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Summer brings construction to campus

■ Although the streets may feel emptier, the buzz of new buildings going up fills the air

By Scott Campbell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While taking a stroll through Oregon State's campus in the summertime, it's hard not to notice the wide array of construction projects.

"We typically have more construction going on during the summer than other months," said Lori Fulton, Manager of Design and Construction.

Campus Planning and Development reported more than 25 projects under construction at this time, with costs for the work exceeding \$140 million.

The largest of these projects include the Linus Pauling Science Center, International Living-Learning Center, Education Hall, Student Success Center and the Hallie Ford Center.

Four of these projects have anticipated occupancy over the next school year with the International Living-Learning Center, which will be home to a 350-bed residence hall, 30,000 square feet of classroom space, 5,000 square feet of office space and 5,000 square feet of convenience store/cof-

fee shop space, expected to be open for fall term.

The Hallie Ford Center is also expected to be open for fall term and is the new building for the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Fulton commented the primary reason for a rise in construction during summer months is having access to more spaces and better weather that allows for re-roofing projects, utility and street upgrades.

Some students, however, experience an altered campus lifestyle and learning experience.

"During my two-hour lecture, there is not a minute of class that goes by where a construction noise is not going off. Not only is it constant, but it's loud. My professor uses a microphone, and students from all areas of the room are constantly complaining about not being able to hear her," said Shane Durando, an exercise and sports science major taking the general biology series in the Pharmacy Building.

Durando stated it's somewhat unfair to the students who happen to be learning next to the renovation of Education Hall.

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The Education Hall, at the corner of 15th and Jefferson, has been undergoing an extensive renovation this summer. Many other construction sites around campus have also been underway, such as the Linus Pauling Science Center and the Hallie Ford Center.

OSU ranked one the greenest colleges in America

■ Princeton Review ranks Oregon State as one of America's 16 greenest colleges in its annual list

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University is one of the greenest colleges in America, according to a recent ratings released by the Princeton Review. OSU is among the top 16 green universities in America and is the only one from Oregon in the rankings.

OSU received the highest ranking possible and was cited in the Princeton Review's annual Green Ratings for colleges for having a high rate of recycling on campus and for being the second-largest purchaser of green energy of any U.S. college.

"Student involvement on sustainability issues is high on campus and that is one of the things

the makers of the ranking probably looked at," said Brandon Trelstad, OSU's sustainability coordinator.

OSU joined the likes of University of California Santa Cruz, Harvard and University of Washington in the green schools list. The rankings are based on energy use, recycling, food, buildings and transportation as well as academic offerings and action plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

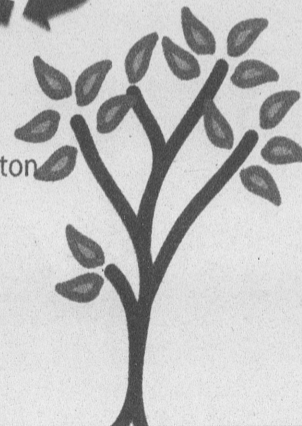
"We are doing a lot here in terms of buying green energy," said Trelstad. "Also, 35 percent of the food budget is spent on purchasing local and organic food in the dining halls."

OSU was also given a gold rating this year by the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System, further recognizing OSU's commitment to sustainable practices.

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First Lady visiting Corvallis

■ Michelle Obama is visiting her brother, basketball coach Craig Robinson

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Chris Anderson, a professor of English at Oregon State University, got quite a surprise when he arrived at Dixon Recreation Center for his daily routine of swimming laps. Standing near the pool were several men and women in khaki pants and polo shirts wearing earpieces.

"The littlest Obama girl was in the pool playing with some other children," Anderson said. "The secret service were standing by the door, but they let me in and I got to swim laps like I always do. They were very unobtrusive."

Since First Lady Michelle Obama and her daughter landed in Eugene on Monday morning, there have been sightings of motorcades going by and the city of Corvallis has been abuzz with the news that the First Lady is in town.

The White House has reported that Obama is in town on a private family trip to visit her brother and his family. Obama's brother, Craig Robinson, is head coach of the OSU men's basketball team.

Obama's visit to Corvallis, as a private family trip, has no planned public appearances.

Though Anderson is a self-professed Obama supporter, he hopes he wasn't intruding on their privacy.

There is no word yet on how long the Obamas will be in Corvallis.

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Pet of the Week

By Courtney Nikolay
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Caesar lives with a wonderful family in North Corvallis. Caesar (originally Little Caesar, but is now about 16 pounds and no longer little) has an extremely sweet and loving disposition. His favorite thing to do is watch movies (i.e. fall asleep on a lap while his owner watches a movie). His favorite movies are "Avatar," "Lord of the Rings," and anything else more than 2.5 hours. He loves wet cat food and the water poured out of tuna cans.

The thing that makes Caesar so special is that he is the best big brother in the world. His little sister, Tibby, was adopted about two years ago and Caesar has been amazing with her. Although Tibby is full of kitten energy, Caesar has been extremely patient with her. He loves to play with her, lick her,

Caesar

Breed: Siamese Mix
Sex: Male
Age: 9 years old

and they sometimes even sleep together. Although he sometimes gets visibly annoyed with her, he has never hissed at or tried to hurt her.

Caesar is, hands down, the best cat a family could ever have.

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Polls suggest may be time to clean house in Congress

Need more evidence that Americans are extremely angry at Congress?

Well, here you go: According to a new national survey, for the first time ever most Americans don't believe their own member of Congress deserves re-election.

And a CNN/ORC International Poll released Tuesday also indicates that while Republicans may have had the upper hand in the recent battle over raising the debt ceiling, they appear to have lost a lot of ground with the public and the party's unfavorable rating is now at an all time high.

Only 41 percent of people questioned say the lawmaker in their district in the U.S. House of Representatives deserves to be re-elected — the first time ever in CNN polling that that figure has dropped below 50 percent. Forty-nine percent say their representative doesn't deserve to be re-elected in 2012. And with 10 percent unsure, it's the first time that a majority has indicated that they would boot their representative out of office if they had the

chance today.

"That 41 percent, in the polling world, is an amazing figure. Throughout the past two decades, in good times and bad, Americans have always liked their own member of Congress despite abysmal ratings for Congress in general," says CNN Polling Director Keating Holland. "Now anti-incumbent sentiment is so strong that most Americans are no longer willing to give their own representative the benefit of the doubt. If that holds up, it could be an early warning of an electorate that is angrier than any time in living memory."

As for all members of Congress, the poll indicates only a quarter of the public says most members of Congress deserve to be re-elected.

A lot of that anger seems directed toward the GOP. According to the survey, favorable views of the Republican party dropped eight points over the past month, to 33 percent. Fifty-nine percent say they have an unfavorable view of the Republican party, an all-time high dat-

ing back to 1992 when the question was first asked.

The poll indicates that views of the Democratic party, by contrast, have remained fairly steady, with 47 percent saying they have a favorable view of the Democrats and an equal amount saying they hold an unfavorable view.

"The Democratic party, which had a favorable rating just a couple of points higher than the GOP in July, now has a 14-point advantage over the Republican party," adds Holland.

The same pattern holds for the parties' leaders in Congress. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the top Democrat in the chamber, have never had great numbers, but the public's view of them have remained essentially unchanged in the wake of the debt ceiling debate. But House Speaker John Boehner's favorable rating has dropped 10 points, and his unfavorable rating is up to 40 percent, a new high for him. On the Senate side, Senate Republican

Leader Mitch McConnell isn't faring much better — his unfavorable rating is 39 percent, a seven-point increase since July.

The poll indicates that Americans' views of the Tea Party movement have also turned more negative, with 51 percent saying they have a negative view of the two-year-old limited government and anti-tax grassroots movement, with favorable ratings dropping from 37 percent down to 31 percent. Freshman House Republicans elected with major support from Tea Party activists were instrumental in keeping any tax increases out of the agreement to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

The CNN poll was conducted by ORC International on Aug. 5-7, with 1,008 adult Americans questioned by telephone. The survey was conducted both before and after Friday night's downgrading of the country's credit rating by Standard and Poor's. The poll's overall sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points.

— CNN

Reid taps Sens. Murray, Baucus, Kerry to debt committee

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, said Tuesday that he would appoint Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts to the congressional "super committee," charged with crafting a plan to cut the country's deficit.

Murray, from Washington state, was tapped to co-chair the committee, Reid said in a statement.

"As the events of the past week have made clear, the world is watching the work of this committee. I am confident that Senators Murray, Baucus and Kerry will bring the thoughtfulness, bipartisanship and commitment to a balanced approach that will produce the best outcome for the American people," he said.

Under the debt ceiling deal passed

by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama last week, a panel of 12 legislators — six Democrats and six Republicans, equally divided between the House and Senate — will be created to try to work out \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction after an initial round of more than \$900 billion in spending cuts.

If the committee fails to reach agreement or Congress fails to pass whatever package it recommends, a trigger mechanism will enact further across-the-board cuts in government spending, including for the military.

In a joint statement issued soon after their appointments, Sens. Murray, Baucus and Kerry said that Americans want the committee to operate without "the red hot partisanship and brinkmanship of the last months."

"This is not going to be easy. Our

challenge is to find common ground without damaging anyone's principles. We believe we can get there. This Committee was designed to require bipartisanship, and we are going to work hard with our Republican colleagues to attain it," they said.

In addition to Reid, other top congressional leaders — Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Speaker John Boehner and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi — each get to appoint three members of Congress to serve on the powerful 12-person panel.

A Republican aide said Tuesday that Boehner, who will appoint the other committee co-chair, has "not yet" made his picks.

In a conference call with House Republicans earlier, Boehner said that

he plans to make his decision "in the coming days," according to a participant on that call.

Another GOP aide said McConnell would make no announcement Tuesday on his appointments. Similarly, Pelosi has not yet said who she will select.

Congressional leaders have until Aug. 16 to appoint members to the congressional committee, which is required to complete its work by Nov. 23. Congress then has until Dec. 23 to vote on the proposal, with no amendments permitted.

A simple majority on the panel — seven of 12 members — is needed to approve whatever package it comes up with, meaning that it will take a lone member of either party to push something through by voting with the other side. The committee's proposal

would then need a simple majority in each chamber of Congress to make it to Obama's desk.

Late Tuesday, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus slammed Reid's choice of Murray and asked the Senate leader to withdraw her appointment.

"Harry Reid's appointment of Patty Murray to Co-Chair the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction is absolute proof that Democrats are not serious about deficit reduction. As Chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Murray is the Senate Democrats' fundraiser-in-chief. The Select Committee is no place for someone whose top priority is fundraising and politics," he said in a statement.

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Fire at fraternity house a close call

■ An unattended fire sets a couch on fire early last Friday morning

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

What seems like a good idea at 2 a.m. might not always be. At least, that's what members of Tau Kappa Epsilon learned when they awoke to firefighters outside their house extinguishing a fire early last Friday at around 5 a.m.

A recreational fire left unattended set a couch that was near the fire pit on fire, consuming the couch entirely and causing paint blistering to the exterior of the house.

"A piece of wood fell out of the fire pit and leaned against the couch that was inches away from the fire," said Jim Patton, Fire Prevention Officer with the Corvallis Fire Department.

After the log fell out of the fire pit, it quickly consumed the couch. Although the fire luckily only destroyed the couch, the burning couch created a lot of toxic smoke that members of the house may have been exposed to. The fire was also less than 20 feet from the house, which was dangerously close.

Corvallis city regulations allow residents to have recre-



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The charred remains from the couch can be seen in the dumpster. No one was injured in the fire, although the Corvallis Fire Department may still issue a citation to the house for the fire.

ational fires, so long as they are at least 25 feet from any structure, there is always a water source nearby to extinguish the fire and that the fire is attended until it is completely extinguished.

"Don't assume that just because it is in a fire pit that it is

safe," Patton said.

Residents are also not allowed to burn yard debris or garbage, which includes furniture. Those who do may be cited by the Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Corvallis and may receive a large fine.

According to Patton, the

house may still be issued a citation for the fire.

"While recreation fires are legal," Patton said, "people need to be careful and to be prepared."

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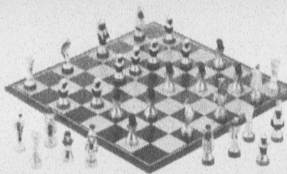
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"The on-campus construction affects my campus lifestyle by forcing me to take alternative routes, avoid big construction vehicles when biking to class, and the noise/distraction," said Emily Campbell, a microbiology major.

Campbell also felt the construction detracts from the natural beauty of campus.

While the additional summertime construction creates extra challenges for students, Fulton remarked that a great deal of consideration goes toward the impact the work has on students, staff and visitors.

Students were glad to see campus expansion and improvements. "Like a business, a university needs to continually grow and I understand that as long as it is not causing a raise in my tuition. Consequences such as loud noises distracting students will just have to be tolerated by the students and professors," said Durando.

"I am glad to see improvements; I don't necessarily agree with all of them but I am glad to see campus expanding," said Campbell.

Fulton mentioned an exciting project on the horizon is an addition to the Sports Performance Center next

to Gill Coliseum, which will house practice courts for the men's and women's basketball programs.

The planned facility is a 40,000-square-foot four-story structure and will include regulation basketball courts on the first and third floors in addition to locker rooms, training and medical facilities. The second and fourth floors will be composed of 2,000-square-foot floors containing coach and staff offices.

The project is currently in the public funding stage and is estimated to cost \$15 million.

Within the last month, Oregon lawmakers did not approve bond requests made by OSU for three other construction projects.

The three projects have thus been stuck in the design phase. Construction cannot proceed until the bonds have been approved by the state legislature.

Fulton commented getting approval in February for a bond sale will enable OSU to move forward with the designs and construction.

With the campus planning to expand to 35,000 students, more construction projects will be the norm more than the exception for OSU in the future.

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US moving toward calling for al-Assad to step down

The United States is moving toward issuing an explicit call for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to step down, U.S. government sources told CNN Tuesday.

The move is expected to be announced in coming days after U.S. officials consult with the United Nations Security Council, the sources said.

The question of whether to call for al-Assad to step down has been under discussion over the past few weeks, the sources said.

Officials described the White House as being more eager to make the announcement while the State Department is being more cautious about the ramifications should al-Assad not heed the call.

In addition, the Security Council is expected Wednesday to follow up on last week's

presidential statement, which condemned the Syrian government for violence against peaceful protesters and called for an immediate end to violence by all parties.

But no immediate escalation of that statement is expected, since Russia and China—whose representatives usually feel it is not the Security Council's role to get involved in what they describe as matters of member countries' internal affairs—would be unlikely to agree.

Instead, the new package would likely impose new Treasury Department sanctions on family members and business and government officials linked to the regime, said a government official involved in the deliberations who was unable to speak for attribution.

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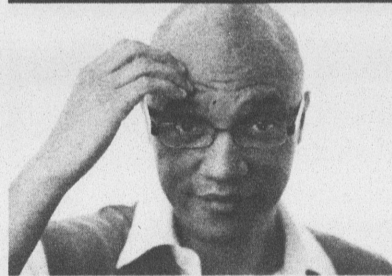
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Book bans rob students of expanded worldview

Mark down another win for censorship and intellectual oppression. A concerned parent's complaint has led to the banning of Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse-Five" from Missouri's Republic High School's English curriculum. The school also removed Sarah Ockler's "Twenty Boy Summer" from the school's library. A third book considered for banishment featuring a graphic rape scene was allowed to remain because of its instructional value. The district is now considering applying the standards that led it to ban the books to film and other forms of educational media.

Republic's school board acted on the complaint of Wesley Scroggins. Reuters reported he claimed the novels "create false conceptions of American history and government" and "teach principles contrary to biblical morality and truth." The board claimed it only considered the age appropriateness of the material in question and dutifully avoided the issues raised by Scroggins.

Let's ignore the obvious transgressions of the authors' rights within the First Amendment for a moment and discuss how insulting this is to the students and teachers of RHS. Our society has decided 18-year-olds, the average age of high school seniors, are both legally and socially adults. There is a problematic double standard here if high school seniors are considered mature enough to sign their lives away to the military, but not emotionally developed enough to deal with the ideas presented by Vonnegut or Ockler.

Even for younger students, these novels are excellent tools for engaging with course material, teaching analytical skills and exposing them to different views of the world. How these books are threatening baffles me. Is Vonnegut's semi-autobiographical reflection of his experience during the Allied firebombing of Dresden, Germany, so dangerous we must shield our young ones from it? Will Ockler poison and corrupt a young academic's mind to the extent we must forbid teachers from revealing her words?

Of course, some claim a line must be drawn somewhere. If we let any piece of art into schools, what's to stop pornography or the insane rants from someone such as Glenn Beck from being readily available to students? And Hustler and Playboy probably shouldn't line the shelves of high school libraries. What I propose is another set of criteria for determining appropriateness: educational value. If we ignore the issue of age entirely and focus on the efficacy of the material as a teaching tool, we can reach a reasonable compromise.

Unfortunately, the nature of the original complaint casts a disturbing shadow on the motivations of those who put pressure on educa-

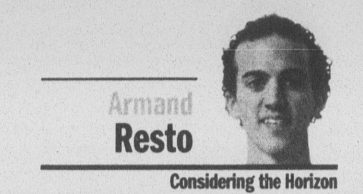
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Insignificance in calling for job creation

To take the economic situation in brief would be difficult, but pointing out factors that continue the financial woes and political incompetence may provide some insight into how job creation is simply a lost solution — there's much more at hand.

First, Americans with a stable job, despite bringing in consistent finances, aren't spending it. They gained the privilege to spend their earnings, but between paying off mortgages, debt and children's education, like cash over credit card, the wise spend what they have, and it may not turn out to be that much right now.

Second, from the GOP's position, private industry doesn't exactly have absolute reasons to hire new employees, even with continued or larger tax cuts. Workers bring pensions, insurance and time for training and development. Why



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not maintain a few workers and possibly hand out raises instead of hiring several more? It's a failed assumption that private industry is actively seeking new workers that they would willingly hire if given continued tax rates. It hasn't drastically changed the market for the past decade, so why would it over the next five years?

Which leads to the third point: Congress campaigning on the need for job creation is a baseless assertion. The federal government only fiddles with tax rates, regulations, subsidies and policies; as Press Secretary Jay Carney put it: "The White House doesn't create

jobs. The government, together — White House, Congress — creates policies that allow for greater job creation."

Just listen to the job creation dialogue; more often than not, the focus is on infrastructure. America needs to rebuild roads, bridges, buildings — do you ever hear anything else? There are no plans to create jobs. It's simply not their position to do so. Nor do they seem to have any unique ideas.

Another policy dragging down this job creation myth is the continued push for unemployment benefits, specifically carrying on policies for a variable unemployment population.

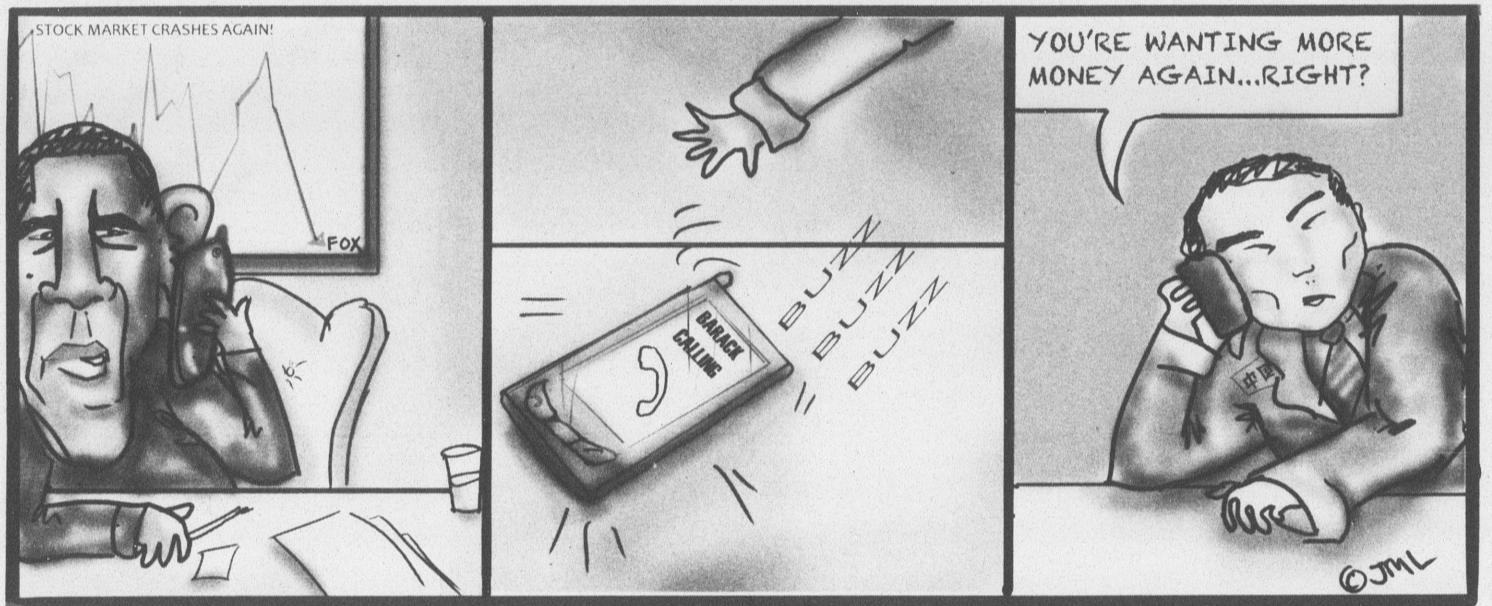
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' July 2011 report on employment, the unemployment rate was at 9.1 percent that month. A scary number, but no qualitative value in it. For instance, you don't hear that 25 percent of

those unemployed are considered teenagers. Or that 27 percent of that group are either black or Hispanic.

Moreover, part-time employees are not considered for unemployment numbers. And persons "marginally attached to the labor force" — people who aren't working, but "wanted and were available for work" and still looking for jobs — weren't counted as unemployed as they had not actively searched for jobs in the four weeks prior to the report. These groups clearly have a need for jobs too, but the estimates don't consider them.

How can this sort of report — the one often cited by public officials and media — give an accurate representation of the issue? Clearly, certain demographics are much more susceptible to economic swings, either on availabil-

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JAYNA LACK IS A FRESHMAN IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Inconsequential links between Breivik and gaming violence

A few months ago, I wrote a piece discussing violence and the supposed addictive nature of video games. As I stated in the article, and as backed up by several sources and studies, these arguments can be boiled down to three basic points: that violent and addictive behavior associated with video games is limited; negative behavior is only a symptom of the true problem, not the problem itself; and parents, not the government, must educate themselves and protect their children from content they don't wish to expose them to.

Generally, when someone becomes addicted to video games, it means that person was already prone to addiction. If someone acts out violently because of a video game, it is because of behaviors already inherent in that person. Therefore, I do not believe games should be to blame for violent behavior, no matter how "easy" it

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would be to point the finger at them. Arguably, it is not the hobbies of a violent or addictive person that makes them that way, rather the way they interact with such activities.

It is because of this that I am troubled by the recent terror attacks in Norway, executed by 32-year-old political extremist Anders Behring Breivik. Prior to murdering 91 people, Breivik came across as "ordinary," as described in a piece by Peter Svaar for BBC News. Svaar knew Breivik well, went to school with him, grew up in the same city and participated in many of the same activities.

He says that Breivik had a "fixation with weightlifting and hip-hop, and how he always kept himself very well presented," something many college students can relate to.

His daily activities and distractions were seemingly no different than ours. One of these distractions was video games.

In addition to affiliating himself with political extremism, Breivik wrote and published his own manifesto, in which he declares his political and societal views. It also includes details on how he trained himself to commit the attacks on the Trade Ministry and the youth camp in Utoeya. According to his manifesto, Breivik used video games like "Call of Duty" to learn to shoot a gun and launch attacks, and the Massively Multiplayer game "World of Warcraft" as a cover for communications and to obscure his true intentions. He made detailed plans, all under the guise of a video game with nearly 11 million players.

In response to these claims, Norway has removed 51 video games from retail shelves, including the "Call of Duty" titles, and others such as "Homefront" and "Sniper:

Ghost Warrior," as reported by Gamers Globe, a Norwegian video game outlet. In a statement from Norway's director of sales, these titles were removed in respect for the families and memory of those killed in Breivik's attacks.

In turn, it comes to no surprise that gamers, game journalists and developers have voiced their opinions on the matter, and that they are in opposition of Norway's decision to pull games the government has deemed too violent.

While I can't help but feel that video games are being targeted as the "motivating factor" behind Breivik's attacks, instead of the extreme political factions he identifies with, I can understand why Norway has done this. Norway is a much smaller country than America, and these events that shook the Scandinavian country rightfully warrant slightly different responses than they

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The importance of getting adequate amounts of sleep

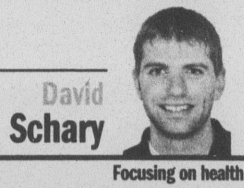
If there is one thing I love, it's sleep.

One might call me a sleep snob; I need my eight glorious hours of sleep. If I do not get all eight precious hours, I am dragging the next day. My mind is foggy, my body is tired and the day seems extra long. And call me crazy, but scientific evidence backs me up.

In 2006, The Harvard Women's Health Watch, a well-respected newsletter published by The Harvard Medical School, reported numerous benefits of getting a full night's sleep, which constitutes as anything more than six hours. Seemingly, the greatest benefit is your chances of getting sick plummet. Throw your Airborne tablets away; sleep is your immune system's most lethal weapon, helping to ramp up your body's killer cells.

We can all agree that there is nothing fun about a stuffy nose and sore throat. Getting adequate amounts of sleep seem to be the easiest way to fight off a cold before you even notice the symptoms.

And sleep not only helps your short-term immune system, but it can boost your defense against more serious diseases like cancer and



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cardiovascular disease. It seems that sleep is a critical component of preventative medicine. Where else can you find a medical treatment this good that is free, painless and easy to use?

But the benefits don't stop there. Consistently getting a full night's sleep will help your mood altogether. Those who are sleep deprived are often more irritable, impatient and prone to mood swings. Sound familiar?

Plus, your mood goes beyond affecting your day alone. First, no one wants to be around a crabby person, your friends will avoid you. More sleep could help your social life. Second, no one wants to work with a crabby person. More sleep could better your work or school relationships. If you don't feel you need more sleep, at least do it for the people around you.

But the most important — for college students — adequate sleep could increase your ability to learn and retain information. Students,

remember this!

Researchers have shown that through sleep, your brain commits new information into memory through a process called memory consolidation. In studies, people who slept after learning new information did better on later tests. So instead of pulling an all-nighter before your next final, catch a few hours of shuteye; you'll do better on the exam.

While I preach the benefits of sleep to my students, I see their eyes roll; I've been told by many that this is an "unrealistic expectation." Students tell me that in college, there are just too many demands on their time; it is just impossible to get the recommended amount of sleep. A popular line is, "I'll sleep after college." Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but more than 75 percent of all Americans are sleep deprived. Therefore, it is not the demands of college that are the problem; rather we live in a culture of constant distractions, stealing our time and sleep.

People find ways to fill their time even when they are trying to do something else, like homework or sleep. How many times do you surf the Web or hang out with friends instead of doing homework?

How many times do you keep watching the re-run of your favorite show, regardless of how many times you've seen it? It seems that the instant access to entertainment, via the Internet or TV or friends, provides us with constant entertainment and endless distraction. Thus, lack of sleep is usually not a product of school demand, but a result of priorities.

The good thing is getting enough sleep is not as hard as you think. You do not have to give up your social life or fail out of school. It just takes some re-prioritizing.

Block out times of the day to do homework and actually do your homework, no distractions, not even Facebook. You'll get a lot more done in a lot less time. Also, try to get your body on a consistent schedule. Go to bed and get up around the same time every day.

If you haven't realized it by now, let me try to pound it in one more time: Getting enough sleep is important. You'll feel better, be smarter and have more energy — maybe you won't fall asleep in class. And that sounds like a recipe for success.

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age the job search.

But the most discouraging factor of all is simply the American mindset. The American dream of starting from the bottom and moving to the top with dedication and years of work, getting what you always desired, is gone. Today, the dream has become one of starting on a level plane, moving to wherever everyone else is, motivated by only as much as you know you'll receive, looking ahead in only weeks or months, expecting to earn what you know you deserve.

Americans expect everything to be fair, that their neighbor has no more and no less skills than they do. They deserve nothing less than you, despite time and work they put in to honing

a craft, developing a skill or searching for a job.

So in our given market, with this demeanor, are the jobs not there or are Americans just not accepting the ones available to them?

One could argue that the job market never went anywhere, it just moved to a higher ledge. And while money is the ladder to the top and education a stepladder for the climb, effort and motivation drive the ascent, no matter what your route is.

America isn't fair. Not everyone deserves what they have and some deserve more than they get. But don't let that truth bog down the motivation that was once part of the American goal. Otherwise, we get to keep

listening to Washington call for more jobs, something they simply can't do anything about. And something Americans possibly don't want to do anything about.

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ity and opportunity for education as with the minority groups, or simply on lack of any necessity or dependency for finances as in the teenager group.

Ideally, the Democratic thought would be to maintain current unemployment benefits, or even increase and extend them, thereby allowing these out-of-work citizens to continue their job search. But not all of the aforementioned groups would use these benefits, and some would even rely too heavily on them. People learn to adapt to what they have, to what they're able to earn. Continued unemployment pay does not encour-

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would here. Pulling a violent video game probably seems, to them, the best course of action.

Still, the dismay at the loss of life and the sobering reality that even some of the most peaceful countries can be the targets of senseless violence is not something that can be cured simply by limiting the number of violent video games available. In fact, it is my belief that there isn't much of a reason to ban these games at all. "Call of Duty" may have given Breivik an idea of how to wield a weapon, but it did not instill him with the hate nec-

essary to take so many innocent lives.

We must remember: video games do not create violent people. If we follow this logic, an enormous section of the world's population as gamers should be angry sword-wielding, gun-toting barbarians; comic book readers should be attempting to fly and lift cars; soap opera fans are to blame for high divorce rates. But they're not. They're ordinary people with ordinary lives, who happen to enjoy sitting in front of their TV or computer for a few hours every day interacting with virtual, make-believe characters inhabiting virtual, make-believe worlds. Seems rather

innocent when said that way, doesn't it?

Gaming is not a drug, a weapon or a brainwashing tool — it is entertainment. Millions of people log into games like "Call of Duty" every day, yet the amount of them carrying out acts of terrorism or murder are minuscule, to say the least. No matter what anyone says or wants you to believe, video games are not the reason Anders Behring Breivik killed 91 people. That is the fault of his hate, anger and twisted worldview.

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tional institutions to ban books. There are far too many loud, unreasonable parents and interest groups willing to dig in and fight for the banishment of material that conflict with their worldviews. While Republic's decision may have been completely motivated by age concerns, shadier curriculum choices in other parts of the U.S. — I'm looking at you, Texas — should give us pause before trusting the intentions of school officials.

In order to reduce the influence of uptight parents and interest groups, Republic and other schools considering bans should institute an "opt-out" system, rather than the "opt-in" one they've put in place. While this would likely

mean considerably more work for teachers, it would reduce the risk of corruption caused by the ravings of a few ignorant parents.

Ultimately, the banning of "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "Twenty Boy Summer" is amusingly futile. Banning the books will likely only drum up increased interest from students, and the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library has since pledged to give out copies of "Slaughterhouse-Five" for free to Republic students. It's great to see librarians once again standing up for students and the freedom to read. I can only hope weak-willed school boards will see the light and stop caving to the demands of ignorant parents.

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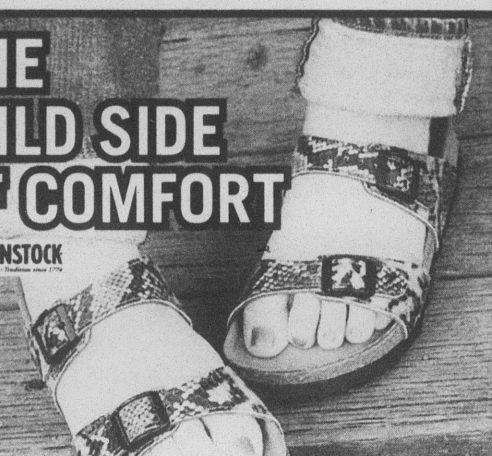
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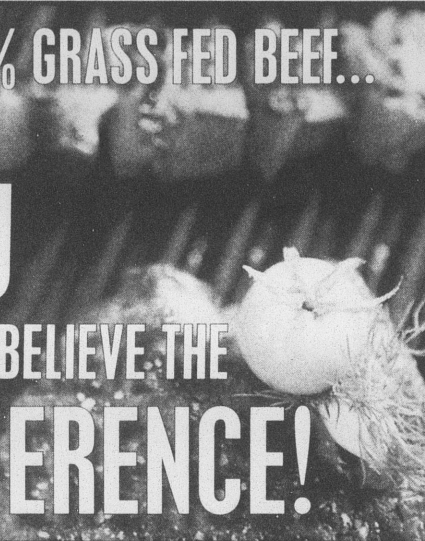
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Hundreds join London clean-up as shock turns to anger

LONDON — Small armies of residents marched onto London's streets today — but instead of weapons, they carried cleaning equipment.

Equipped with brooms, buckets and bin-bags, communities across the city responded to last night's riots by turning out in force determined to restore their neighborhoods.

In Battersea, one of the worst-hit stretches during last night's violence, people gathered in the morning to share stories of the violence from the night before — many bemused that the riots had reached this affluent, family-orientated South London suburb.

Joan McAvoy, 72, has lived on an estate in the Lavender Hill area in Battersea her whole life. "I've seen nothing like this in all my life," she said. "I don't understand."

"There were kids aged 10 or 12 years old," she continued. "Where are the parents? Why are they letting their kids out at this time of night?"

Nearby, a Pizza Express restaurant had had its windows smashed. Behind them lay tables with half-eaten pizzas, apparently abandoned in a hurry by diners.

By 10 a.m., up the road at Clapham Junction station, around 150 people armed with buckets and brushes had gathered for the clean-up.

ered for the clean-up.

Sarah Driver-Jowitt, 37, lives in an 18th-floor flat in the area and said she saw fires across south London from Clapham to Croydon the night before.

"I feel really strongly that the only way to respond to disorder is with civil order," she said. "They're just a bunch of people who find it exciting to be destructive."

Others expressed shock at the previous night's violence.

Hayley Miller, 29, a music promoter from Clapham South, said, "I love this city and I was totally scared in my own home, not knowing how much it would escalate, so to be able to come here and show some support was really important."

Nick Varey, 26, a trainee architect from Wandsworth, said, "I felt powerless last night. What can normal people do against a marauding horde? We want to send a positive message that this is London, we're not destructive and we love our city."

Some linked the South London violence to the British government's austerity cuts.

Moir Kaminsky, 54, a Lavender Hill resident for four years, said, "It all connects to the cuts. People are too squeezed and the shooting pressed the button."

"They're going to have to pacify the people and say, 'We're

not going to be so tough."

Others, including Halima Ahmed, 33, weren't so sure.

"Last night in my estate I saw young people wearing hoodies and masks, laughing, carrying microwaves and televisions," she said. "It's just an excuse for freebies."

By mid-afternoon, police forensics teams and the fire brigade had secured much of the Clapham Junction area and the clean-up began.

Volunteers' enthusiasm turned to anger and disgust as the full extent of the riot damage was revealed.

Broken glass lay inches-thick on the pavement; discarded shoe boxes and rubbish littered the streets; and few shops were untouched.

"I came here because they've just trashed my neighborhood," Battersea resident and clean-up volunteer Jilly Bruce, 40, said.

Bruce said she couldn't believe the rioters had set fire to the Party Superstore in Clapham Junction, a local independent party supplies store that she remembers from when she was six years old.

"It's always been here and for idiots to set it alight ... it's an independent store. It's not a multinational; it's not the root of all evil. It's just people who have been working hard doing their thing," she said.

Bruce said she was heartened

by the number of people who had joined the clean-up.

"I got here at nine (this morning) and there was like 30 or 40 people," she said. "I came back at lunch and there were about 300 or 400 people."

"We want to show people that they can't do this to us. We are taking back our community."

Looted shops include JD Sports, a sportswear and trainers store; Starbucks; McDonald's; British department store Debenhams; local card and fashion shops among others.

Shop owners and staff directed some of their anger toward the police force.

Jimmy Kane, 50, was cleaning up his jewelry store alongside his family and staff members. He said police had taken two hours to arrive and stop the looting.

"I've got five shops across London and we pay huge amounts of uniform business rates which ... goes to police protection and police pay," he said. "Where are they on the night we need them? ... What (the rioters) were teenagers, not hardened criminals — 14, 15, 16-year-olds."

"This is going to put some people out of business, out of their homes and others out of their livelihoods," he added. "It's crazy."

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NCAA 2012 starters

According to the video game, OSU offensive starters: QB Ryan Katz (82 overall), RB Ryan McCants (80), WR James Rodgers (93), WR Markus Wheaton (85), WR Jordan Bishop (82), TE Joe Halahuni (85), RT Michael Phillip (87), RG Grant Johnson (81), C Josh Andrews (78) LG Burke Ellis (85), LT Mike Remmers (88).

Defensive starters: DE Andrew Seumalo (77), DE Dominic Glover (82), DT Kevin Frahm (82), DT Ben Motter (78), LOLB Cameron Collins (81), MLB Reuben Robinson (83), ROLB #44 (82), CB Brandon Hardin (85), CB Poyer (82), S Mitchell (85), S Josh LaGrone (79).

Impact players

Each year, NCAA labels three players on each team "impact players."

Essentially, the three best players on the team (with the exception of offensive linemen and specialists, who are rarely deemed impact players).

Oregon State's three impact players: James Rodgers (93 overall), Mitchell and senior cornerback Brandon Hardin (both 85).

Did they get it right? "Definitely!" Mitchell said. "Nah, I'm just playing, but I am proud to be an impact player."

"They're the seniors, they're the leaders," Poyer said. "But at the same time, I think every starter could be an impact player."

Hey man, we're not talking about the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rodgers felt Wheaton got the short end of the stick and should

have received impact status. Wheaton — as well as senior tight end Joe Halahuni — is an 85 overall.

Offensive tackle Mike Remmers is the team's second-best rated player at 88 overall, followed by Johnny Hekker and Michael Phillip (87 overall).

Probably not a very good sign when your third-best player is a punter and your fourth-best player isn't currently listed as a starter in real life.

Wide receivers

On paper, the Oregon State wide receiving corps is as good of a group as there is in the Pac-12, if not the country.

On NCAA 2012, each Beaver starting wide receiver is rated 82 or higher.

Only Arizona (92, 86, 84) has a better starting trio in the Pac-12.

Still, Mitchell feels the Beavers were slighted.

"It's a robbery to have us at second," Mitchell said. "With Wheaton and James and Bishop, you can't really practice against anyone better than that."

The starting receivers aren't even Oregon State's greatest strength — position-wise — in the game! The offensive line has three players rated 85 or higher. Um, I think that's giving the big men up front a bit too much credit.

Fastest on the team

Speed: the attribute that gamers covet the most.

It's not uncommon for a gamer to put the ball in his fastest player's hands and simply try to outrun everybody.

So, who is Oregon State's fastest player? According to NCAA 2012, it is true freshman wide receiver Brandin Cooks (93 speed).

When informed of this, James Rodgers offered the following: "When people make games, most of the time they aren't right about stuff."

Mitchell said Wheaton was

the team's fastest, followed by James.

"Cooks is fast, but I don't think he's keeping up with James or Markus," Mitchell said. "James might run a faster 40 than Markus, but Markus would beat him if they're racing 60 or 100."

In the game, James is has a speed rating of 92; Wheaton, 91.

"James and Markus were a little upset by that, but I didn't take it the wrong way," Cooks said.

Katz' speed

Speaking of speed, coaches have said they plan to utilize quarterback Ryan Katz' mobility more this season, particularly with a read-option look.

In NCAA 2012, Katz' speed rating of 68 - tied for 52nd fastest on the team. Who is he tied with, you ask? The 6-foot-3, 308-pound Phillip.

I'm quite sure no one would want big ole' No. 77 running the read-option.

But players assured me Katz is in fact faster than Phillip.

"Katz can run the read-option, for sure," Mitchell said. "He's an athlete. He has hidden speed; you can't really tell, but he can run away from you."

Unless you're playing on the junior varsity level against Portland State, 68 speed isn't beating anyone to the sideline.

"I saw Katz was 68 and thought it was a little suspect," Poyer said. "He should be up in the 90s."

Nineties? But you're in the 90s, Jordan.

"You're right, he ain't as fast me - obviously," Poyer countered. "I'll give him 88."

Wild Beaver

It's the formation that is rarely used in real life, but is fun to draw up on a chalkboard and therefore fun to use in a video game: the "Wildcat," or, as named in OSU's NCAA 2012 playbook, the "Wild Beaver." I love the "Wild Beaver."

Unfortunately, OSU isn't very effective with it in the game.

Ryan McCants (80 overall) lines up in the position that used to belong to Jacquizz, while Jordan Jenkins (75 overall) lines up in the slot.

I'm fairly certain that's not how Riley will draw it up this fall.

I replace Jenkins with Rodgers and McCants with Poyer, a former high school all-state quarterback. I also boost Poyer's awfully low throwing ratings — some say that's cheating, but whatever.

"Nah, I definitely think that's fair," Poyer said. "I've actually been contemplating talking to Coach Riley about it...I would love to get that chance."

Mitchell said when he uses the Wild Beaver, he puts Markus Wheaton as the fly sweep guy and James Rodgers behind center.

I told him that I use Poyer, considering he's a former quarterback. A smile crept across Mitchell's face as an idea popped into his head.

"Well...I played QB back in the day, too," Mitchell said.

One player who has never played quarterback — but has done just about everything else — hinted he's the best option.

"Of course I can play it," Rodgers said.

Does he have a good enough arm?

"All I can tell you is this: Just watch me whenever I throw."

What's it all mean?

Absolutely nothing.

"It's fun to see how people see your team, but at the same time it has nothing to do with how you're going to perform," Poyer said.

Thank goodness for that; I just went 5-7 in my first season with the Beavers.

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Beaver football opens Fall Camp

James Rodgers looks good, others injured working their way back into the mix

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fall Camp for the Oregon State University football team began Monday. By the time the Beavers open the season Sept. 3 vs. Sacramento State, they will have 28 practices under their belt.

Practices are open to the public, and a schedule can be found on osubeavers.com.

So far, James Rodgers and what he's been able to do has been the story of the camp thus far.

He's limited his participation to individual activities, but it appears he's closing in on a full recovery from multiple offseason knee surgeries.

"He's looking really well," quarterback Ryan Katz said. "He's been running routes in the summer and he's looked good, so I just see him progressing from here."

"He looked like James Rodgers with a different number," coach Mike Riley said.

Rodgers — who's switched his number from eight to one — isn't offering any predictions as to when he'll be ready for game action.

"I can't stand up here and give you a percent," Rodgers said. "I'm just working as hard as I can to get to the point where they feel I'm ready to go."

A brace is on the way for Rodgers, which he'll use in potential contact situations.

Cameron Collins (abdominal

surgery), Jordan Jenkins (shoulder), Joe Halahuni (shoulder) and Jordan Bishop (foot) highlight the rest of the Beavers making their way back from injuries.

Bishop, slated as Oregon State's starting slotback, is the furthest along of the bunch and is participating fully.

Collins' participation has been limited, but he's expected to be ready to go in time for the season opener.

Jenkins, who Riley thinks "has a chance to compete for the starting running back spot," and Halahuni have participated thus far, but haven't been cleared for contact.

Riley doesn't expect Halahuni back until the UCLA game on Sept. 24. Jenkins should be back sooner.

Lance Mitchell said having the guys out there, even if they aren't participating fully, is a step in the right direction.

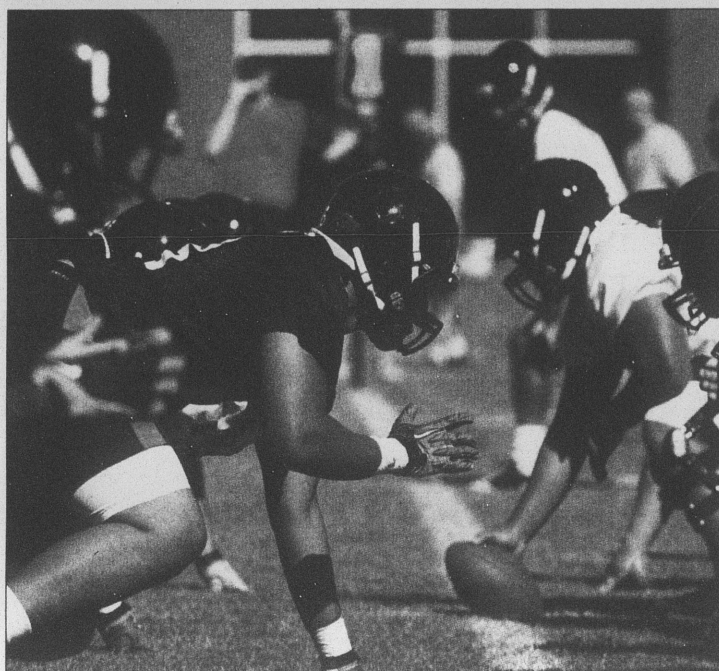
"Obviously we're not where we want to be as a team (health-wise), but it's good to see those dudes out there," he said. "It helps the team, helps the morale, knowing they're out there working hard to get back."

There are several position battles, mainly on the offensive line, but one position that seems settled — for the meanwhile, at least — is middle linebacker.

Last year, Reuben Robinson and Tony Wilson split the starts.

No one grabbed hold of the position, and the defense as a whole suffered because of it, finishing eighth in the conference in total defense.

This year, coaches have given junior Feti Unga the nod at middle



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The Beavers have been in helmets, but not pads, for their first few days of camp. They'll practice 28 times before opening up with Sacramento State in three and a half weeks.

backer.

"He earned that in the spring," Riley said.

"It's important (to have one guy), just so the defense around us knows who's there."

Should Unga perform, the line-backing core should be better than last year; many expect big seasons from Collins and up-and-comer Michael Doctor, starting outside linebackers.

"Having them makes my job easi-

er," Unga said.

Colin Kelly and Michael Phillip are battling it out for right tackle. Kelly entered camp with a slight lead.

The defensive front is a question mark, as DE Dominic Glover (grades) and DT Castro Masaniai (legal issues) are question marks at the moment.

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No sugarcating here

Breaking down NCAA 2012

Lance Mitchell didn't hesitate to bash the makers of NCAA 2012 when I asked him if he'd played the popular EA Sports video game.

"I think they gyped me on my hands, man," the senior safety declared. "The first game I played, I had like three picks right in my hands and I dropped all three."

With 85 scholarship players comprising 120 FBS rosters, it's impossible for EA Sports to get everything right. In fact, it seems they do more guessing than researching.

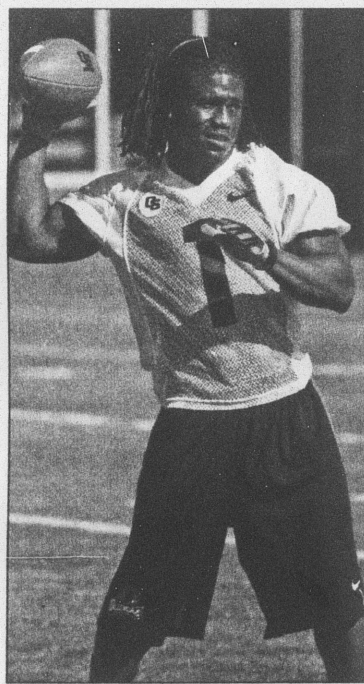
Unfortunately, the NCAA 2012 rosters and ratings are the only things fans have to go on until real games begin in September.

Rated lower than you should be? You have to live with that rating — at least live with fans associating you and that rating — until you can prove otherwise.

Instead of living with that, I thought I'd give players a chance to defend themselves — give them a chance to say what the game got right, and what it didn't.

Players had a lot to say.

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James Rodgers has been a limited participant in Fall Camp thus far.

TIMELINE

A practice in the life of James Rodgers

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James Rodgers says he feels good. Coaches and teammates say he looks good. Fans are beginning to think he'll be good this fall. Just what is the senior wide receiver capable of in practice? We kept our eyes on him Tuesday to find out.

2:00
p.m.

Team stretching period. Rodgers stays five or so minutes afterward with a trainer, stretching further.

2:15
p.m.

Receivers break off; begin daily drills. Nothing Rodgers can't easily do.

2:45
p.m.

Receivers pick up intensity; participate in a cone drill. Four cones set up in a square formation, several yards apart. Rodgers looks very precise and quick on his cuts.

3:00
p.m.

Receivers and quarterbacks join up; start running routes. Rodgers runs a 15-yard curl, a 15-yard out pattern, and a square in. Rodgers catches all three passes.

3:25
p.m.

Rodgers calls it quits for the day when the receivers and defensive backs start a one-on-one period. Rodgers — with his knee wrapped in ice — spends the rest of the practice coaching up younger receivers.

4:15
p.m.

The veteran players are dismissed for the day. Rodgers is one of the last veteran players to leave the field, playing catch with an assistant on the side while the younger players practice until 5 p.m.

Women's soccer, rest of fall sports at OSU, back in action

Taking a brief look at each Oregon State fall sports team as they begin practice

By Warner Strausbaugh
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Women's Soccer

The OSU women's soccer team (16-4-1) ended its most successful season in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, falling to Oklahoma State. The Beavers' 16 wins were the most in school history.

Senior keeper Colleen Boyd returns after receiving All-Pacific Region first team honors. Also returning is senior Brittany Galindo and junior Chelsea Buckland — both were second team All-Pacific Region. Buckland also was a member of the Canadian National Team in the Women's

World Cup this summer. Milan Cabrera, Ashley Folsom, Lindsay Meiggs, Melinda Ingalls and Ashley Seals are also familiar faces in a loaded group of returning starters.

The Beavers have an intimidating nonconference schedule. No. 7 Florida State, No. 8 Portland and No. 19 Santa Clara are some of the nonconference matchups for OSU. The Pac-12 schedule begins for Oregon State on Sept. 23 with new conference opponent Colorado.

Men's Soccer

Last year, the Oregon State men's soccer team had a disappointing season. With a record of 6-11 (1-9 Pac-10), the Beavers placed last in the Pac-10. After defeating San Diego State (Pac-12 member for soccer) in their first conference game last fall, OSU dropped their remaining 10 games.

The only returning starters who played in every game last year were a pair of midfielders — sophomore Alex Eckerson and junior Roberto Farfan. Seniors John Swenson and Alex Penny, along with junior Josh Smith, will also be back in the mix this season.

The season kicks off for the soccer team on Aug. 17 in an exhibition match with Trinity Western. The first regular season game is at home versus the University of Portland on Aug. 27, and then the Beavers hit the road for a five-game road trip beginning at North Carolina on Sept. 2. Sept. 30 is the Pac-12 opener for OSU, hosting Washington.

Volleyball

In a competitive Pac-10 last year, Oregon State (9-23, 2-16 Pac-10) volleyball finished well out of the running in ninth place.

The Beavers return last year's All-Pac-10 freshman Mona Kressl and junior starters Camille Sexton, Megan McBride, Ashley Eneliko and Alyssa O'Neil.

The Wyoming Tournament in Laramie, Wyo., kicks off the nonconference schedule for OSU on Aug. 26. Back-to-back home games with Arizona State and Arizona on Sept. 16 and 17, respectively, will begin their 22-game Pac-12 schedule.

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team begins its season Sept. 3 at the John Frank Memorial Invitational.

The Beavers finished eighth at the Pac-10 Championships last year.

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