

# OSU postpones weekend game



CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon State basketball team will postpone its game scheduled for Saturday night against Washington State to attend the funeral of teammate Earnest Killum in Los Angeles.

Coach Jim Anderson announced the postponement at an emotional news conference Tuesday.

The game will be rescheduled at a time that is convenient to Washington State, Anderson said. School officials said the game, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis, would be played Sunday or Monday.

A definite date for the make-up game has not been determined yet, Washington State athletic director Jim Livengood said Tuesday night. The Pacific-10 Conference must approve the rescheduled game, he said.

The Beavers will go ahead with their game Thursday night at home against Washington.

Killum, a prize recruit who had been cleared to play in late December after a mild stroke last summer, died Monday in a Los Angeles hospital.

He was with the team in Los Angeles last Friday when he collapsed at a hotel. He went into a coma Sunday morning.

A doctor who treated the 6-foot-4 sophomore at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in Inglewood said he did not believe Killum's death was precipitated by his return to basketball.

Dr. Carl Orfuss, a neurologist, said Monday that he and others treating Killum felt the 20-year-old player suffered from a disease affecting the blood vessels.

Scott Haskin, Oregon State's starting center, read a statement Tuesday prepared by the team.

"You will always be a part of this university and you'll always be a part of this team," the

players told their fallen teammate at the statement's conclusion. "We love you and we will miss you greatly."

The players will wear the initials "EK" over their hearts in games through the rest of the season, Anderson said.

The players stood behind Haskin as he read the statement. They did not answer questions.

"The Oregon State basketball team would like to send its deepest condolences to the Killum family and friends," Haskin said. "If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. As for EK, he was more than just a basketball player, he was a friend to everyone he came in contact with."

In a voice often choked with emotion, Anderson said his players would be ready to play Thursday "because I guess you could say they are class people. This is what Earnest would want."

Killum, the 1989 California 5-A prep basketball player of the year at Lynwood High School in Los Angeles, loved basketball more than anything else, Anderson said.

"He slept it, he ate it, he talked it and he played it to his heart's content," Anderson said. "Even more than a great player, he was a great person."

Anderson said Killum had experienced problems with circulation in his legs since joining the team shortly after Christmas.

He said he told Killum that he still had the option of sitting out the season as his redshirt, but the player wanted to stay on the team.

Anderson remembered that Killum was great at helping others.

"He was unique in that he was a superstar without the ego part of it that warped his sense of values," Anderson said.

# Analysts: Bush using wife to climb in polls



WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush may be taking a beating in the polls but he can still win over most crowds with a single word — Barbara.

With Bush's approval ratings plunging in the face of a stagnant economy, political analysts say he can use all the help he can get on the domestic front — even if it means hopping a ride on his popular wife's coattails.

Some recent examples from the New Hampshire campaign trail:

- "A lot of families are hurting. The answer: Barbara cares and I care," he told insurance workers last week in Dover, N.H.
- "I'm pretty proud of her," he told a civic group in Portsmouth. "When she hugs a baby or teaches somebody to read, why — she's saying something."
- "With her interest in literacy, she's tried to impress upon people the importance of reading to kids, broadening their horizons, expanding their young minds," he told an Atlanta audience last Friday.

No one knows whether a first lady can have political coattails, but analysts say Bush can hardly go wrong by calling attention to his wife.

"Clearly, one of the big advantages he has is his family, but particularly her. That was reinforced by her bravura performance in Tokyo," said Norman Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, referring to Mrs. Bush's taking over the podium at a state dinner after the president collapsed from the flu.

Democratic pollster Mark Mellman was less charitable. "At this point, George Bush needs something, even if it means hiding behind her skirts. It's an attempt to link himself with someone more popular than he is."

The president invokes Barbara Bush's name whenever he discusses difficult, sensitive issues like unemployment or health care, or on issues with which he feels uncomfortable.

"When Barbara holds an AIDS baby in her arms, she's trying to express the compassion that both of us feel," he told a town hall meeting in Exeter, N.H.

Sometimes he even makes it sound like he and his wife — at least on domestic policy — have a job-sharing arrangement.

"The answer is we've got proposals that will help," Bush told the Dover, N.H., audience. "Barbara and I are not isolated from the feelings of people in this state who are hurting."

Bush has no trouble going it alone on such applause-winning topics as the Persian Gulf War. But when he turns to domestic issues, his leadership often becomes a family affair.

"I know the heartbeat of this state," he told workers at an auto trim factory in southern New Hampshire. "And I know the people and I care about them, and so does Barbara Bush."

"She's a great asset," said White House political director Ron Kaufman. Kaufman suggested Bush has been invoking the first lady at speeches for years and didn't just start doing it now for the campaign.

# Brand rejects ethics commission offer

EUGENE (AP) — University President Myles Brand has rejected a settlement offer from the state Government Ethics Commission to end a dispute over free trips to a football bowl game.

Instead, Brand has filed a motion asking the ethics panel to reconsider its Dec. 10 ruling that he broke state law by offering free trips to the 1989 Independence Bowl to the wives of Eugene's and Springfield's mayors.

The ethics panel will consid-

er the motion Friday in Salem.

Brand invited Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller and his wife, Mary, and Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette and his wife, Janice, to watch the Ducks play Tulsa at the bowl game in Shreveport, La. The cost was \$1,358 per couple.

The ethics panel claims the mayors' wives were not official representatives of the school.

Joe Richards of Eugene, Brand's attorney, rejected the ethics commission's settlement

offer because "it included an admission of ethical violation, which did not occur."

Derek Johnson, a Eugene lawyer who heads the ethics panel, said he remains hopeful that a negotiated settlement can be reached.

"The commission has not felt there was any malice or dark, underhanded intentions in the president's actions and we tried to make that clear in the settlement offer we've made," Johnson said.

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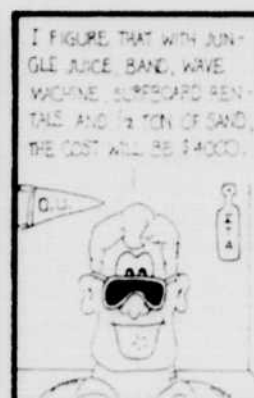


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