

Student: 'We just wanted marijuana,' not sex

Plea: Seattle athlete denies sexual misconduct

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A University of Washington student admitted he stole a gold necklace and was looking for marijuana when he visited an Oregon dorm room last October, but he denied any sexual misconduct toward residents.

Charles Douglas Barnes, 20, testified on Wednesday that he and his two friends

were simply socializing with the two 18-year old dorm residents.

"We just wanted to get some marijuana," Barnes said. "Then we were going back to Seattle."

Barnes and two other former UW athletes, Prentiss Lavell Perkins, 21 and Jason Paul Shelley, 19, are on trial in Lane County Circuit on charges of first-degree burglary and first-degree sexual abuse.

The three men were arrested Oct. 31 after they were accused of exposing them-

selves, touching the women's breasts and making unwelcomed sexual remarks.

Barnes, who said he was playing music on the women's stereo during most of the incident, testified he wasn't aware of any sexual behavior between the other two defendants and the two women.

The room owners had never asked them to leave and had arranged for them to buy marijuana at one of the woman's boyfriend's house in Springfield, Barnes said.

James Reed, a former Oregon football

player and a friend of the three athletes, said he was in the dorm room during most of the incident and didn't notice any problems. He said he wouldn't have left the room if he knew an assault would occur.

"They were just in there socializing," Reed said. "Everything was cool."

The main victim of the alleged assault, who was left alone with the three men while her roommate drove Reed to a downtown hotel, testified Tuesday that

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University student S. Phindile Khumalo talks about her native South Africa with students at Harris Elementary School.

COMMUNITY

Cultural program pays off well for foreign students

Exchange: Select few are offered lower tuition for performing community service

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The idea seems simple. Select 15 to 20 international students a year to attend the University at lowered tuition rates. In exchange, require each student to perform 80 hours of cultural service for the community.

The International Cultural Service Program (ICSP), which turned ten years old in February, has received widespread recognition and praise for that very concept.

"The idea of recruiting international students isn't new," said Peter Briggs, director and founder of the program at the University. "Neither is the idea of utilizing international students' talents and knowledge. But the idea of combining financial aid for cultural service is."

ICSP offers selected international students tuition rates that equal resident rates. The students are then responsible for scheduling their own cultural service hours by replying to requests that schools and other organizations submit.

This gives the ICSP students the freedom to plan their cultural service hours around school work and classes.

Many of the cultural service hours are spent talking to children from kindergarten to 12th grade in Lane County schools.

The ICSP students tailor their presentations to the

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Energy goals emphasized in research project

Design: Efficient foam core panels make up Springfield house

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A house made of foam core panels able to withstand earthquakes and help conserve energy?

That's what University researchers are building in West Springfield.

The three-bedroom, energy-efficient house is a joint project by the Center for Housing Innovation, a research and public ser-

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GOOD MORNING

► NEWPORT (AP) — A fiberglass bolt that turned into the perfect plaything for a curious sea otter almost led to a small disaster at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

The otter, Cody, pried the three-inch fiberglass bolt free from an underwater drain cover for the otter tank filtration system. Then he used it to bang on an observation window, much as otters do in the wild when they pry crabmeat from shells or use rocks to crack open clams and mussels.

"He brought it to the surface and went over to that window and went tap, tap, tap," spokeswoman Dianne Hammond said. "There was a pop and the whole thing shattered."

The five-year-old sea otter,



rescued from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, appeared even more curious about the sound of the shattering glass observation window — 14 feet by 6 feet — and people's reaction to it.

"They wouldn't anticipate the breaking of the glass as something to be afraid of — that's a human learned reaction," said Allen Monroe, director of animal husbandry. "In reality, he was in no danger, nor was the public."

The huge observation window was made of multiple-pane safety glass, designed to shat-

ter into tiny fragments held together by the plastic film inside.

Still, the pool had to be drained immediately to keep the otters from playing with the broken glass.

Cody and his two female pool mates, Sitka and Kiana, often crack their food open on the glass observation windows, Monroe said.

► WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy is riding the crest of the biggest quarterly surge in a decade, which will help speed its growth in 1994 at the fastest pace in six years, according to a survey of top economists.

The consensus of 51 analysts polled in early March by the

newsletter Blue Chip Economic Indicators forecasts economic growth of 3.6 percent, which would be the strongest since a 3.9 percent advance in 1988.

The forecast, released today, followed the government's report that the gross domestic product shot up 7.5 percent at an annual rate in the final three months of 1993, steepest since a 7.9 percent jump in the first three months of 1984.

"Many of the 35 economists who raised their forecasts this month cited the unexpectedly large 7.5 percent surge in fourth-quarter growth and the apparent momentum the economy carried into the first quarter of this year," Editor Robert J. Eggert wrote in the newsletter, published in Sedona, Ariz.