Inc. in Hillsboro. He has held senior financial and corporate controller positions with Boeing, Fairchild/Cameron Instruments and Tektronix.
Austin Patty, '66, recruits volunteers for Lovejoy Hospice in Grants Pass. He was a pastor for 20 years in churches from Michigan to Oregon and taught English and English education at OSU and Northern Michigan University.



Jack H. Gallagher III, '67, associate vice president of Norris Beggs & Simpson, has been elected national chairman of the Retail Council for New America Network.
Floyd W. Wood, '67, has received a 1966 American Society for Testing and Materials Award of Merit. He retired in 1992 from the Materials Engineering Laboratory, Naval Aviation Depot, in Jacksonville, Fla., and is now a part-time materials engineering consultant.
Jay Evett, '68, has retired from Western Oregon State College. He had taught physics and recently served as chair of the college's natural science/mathematics division.
Peter Walczak, '69, is a biologist and taught several classes this summer at Nehalem Bay Center.

'70s

E. Nick Nicholson, '70, received the Diamond V Mills Western Division Sales Leader award for his work as regional sales manager for Diamond V yeast culture in the northwestern United States and western Canada.
Marci Ling, '71, has retired from Western Oregon State College after 20 years on the faculty. She taught secondary education.
Brian R. Metke, '71, is the new superintendent of Glendale School District in southern Oregon.
Jim Rucker, '72, and his father, Louis Rucker, have earned the 1996 Gilliam County Conservation Farmer of the Year award.



Candy Pierson-Charlton, '73, received the outstanding professional adviser award for the midwest district from the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). She served as the professional advisor for the University of North Dakota PRSSA chapter this past year. She currently is the development/director manager for the Grand Forks Master Chorale in Grand Forks, N.D.
Ernest Ogard, '72, who taught criminal justice at Western Oregon State College, has retired after serving on the faculty for 30 years.
Mike Deal, '73, is mayor of Puyallup, Wash., and principal of Edgemont Junior High School. He is running for the Pierce County Council.
Dan Hodge, '74, is a recruiter for Air Touch Cellular and a Mill Creek, Wash., city councilman.
Robert Reitmajer, '74, has joined CE/Western Engineering Inc. of Albany as director of civil engineering. He most recently had been Region 5 manager of the Oregon Department of Transportation.
Cheri Pickens Weaver, '74, has been named Oregon's social studies teacher of the year. She teaches fourth and fifth grade at Cedaroak Park Primary School in West Linn.
Craig Reed, '75, is sports editor of the *News-Review* in Roseburg. The newspaper recently won first place for sports coverage among daily newspapers in its circulation category in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association annual awards contest.
Paul Killpatrick, '75, has been named dean of instruction at Mt. Hood Community College.
Kevin Stephens, '75, recently was appointed to the Cottage Grove City Council. He is general business manager for Pacific Power in Cottage Grove, incoming president of Rotary of Cottage Grove and a director of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS news

James P. Becker, '77, was named vice president of Western regional sales for the Okonite Company, an independently owned cable manufacturer.
Janelle Beers, '77, is the new principal at Obsidian Middle School in Redmond.
Matt Higgins, '78, has been named manager of Georgia-Pacific's Western region hybrid poplar program based in Philomath.
Cecilia D. Gray, '79, has been appointed associate vice president for academic affairs, undergraduate programs at California State University in Sacramento.

'80s

John Mattoon, '81, is an assistant professor of veterinary medicine at OSU. He received the 1996 Carl J. Norden Teaching Award.
Frank Lawson, '83, is vice president and general manager of Pacific Scientific Company's Met One subsidiary in Grants Pass.
Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Peter M. Dawson**, '83, recently graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and was awarded a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies.
John LaPorte, '83, has been promoted to night executive producer at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee, Wis.
Tom Eggers, '84, is a sportswriter for the Roseburg *News-Review*, which recently won a first-place award for sports coverage from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.
Julie K. Norrander, '85, and Benjamin E. Schmidt have a new daughter, Courtney Elizabeth Schmidt, born March 1 in Newport, Calif.
Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Timothy J. Polsin**, '85, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in San Diego.
Don VandeBergh, '85, is assistant district wildlife biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Forest Grove. He received an award from Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism for designing a program that teaches and motivates hunters and other forest users to keep the forest clean.
Lisa Berger, '85, of Lake Oswego, is a small animal veterinarian at Hayden Meadows Pet Clinic. She trains for triathlons by swimming 10,000 meters, running 35-55 miles and cycling 100 to 200 miles each week. She also enjoys rock climbing and mountaineering and has climbed most of Oregon's peaks.
Tony Schmidt, '87, has been promoted to controller of Rodgers Instrument Corp., a Hillsboro manufacturer of classical organs and electronic keyboard instruments.
Navy Lt. **Timothy D. Henning**, '87, has returned to San Diego after completing a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with the USS Nimitz Battle Group aboard the attack submarine USS Portsmouth.
Navy Lt. **Paul J. Jennings**, '87, has returned to Oak Harbor, Wash., after serving in the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 138 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.
Grant Edwards, '87, is pursuing an M.A. in English at the University of Hawaii.
Scott "Ole" Olson, '88, has been named editor and publisher of *The Montesano Vidette, Inc.* in Montesano, Wash.
Robert Brudvig, '89, earned a master's degree in music education from Portland State University.
Michael R. Montero, '89, received a juris doctorate degree from the Washburn University of Topeka School of Law.
Gini Lockhart Pederson, '89, moved in 1993 to Norway, where she teaches English. She is becoming certified as an elementary teacher in the Norwegian school system.

'90s

Barbara G. Ellis, '90, is a professor of mass communication at Louisiana's McNeese State University. She was senior researcher for an article accepted by the *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* and recently completed a book on the Memphis *Appeal* during the Civil War. She was an assistant professor in the OSU technical journalism department from 1984 to 1991.
Jill Darley, '90, is editor at the Industrial Design Corporation, a division of CH2M HILL.
Doug Sweet, '90, teaches writing and is acting director of the business writing program at Santa Clara University.
Len Sloper, '92, has been named customer service manager for Alaska Airlines in Kotzebue, Alaska.
Kiersten Graber Hoffman, '92, is an administrative assistant to the communications director at the Mennonite Central Committee in Manheim.
Michelle Terhune Ericson, '92, and her husband, Lt. Chris Ericson, moved to Atsugi, Japan, for three years. She is teaching conversational English to Japanese and traveling.
Navy Lt. **Jack A. Starr**, '92, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He currently serves at Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.
Matt Webb, '92, has joined the sports staff of the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*.
Alexi Bartlett, '93, worked as a technical writer in Seattle for two years and has entered Western Washington University's teaching program.
Navy Ensign **Stephen D. Sims**, '93, completed the Basic Surface Officer's Course.
Jennifer Smith-Morris, '93, is working on an M.A. in education at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.
Navy Lt. j.g. **Holly A. Rosenberg**, '93, recently was designated a naval aviator.
Rebecca Hodges, '94, is a customer service representative in Portland for FESCO Agencies N.A., an international steamship agency.
Sally Joy Heit, '94, is a production assistant at Affinity Publishing near Seattle.
William Shallenberger, '94, received his M.S. degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech. and is working as a geotechnical engineer for Cornforth Consultants in Portland.
Catlin and **Andrew Kennedy**, both '94, are raising White Rock-Cornish cross broilers near Philomath.
Chris Noble, '95, is teaching English as a second lanaguage in Seoul, Korea.
Navy Lt. j.g. **Gregory E. Selfridge**, '95, has graduated from the Basic Civil Engineer Corps Officer School.
Machelle Kennedy, '95, is Memorial Union program coordinator at OSU.
Marty Cohen, '95, teaches writing at Linn-Benton Community College.

Join the OSU Choir in China

The OSU Chamber Choir will be visiting China next year, and you are invited to join them. Cost is $2,449 per person double occupancy and includes an impressive package of activities and five formal concert performances by the choir. For more information, contact the Choral Activities Office at (541) 737-5604.

MARRIAGES

David E. Hjorth, '74, and Kay D. Wilson; March 16 in Wilsonville.
James Charles Whitson and **Patricia Ann Adams**, '82; April 27 in Seattle.
Andrew Westbrook, '89, and Kerry Lynn Converse; March 9 in Bandon.
David E. Huffman, '88, and Ellen M. Wax; May 31 in Portland.
Jim Stormo and **Barbara Barry**, '86; April 27 in Medford.
Scott Smith, '94, and Melissa Massine; April 27 in Portland.
Godfrey Dewar Watson, '70, and Jeanne Marie Medeiros; May 11 in San Francisco.
Christopher Davis and **Lisa Duyck**, '92; May 20 in Portland.
Storr Nelson and **Andrea Miller**, '90; April 20 in Beaverton.
James Brian Hartz and **Tracy Anne Kiel**, '89; May 18 in Corvallis.
Rick L. Miller and **Suzan S. Khouri**, '88; April 13 in Portland.
Erik Parks and **Jerie Bolin**, '87; March 9 in Portland.
Brady Darald Callahan, '94, and **Kendra Grace Ibarguen**, '95; March 23 in Corvallis.
Brinker Gildersleeve, '93, and **Julie Dickson**, '94; May 18 in Portland.
Christopher Hughson, '94, and Suzanne Gerson; April 13 in Bellevue, Wash.
David Culbertson, '91, and Andrea Neilson; Dec. 16 in Medford.
Peter Shepherd and **Sherrill Beck**, '86; April 6 in Salem.
Jere Douglas Breese, '91, and **Charise Elaine Dalrymple**, '91; March 16 in Prineville.
Greg Borke and **Michelle Childreth**, '90; April 27 in Corvallis.
Mark Christopher Boone, '93, and Rochelle Lee Iverson; May 4 in Jacksonville.
Brent Burtless and **Carla Green**, '92; May 18 in Sun City West, Ariz.
John Van Vleet, '85, and Jennifer Lee Ingebo; May 18 in The Dalles.
James K. Munford, '34, and Margaret W. Hewitt; June 8 in Corvallis.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Merriott, '22, of Salem; May 24 in Salem.
Grace Barlow Webster, '23, of Reno, Nev.; Jan. 19 in Fullerton, Calif.
George Herman Hessler, '25, of Seattle. He was affiliated with Acacia.
Willis Clair Boegli, '26, of Beaverton on June 23. At one time he had worked for the OSU Extension Service.
Cecil Beach Castor, '28, of Portland; June 15 in Portland.
Theodore "Ted" Robert Merryweather, '28, of Sacramento, Calif.; May 10 in Sacramento. He was past president of the OSU Alumni Club of Sacramento. He was affiliated with AGR.
Ruth Riley Pedersen Plue, '28, of Portland; June 14 in Portland.
Alice Moser Rice, '28, of Salem; May 19 in Salem. She was affiliated with ZTA.
Kenneth Peel, '30 of Eugene on April 11.
Howard V. Bennett, '31, of Newberg on June 30.
Martha L. Humphrey, '32, of Portland on June 11.
Loyal G. Alderman, '33, of Astoria; May 31 in Astoria.
Helen Pauline Michaels Gray, '33, of Corvallis; May 21 in Corvallis.
Dr. **Zanly C. Edelson**, '36, of Portland; July 9 in Portland.
William J. Fluke, '36, on May 25.
David Lester Lynch, '37, of Mountain View, Ark.; Dec. 12 in Batesville, Ark.
Osborne Y. Bruland, '38, of Portland on May 14. He was affiliated with LCA.
Robert Grey Fowler, '39, of Tucson, Ariz.; June 16 in Tucson.
John William Kerr, '39, of Lincoln City on June 29.
Ted T. Kirsch, '39, of Dora; June 19 in Dora.
William Wachter, '39, of Olinda, Maui; April 3 in Olinda. He was the University of Hawaii's first dean of the College of Engineering.
Robert M. Crichton, '40, of Woodburn on May 25.
G. Morris "Morrie" Robertson, '41, of Green Valley, Ariz; May 24 in Green Valley. He was affiliated with KDR.
Jean Dolores Read "Penni" Hudson, '43, of Northridge, Calif., on June 10.
Alyce Hahn Holmes, '45, of Blacksburg, Va.; May 17, 1989, in Blacksburg.
Anson Ellis "Tommy" Thompson, '48, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; June 14 in Scottsdale. He was an internationally known plant scientist.
Loren E. Hoover, '49, of Woodland, Wash.; Sept. 5, 1995, in Woodland.
Ione Harriet Johnson Banks, '50, of McMinnville; July 5 in McMinnville.
John R. "Jack" Gray, '50, of Gresham; July 1 in Gresham.
Robert Clyde Kendall, '50, of Vancouver, Wash.; May 12 in Hawaii.
Eugene E. Paul, '53, of Portland; July 4 in Portland.
Nancy Beeman Tyler, '54, of Portland.
Margaret Louise Gilger Youngberg, '58, of Corvallis; June

28 in Corvallis.
William A. Fromherz, '65, of Crownsville, Md.; June 8 in Crownsville.
Carol Fuller Berglof, '66, of Jamestown, N.D., on April 10.
John F. Merry, '66, of Enumclaw, Wash.; Feb. 6 in Enumclaw.
Larry O. Torgerson, '66, of Everett, Wash.; Feb. 29 in Everett.
Michael L. Grady, '67, of Lewisburg, Pa.; May 27 in Lewisburg.
Royal A. Ivory, '67, of Vancouver, Wash., on May 19.
Jeffry Curtis Young, '69, on June 13 in Redmond, Wash.
George F. Arsulich Jr., '72, of Eugene; May 17 in Eugene.
Johanna Carlson Haglund, '76, of Lake Oswego on May 28.
James Gordon Hopson, '77, of Bandon on April 18.
Jeffery E. Devore, '78, of Portland on June 20.
Scott Murphy, '82, of Portland on May 15.
Scott Robert Stiller, '91, of Juneau, Alaska; May 11 near Juneau. He was affiliated with PKP.
Roman F. Foster, '95; Feb. 11 in Culver City, Calif.

Faculty and Friends

Lynel D. Buntin of Philomath; May 24 in Philomath. He served as a custodian at OSU, retiring in 1982.
Jack H. Burns of Portland on June 28. He was co-founder of Burns Brothers Inc., which operates 20 travel stops for truckers and other motorists in nine states. He was the fifth recipient of the Adam Smith Award honoring free-market logic from Hillsdale College in Michigan. Previous winners included Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Ronald Reagan.
Robert Chandler of Bend; July 12 in Bend. He founded Western Communications Inc., which at the time of his death operated eight daily and weekly newspapers including *The Bulletin* in Bend, *The Observer* of La Grande, the *Baker City Herald* and *The Triplicate* in Crescent City, Calif.
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy, '42, and is survived by his second wife, Marjorie Carlsen Chandler, '51.
Edward Miller Cracraft of Corvallis; June 27 in Corvallis. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, worked for Dun & Bradstreet and then joined OSU as the administrative officer for the department of mathematics. He retired from OSU in 1984.
Bertha M. Duggan of Alexandria, Va., in January 1993.
Allen McLeod Horn of Corvallis on May 26. He was employed by the OSU Extension Service in the 1950s and worked for the Oregon State System of Higher Education Controllers Division from 1968 until retiring in 1990.
"Gib" Lamb of Lake Oswego; July 8 in Lake Oswego. He was a co-founder of Lamb-Weston Inc. and a pioneer in the technology and business of frozen food. He developed technology for perfecting the frozen french fry. He was on the boards of OMSI, the Oregon Graduate Center and U.S. National Bank. In 1971 he and his family established the Lamb Foundation to support community and Northwest philanthropic projects.
Donald C. Landon of Corvallis; May 21 in Corvallis. He was a career U.S. Army officer and came to Corvallis in 1960 to direct the ROTC program at OSU. He retired in 1965.
Kenneth C. Leach of Philomath on March 28.
Rosemary Nibler of Corvallis; April 25 in Corvallis. Her husband, Jerry Nibler, was employed by the OSU Extension Service. He died in 1990. She was active in the OSU Folk Club Thrift Shop and was a Master Woodland Manager and Benton County 1995 Tree Farmer of the Year.
Clayton John Nyberg of Tualatin on June 20. He was a former Washington County commissioner and Oregon legislator and served on the board of the Oregon State University Foundation.
Evelyn C. Payne of Portland; June 21 in Portland.
Raphael Raymond Sr. of Helix; April 3, 1993, in Pendleton.
George R. Rugg of Ephrata, Wash.; May 5 in Wenatchee, Wash.
David S. Takalo, '41, of Hillsboro; April 22 in Hillsboro. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from OSU and taught microbiology at OSU from 1946 to 1953. He was head microbiologist at Emanuel Hospital in Portland for nearly 30 years.
Mary Ann Thomas of Portland; May 23 in Portland.

Big Job at the Olympics

Oregon Stater **Stephen K. Jackson,** '61, was a busy man at this year's Olympics in Atlanta. It was his job to throw a big welcoming party for 1,500 of Georgia-Pacific's best customers, invited to Georgia's jewel city to visit with company officials and to enjoy the Games. The highlight of Jackson's program? A surprise concert for G-P's guests by Ray Charles!

Flying Colors

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conduct audits of those school's procedures.

Beachley has developed the computer software for a compliance program that is being bought by other schools.

Also, OSU recently completed a five-year random audit conducted by the regional Office of Civil Rights regarding Title IX and gender equity.

"At this point, we're in compliance with all 13 areas of Title IX," Baughman said. "And it was done with no outside funding. Many schools worked with their state legislatures to come into compliance, and in many cases the legislatures said, 'Here's the sum you need to reach equity.' We managed to do it ourselves."

Which leads into that part about paying the bills. The 1995-96 year was the sixth straight in which OSU balanced its operating budget; OSU has also trimmed its cumulative deficit from about $3 million to just more than $2 million.

During that time, Baughman said, no positions were eliminated and budgets for each sport were spared the ax. And this all occurred while state agencies were dealing with the effects of Measure 5, passed by voters in 1990 to limit property taxes in Oregon.

"It hasn't been easy," Baughman said. "It was a matter of making a detailed plan seven years ago, following it very carefully and placing incredible scrutiny on ourselves for every expenditure.

"The most significant thing is, it comes at a time when we're trying to show the University we're responsible in the way we conduct our business."

It's helped that the athletic department's fund raising has gone from $500,000 annually to just under $2 million.

"We've gotten information to people who donate to Beaver Club about the services and benefits, and it's a thriving operation," Baughman said. "Scott Spiegelberg (the Beaver Club director) and his staff have done a remarkable job."

The Valley Football Center expansion is a good example. The $5.5 million project has included about $250,000 so far in "gifts-in-kind"—donations of building materials and services.

Of course, those donors would like to be associated with a winning football program.

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So what kind of feedback do you get when your two spotlighted teams combine for a 5-33 record in one school year?

Wirth, who comes in contact with a wide variety of alumni, hasn't heard much. Baughman, who deals with the athletically-oriented, has.

"The people who have been the most loyal, longtime supporters have come to appreciate the high quality we enjoy," Baughman said. "Some people, while displeased with our win-loss percentage in football and men's basketball, are close enough to understand the improvements we've made in the program.

"We give them something," Turpin said. "It's not always a win on the field, but we're producing good people"

"Evidence the recruiting class of Coach (Eddie) Payne and his staff. There's a new enthusiasm for men's basketball—I hear that a lot. What I hear from them most about football is how pleased they are with the quality of the student/athletes, that they're good students and represent the school well.

"But the caveat is always there—they'd like to see us win more games. That's certainly on people's minds and on our minds."

Talcott, who's seen the challenges facing OSU's athletic department both as an athlete and staff member, doesn't consider them insurmountable—even for football.

"He (Pettibone) can turn it around," Talcott said. "It takes time. At first, it was wait until they grow up; then it was 'Can we win with the option?' But if anyone can turn it around, he can.

"The athletic department is hiring winning coaches. We'll see that in softball (with Kirk Walker), we've seen it in baseball where they've continued their excellence under a new coach (Pat Casey), we'll see it in women's swimming (with Mariusz Podkoscielny), and we'll continue to see it in golf (with Mike Ketcham)."

And, as for those seasons when the losses outnumber the wins ...

"We give them something," Turpin said. "It's not always a win on the field, but we're producing good people. You know what they say—you produce two good people, and they produce two good people, and the effect spreads across the world."

Oregon State University Alumni Association presents the...

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Dr. Roy Teranishi

Ph.D. Chemistry '54
Biocommunications Chemistry Research Leader
Western Regional Research Center, USDA, ARS
Albany, California

Mr. Lawrence P. Kirkland

B.A. Art '72
Artist/Sculptor
Public Artist and Community Activist
Washington, D.C.

All Oregon State University Alumni, friends, and students are invited to honor these individuals at the
Alumni Fellows Awards Presentation and Reception
Friday, October 18, 1996 4:00pm, Memorial Union Lounge

Nicodemus ...

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cyclotron and build up the apparatus to be used in the experiment.

"Knowledge of the fission spectrum was needed. It was a classified program and clearly something that was aimed to help the war effort," said Nicodemus.

What he didn't know was that while he was working on the experiment at Stanford, an isolated laboratory in New Mexico was being created to design and construct the first atomic bombs.

"Toward the end of 1942-43, Staub and Bloch came to me one day and said, 'We'll be moving to a place we'll call now Shangri-la. We can't tell you where it is, but we'd like you to come. We're going to continue work related to what we had been doing, but we can't tell you exactly what it is.'

"I was free, single and looking for a job, so I said I would be interested," said Nicodemus.

He was told to go to Santa Fe and report to the Army Corps of Engineers Office. In Santa Fe he was given directions to Los Alamos, 25 miles away. When he arrived, Los Alamos had been operating almost a year.

"I was assigned to a men's dormitory," he said. "The first thing I was told was to go to the library and check out a primer. For the first two days I sat and read the primer. It explained right away that the purpose of the project was to build an atomic bomb and sketched out what the problems were for the whole project. The philosophy applied to the technical and professional staff was that they all should know what it was all about.

"Oppenheimer and the others who ran the project felt it was important not to compartmentalize too much. You worked on a particular problem, but you should also know what the others were doing."

Nicodemus said he was given general guidelines about what he could reveal to outsiders. He could tell friends and family he lived near Santa Fe and was working with the Army Corps of Engineers, but he couldn't tell them what he was working on. Although more than 50 years have lapsed since he lived at Los Alamos, Nicodemus can quickly recall his mailing address: Box 1663, Santa Fe, N.M. Everyone who lived in Los Alamos at that time had the same mailing address, and mail coming in and going out was read and censored. He said when he would go down to Santa Fe for a good dinner at a local hotel he always had assumed that government agents could be watching.

"Many Nobel Prize winners and other well-known scientists were up there. If a knowledgeable outsider knew they were all there, he could make a good guess as to what Los Alamos was all about," he said.

"I was just a young kid who had just completed his Ph.D. research. To even meet these people and hear them talk at weekly seminars was a priceless opportunity. I also was lucky because Hans Staub was good to me and had me join his family for various occasions. When he and his wife were invited to a party, they often dragged me along. I had a chance to get into a social situation with some of the big shots, if you will."

"I was free, single, and looking for a job, so I said I would be interested"

Nicodemus worked with the detector group, headed by Staub and Bruno Rossi, which was part of the Experimental Physics Division. He was responsible for overseeing the making and testing of large numbers of fast ionization chambers (later including one for the test bomb). Banks of these chambers were blown up in many preliminary tests of the implosion process.

Nicodemus stayed on at Los Alamos until 1946, finished writing his thesis and then accepted a position in the physics department at Stanford University. He taught at Stanford for four years and while there met and married Janet Buck.

Nicodemus had met Edwin Yunker and Duis Bolinger and several Oregon State College faculty members when they were doing graduate work in physics at Stanford. After the war, OSC began construction of a cyclotron. OSC was interested in Nicodemus, who had applied for a job there, because of his cyclotron experience. Nicodemus joined the OSC faculty in 1950 and began working with physicists Richard Dempster, James Brady and others on the cyclotron program headed by Yunker.

Although Nicodemus enjoyed teaching and research, he later become involved in administration. He served as assistant dean of science from 1962 to 1965 and was acting dean of science from 1965 to 1966. He was tapped to be Oregon State's third dean of faculty in 1966, the position he held until he retired in 1986.

The dean of faculty position had been created under OSU President James Jensen in 1963, and one of the responsibilities of the position was to preside over the Faculty Senate.

Under President Robert MacVicar and during Nicodemus' tenure as dean of faculty, the faculty became more involved in developing academic standards and policies, including those for tenure and promotions. In the early 1970s, President MacVicar asked the senators if they wished to elect their own president, and the Senate readily accepted this opportunity.

Nicodemus was honored in 1985 by the Faculty Senate with the D. Curtis Munford Faculty Senate Award for distinguished service to the faculty. When he retired in 1986, the dean of faculty duties were largely assumed by a newly created position of associate vice president for academic affairs.

Throughout his career at OSU, Nicodemus was a staunch supporter of OSU's Japan study program. "I went over with the first group of OSU students to go to Japan to study at Waseda University," he said. "To me it's the most valuable experience a student can have. In one year of living as a member of a Japanese family, a student probably learns more about Japan and its people than I did in 17 years in Japan."

Nicodemus, whose wife died in 1981, enjoys traveling and working out on the track or treadmill and in the swimming pool at local athletic facilities. He maintains an interest in the Faculty Senate and attends senate meetings when possible.

Despite his role as an eyewitness to one of the most important scientific and political developments of the 20th century history, what Nicodemus really likes to talk about are his years at OSU, particularly his experience as dean of faculty. "When I was first asked to become dean of faculty I thought I would do it a couple of years and go back to teaching physics," he said. "I never went back."

Editor's Note: Nicodemus was not the only OSU faculty or alumnus who was closely involved with the development of the atomic bomb. Physicist Richard Dempster was assistant head of the Manhattan Project's Theoretical Division before joining the OSU faculty as a physics professor. Assistant professor of chemistry Lloyd West conducted "special research" related to the atomic bomb as the University of Chicago Metallurgical Laboratory and at the Tennessee Eastman Corporation at its Oakridge, Tenn. production facility where Uranium 235 was purified. Buena Maris, dean of women, was granted a year's leave from OSC in 1943 to direct women's activities for the Dupont Company's Hanford facility. Eleanor Otwell, a 1933 OSU graduate, served as secretary for meetings at the University of California involving J. Robert Oppenheimer and other scientists working on the atomic bomb.

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Homecoming 1996

In planning your schedule this fall, don't forget to pencil in OSU's Homecoming '96, set for Oct. 18-19. Homecoming festivities begin at noon on Friday, Oct. 18 in the MU quad. Local merchants will offer "Paint the Town Orange" promotions and events from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. An Alumni Fellows reception is scheduled at 4 p.m. Capping off the day and igniting the Beaver spirit will be a bonfire and Yell Like Hell Competition at 6 p.m.

Saturday events include the Jensen Breakfast at 9 a.m., college open houses at 10 a.m., pep rally at 10:30 a.m. and the Beaver Walk from the MU Quad to Parker Stadium at 10:45 a.m. The traditional Alumni Association barbecue begins at 11 a.m. Free shuttles will run Saturday morning from LaSells Stewart Center to various campus locations. The highlight of OSU's 1996 Homecoming will be the 1 p.m. football game between OSU and Stanford. A special reunion will be held Saturday evening for the class of 1956.

Jumpstart ...

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evening presentations by guest lecturers and artists. Curriculum offerings include computer illustration, sculpture, design structures, digital photography, drawing composition, improvisational drawing, printmaking, oil painting, photography and graphic design.

Cross-disciplinary workshops in dance, music and theater reinforce the visual arts curriculum. Other activities included art-related films and videos, lectures or demonstrations by visiting professional artists (including alumni Cheryl Hatch, a photographer, and Harley Jessup, who works at Industrial Light and Magic) and field trips to the Portland Art Museum (to see the Imperial Tombs Exhibit) and the Oregon Coast (to see a sand sculpture contest at Ona Beach).

Students develop a high-quality fine arts portfolio, intended for use in applications to visual arts programs in higher education. Jumpstart concludes with an evaluation of each student's portfolio by a faculty committee and a final exhibition attended by students, faculty and parents.

Organizers believe Jumpstart can help students develop enthusiasm for further study in the visual arts, and the program works closely with regional high schools to identify students who might benefit as a result of their participation.

Jumpstart particularly seeks out students who might feel socially or educationally "out of place" within their high school programs, including students designated or identified through school guidance programs or community programs as being "at risk," a term applied to teenagers who are losing faith in their chances for succeeding in high school or higher education due to familial, social and/or economic pressures. Jumpstart offers "at-risk" students an opportunity to recognize their potential through a positive experience in the visual arts.

Another goal is to offer students from school districts where art funding has been reduced or eliminated an opportunity to develop skills in the fine arts at a college preparatory level.

HELEN GILL—
Great Lady of Beaver Basketball

By Tom Bennett

Helen Gill wears her 91 years lightly, with a winning smile and a vital interest in what's going on today. She looks back fondly on a life that was interwoven with Oregon State basketball for 35 years—the years during which her husband, the legendary Amory "Slats" Gill, coached OSU basketball and served as athletic director.

"I went to every game," she says proudly. "At least all the home games." She didn't travel with Slats until the children were grown but kept up with game reports and the performance of the players. And, of course those were years of glory for Oregon State basketball. Five of Slats' teams won Pacific Coast championships, and only nine teams in 36 years had losing records. His statistics are basketball history—his 599 victories still make him OSU's all-time winningest basketball coach. When he died in 1966, the Coliseum was officially named Gill Coliseum.

Helen still lives in the same house she and Slats moved into soon after they were married in 1932. "It's a bungalow type that could be on the Historic Register," she said. Two of her deep interests are antiques and the preservation of older houses.

But Helen doesn't live in the past. She treasures tending her garden and enjoys playing bridge with a circle of friends she has known for years. She has been a member of the Corvallis Country Club since Slats presented her with a membership and a set of golf clubs as a wedding gift. She admits, however, that she has never taken to golf. "I never had time to learn," she said.

When she turned 90, she took a trip to Santa Fe "to avoid people making a fuss over it." But friends wouldn't be denied and all the basketball wives Helen had known in the past got together for a celebration. She loved it but says, "I really try to live in the now."

Helen and Slats met on a blind date arranged by one of her Gamma Phi Beta sisters. He had graduated three years earlier and was returning to Oregon State as freshman basketball coach after coaching two years in Oakland, Calif. at the YMCA and Oakland High School. He had been an outstanding player in his senior year on the 1924 Beaver squad and was an All-American selection that year.

Helen and son, John, pose for a photo at their Corvallis home. *Photo by Barry Schwartz*

In 1927 when she met Slats, she was a "sophisticated" college coed in her senior year.

Helen had come to Oregon State in 1925 to get a degree in home economics after two years at St. Mary's Junior College, a Catholic school in downtown Portland. Her mother, widowed when Helen was in high school, had brought her family of four from Tampico, Ill., to be near a sister.

"Tampico is where Ronald Reagan comes from," she says with twinkle in her eye. "He used to come to my childhood parties." She doesn't remember many details about him—"He was a bit younger, of course"—but they were children together in that prairie farm community in the early part of the century

In 1927 when she met Slats, she was a "sophisticated" college coed in her senior year. The blind date, unlike the stereotypical disaster many have experienced, turned out to be a happy success. The two liked each other at once and soon became a familiar couple on campus—the tall, lanky basketball player towering over the vivacious brunette with a stylish '20s bob.

From then on she could be seen cheering in the front row at every game. Even though she wasn't especially athletic, she always enjoyed watching sports. And since Slats' teams won more often than not, watching could be a lot of fun.

After they married in 1932 and Slats' career was in full gear, Helen happily assumed the role of homemaker for which her home economics training so well prepared her. Daughter Jane Gill Stephenson, '56, recalls that she was also a devoted wife. "She was a wonderful helpmate to my father," she said, "always friendly and outgoing, and above all, very supportive of his goals. They were a team, and she added a great deal to the success and tradition of Oregon State basketball."

She was careful, however, not to get too close to the players as a kind of housemother figure. "Slats was very strict with his players and felt you shouldn't hobnob with them," she said. "At the end of the season, of course, they were invited to our home for a celebration."

Once the children—Jane and John—came along, Helen became a strong nurturing mother as well as a coach's wife. Now the whole family attended home games and became sports fans. John remembers as a boy being proud of Slats' ability to attract good players to OSU. "It was an interesting time for me to follow my father's career," he says. "I saw a lot of great players and teams. They liked to win and were good competitors."

He also remembers his mother's strength and support during a difficult childhood after he was born deaf. She was determined to help him live a productive and fulfilled life, enrolling him early in a school in which he learned to read and communicate. After graduating from Corvallis High School, where he played basketball and other sports, he attended OSU (as a Phi Delt like his father), graduating with a business degree in 1960. He now works at the University, plays golf and has become a computer Internet buff.

Jane followed her mother in home economics and married the catcher on the Beaver baseball team, Jack Stephenson, '56. One of their four children is an OSU alumnus, Mark Stephenson, '85.

Besides her devotion to family and church, Helen Gill always has been active in community affairs—on the Red Cross board for many years and charter member of the Assistance League for needy children. She still is a valued member of her sorority and enjoys the opportunity to keep in touch with the interests and concerns of younger women.

Now the great-grandmother of eight, Helen continues to impress others with her zest for life and to teach by example one of her maxims: "You have to have many experiences to live a full life."

Class of 1914

Meet OSU's Oldest Living Graduate...

Kathreen Purchase

By Rebecca Landis and Skip Haley

The handful of pranks that earned Kathreen Kirkpatrick Purchase, '14, a minor reputation for rowdiness at Oregon Agricultural College belie a moderately paced, orderly life in one of Pendleton's oldest ranching families.

Purchase, who celebrated her 106th birthday July 14 and who is believed to be OSU's oldest living graduate, expected she would teach home economics after graduation. But she was needed at home in Pendleton, and instead she ended up cooking on the Cayuse for 17 men harvesting wheat. The men used a horse-drawn harvester and only covered a few acres a day.

She slept on hay under a cookhouse wagon. Though far removed from the protective embrace of Waldo Hall, she said she never felt in danger, even though the men slept nearby with the horses.

"Dad was glad I could go so he could brag, too,"

Purchase, who describes herself as "slow-going," doesn't claim to know the secret of her longevity. She noted that she never tried hard liquor or cigarettes, never quarrelled with her husband or let things bother her.

Because her parents returned from Oregon to Missouri before her birth in 1890, she is not a native Oregonian. Her parents and three older siblings traveled the Oregon trail via horse-drawn wagon, but the family traveled back to Oregon by rail in relative comfort.

Her father's education ended around fifth grade, but he parlayed good business sense into a number of successful ventures, including a farm implement business and ranching that today involves large acreages on the north and east sides of Pendleton. The ranch, now operated by grandson Jack Purchase, is in its fourth generation.

Purchase's senior year of high school was marred by tragedy. A young man she had been dating was killed accidentally by a gun tied to his saddle horn. "I though life was over then," she said with a touch of irony.

She remembers two factors leading to her enrollment at OAC a year or more after high school. A friend's mother thought Kathreen would provide leadership for her daughter, Lottie Mentzer, and Kathreen's father was influenced by the fact that his business partner's son was at the University of Oregon. "Dad was glad I could go so he could brag, too," Purchase said.

Kathreen's leadership qualities made her a leading suspect for pranks. Purchase recalls it was Lottie who thought up the prank they pulled on two skittish girls whose parlor window was near the roof. Lottie cut notches in spools and tied string through them. They both crawled out a window, climbed onto the roof and dangled the spools so that they made noise on windows, creating momentary panic that there was a man on the floor. Purchase said she also took the blame for another resident's errant throw of a shoe that landed down two flights of stairs in Dean of Women Anna Z. Crayne's doorway.

Purchase remembers strict discipline at OAC, including terse instruction in dining manners from Dean Crayne and a boy's public confession at convocation, orchestrated by President Kerr as punishment for a drinking incident.

Her OAC social life didn't include a lot of dating, but she went to dances (where she danced with fellow Pendletonian Orville Reeves), sporting events, picnics and all-night gatherings on "Baldy." Purchase, who describes herself as "a joiner," served on the board of YWCA and was a member of the Eastern Oregon club, the home economics club, Waldo Hall and the civic improvement club.

Today she cites her OAC experience as the reason clubs back home often elected her to leadership offices. In addition to sharpening her cooking and sewing skills, she said college "broadens your life" and remains an important experience for young people today.

Kathreen Kirkpatrick's Ball Studio portrait, taken when she attended Oregon Agricultural College. *Photo courtesy Kathreen Purchase*

Purchase attended early Pendleton Round-ups on horseback. There was little seating in the 1910s, though her family later acquired one of the coveted boxes passed down from generation to generation. Relatives have served as Round-up presidents, directors and queens. She saw all but a couple Round-ups until her sight failed a few years ago.

She and Lottie missed the first few days of school and saw an early Round-up, telling Dean Crayne (somewhat truthfully) that they had stayed to assist Nell Mentzer Kirkpatrick (Kathreen's sister-in-law and Lottie's sister) with an impending childbirth. Owing to the displeasure of college authorities, she missed the next Round-up. Later, she missed one for the birth of a son.

Kathreen's friend Ella Lazinka Gagner was injured riding in the 1912 Round-up. Gagner, who hit a board and injured a leg, nonetheless won the cowgirl relay race championship and was named to the Round-up hall of fame in 1987. Purchase also remembers Round-up hall-of-famer Lee Caldwell, a one-time neighbor who won the all-around and saddle bronc championships in 1915 .

Famed black cowboy George Fletcher, who some believe was wrongly denied the 1911 saddle bronc championship, worked on the Kirkpatrick family ranch. Purchase doesn't remember much about the 1911 controversy, but she has her own Fletcher story. One day a stranger on horseback joined Fletcher and eight to10 other men for breakfast on Cabbage Hill. Fletcher, shocked to learn that the man was the family's preacher, was relieved that he had not said any "bad cuss words." Fletcher, who competed in Round-ups from 1910 to 1924, entered the hall of fame in 1969.

Lottie married L.J. "Doc" Allen, long-time 4-H head, and in 1915, Kathreen married William Purchase, who was from the same Missouri town, although their families were not acquainted in Greenridge, Mo. William Purchase's sister had married Lottie's brother Ed, and a Kirkpatrick uncle beckoned William to come to Oregon and look up Kathreen. He cooked at Oregon State Hospital, went into the laundry business and later joined the Kirkpatrick family ranch.

They had three children, and there are nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, plus one on the way. Her daughter, Elnor Alkio, '39, pursued her mother's path in home economics, and a son, Bill, attended OSC before his World War II service. Daughter-in-law Jackie Hales Purchase, grandson Larry Purchase, '65, and niece Connie Kirkpatrick Huson, '65, all attended Oregon State.

Kathreen Purchase entertains visitors taping an oral history in her Pendleton home in 1994, when Purchase was a mere 104. *Skip Haley photo*

Football Report...

Beavers Hope to Turn Corner in '96

By Chuck Boice

The Beavers' new-look football offense, to be unveiled against Montana Sept. 7 at Parker Stadium, includes a very interesting new key player.

The offense, designed by Coach Jerry Pettibone and new offensive coordinator Denny Schuler, adds Power I plays and more passing to the Beavers' option game.

The tailback is a key man in Power I football. No.1 tailback going into the Beavers' season is Akili King, a senior transfer from Army. Beaver coaches believe he could be one of the Pac-10 surprises this year.

King is not the traditional tailback. His 5-11 height is standard, but he weighs in at 230-plus pounds. In a sensational spring practice, he demonstrated qualities needed at tailback. He showed 4.5 speed in the 40 and excellent agility. Meanwhile, he indicated the muscle is real as he broke records for OSU running backs in the weight room.

"I know Don is the kind of athlete that needs to be on the field to help us offensively."

After three years in Army's famed wishbone option offense, he left West Point and was attracted to the Beaver offense. The Jackson, Miss., all-stater sat out the 1995 season under NCAA rules.

DeShawn Williams, sophomore from Union City, Calif., who saw action in all 11 games last year, also is expected to see considerable time at tailback. Not small at 5-10 and 199, Williams has exceptional speed and had several long runs in spring practice. He also has very good hands and rates high as a kick returner.

Williams could see action with King moving over to fullback, where he also ranked No. 1 in spring drills. The slated starter at fullback is Darron Kirkman, 5-11, 232-pound senior, who played behind seniors J.D. Stewart and Sedrick Thomas last year after transferring from Foothill Junior College. Kirkman is very strong, very explosive.

Beaver fans know that the team also has one of the trickiest runners in the conference at quarterback. Sophomore Tim Alexander, 6-0, 176, will continue to include option.

There was his first collegiate start last season against Washington. He almost pulled off the upset as he rushed for 182 yards with runs of 54, 33 and 32 yards on 24 carries, scored two touchdowns and completed 7 of 16 passes for another 140 yards.

Pettibone and Schuler plan to have Alexander and his backup, three-year letterman Rahim Muhammad, throw the ball more. Last season, the Beavers outgained their opposition 2,302 yards to 1,346 on the ground but trailed in the air 797 to 1,996.

Schuler, an assistant at Oregon six years, was offensive coordinator at California the past three seasons. His 1993 Bears led the Pac-10 with an average of 403.2 yards per game, while his quarterback, Dave Barr, broke the conference record for quarterback efficiency.

The Beaver receiver corps needed improvement, and the staff worked to that end through spring practice and beyond.

In the final days of spring practice, Don Shanklin, a starter at quarterback 17 times in the past three seasons, was moved to split end. He was No. 2 quarterback and ranked as one of the best athletes on the squad. The coaches wanted to put the best 11 offensive players on the field, if at all possible.

Tim Alexander

"I know Don is the kind of athlete that needs to be on the field to help us offensively," Pettibone said. It's possible that Shanklin also will be seeing some duty at quarterback.

Split end also has Sylvester Green, the 6-0, 215-pound senior. But the coaches kept working on the position right into summer when they signed two more receivers who also rank as outstanding sprinters.

Willis Jenkins, who chose the Beavers' football opportunity over a track scholarship at Kansas, comes from Mesa College in San Diego. At 5-7 and only 143 pounds, he could become a special attraction. Roddy Thompkins, 6-0, 185, was a football and track prep star in Victoria, Texas.

For it all to work, of course, the offensive line has to produce. Right guard Brad Thompson, 6-2 and an impressive 325, and center Jamie Critchlow, 6-2, 275, are the interior returning starters. Guard Charles Hatcher weighs 295, and tackles Grant Forman and Jarrod Owens are at 280 and 305 respectively.

Pettibone believes the Beavers have a youngster with star potential in tight end Joe Kuykendall, the 6-5, 255-pounder from Bend. He showed much promise last fall as an 18-year-old freshman and has continued to improve.

Coach Pettibone rates his secondary as the strongest area of the '96 Beavers. The team lost Reggie Tongue to the NFL, but co-captain Marc Williams returns at rover, back for his senior year after earning Pac-10 honorable mention last season. And two-year starter Buster Elahee has returned from redshirting last season to take care of personal matters in Texas.

Tony Huot, 6-4, 260, another Pac-10 all-star candidate, anchors the defensive line. Alongside at nose tackle again will be Inoke Breckterfield, the tough, 5-11, 265-pounder from Hawaii who played in all '95 games as a true freshman.

The Beaver linebacker crew lost one of the best when Kane Rogers graduated, but half a dozen lettermen are available to fill the linebacker slots, including two-year veteran Nathan McAtee, a 6-4, 225-pounder from Bellevue with sprinter speed.

OSU returns its starting place kicker and punter of the past two years in junior letterman place kicker Randy Lund and punter Doug Stuckey.

"I think the month of September will be extremely difficult for us," Pettibone said. "Obviously, Montana won the 1-AA championship last year, and they have nine starters back on defense and seven on offense. Then, on the road, we play three excellent teams in USC, the Pac-10 and Rose Bowl champion last year, Baylor, one of the top teams in the Big 12, and California, also on the road."

But, as the schedule indicates, this means five of the final seven games in Corvallis, including what should be a very special Nov. 23 windup against Oregon. This will be the 100th meeting between these rivals, dating back to 1894.

Schedule— Sept. 7: **Montana**; Sept. 14: USC; Sept. 21: Baylor; Sept. 28: Cal; Oct. 5: Bye; Oct. 12: **WSU**; Oct 19: **Stanford** (HC); Oct 26: Ariz; Nov. 2: **ASU**; Nov. 9: UW; Nov. 16: **No. Illinois**; Nov. 23: **Oregon**. Home games in bold.

Former Pac-10 Golf Champion Bob Allard Dies

Bob Allard, one of only two Oregon State golfers to win Pacific-8 or Pacific-10 Conference medalist honors, died of Hodgkin's disease July 28 at his home in Beaverton.

Allard, who lettered from 1968 to 1970, became the first Beaver to win the Pac-8 title by edging then-Stanford star Tom Watson in 1969. Allard rallied from seventh place, shooting a 4-under-par 68 in the final round at the Rainier Country Club in Seattle.

In 1972, Allard won the U.S. Public Links championship at Indianapolis and then joined the PGA tour for five years. He worked at the Glendoveer and Rock Creek courses in Portland before entering private business in 1981.

Beavers Expected to be Contenders in Soccer

Women's Soccer

After missing out on the NCAA playoffs last year with a 14-6 record, Oregon State's women's soccer team will try to return to the postseason party it joined in 1994.

The Beavers are still awaiting word on whether forward Val Williams will rejoin the team for her junior season after scoring 15 goals as a sophomore and earning first-team All-Pacific-10 honors. Williams, from Citrus Heights, Calif., is OSU's career goal-scoring leader but may transfer to another school.

"It will be an interesting season," said fifth-year coach Tom Rowney. "There have been some changes (at OSU), and we won't know their effect on our record yet; but I'm confident we can come together and be a team that can beat anybody.

"We've still got a lot of experience. We've got four seniors on the team who have basically played every year since I've been here. I hope that gives us the strength and character to get through a tough schedule."

Those seniors are defender Karey Dyson from Sumner, Wash.; goalkeeper Michelle Mitchell from Portland; midfielder Alexa Pengelly from Beaverton and midfielder Jeanette Scotti from Federal Way, Wash.

Scotti was the Beavers' second-leading scorer last season with six goals as the Beavers tied for third place in the Pac-10. Mitchell gave up an average of just 1.11 goals per game with seven shutouts to earn a spot on the all-league second team.

OSU also brings back sophomore forward Lindy Brown from Tualatin, Ore., who netted five goals a year ago, and junior defender Lindsay Allori from Tigard, Ore., who had four assists.

Rowney sees the Pacific-10 as being its usual strong self.

"UCLA and Washington are strong, Stanford is always strong and California will be a good team," Rowney said. "Southern California has had a difficult year and changed coaches, so I'm not sure how they'll end up. But it will be one of the strongest conferences in the country."

But, Rowney feels, Oregon State should be capable of holding its own.

The Beavers start their season Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Nike Invitational at Portland State, meeting Cal-Irvine and San Diego.

Men's Soccer

This could be the year Oregon State makes its move toward postseason play in men's soccer. After finishing third in its division of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation last season, OSU returns 16 lettermen, including nine starters.

"We looked at the team we had last season, and we thought we went as far as we could," said ninth-year coach Jimmy Conway, the Mountain Division coach of the year in 1995. "Looking at this year, if we don't lack experience at the back, we might have a chance at that (postseason play).

"But that's probably going to be our goal this year. It's got to be."

The Beavers, 10-5-3 last season, bring back a host of players with scoring capability. Senior forward Dominick Conti from Sacramento, Calif., and sophomore midfielder Fredrik Kummernes from Kristiansund, Norway, tallied 15 points each for the Beavers last year, netting five goals apiece; senior midfielder Simon Date from Sexey's, England, sophomore forward Jeremy Capodanno from Federal Way, Wash., and senior forward Josh Dodson

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Englishman Tom Rowney Helps Build Women's Soccer to National Prominence

By Kip Carlson

Working at it, sticking to the plan and getting it done—habits passed down from father to son.

It's the way Ken Rowney went from bricklayer to running his own business as a stone mason. Now, it's how his son, Tom Rowney, has built Oregon State's women's soccer program into one ranked in the nation's Top 20 each of the past two seasons.

Tom Rowney, who's starting his fifth season coaching at OSU, lists his father as his biggest influence. And those lessons taught in the Lake District of Keswick, England, are sound ones no matter the accent with which they're relayed.

"He's a fantastic man," Tom Rowney said of his father, who preceded him in playing for the Middlesbrough F.C. "One of the influences was to be up front with people, straightforward. Base your decisions on solid principles of fairness and so forth.

"He taught me a lot about how to get the job done, finding ways to do things and not finding ways not to do them ... he was the kind of guy who would lay 1,000 bricks in a day while everybody else was laying 500."

With Tom Rowney espousing the same principles, Oregon State has built a national reputation in women's soccer since going 2-12-2 the season before Rowney arrived. The Beavers have arrived faster than expected on the field, going 47-24-1 in Rowney's four seasons, which has left some areas of the program playing catch-up.

"We need to try to address the issues of funding," Rowney said. "It's difficult. We've been in the Top 20 each of the past two seasons, but our resources are well below most Top 20 programs.

"That becomes a strain on our program, because it's difficult to recruit. The Top 20-type players compare our program to others, and we're not up to scratch. And the players at the next level (down) think we're too strong for them."

One support area where improvement will be easy to see this fall is in the home field. OSU's women's and men's teams make the move from the field behind the Women's Building to the new OSU Soccer Complex near Parker Stadium this season.

"The new field helps us a great deal," Rowney said. "In four years, we've grown from a basic, simple game to a team that wants to play. A decent surface will definitely benefit us."

Rowney hopes the new home-field advantage extends past boundaries of the pitch, as well.

"I hope we get a few fans out, and the people in the community will be appreciative of the work that's gone into getting the new stadium off the ground," Rowney said. "Russ Fetrow (of Salem) has done a tremendous amount of work. I hope the community will come and support our efforts. We've had good crowds, and I hope that continues."

Rowney, 39, came to OSU after serving as an assistant at Portland. He'd also coached with a professional team in Seattle, at South Eugene High and Portland Community College and with the Tualatin Hills United Club since coming to the United States in the early 1980s.

The move came when Rowney decided to forego a business career. He graduated from the University of Essex with an economics degree and played with the semi-pro Crook Town team. When injuries ended what Rowney described as a career as a "solidly average player," he spent a few years in the business world; however, helping coach a local grammar school team proved more enjoyable.

Rowney and team discuss game strategy during last season, in which the Beavers were ranked in the Top 20. *OSU Sports Information photo*

"It gave me the bug," said Rowney, who began taking coaching classes through England's soccer organizations.

"But those only give you a limited overview of what coaching is about," Rowney said. "I decided the only way to get more in-depth knowledge—on things like biomechanics, physiology, the administrative things, the psychology of teaching—was to go back to college."

That's when Rowney moved to the United States, and the coaching jobs he held while in graduate school provided a lab for what he was learning.

"A lot that you learn in class, I don't believe is applicable on the field," Rowney said. "I took courses from a lot of coaches who were just in the classroom, and it's a lot different on the field."

But not so different from those things Rowney picked up from his father.

"Here, we've always been kind of a blue-collar team," Rowney said. "The kind of team that works on sticking to a game plan, physically working hard and battling for the whole game.

"Like most coaches, I like the blue-chip player, and they're fine. But I don't believe they can function without a solid group of blue-collar types."

And that's a father's lesson well-learned.

Volleyball Team Loaded with Experience

This time around, you won't be hearing the term "rebuilding" when it comes to Oregon State's volleyball team. For the first time since taking over in 1993, head coach Jeff Mozzochi can look down his roster and see a team loaded with experience.

"Our players coming off the bench have some experience, and basically this is a group that's been playing together two or three years," Mozzochi said. OSU returns 10 letter-winners from last season's team that went 15-16 overall and 6-12 in the Pacific-10, tying for seventh place.

The Beavers open their season by hosting the OSU Showcase tournament Aug. 30-31. The event will bring Weber State, Purdue, Kansas and Ball State to Gill Coliseum.

Pacific-10 play begins Sept. 20 at Southern California.

"This is basically the same team as last year, with more experience," Mozzochi said. "There's no question, we'll be better. Hopefully, that will translate into more wins, but that's tough to predict in the Pac-10."

Which adds meaning to a non-league schedule that includes the Boise State Classic and the New Balance Invitational in Portland.

"We need to do a real good job in our non-conference matches, because you can't predict what will happen in league play," Mozzochi said. "The Pac-10 teams just continue to beat up on each other."

An upper-division finish in the Pac-10 could mean a long-awaited trip to the NCAA Tournament for OSU. Last season, the conference sent five teams to the event and league champion Stanford reached the Final Four.

The OSU Showcase could start a run toward all-conference and All-America honors for junior Heather Lowe, a 6-1 outside hitter from Cypress, Calif. Lowe earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 last fall in her first season at OSU, leading the Beavers with 555 kills.

Another candidate for postseason honors is setter Miya Malauulu, a 5-8 junior from Carson, Calif. Malauulu ranked third in assists among Pac-10 setters last season and can throw off opponents with her occasional forays to the net for a kill.

Joining Lowe at outside hitter is Pia Ahlengard, a 6-0 junior from Sweden. Ahlengard was second to Lowe in kills last season with 324, served a team-high 31 aces and was second on the team in digs.

Staci Hintze, a 6-3 middle blocker from O'Neals, Calif., and Rachel Hochgesang, a 5-10 outside hitter from Fullerton, Calif., both return for their senior seasons. Hintze was the Pac-10's leading blocker last season, while Hochgesang was the Beavers' Defensive Player of the Year.

Does this look familiar?

An OSU professor on a recent trip to the East Coast ran across this button at an auction, bought it and now wants to know if anybody in the OSU family remembers when and under what circumstances these buttons might have been produced. If you can shed some light on this, call the *Stater* at (541) 737-0780 and let us know.

Men's Soccer

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from Beaverton also had five goals each.

Kummernes was second team all-league a year ago and Date earned honorable mention.

Conway could start a pair of freshmen in the back; hence his concern over possible inexperience there. But in the nets, sophomore goalkeeper Colin McMillen from Eugene started 15 games last season and had a goals-against average of 1.32; senior Olin Glenne from Bend allowed an average of just 0.33 goals in his three starts.

"It's the way I like it," Conway said. "We're not overloaded with seniors. We have some good ones coming in, and the following year we'll probably have two or three more seniors.

"Again, it's having a good balance in the program, and I'm happy with how it's balancing out."

Washington, second a year ago, is likely the team to beat in the MPSF Mountain Division, Conway said. An 18-game schedule that includes only seven home games won't help, he added.

"That needs to change—it's a bad balance," Conway said. "We have problems getting teams to OSU.

"But I'm very realistic. I think we have a fair bit of experience, and I think we'll do well."

OSU begins its season Aug. 31 at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Oregon Staters in the Olympics

Oregon State was represented at the Summer Olympics by three athletes—basketball players Gary Payton of the United States and Jose Ortiz of Puerto Rico, and wrestler Les Gutches of the United States.

Payton was the only former Beaver to leave Atlanta with a medal, having been part of Dream Team III's gold-winning effort. Payton, OSU's all-time leading scorer, had 2 points and 2 assists for the U.S. in its 95-69 win over Yugoslavia in the championship game. Payton played for OSU from 1987-90.

Ortiz, who was a Beaver in the 1986-87 seasons, was in his second Olympics. Ortiz's team from Puerto Rico lost 87-77 to Argentina in the ninth-place game.

Gutches, who won his second straight NCAA championship at 177 pounds this spring, was considered a medal contender in his first Olympics. But after winning his first two matches, Gutches ran into rough going against foes with more international experience and placed seventh in the 180.5-pound freestyle competition.

As it turns out, Gutches was not OSU's lone wrestling connection to this year's Summer Olympics.

When the action moved to the mats in Atlanta, the Olympic Games took on something of an orange tint. Four former Beaver wrestlers were involved in the Olympic Games.

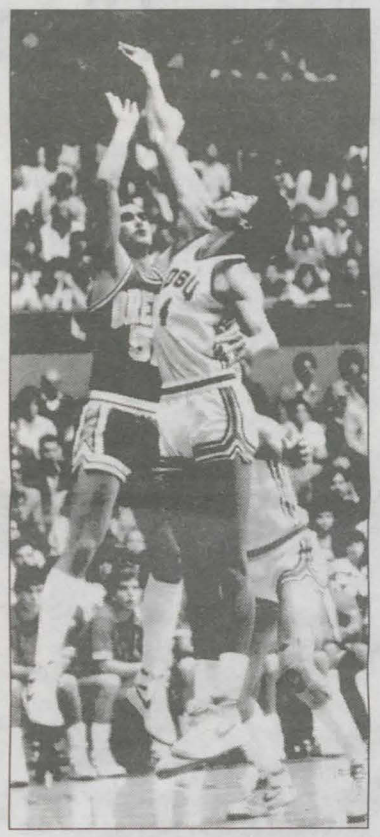
The most visible was Les Gutches, the two-time NCAA champ who wrestled at OSU from 1992 to 1996.

One of the United States coaches was Greg Strobel, another two-time NCAA champion. Strobel, a 190-pounder, lettered at OSU from 1971 to 1974 and is currently coach at Lehigh University.

Strobel's former teammate, Mike R. Jones, was a coach for the Canadian freestyle team. Jones, a two-time All-American at 158 pounds, wrestled at OSU from 1970 to 1973 and is now coach at Simon Fraser University.

Finally, the whole Olympic wrestling competition was run by John Dustin, a two-time All-America at 177 pounds. Dustin, who wrestled for Oregon State from 1957 to 1959, took leave of his job at Turner Broadcasting to serve as tournament director. He had previously directed the 1995 World Championships and the 1994 Goodwill Games.

All four have Oregon roots:Gutches from Central Point, Strobel from Scappoose, Jones from Lebanon and Dustin from Tigard.



Jose Ortiz at OSU

Former OSU All-American Gary Payton (*center*) signs autographs just before his induction into the OSU Sports Hall of Fame in August. To his left is his coach, George Carl of the Seattle Supersonics. *Photo by Dave Nishitani*

OSU's Olympians

By George P. Edmonston Jr.

Their names, most of them, are now almost forgotten, their achievements known only to a few.

But this is an Olympic year, and these forgotten souls are (or were) Olympians, Oregon State Olympians. Some of them won medals and two have been elevated to the rank of Olympic legend. All have brought a level of respect to Oregon State athletics impossible to measure, and each deserves a little of our attention, even if it is only once every four years.

OSU's entry into the Olympics came in 1908 when Forrest Smithson won a gold medal in the high hurdles. Sixteen years later, in 1924, OSU's Ray Dodge competed in the 800 meters and was joined on the U.S. team by three other Beavers: David Fall in high diving and Chester Newton and Robin Reed in wrestling. Fall and Newton both won silver medals, and Reed was awarded the gold, thus establishing an OSU record that still stands: no group of OSU athletes ever has brought home more individual medals.

The next time OSU sent an athlete to the Olympics was in 1948, a dry spell of some 24 years. But it was worth the wait, as OSU 's Lew Beck helped the United States bring home the gold in basketball. Twelve years later, wrestler Fritz Fivian competed but didn't medal. Then, in 1964, OSU sent five athletes to the Olympics, the most up to that time. Basketball great Mel Counts was the only gold medal winner in the '64 group, but Jean Staubert picked up silver and bronze medals in skiing to become OSU's only double-medal Olympian. Morgan Groth (1,500 meters) and Ron Finley (wrestling) also competed for the United States. OSU's Lyn Eves competed for his native Canada.

In 1968, a school-record six Oregon Staters competed in the Olympics. The group, however, managed but a single medal, a gold to Dick Fosbury in the high jump. The other five included wrestlers Jess Lewis and Henk Schenk, and track and field standouts Tracy Smith (10,000 meters), Gary Stenlund (javelin) and Bob McLaren, who ran the 400 hurdles for Canada.

Five Beavers competed in 1972—Ed Bennett in sailing, Hank Schenk in wrestling, Tim Vollmer in discus, Laheen Samsam (representing Morocco) in the shot put, and Hailu Ebba (Ethiopia) in the 1,500 meters—but no one medaled.

The United States boycotted the 1980 Olympics, shattering the dreams of hundreds of athletes, including OSU's Tom Woodman (crew) and Joni Huntley (high jump). Other Olympic boycotts affecting OSU athletes included a no-show by Ethiopia and the Sudan in 1976, which kept Ebba and Kasheef Hasaan out of the games. A second boycott by the Sudan in 1980 cost Hasaan another Olympic opportunity.

The '84 Games saw Oregon Staters bring home two Olympic medals, a bronze to high jumper Joni Huntley and a gold to Carol Menken in basketball. Cindy Greiner also competed in the heptathlon but didn't medal. Her participation in the '88 Games—OSU's only Olympian that year—netted the same result.

In 1992, Oregon Staters Jose Ortiz competed for Puerto Rico in basketball, and heptathlete Cynthia Greiner once again competed for the United States. In the games just finished, Les Gutches in wrestling and Gary Payton in basketball represented Oregon State in Atlanta. NBA standout Payton and his "Dream Team" teammates came home with the gold.

Of the many who have competed, there are two that continue to capture the imaginations of those who love the history of the Olympics: Dick Fosbury and Robin Reed. Both won gold medals, and both did so in such dramatic fashion their performances remain benchmarks by which athletes are still measured.

Fosbury's gold came between his junior and senior years at OSU, and it happened in Mexico City, the "clenched fists" games of 1968. Only Bob Beamon's world record mark in the long jump overshadowed the performance of the young high jumper from Corvallis. No, Fosbury didn't set a world record, but he did jump into the record books by breaking the Olympic record held by Russia's famed Valery Brumel. Fosbury crushed Brumel's mark by soaring almost three inches above the record. In doing so, the young Beaver brought America its first gold in the event since 1956.

The day Fosbury went for the gold remains what could be the most watched high jump competition in the history of television.

Forget the Russians, as good as they were. Everyone wanted to see Fosbury and his "Flop," the revolutionary way the young 21-year-old had developed of going over the bar backward, instead of the more traditional "face first" technique used by everyone else.

Said OSU sports historian Chuck Boice in a September, 1987 story in *The Oregon Stater*:

"The crowd of 80,000 that day paid Fosbury the ultimate compliment. It is an understandable tradition at the Olympics that when a marathon leader re-enters the stadium after his or her gruelling hours out on the course, that they will receive undivided recognition though the final lap. The Olympic men's marathon champion, Mamo Wolde of Ethopia, ran his final lap practically unheeded, because Fosbury was starting his jump at the winning height."

Concluded Boice: "Dick Fosbury did revolutionize the high jump, writing a dramatic chapter in the Olympic Games and in Oregon State history."

Reed may be the most famous OSU Olympian of them all.

Paris was the site of the '24 Games and Reed, fresh from an undefeated varsity career at Oregon State and with numerous national championships to his credit, was a shoo-in for the team.

He had gained attention early, this 135-pound Portland native who seemed to have more of the body of a swimmer than a wrestler. His coach at Franklin High, the highly regarded Leon Faber, saw talent in the young man and made arrangements for him to work out at the Multnomah Athletic Club. While there, he came under the instruction and influence of Eddie O'Connell, a former OAC wrestling instructor still considered by many to be the "father of Northwest wrestling."

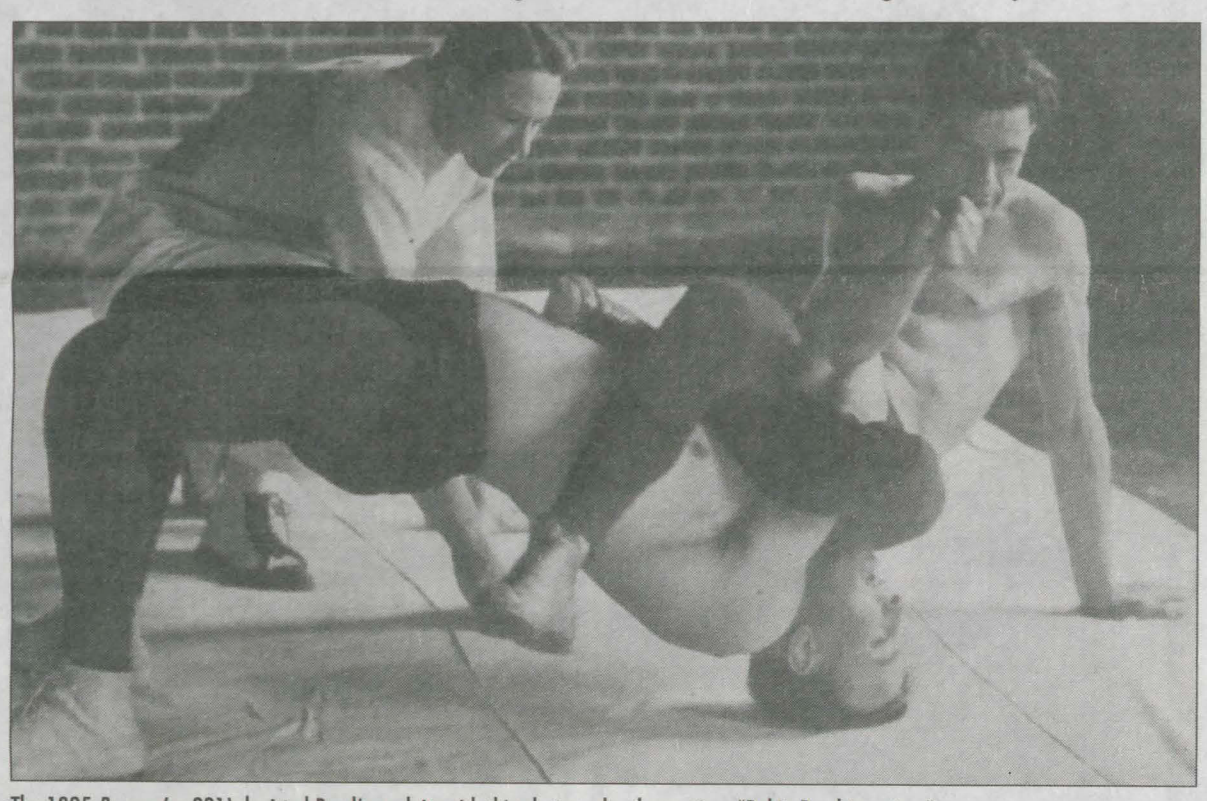
Once in college, Reed blossomed into a world-class talent, often competing at several weights in one meet. Most of his wins were by pinning his opponent, who in some cases outweighed Reed by 40 pounds.

His greatest wrestling feat, however, didn't take place in college or at the Olympics. It occurred on the boat trip to Paris and is still talked about in almost reverential tones. As a warm-up for the Paris Games, Reed challenged every member of the U.S. wrestling team to a match and beat them all, save Guy Lookabaugh, a 167-pounder. Said former OSU wrestling coach Dale Thomas in an interview a few years ago: "Reed was tremendously flexible and quick. He had great balance, was a keen competitor, and his ingenuity was so remarkable he would figure out a way to beat you."

At the Olympic trials held in Spokane that year, Reed figured out a way to beat just about everyone, winning championships in all the weight divisions up to 194 pounds.

A Seattle sportswriter, after watching Reed and his fellow teammates dismantle a good UW squad, may have paid the ultimate compliment to Reed when he wrote: "Seattle fans fail to figure out why OAC Coach Guy Rathbun does not use Reed in all weights except the 125-pound class, for which he is too heavy. He would be sure to win them all and this would save the coach the trouble of having to train a whole team. Reed is calm, cool and collected, and is entitled to be called the 'champion of amateur champions!"

In 1950, sportswriters were asked to select the greatest American in each sport for the previous 50 years. Two were designated "Wrestlers of the Half-Century." Henry Wittenberg was named for the upper weights, and Robin Reed was named for everything below.



The 1925 *Beaver* (p. 221) depicted Reed's exploits with this photo under the caption, "Robin Reed in action."

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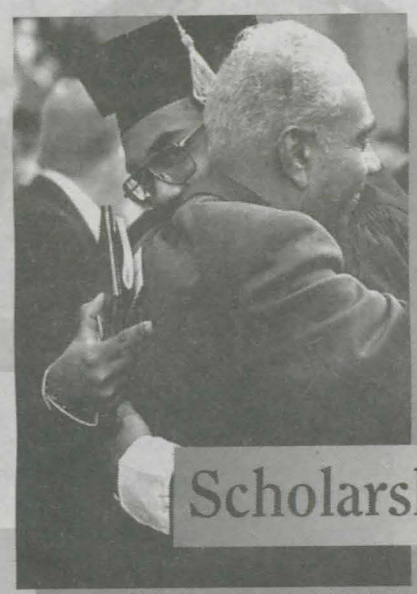

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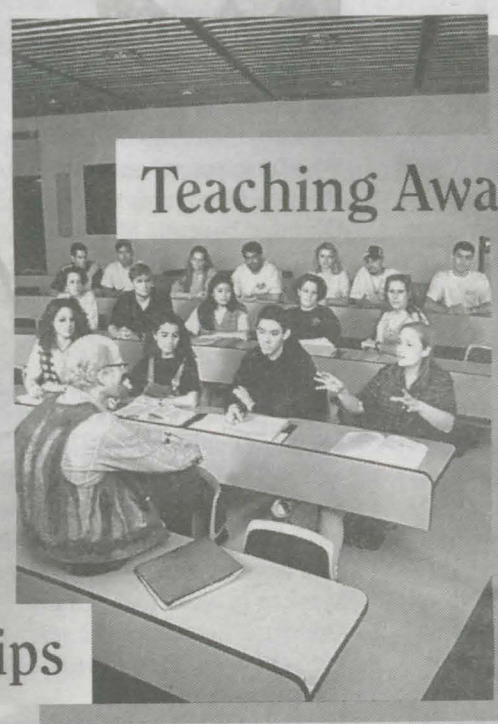

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