

Oregon State Legislature Affects Oregon Campuses

SB 242



SB 242

What: Creates new higher education coordinating commission for Oregon's public universities and colleges.

Why is this important: Removes Oregon's universities' public agency status, giving them more autonomy to raise and spend money, set policy and direction and create a board of governors.

SB 5532

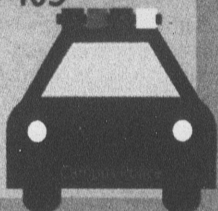


SB 5532

What: Approved operating budget for the Oregon University System of \$708.7 million for the 2011-2013 biennium. This is 14% reduction from the last biennial budget.

Why is this important: OSU students paying in-state tuition will see an 8% increase next year.

SB 405



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What: Allows Oregon's public universities to create armed police forces to patrol campuses.

Why is this important: University of Oregon requested the law, wanting to create an armed police force for their Eugene campus. No word yet on whether one is in the works for OSU, which is currently patrolled by the Oregon State Police.

SB 253



SB 253

What: Sets goals for educating Oregon's population, hoping to have 40% of population with a bachelors degree or higher.

Why is this important: It sets lofty goals for a more educated Oregon and means most likely more Oregonians will be going to college in the years to come.

SB 3471



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What: Waives tuition and fees at state institutes of higher learning for current or former foster children.

Why is this important: It will help foster children, a traditionally underrepresented group, attend college.

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Student Experience Center fails to gain legislative approval

Construction of student approved building will be delayed for foreseeable future

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last week, the state legislature in Salem approved Senate Bill 5006, the capital construction bill, which approved bonds for construction throughout the Oregon University System. One project, the Student Experience Center, did not make the cut and found itself without approval to allow the OUS to sell bonds to continue planning and begin construction.

Students in the spring of 2010 approved an additional student fee to construct the building, which will be located in what is now the parking lot adjacent to the Memorial Union. However, the state legislature must approve all bonds on capital construction projects. It is not yet clear why the legislature did not approve the bond for constructing the Student Experience Center.

"The failure to approve of a non-state funded construction project is unusual," MU director Michael Henthorne wrote in an e-mail. "I cannot recall a similar situation in my 25 years, but there is a first time for everything."

This lack of approval is expected to delay the design developmen-

tal phase, which was planned to begin in July, as well as the planned completion of the building in the summer of 2013.

"We don't really know what happened," said Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert, Finance and Accounting Manager of the Auxiliaries and Activities Business Center. "We're having a meeting Friday morning to discuss the next steps."

Oregon State University also failed to receive approval on two other construction projects: a proposed classroom building and a residence hall. Those two buildings were to be paid for by an increase in tuition paid by non-resident students.

In an unusual move, the House ways and means capital construction committee did not approve construction of Student Experience Center. Planners are still unsure why.

Jock Mills, Government Relations Director of OSU, believes the buildings did not receive approval because of increased scrutiny by members of the House ways and means capital construction committee.

"Oregon universities experienced increased legislative scrutiny over a wide range of capital funding proposals in the Oregon University System budget. This scrutiny was based on concerns about Oregon's overall debt capacity relative to the state resources available to carry that debt, as well as uncertainty over a number of the costs associated with a number of the build-

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Students most concerned about rising costs of attending OSU

With data from Gripe Fest compiled, complaints about tuition, parking top the list

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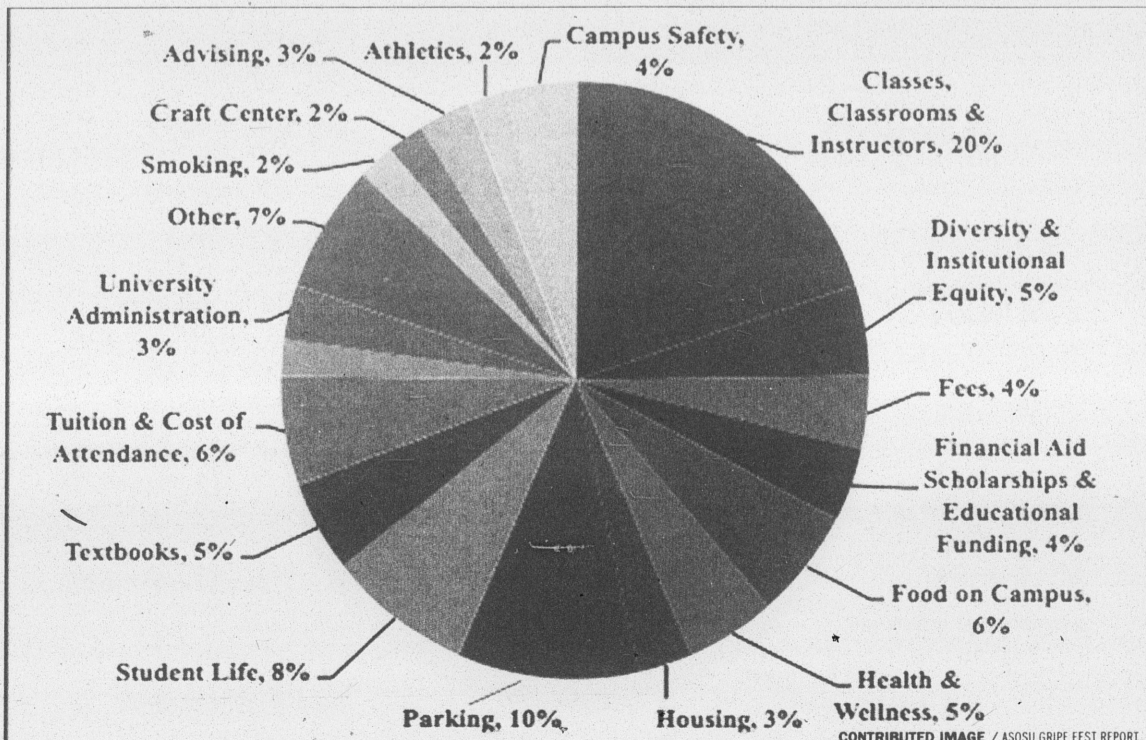
The hundreds of thoughts, concerns and suggestions voiced during

the 5th annual Gripe Fest are tallied and sorted into the Gripe Fest 2011 Final Report. After hosting the open, uncensored forum in the Memorial Lounge on March 2 of this year, the Associated Students of Oregon State University have compiled the nearly 700 gripes into a final report.

The Gripe Fest Final Report

includes gripes that were received by e-mail, as well as from the in-person event where students wrote comments on a card or verbally shared them with the audience. The report raises awareness about issues that impact the quality of students' experience.

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Pet of the Week: Zoe



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Zoe

Sex: Female

Breed: Mix of American Bulldog, black labrador retriever and Australian cattle dog

Age: 10 months

After a long, rainy spring, Zoe "The Princess" Greenspan is salivating over the thought of a warm and sunny summer in Corvallis. She has already enjoyed several days outside rolling around on her back, wading in the river and catching her beloved Frisbee. When she's not camping or wrestling around with her twin brother L.T., Zoe enjoys stealing bacon strips, chewing on anything and everything and chasing reflections from the sun (when

it is actually shining). Since being rescued last Halloween, Zoe has placed first in the obstacle course at Pet Dog Day, learned how to swim and has made many great friends throughout Corvallis.

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Analysts: Anthony jury troubled by no cause of death, other factors

The lack of a cause of death, a lengthy trial and the possibility that Caylee Anthony's death was accidental were probably factors in the acquittal of her mother, Casey, on the most serious charges, according to attorneys and analysts.

Defense attorney Bruce Poston said he, like many others, was initially surprised by the verdict, which came Tuesday after less than 11 hours of deliberations.

But on reflection, he said, he realized jurors were given a circumstantial case in which there was no proven cause of death. And, Poston said, there was no evidence of premeditation by Casey Anthony.

"She didn't have to kill the child," he said. "Her parents would have raised this child."

The jury found Anthony not guilty of first-degree murder and the other most serious charges against her in the 2008 death of Caylee, 2. But it convicted her on four misdemeanor counts of providing false information to law enforcement officers.

Jurors would not immediately comment on their decision.

They apparently believed Anthony was involved in an accidental death of her daughter but did not intend to kill her, according to New Jersey defense attorney Remi Spencer.

"This is a home run for the defense," the former prosecutor said of the verdict.

Alternate juror Russell Huekler told HLN it appeared the Anthony family didn't know how to deal with a "horrific accident" and that he believed that Casey's father, George, was "hiding something."

Anthony's defense attorneys maintained the child drowned in the Anthonys' above-ground pool July 16 and that Anthony and her father panicked upon finding her there and covered up the death. George Anthony denied that in his testimony.

According to analysts, jurors got past Casey Anthony's questionable behavior after Caylee disappeared: The defendant partied at Orlando nightclubs and participated in a "hot body" contest at one point, according to testimony. Jurors were able to focus on the evidence, or lack of it, Poston said.

"It is just an extraordinary refutation of

the prosecution," CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin said. "Casey Anthony was convicted of extremely minor crimes, compared with the potential death penalty she faced."

Toobin and Poston, an attorney in Knoxville, Tennessee, said they believed that the prosecution overcharged Anthony.

"This was not a first-degree murder case. They should have charged her with more modest crimes and would have had a better chance," Toobin said.

But Charles Mittelstadt, a criminal defense investigator based in Atlanta, said the prosecution would have looked like it was not confident if it had done so.

"In a capital case, you are generally going for it all," Mittelstadt said, adding he believes the jury closely followed deliberation instructions from Orange County Chief Judge Belvin Perry Jr.

Prosecutors alleged that Anthony used chloroform to render her daughter unconscious and then duct-taped her mouth and nose to suffocate her. They alleged that she put the child's body in the trunk of her car for a few

days before disposing of it.

Forensics testimony centered on odor from the car trunk, garbage, stains and flies.

Huekler said he had a difficult time accepting that Caylee's body had been in the car trunk.

Lawson Lamar, state attorney for the 9th District, praised the job done by prosecutors but said that proving the case was tough, as Caylee's remains were skeletal when they were discovered and lacked any chemical evidence.

"This was a dry-bones case," Lamar said. "The delay in recovering little Caylee's remains worked to our considerable disadvantage."

Jury selection was moved to Pinellas County because of extensive publicity surrounding the case in the Orlando area, and the jurors have been sequestered in an Orlando hotel for the trial. They heard the case over 36 days.

"You think jurors remember (all) that stuff?" Poston asked.

Observers said that both prosecutors and defense attorneys were competent and that the state's summation against Anthony was particularly strong.

— CNN

Obama invites congressional leaders for deficit talks this week

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that he invited Democratic and Republican leaders from both chambers of Congress to the White House for a meeting Thursday to discuss deficit reduction and the need to raise the federal debt ceiling.

Obama said he wanted the meeting to "build on the work that's already been done and drive toward a final agreement" that would address expanding federal deficits and bring congressional approval for increasing how much money the government can borrow.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who earlier invited Obama to come to Congress to discuss the issue, will attend the White House meeting, his office

announced. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid also plans to attend, and House Speaker John Boehner indicated that he will take part but warned that Congress will not accept tax increases sought by Obama and Democrats.

"I'm happy to discuss these issues at the White House, but such discussions will be fruitless until the president recognizes economic and legislative reality," Boehner, R-Ohio, said in a statement. He added, "I'm pleased the president stated today that we need to address the big, long-term challenges facing our country."

According to Obama, who made an unscheduled appearance in the White House briefing room, talks on deficit reduction over the Fourth

of July weekend with congressional leaders from both parties made progress, but "we still have to work through some real differences."

Both parties need to come out of their "comfort zone," Obama said. But "this should not come down to the last second."

White House spokesman Jay Carney later said Obama believes that everyone knows the issues involved in forging a comprehensive agreement to reduce federal deficits by as much as \$4 trillion in the coming decade.

Now it is time make hard decisions, with both sides compromising in order to reach an agreement that benefits the nation as a whole, Carney said.

"The ideal will never become law,

whether you're a conservative House Republican or a liberal Democrat or the president of the United States," Carney said. "You're never going to get everything you want, because our system doesn't work like that."

The Senate returned to work Tuesday, cutting short the planned weeklong Fourth of July recess, with its leaders resuming their tough talk on negotiations to cut federal deficits amid a looming deadline to raise the government's debt ceiling.

The three-day Fourth of July weekend did little to change the rhetoric of recent weeks over deficit reduction talks and the need for Congress to increase the amount of money the government can borrow. In his opening remarks after the

Senate reconvened, Reid, D-Nevada, accused Republicans of putting the nation's economic recovery at risk by threatening to oppose an increase in how much money the government can borrow. McConnell, R-Kentucky, followed Reid by accusing Democrats of wanting to increase spending to solve a deficit problem.

Before Obama's invitation, McConnell repeated an invitation for Obama to come to Congress and hear from Republicans why they won't support any agreement that includes tax increases. Reid said his side was willing to compromise but would not allow Republicans to put the needs of "a few millionaires and billionaires" ahead of the rest of the country.

— CNN

India's health minister backtracks on gay comments

India's health minister said Tuesday he was misquoted by the media in comments made at an AIDS conference that homosexuality is "unnatural" and a "disease" that was brought into India.

Ghulam Nabi Azad told reporters that his remarks were intended to urge those who engage in homosexuality to be careful.

He appeared to be backtracking a day after he unleashed widespread outrage.

"Unfortunately, there a disease in the world and which has come to our country which is absolutely unnatural and should not happen but it does," Azad said at a New Delhi conference on AIDS and HIV.

"There is a substantial number of men having sex with men in our country. But it's difficult to track who's doing it and where," he said in a speech delivered in Hindi.

Azad's comments drew criticism from

gay rights activists and those who fight HIV in India.

"I think his statement is very irresponsible, more so because of the platform he was speaking from," said Anjali Gopalan, executive director of the nonprofit Naz Foundation that fights for sexual rights.

"The minister should have used that platform to end stigmas. Rather he chose it to reinforce the negative stereotypes," she added.

Roy Wadia, the executive director of India's Heroes Project, said Azad's comments "not only undermines the ministry the person leads, but strikes a significant blow to health and outreach programs aimed at an already vulnerable and stigmatized population."

Wadia, whose HIV/AIDS communications and advocacy organization is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, welcomed the outcry against

Azad's comments.

"That is encouraging," he said. "But we clearly have a ways to go in educating society as a whole when the top health official of the world's most populous democracy utters such words and does such harm."

The United Nations AIDS agency, which estimates 2.5 million Indians are living with HIV, reiterated its position on homosexuality.

"There is no place for stigma and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," said Michel Sidibe, executive director of UNAIDS, in a statement Tuesday as he praised India's overall efforts in providing HIV services to gay and transgender communities.

"Consistent with WHO's disease classification, UNAIDS does not regard homosexuality as a disease," Sidibe added.

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GRIPE

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periences at OSU and is organized by topic, such as advising, diversity and institutional equity, student life and campus safety.

Having received more than double the number of gripes from last year, members of ASOSU are excited to see students anticipating the event and the resulting report. Heather Bennett, the interim Student Advocate, has been involved with ASOSU's Gripe Fest for several years, and is invested in its purpose as a member of ASOSU and as an OSU student.

"I am happy to see that it is making an impact and offering an open, safe space for students to say what is on their minds," Bennett said. "We (ASOSU) truly care, since my issues are your issues too."

After organizing the hundreds of student gripes, ASOSU has given the annual report to OSU administrators, local representatives in Salem and the Corvallis City Council. ASOSU External Assistant to the Advocates Madison Parker believes the final report can provide concrete data to take to decision-makers in order to address student issues on campus.

"The report is great because it can provide a detailed yearly record of the concerns that students have and the issues that they care most about, and it also demonstrates the differences in concerns from year to year," Parker said.

As can be seen in the Gripe Fest report, students asked where their money is going to an extent that has not been seen in previous years. Whether questioning tuition, textbooks, parking or housing, students worry about the costs that are associated with attending an institution of higher education.

Fortunately for concerned students, many changes have been started or moved along by the results of previous Gripe Fest reports. When students shared their concerns about advising and the limited library hours last year, they sparked the implementation of the online advising tool, MyDegrees, and the introduction of the 24-hour library. After a student griped that OSU was the only school in the Pac-10 conference without one, ASOSU, the administration and the library staff worked to extend

the hours of operation.

"If students care, if they actually have something that they want to change, it goes to show that things can change and can happen for the better while they are here," Bennett said.

The Gripe Fest report has already sparked discussions about extending the operating hours of the dining centers. One student wrote, "Why do we insist on closing the dining centers at 8 p.m.? Students still have class, events, activities, etc... We are not all students who can schedule dinner at 5 p.m."

While ASOSU strongly advocates for students, Bennett believes that much of the responsibility to generate change lies in the hands of the administration. "There are a lot of areas in the gripes that are systemic issues that seem to happen every year, and it takes the people who are putting the rules in place to begin changing things," Bennett said.

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A large number of OSU administrators, staff and faculty attended Gripe Fest this year, demonstrating the impact it has made on campus.

The Dean of Student Life, Dr. Mamta Accapadi, feels it is important to attend the open forum and looks forward to reading the final report in its entirety. Dr. Accapadi will work to make sure that students are able to leverage their voices at the tables where conversations, plans and decisions around such issues are being developed.

"After reading the report, I hope to connect with ASOSU leaders to understand their highest action-item priorities and work with them to see where I can be of service," Accapadi said. "For grievances related to student life issues, we will take a closer look at those issues, and examine our processes and make changes with input from students."

To read any of the 700 gripes received this year, you can access them online on ASOSU's website or view the hard copies in the ASOSU offices located in Snell 149.

"You really do have power on this campus," Bennett said, "and the report shows this, if you choose to use it."

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ings," said Mills. "We had not previously experienced this level of review for projects that are solely financed using non-state revenues."

The failure to approve construction has also put into question whether students will be charged the increase in student fees that was approved in 2010. Students had approved an increase of \$48 for fall, winter and spring terms, and \$36 for summer term.

"We don't know if we will collect (the fee) or won't collect in the fall, but we will try to act in the best interest of students," said Creighton-Neiwert.

Students were scheduled to begin getting charged the fee increase in fall term 2011.

Until the state legislature approves the project, the Student Experience Center remains in limbo. The state legislature is not scheduled to reconvene until February 2012.

The Student Experience Center, if eventually approved, will become the new home to ASOSU, student media, Greek life offices and many other student activities.

Despite the setback, those connected to the project still believe in its viability.

"We will not give up pursuing what the students of the institution have legitimately approved through their vote," said Henthorne. "Today we will feel insignificant when we compare it to the elation of stepping into these new program homes for the first time."

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Editorial

Raise the roof?

Seeing as the weekend celebration of our independence, the dawn of American democracy, has just passed, now would be a fitting time for our political parties to suck it up and match up wits on the debt ceiling debacle.

Unfortunately, though, that's just it: American democracy rarely produces split results. There's always a winner and a loser.

But the debate over whether or not to raise the debt ceiling—which would be the 75th time since 1962, according to the Congressional Research Service—does in fact have a clear answer: Don't raise it and cut spending.

Of course, this has been the aim of Congress for quite some time. Parties just can't seem to agree, or even follow through, on a cap decision because neither wants to give into slashing specific programs.

And should the public take more interest in the matter? Realistically, yes.

The Treasury Department has been persistent in their warnings that if the debt ceiling is not raised, the country would no longer be able to borrow money, thereby defaulting on many of the current debt obligations.

Then, as per how our system works, the only solutions would be to raise taxes by nearly \$738 billion over six months, according to the CRS, or severely cut funding from social programs, such as the smaller Planned Parenthood types and the larger ones like Medicare or Medicaid.

The public always pays the debt. America should definitely care.

But logically and historically, we could all but laugh at this debt ceiling concept. The idea is to limit Congressional spending, but we can see that it's more of a reassurance, lost guidelines, than a strict law.

As mentioned before, this would be the 75th time Congress has raised the debt limit, and would be the 11th in the last decade. Moreover, many of the proponents of raising the limit want to raise it to such a level where it would not be brought up again for years to come—the American form of procrastination. And the public is supposed to fear this specific debt ceiling controversy? It would be hard to elevate the significance.

Yet the debt ceiling issue could be solved, and in turn fix, many of the issues Congress has fought over for the past few years by capping the debt limit for good. A cap puts both parties into a position where spending has to be stopped.

The newly elected 112th Congressional Republicans would continue to attempt to defund Planned Parenthood and the more expensive, unsustainable programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, while the Democrats' goals hinge on the elimination of corporate and upper class tax breaks and loopholes for wealthier Americans.

As in typical American politics, there's no middle ground. Yet meeting halfway shouldn't be as hard as the parties make it out to be.

For example, turn Planned Parenthood into a privately funded organization, not one that demands

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Too little, too late to rethink military actions

Last month, somewhat following through on his campaign promise, President Obama announced that the Afghanistan troop withdrawal would begin this summer and continue through the next year, bringing around 33,000 military personnel back home. Fitting, as the war effort seems to have hit its peak with the recent death of Osama bin Laden. The goal has arguably been accomplished.

Considering such strides, the troop withdrawal should come as good news, especially with a Pew Research Poll revealing that 56 percent of Americans support leaving Afghanistan. But the debate remains: Is this too little, too late?

From here at home, we haven't seen a major terrorist attack since the tragedy in 2001. Yet how many countless plots have been spoiled,

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since? Should we attribute this greater safety on homeland security to defense in transportation sectors and border control? Or should the public believe that our military occupation overseas truly defers the terrorist presence?

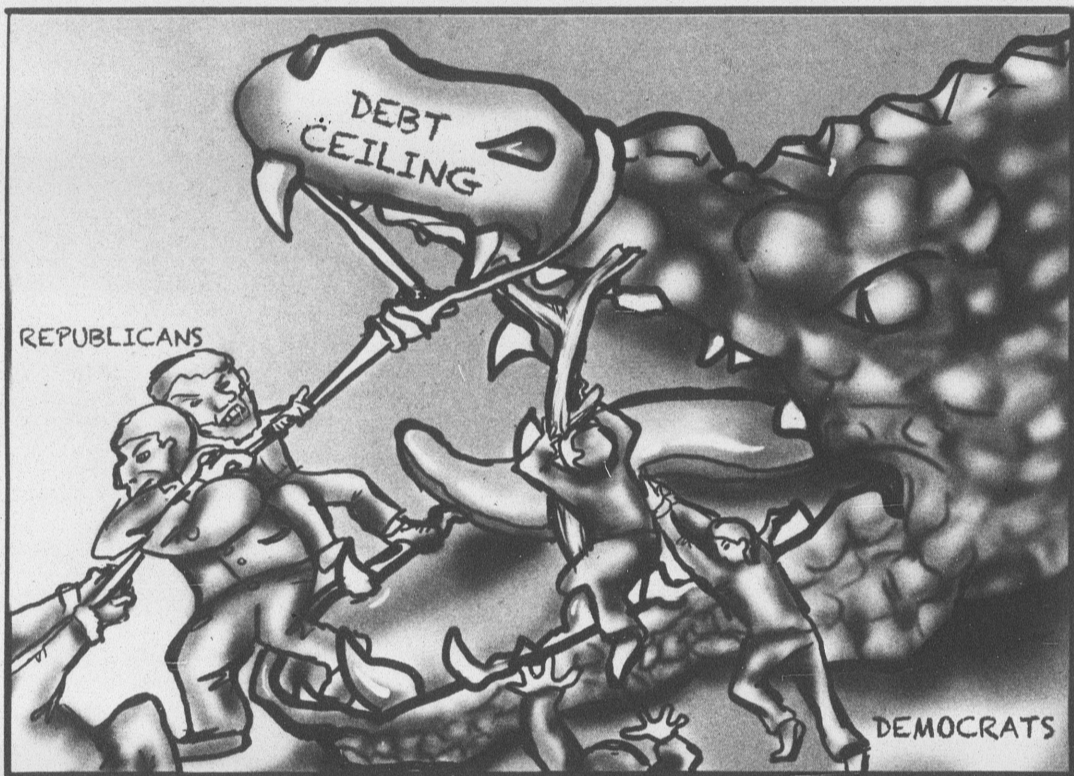
With the war effort halfway across the globe, and the surprising lack of hard, on-the-ground coverage of the Afghanistan occupation available to the public, it's difficult for an ordinary citizen to justify military intervention and continued relations abroad. And considering such circumstances, this sentiment should be accept-

ed, yet anti-war activists often get criticized for their lack of understanding of America's position and reasoning for military intervention. They simply don't see the big picture.

But no one at home can honestly say they do. The public simply can't grasp the reality of the situation. This disconnect between what's happening in the Middle East and how it's protecting the homeland is not something to be taken lightly—to be passed over as a simple immature perception of today's global conflict.

We here at home can't see if the Afghan public wants us to maintain our presence or if they want us to leave, in the same fashion nearby nations have ousted regimes in the Arab Spring movement. Our television, newspapers, blogs and

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JAYNA LACK IS A FRESHMAN IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Presidential debates lack insight into politicians

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It's official—the bizarre, vain and superfluous presidential election season has officially kicked off. The most recent offering was delivered by CNN in its June 13 New Hampshire Republican Debate. With the actual election about 500 days away, CNN felt the responsibility to start vetting possible candidates seeking the Republican party's nomination.

Thus, the debate began; CNN found itself the fortunate recipient of six months' worth of manufactured "newsworthy" programming, and the candidates had a venue to distribute dry and dreary dialogue. CNN's intention to stage a public discourse involving potential candidates detailing their own personal solutions and plans for the country is noble. The

execution, however, was a complete failure.

Though CNN claimed the debate was "unlike any other," what CNN actually offered was an orchestrated event. Each candidate fielded rehearsed questions and delivered standard answers, all while attempting to paint themselves as the combined offspring of George Washington and Ronald Reagan, born from the womb of a bald eagle atop Mount Rushmore. Fortunately, an extreme level of patriotism alone is not the only requirement for the job of U.S. President.

But strangely, the debate actual-

ly involved little "debate." Instead, a cycle of legitimate questions went unanswered, definitive solutions to real problems were not delivered, and a general confusion remains about the true intentions of each candidate.

This debate system is broken and needs a drastic overhaul. The most frustrating aspect of the current execution of the standard debate format is that no valid answers are ever delivered to the topics in question. Once a question is posed to the candidate, one of 30 rehearsed answers is given, briefly making contact with the periphery of the topic in question.

The problem is there aren't any methods of keeping candidates in line. Moderators should be

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Right to simulate epic violence

You can take away our freedom to use assault rifles on innocent civilians in America, but you cannot take away our right to do the same in Grand Theft Auto IV.

That is the gist of a Supreme Court ruling handed down on Monday, which struck down a California law that would have banned violent video games from being distributed to minors. In this first-ever case revolving around video games, the Court ruled the ban would violate the free speech rights of video game retailers and gamers alike.

In his majority opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia said, "Our cases hold that minors are entitled to a significant degree of First Amendment protection." The Court ruled that video games are a form of art, just like books, movies, comics, etc. Therefore, they deserve the same First Amendment protection granted to those other art forms.

Scalia goes on to point out that stories have contained gruesome, violent images since the beginning of time. He cites "Grimm's Fairy Tales" and "The Odyssey" as perfect examples of violence that are a regular part of children's education.

It's good to see the Supreme Court strike down this ridiculous law. At this age, our video game days may be a thing of the past, but we can still appreciate the entertainment value found in this modern, interactive form of storytelling.

Action-adventure stories have existed throughout human history, and it is awfully hard to tell such stories without depicting violence. Similarly, throughout human history, there have existed children who faced possible moral corruption at the hands of violent stories. While the method of telling violent stories has evolved, video games are no more corrupting to youth than older methods.

Studies examined during the case showed that children exposed to violent video games did display higher levels of aggression, but the same was true for children who spent time watching "Bugs Bunny" cartoons. That's right, beloved cartoon icon Bugs Bunny is corrupting our children. And we should not be surprised. When he's not getting Elmer Fudd to shoot Daffy Duck in the face with a shotgun, he's wearing dresses and makeup. No way children should be allowed anywhere near a murderous transvestite rabbit.

If you are going to ban the sale of violent video games, you have to start banning other violent forms of storytelling. But that's something the Supreme Court has rejected in the past. Censorship of obscenity and sexual conduct in art has been upheld, but violence is considered too nebulous by the Court to be banned in the broad way outlined by the California law.

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The bottom line, as it always is in cases like these, is that parents need to accept responsibility for the actions of their children. No parent should be buying "Grand Theft Auto" or "Call of Duty" for their child unless they are sure their child can handle it and can differentiate between reality and video games. That is why we tend to start children off easy.

We show them "Looney Tunes" or read them "Grimm's Fairy Tales" first. Talking animals and mythical beasts doing harm is easier to accept as fake than the realistic humans depicted in modern video games. Once a parent is sure of the child's mental cognizance to differentiate, the parent can start introducing the child to more complex,

sophisticated and even violent content for entertainment.

Common sense dictates parents should be able to control their own children, and that government has no need to slap penalties onto companies for attempting to make a profit through storytelling meant for mature and responsible adults. Unfortunately, common sense is not all that common, which is why we see the Supreme Court having to decide cases like this one.

For now, avid gamers can relax and know that Big Brother will not be taking away our access to virtual worlds where you can kill prostitutes with a baseball bat, rip the heads off monsters, and head-shot a terrorist with a sniper rifle. Game over.

Dylan Hoff
Washington State University

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radio shows don't tell us where these terrorist groups localize, where they go or how organized they still are. American citizens just don't know enough to honestly defend military efforts or denounce them.

What citizens here at home grasp is the debt, the death toll and the military budget that always seem to get overlooked when cutting federal programs for spare change.

We can see the world has issues. We can see America's stake and the self-heralded responsibility it has to fight evil and oppression and save innocence and democracy. But we can't see why continued intervention — specifically in the Middle East — makes America any safer than it is now.

Only the naïve would assume that with bin Laden's death, this terrorist threat is

lost and weakened. And ignorance shadows the thought that this regime is quartered to the Middle East. So, why is America still involved?

All the signs given to the American public point to complete withdrawal — we can gain nothing more. To steal words from Obama, though he used the phrase to calm the nation's patience on military withdrawal, it truly is "time to focus on nation-building here at home."

How can citizens here in the states continue to accept the massive budget of a military effort that provides no answers to our concerns and curiosities on a continued

occupation? It's time to wrap up the violent charade in the desert, including the bombing parade for democracy in Libya, to give an opportunity for people here at home to live a life without debate on

social and economic programs they might lose because our tanks and troops need ammo and medical supplies 7,500 miles away.

And if a domestic citizen has no right to take that position, then please, we're waiting for some reason to believe otherwise.

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This disconnect between what's happening in the Middle East and how it's protecting the homeland is not something to be taken lightly...

...The entire ordeal is merely a two-hour campaign infomercial, filled with redundant clichés and cheesy slogans.

actually debate one another — a strange concept, perhaps, but one central to real discussion.

An interesting aspect of the primary season is the fact that all candidates believe themselves to be running against the incumbent in question. But there's the stark reality all of the candidates seem to ignore: Only one will actually run against the other party. This is a critical point in the road leading to the election. Differentiation needs to occur, beyond physical appearance and paid-for campaign advertisements. It's a debate. Let them debate.

But worst of all, the election season brings together a truly tragic menagerie of candidates. First, there are the career politicians who have accomplished next to nothing through decades of service in Washington, D.C., and will only satisfy their own egos when they finally ascend the Mount Everest of American politics. Then there are the budding political stars, whose ambition is only eclipsed by their own sense of entitlement and hatred for the establishment. Finally, there are the oddball candidates who actually do present coherent ideas, but are labeled as lunatics because they seek to end the status quo.

Impactful and effective debates could serve the purpose of exposing who the candidates really are, what they intend to do and what they stand for. Without any change, the free campaign infomercials will remain, and the general public, especially anyone unfortunate enough to be caught watching these "debates," will suffer.

Brody Burns
San Diego State University

DEBT

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money from much of the public in opposition to its goals — noble or not.

Renegotiate the 2014 health care bill to match the conservatives' budget goals and the liberals' desire for universal equity. Possibly try the other end of the Medicare fix and let peoplespend their own money on a market of providers, not a dictated one. Couldn't that work for both sides?

And to really find the money we've lost along the way, it's time to eat into that military budget that's been hiding in the closet with the light on. Nothing can be off-limits.

This has always been the debate — which programs to keep and which to cut. But none of it matters when we have the option to keep delaying our debt cap. Refusing to raise the debt ceiling, refusing to repeat history, is the only step to take to turn American policy from an irrelevant reality show to a legitimate concern the whole country needs to care about. Let's force ourselves to make decisions.

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empowered to take away speaking privileges from those who refrain from answering the questions. Buzzers should go off when these candidates stray off topic, forcing them to return to the topic at hand.

If we are to gain any insight into each candidate and elect the most capable one, real answers are needed. Otherwise the entire ordeal is merely a two-hour campaign infomercial, filled with redundant clichés and cheesy slogans.

Another common problem with the debates is the overuse of attacking the incumbent. There is no doubt this is a political strategy. But it is a political strategy that, in all honesty, accomplishes nothing. If a candidate truly wants to present themselves as a dedicated and hardworking person, then supplying their own platform and demonstrating the desire to impact the world are required.

A candidate's entire platform cannot be based upon an ongoing negative editorial on the incumbent. At some point, a plan must be presented. No employer hires someone based upon how eloquently a job seeker can smear a current employee. Presidential elections should not solely be referendums on the failures of the previous administration.

In these debates, candidates should not be allowed to cite the current president, or solicit applause from the audience for using statements such as "one-term president." In not allowing these references, the responses would have to center around the topic in question.

Finally, in the debate, let the candidates

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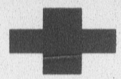
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Tyler Graham, regarded as one of the Pac-10's better base runners in his Oregon State days, currently leads the Pacific Coast League in steals with 40.

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team with a measly eight stolen bases, but that doesn't mean there isn't speed. Graham's Fresno teammate, Darron Ford, is on the Giants' 40-man roster almost specifically to steal bases, suggesting the Giants regard him as the better baserunner of the two.

Not counting Mark DeRosa, who's on the disabled list, the Giants have five outfielders on their 25-man active roster, and it doesn't seem as though any of them will be going anywhere unless there's an injury or a trade. First baseman Aubrey Huff has the ability to play outfield as well.

But Graham is still keeping his hopes up that he'll be the next former Beaver to reach the big leagues.

"If I can put together a consistent couple

of months and do the things that I need to do to be successful, I think that I will have a good opportunity to get to go up in September," Graham said of a potential September call-up. "That's always been my dream and hopefully it's going to happen this year."

The best thing he can do now is keep his head down and stay tough mentally — a lesson learned from Coach Pat Casey at Oregon State.

"The most important thing (Casey) taught us was to be tough and strong mentally," Graham said. "A lot of the guys that can play Division I and professional baseball have the physical tools, and have what it takes in that aspect of the game, but the mental game is what separates the guys that make it and the guys that don't."

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Ellsbury an All-Star

Jacoby Ellsbury became a household name when he represented Beaver Nation in the World Series in 2007.

Since, he's battled through injuries and struggled to return to tip-top form.

In 2010, he appeared in only 10 Major League games due to a nagging rib injury.

But through it all, it can now be said that the former Oregon State outfielder has battled his way back to stardom.

Sunday, Ellsbury was named an American League All-Star.

Ellsbury is the third former Beaver baseball player to be named an All-Star.

Don Johnson was named to the National League All-Star team in 1944, while Ken Forsch achieved All-Star status twice (1976 and 1981).

"I was really happy for Ellsbury, because I think this probably meant a lot to him," Boston manager Terry Francona told MLB.com. "I don't need to talk for him, but (this symbolizes he's) kind of arrived. What he's doing, it's recognized throughout the league. I think that's terrific."

After a slow start to the season, Ellsbury has impressive numbers heading into the break.

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With Riley in charge, OSU's in good hands

A former Daily Barometer sports editor told me a story a few weeks ago.

Back when he was editor, he wrote a somewhat critical piece about Mike Riley.

Shortly after, an OSU sports information director approached the editor to inform him that the Beavers head coach was rather upset by the column.

I asked the former editor if anything ever came of the situation.

"Are you kidding me? It is MIKE RILEY," the editor said.

Riley continued to greet the editor with a smile in passing. He continued to answer his questions, and ask him how his day was going.

That shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone.

That's how Riley treats the media. That's how Riley treats everyone.

Spend 10 minutes in his presence, and you learn that he's as good of a guy as you'll come across.

He's the kind of man a parent would want their son to play for.

The "family atmosphere" players constantly refer to? A direct result

of Riley.

There's a reason why he's signed what amounts to a lifetime contract with the Beavers: He's the kind of man you trust your entire program with.

I write this column in wake of the events transpiring 35 miles south of Corvallis.

I use "events" loosely, because I don't think much will come of the whole Willie Lyles recruiting scandal.

There's too much uncertainty. Too many questions remain unanswered. There aren't enough credible sources. The water is too murky.

Maybe they'll get a slap on the wrist, perhaps the most likely scenario. But I don't think they'll get much more than that.

The program as a whole will be just fine.

But there is one person who will emerge from this a loser.

It's not Willie Lyles. It's not the players-in-question. It's not Darron Thomas or any of the other Ducks who will be vying for a national title this year.

Grady Garrett

Not in the business of sugarcoating



It's Chip Kelly.

I think Chip Kelly is one of — if not the — best X's and O's college football coaches in America. If I had to win one game, I'd want Chip Kelly calling the shots. Yeah, I'd take him over Riley; you would, too.

But if we're talking about the kind of coach you trust a program to, Kelly's stock is dropping.

Through it all, Kelly has been less than honest and forthcoming.

Kelly told The Oregonian that he didn't know who Willie Lyles was, then tried to cover his tracks later by saying they refer to him as "Will" in Eugene.

Funny, considering Kelly demands nothing but the truth out of his players (remember the Masoli incident?)

Lyles allegedly helped coordinate

the signing of a few Ducks, and Kelly allegedly wrote Lyles a handwritten note thanking him for "all the help with these guys."

Infer what you want.

But I'm trying to make this column as little about Kelly and as much about Riley as possible.

I don't know enough about the situation in Eugene. And I don't know Kelly personally.

I'm just using the whole situation as an excuse to write about the coach that I am fairly familiar with.

I cover Oregon State, and Oregon State's head coach is Mike Riley.

And that's why I think Beaver Nation should take this moment to be appreciative of the fact that the man who is running the program has earned the unwavering trust of everyone.

With Riley in charge, I'm confident the Beavers would never run into a potential scandal like the Ducks have.

I'm confident Riley will never scramble to cover his tracks.

It's not like Mike Riley is God's gift to Oregon State. The point of this

isn't to paint Riley as a saint.

It's not like Oregon State is the cleanest program around. They've had their fair share of off-the-field problems, as have most programs.

But when it comes to the big stuff, Oregon State is mostly in the clear, and that's a result of Riley.

When I see the big stuff happening, the scandals associated with Ohio State and (potentially) Oregon, when I see the coaches lying and program's images tarnished, I think to myself:

"Thank God Oregon State's football coach is Mike Riley."

In fact, I tweeted that same message over the weekend.

My tweet was retweeted by six of my followers.

I have never had a tweet retweeted by more than two of my followers.

While it's a small sample size, it goes to show the level of respect for Riley.

Now go win some football games, Coach.

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Beavers in the minors: Fresno's Tyler Graham

■ The former Oregon State outfielder has played well in his first two Triple-A seasons

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For former Beaver Tyler Graham, the lessons he learned in Corvallis stuck.

Graham, the Beavers' starting centerfielder when they won the 2006 national title, played four seasons in Corvallis. The image from local newspapers of him covered in dirt after sliding in safe at home with a glorious fist pump still resonates with many who saw the championship unfold.

That was then. Now, Graham is a mainstay in the outfield for the Fresno Grizzlies, the Class AAA affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

A 19th round draft pick in 2006, Graham slowly worked his way up the minor league ladder despite never hitting above .300 in any of his first four minor league seasons.

Last year, Graham took the leap from general obscurity in the sea of endless minor leaguers, hitting .343 in 109 games in Fresno — 48 points higher than he had hit in any previous minor league season.

"When things click and they are going well, baseball's a fun game," Graham said of his 2009 breakout. "It's a tough game and once

you figure out some things that work, you try to stick with it. I think the main part of last year was just staying healthy. When I was able to stay healthy, I was able to stay consistent."

Graham's numbers have returned to earth this year; he's hitting .276 through 74 games.

"You don't try to do anything different than you did the year before, and you don't try to live up to what you did before, you just try to go out and do the best job you can," Graham said. "That definitely was not on my mind, to hit .340 again. I know I had a great year last year but a lot of things have to go right to do that, and luckily last year it did. Each year I work to be as consistent as I can, and like I said, to be healthy."

Graham is blowing everyone out of the water in the steals department. His 40 steals through 74 games lead the Pacific Coast League. The next highest? 25.

"The more things you can bring to a team and help them win is important," Graham said. "Speed definitely helps on a defensive end and on the bases. The more you can do to help a team win a game, the better your chance you have that they might need you."

Unfortunately for Graham, the Giants are a team that doesn't run much. Andres Torres leads the

If I can put together a consistent couple of months and do the things that I need to do to be successful, I think that I will have a good opportunity to get to go up in September."

—Tyler Graham



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Tyler Graham is in the midst of his second full season at the Triple-A level. After batting .343 in Fresno last year, he's hitting .276 this year.

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Oregon State baseball summer assignments and statistics

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5-0, 4.46 ERA
Tyler Waldron (West Virginia)
6-3, 4.26 ERA
Stefen Romero (Clinton)
260 avg., 27 R
Joey Wong (Asheville)
.284, 19 RBIs

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Former Beaver baseball players currently playing professionally:

MLB

Darwin Barney (Chicago Cubs)
.290 avg., 27 RBI
Jacoby Ellsbury (Boston)
.306 avg., 27 SB
Joe Paterson (Arizona)
0-1, 2.75 ERA (19.2 IP)
Mike Stutes (Philadelphia)
3-0, 2.63 ERA (27.1 IP)

CLASS AAA

Cole Gillespie (Reno)
.322 avg., 53 RBIs
Tyler Graham (Fresno)
.276 avg., 52 R
Aaron Mathews (New Orleans)
.162 avg., 6 RBI
Andrew Baldwin (Rochester)
4-6, 5.24 ERA
Mike Ekstrom (Durham)
4-2, 3.35 ERA
Brian Barden (Round Rock)
.357 avg., 38 RBI

CLASS AA

Mitch Canham (Midland)
.280 avg., 14 R
Ryan Ortiz (Midland)
.346, 23 RBIs
Jorge Reyes (San Antonio)
4-2, 3.31 ERA
Daniel Robertson (San Antonio)
.272 avg., 62 R
Eddie Kunz (San Antonio)
2-1, 5.11 ERA
Daniel Turpen (Tulsa)
2-2, 2.92 ERA

CLASS A ADVANCED

Adalberto Santos (Bradenton)
.293 avg., 24 R
Jordan Lennerton (Lakeland)
.265 avg., 39 RBIs
Chris Hopkins (Dunedin)
.208 avg., 12 R
Greg Peavey (St. Lucie)
8-2, 2.97 ERA