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Student-founded business finds shady niche market, becomes sunny success



RACHELLE HACMAC PHOTOGRAPHER

Shady Peeps founders Jason Bolt, Vijay Raghavan, Lindsay Lowen and Caleb lorg show off their signature Ducks-inspired sunglasses Thursday night. The quartet launched its business in May of 2010. "We're very efficient but we have a lot of fun," Bolt said. "The product is an extension of our eccentric personalities.

DARIN MORIKI

NEWS REPORTER

What began as an idea for a business class hatched out of a house on Eugene's Emerald Alley nearly a year ago has evolved into a profitable business that has had its product displayed prominently at football games, around the University campus and even on ESPN.

Shady Peeps, LLC., founded by University students Jason Bolt, Caleb Iorg, Lindsay Lowen and Vijay Raghavan, has grown from a small start-up company into a recognizable business that has taken off at the University and is continuing to expand to other schools across

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Conference aims to break silence

Annual event offers love, support, chance to heal for women of color

ERIC DIEP NEWS REPORTER

With special guest appearances from author Angela Davis, spoken word group Yellow Rage and mural artist Favianna Rodriguez, the 8th Annual Women of Color Conference promises to provide participants a safe space

for artistic expression through trauma healing, as well as education in social and political indifference among women.

The conference, presented by the University's ASUO Women's Center, is an outlet for women who have been harmed to share their personal experiences. The conference blends in artistic workshops to help encourage survivors to openly discuss issues such as sexual assault, modern-day slavery and abortion. Allies join these women to support their effort of raising awareness.

"We wanted to emphasize the positives that come from expression after communities have been silenced from traumas," Andrea Valderrama, the conference coordinator, said.

Valderrama said she believes the conference's full title — "Our New Year's Resolution: Ending Oppression through Expression" - works toward a broader concept. The focus is to look beyond the two-day conference and incorporate a consistency of expression throughout the year, she said.

The idea is to balance the need for an artist outlet and establish a commitment of selfhealing as a resolution. She hopes women and allies take away the necessary tools to accomplish this effort.

"To be able to develop these things and

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuition spikes tighten budget, endanger University studies

Reduction of federal and state funding cause for immediate financial concern

STEFAN VERBANO

NEWS REPORTER

The State Board of Higher Education unanimously approved a seven percent average summer tuition increase earlier this month for Oregon's seven public universities, citing flagging state support and universities' desires to align summer tuition with regular academic year rates.

Twenty years ago, students enrolled at Oregon University System schools paid roughly 30 percent of the full cost of their education, while the state covered most of the resulting balance. The inverse is true today: students are now expected to cover more than 60 percent of their academic costs with less than one-third coming from governmental appropriations. Federal and state support has dropped even more dramatically in recent years — in this

biennium alone, OUS's budget has been cut twice — and has, as a result, left schools like the University struggling to manage their growing annual operating budget with the fraction that annual state support affords.

This paradigm caused the University to increase regular academic year tuition by roughly seven percent annually to offset declining funds from Salem, a compensatory measure that has started to affect summer tuition rates. For the 2010-11 fiscal year, federal and state allocations dropped to \$61.9 million, accounting for less than nine percent of the University's \$700 million annual operating budget.

Historically, summer prices have been significantly lower than those during the regular academic year, but individual OUS campuses are now shoring up fall, winter and spring tuition by increasing costs during summer

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STIRRING UP DEBATE AND STIMULATING DISCUSSION ON CAMPUS

THE DIRT MOPPER | MARK COSTIGAN

Holy Cow: a beacon of organic hope



MARK COSTIGAN Originally hailing from the East Coast. "The Dirt Mopper" is an expert hitchhiker who arrived to Eugene in September 2008. Aside from writing a weekly column for the Emerald, he is the current news director for KWVA 88.1 and host of "Dirt Mopper Radio." Often impulsively changing his appearance and demeanor, his antics can be spotted at concerts, community markets and the top of Spencer Butte.

Panda Express: a beacon of organic hope within the tried chemical methods of the past. But behind every successful business is a riveting story.

The tale of Holy Cow began in Southeast Asia.

South African native and radio journalist Anton Ferriera was living in Hong Kong. His wife and co-owner-to-be, Kathee Lavine, was a socialist vegetarian headed to Japan to teach English to raise money to go to China. Their paths met after Lavine's letter accidentally fell into Ferriera's hands, and after a few homemade vegetarian meals, the flowering couple set sail to live on a kibbutz in Israel.

Life in the socialist settlement was far from glamorous, but it shaped their values for what was to come.

"I was all about education and people on the kibbutz," Lavine said. "Creativity as a way of creating your life. At the kibbutz we got really in touch with the land. You get this holistic appreciation for the cycles and the soil. All of the holidays were part of the cycle of life. They were all rooted in agriculture."

Ferriera was a vegetarian cook on the kibbutz, and achieved a sort of micro chef-stardom within the community with his talents. While Lavine was planning events and organizing people, Ferriera was making vegetarian foods from scratch because they didn't exist. It was here that the two started to discover their chemistry in food.

"Community is a value," Lavine said. "You build community through food. The kibbutz gave us the tools to do this business. You always need the 'what' and the 'how.' You need the person who makes the creative part and the person who makes things happen. That is what every business needs."

Almost coincidentally, their pastoral idealism bloomed as chemical industrialism gripped the commune.

"When we saw the chemicals, it drove us to organic," Lavine said. "They put two chickens in a cage. Fed them shit. The cows got ground-up oranges and cottonseed. We became aware because we saw it firsthand and we were doing it. We just said 'This is not right.'"

With a decreasing budget, a worsening food supply and the threat of their two newborn children eventually serving in the Israeli army, the couple set out for the United States. They made a list of what they would settle for, and soon enough the four winds blew them to Eugene.

"I needed to be around freaks," Ferriera said. "You come to Sundance and look at the bulletin board and say 'there are some interesting people out here!""

Ferriera didn't know how to write a check. Lavine knew that the vast majority of restaurant owners go out of business in the first year.

"I said if we get the divorce now, we can get the bankruptcy later," joked Lavine on the couple's plans to go into food.

They bought a business called Floating World and grossed a mere \$400 in the first month. But within that first month

Holy Cow Foods stands between the likes of Subway and of haggard business, they learned about good natural food that tasted bad. They learned about shelf space, the ups and downs of manufacturing, and running a food business in a town that needed to eat.

> "We learned the business and then did our own thing," Lavine said.

Such was the birth of Holy Cow Foods.

It started as a home-based food business, distributing to stores like the then "closet-sized" Sundance Natural Foods. The breakthrough came when they discovered "tofu-to-go."

"We knew we couldn't ever make enough money making sandwiches," Lavine said. "They only had a shelf life of one

"When we did the country fair, we realized how fun it was to serve people who you love."

KATHEE LAVINE CO-OWNER OF HOLY COW FOODS

week. Tofu-to-go was very important historically. We came up with something that doesn't exist. It would eventually become the basis of our menu at the Oregon Country Fair."

It was here at the country fair that the couple changed directions.

"We didn't want to be a manufacturing company. We wanted to be with the public and the community, actually face to face. When we did the country fair, we realized how fun it was to serve people who you love."

Meanwhile, the Erb Memorial Union at the University had been recently revamped. Students were bidding on a number of food options, and the "healthy spot" was the most heavily contested of all four.

"We had this really big competition," Lavine said. "And the students threw it to us because they knew the wraps."

It was here that Holy Cow Foods moved on to Duck soil, setting out to serve local, vegetarian dishes with nearly 100 percent organic ingredients.

"We pay more for food than anyone else does," Lavine said. "We really care about always fixing the quality. Anton improves the food all the time. He is always restlessly improving everything.'

After working directly with farmers to grow their ingredients, supplying University students with healthy options for 14 years and boosting support of natural foods in the Eugene community, Ferriera and Lavine have decided to open a second location on Willamette Street.

"Food is such a political thing," Lavine said. "We pay a huge amount of money to do what we do. The poisoners get subsidized and can do it at will. Every time we eat we are making a huge vote for how the world should be."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CITIZENS DON'T NEED SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS BEYOND HUNTING, DEFENSE

This letter is in response to the articles covering the shooting tragedy in Arizona.

The second amendment of the United States Constitution states, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.'

Obviously the need for a state militia has been replaced by the National Guard and Coast Guard whereby trained military personnel are entrusted with the defense of this country against domestic enemies. Their weapons are tightly controlled and safeguarded.

The only two reasons for a citizen to own a firearm are for hunting or defense of the household from intruders.

In either case, ownership of a handgun, shotgun or rifle is more than adequate to satisfy these purposes.

There is absolutely no need for any U.S. civilian to own any weapon more powerful or sophisticated than these.

Accordingly, all handguns, shotguns and rifles must be licensed and registered to the degree necessary to match weapon to owner at the click of a computer key.

Furthermore, if we had prohibited the purchase of more sophisticated weapons (i.e. a Glock 19 semiautomatic pistol with an extended magazine), several innocent victims would not have died or been harmed during this tragedy as well as in shopping malls and on college campuses.

The shooter is obviously disturbed by mental illness to which it appears that those defending the right to own sophisticated weapons exhibit the same qualities by showing a callous disregard for the safety and protection of their fellow citizens. Mental illness and guns are as bad a combination as alcohol and driving.

Evidently we have the money to fight two wars overseas but not the political will to treat the mentally ill who are not only a danger to themselves but to everyone else as well.

JOE BIALEK CLEVELAND, OHIO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S PLAN SERVES STUDENTS' BEST

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RAIL LINE WOULD OFFER PRACTICAL, CHARMING FIX TO KNIGHT ARENA TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

OPINION

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INTERESTS; LEARN MORE AT JAN. 26 MEETING

The Jan. 19 article, "Oregon Student Association to keep public officials in governance process," states that the Oregon Student Association doesn't support the New Partnership plan being considered in the current legislative session. According to the article, the OSA's opposition is rooted in a belief that the New Partnership would exclude public officials from the University's mechanisms for governance and accountability.

To a point, we agree with the student group's position — we don't want to exclude public officials, either. The plan we've presented includes a local governing board that would be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate, just as the current State Board of Higher Education is appointed. The New Partnership also calls for the continuation of a state-level board for system-wide coordination, such as approval of degree programs and assessing the UO's performance in state educational goals.

The New Partnership plan is focused on students and the ability to provide access and a quality education with predictable tuition costs in the face of decreasing state investments. With stable funding, accountability and flexibility, we can provide an even greater educational experience for current and future students at the University of Oregon.

Students, faculty and staff can learn more about the New Partnership proposal at the upcoming campus town hall meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 26 in the EMU Ballroom. It's an opportunity for the community to become informed about this vital effort to preserve the UO's public mission.

RICHARD W. LARIVIERE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

It is no secret to anyone who has any type of involvement or contact with the University that there is a serious lack of parking. This has now been re-emphasized with the opening of the new Matthew Knight Arena.

There is a good solution available. Build a large multi-level parking structure next to Autzen Stadium and PK Park.

Next, build a light rail line, preferably a trolley or streetcar line that would extend from Autzen, south over the river, down Agate Street and east on 13th Avenue. After passing the arena, turn south on Villard Street to 15th Avenue and west to University Street.

This would service most of the dorms and Havward Field.

Next, turn north on University Street then east on 13th Avenue to return north on Agate Street to Autzen.

The students would use the structure during the day on weekdays, and people attending various events would use it on evenings and weekends. Few facilities in the area would be used as much.

Charge a reasonable fee, and in time it will pay for itself and then produce reasonable revenue as well as providing a much-needed service to both the students and the community. Historically, this would cover some of the original streetcar route of 1907-1927 and have far more charm and character than an LTD bus can ever have.

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Eugene icon Ken Kesey's unpublished works come to light

Author's original typed manuscripts to be sold; University staff show interest at public reading

DARIN MORIKI NEWS REPORTER

A troupe of seven University professors and local authors publicly read previously unpublished works from worldrenowned author and counterculture icon Ken Kesey last night at South Eugene's Tsunami Books.

University English professor Miriam Gershow joined Max Rayneard, a graduate teaching fellow in the comparative literature program;

Creative Writing Program visiting professor Cai Emmons; Lauren Kessler, program director of the School of Journalism and Communication's Literary Nonfiction Program; and local authors Cecelia Hagen and Paul Calandrino for a freeform exhibition of lesser-known Kesey works. The local literary artists and scholars read excerpts from the late University graduate and ground-breaking 20th-century author's Ken

Kesey Collection, an assemblage of his lifetime's work including more than 100 cartons of irreplaceable typewritten manuscripts, artwork, collages, photographs and correspondence.

According to Kesey's wishes, the collection had been stored until now within the Knight Library Special Collections, and the surviving Kesey family members recently decided to put the compilation up for sale. Now the University has an opportunity to purchase the collected works which, according to a press release from Scott Landfield

of Tsunami Books, runs "in the \$2-5 million range."

Dean of Libraries Deborah Carver gave a short appeal promptly before the writers and instructors took the stage, voicing the necessity that such a seminal piece of Oregon art and culture remain in Oregon.

"These are materials that exist nowhere else," Carver said. "They are the hallmark of Oregon literature (and) embody our culture ... it's part of

who we are."

If the library fails to buy the anthology, Carver warned, Kesey's legacy could be sold to another university or, worse yet, change hands among private collectors.

"The future scholarship of these resources would be lost forever," Carver said.

University Libraries Head of Special Collections James Fox gave a similar plea.

"Ken remains one of the most important writers of the

1960s and one of the most important American writers of the 20th century," Fox said. "Ken always wanted his papers at the University of Oregon, (and) now is the time to acquire them."

Charles Gurke, a jazz studies graduate student, supplied sonorous saxophone riffs for interludes between readers, giving the spacious bookstore

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their own knowledge, they can continue to work on them," Valderrama said.

Lvndsev Goforth, a University junior and volunteer at the Women's Center, said the conference is an opportunity for equality. Attending as a woman of color ally, Goforth said she wants to show support for the community of traumatized women. Not everybody has a comfortable outlet, she said, but the conference aims to give participants a chance to express their voices.

"I'm excited to be a part of an eye-opening experience," Goforth said. "So people can really understand what it's like.

Participants will attend workshops ranging from meditation and herbal tea making to cooking and body image.

More education-oriented workshops will include intersections between racism and sexism. digital short-film of survivor stories and media depictions of survivors.

Both days will highlight PostSecret, a community mail art project that has grown to national prominence. People send anonymous homemade postcards with revealing confessions to PostSecret.com. In similar fashion, conference participants will have the option to privately write their secrets on a sheet of paper. The secrets will be anonymously gathered and displayed for participants to discover what has been hidden from their communities.

"Silencing can cause disconnect and issues between community members," University junior Lindsey Holman, who is leading the workshop, said. "To display them allows people to see what these secrets are being kept from each other."

The workshops will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the EMU River Room. While the conference has been registered to maximum capacity, Valderrama said, students who have an interest are encouraged to attend guest appearances.

"So many women or people go through these things," Valderrama said. "You have an outlet now for you to breathe. to feel safe, and to feel loved and supported."

Friday at 6 p.m. will feature Yellow Rage's various styles of poetic form and delivery, including free verse and theater monologue, to explore culture and gender issues. Saturday will be an all-day mural art demonstration by Rodriguez. Davis will be the keynote speaker and will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for the general public.

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months. An Oregon resident undergraduate hoping to take 12 credits at the University this summer will pay \$1,990 in tuition and fees — a 4.3 percent increase from last summer. A nonresident undergraduate in a similar situation will pay \$2,854, 16.6 percent more than last summer. Comparatively, the tuition increase from summer 2009-10 increased 10.4 percent and 7.9 percent for residents and nonresidents, respectively.

To make the financial situa

Legislative Emergency Board and ask for permission to spend that money on students for their instruction and support, to avoid cutting classes and services due to the budget cuts," OUS spokesperson Diane Saunders said. "We were denied that request in mid-December; legislators said they would consider it again during the 2011 session."

"We ha(d) to go back to the

Saunders also said that although tuition increases can potentially bereave students of the privilege of education, the snowballing costs are necessary to ensure classes and course sections are available to students so they can graduate in four years. "There is an understanding by the campuses and the board that any tuition increases can be a financial challenge for students," Saunders said. "Until the level of state funding rebalances the state-student percentage of covering the full cost of an education, tuition increases will likely continue so that students can be assured that they

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are getting a quality education for what they are paying."

ASUO President Amelie Rousseau doesn't oppose bringing summer tuition rates closer to those for the rest of the school year, but acknowledges that any increase will become an unbearable financial burden for the most cash-strapped students.

"I don't think that it is necessarily smart to have way cheaper classes during the summer," Rousseau said. "(However), any increase in tuition means students' access to classes is

tion worse, the state legislature has also denied OUS's request to avail a \$20 million expenditure limitation — essentially a request to spend excess funds stemming from an enrollment rate last fall that exceeded the state's early estimates. The petition to use the extra tuition money pocketed on OUS campuses at the beginning of the school year had to be approved by the Legislative Emergency Board, an appendage of the state's Budget and Management Division.

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going to be compromised."

Enrolling in this upcoming summer term will become more cumbersome for students like University sophomore Moira Flanigan, who will have to take a smaller credit load in light of the tuition spike.

"I have no idea where I'm going to get the money," Flanigan said. "I will probably be restricted to a lower credit amount, which is unfortunate."

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the nation.

"I think the goal all along was to get people excited about the Ducks through using the sunglasses as kind of a driver for that," Iorg, Shady Peeps' marketing director, said. "It gets fans excited and gives them something to wear on their faces to go along with all of the wigs and the other crazy stuff that we all wear for the games."

Bolt, a postbaccalaureate medical student and owner of Shady Peeps, LLC., said he came up with the concept of starting up the company based on the absence of sunglasses from the school's spirit wear. Bolt, who founded the Oregon-based sunglasses





company Visionary Lenses, LLC., said he used his background in the eyewear industry and profits from his business to create Shady Peeps' signature Wayfarer-style sunglasses, which he sent to a few University friends to test out the potential market value of the sunglasses. The responses, Bolt said, were promising.

"The test market students loved them, and all of their friends were asking for their own pair," Bolt said. "The responses to them have been very good, and the returns have been good as well."

Bolt then collaborated with lorg and two other postbaccalaureate business students in creating a marketing plan for the company as a part of their new venture planning class. The result generated the company a second place recognition in this year's Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship Venture Ouest competition.

"To see people that were established in the business world put their approval on Shady Peeps as a whole and this group was really cool to see," Bolt said. Group members also said they enjoyed working for the

company despite the competitive nature of the challenge.

"It was a wonderful experience and a good competition," Lowen said. "There was a lot of excitement generated from it. I think we all had a lot of fun doing it even though it was a competition."

Although no preliminary sale estimates were available, lorg estimates that "thousands of Duck fans have been wearing them."

This coming summer, Bolt said he wants to expand the company's reach to about 14 other schools across the nation, including University of Southern California, University of Washington and Oregon State University, which have all reportedly expressed interest in the company's sunglasses. Iorg also said the company recently obtained licensing from the University to incorporate its logo onto the company's products and will be releasing versions of the Wayfarer-style sunglasses with the University logo prominently displayed on them.

Iorg said several distinguishing features about Shady Peeps sunglasses are their flexible arm hinges, polycarbonate lenses and titanium oxide coating,

which was designed to give the sunglasses a "loud," reflective nature and give the company the option of providing consumers with more customizable color combinations.

During football season, the company hosted promotional giveaways at several home games and at the BCS National Championship Game in Glendale, Ariz. Currently, Bolt said the company carries 11 different color combinations of its Wayfarer-style sunglasses that range from green to clear. In all, Bolt said 14 retail locations in Oregon and Washington, including Rainbow Optics, the Duck Store and Hirons, currently sell the sunglasses at a retail price of \$20.

So far, several retailers have reported promising results from Shady Peeps' sales. The Duck Store, which began to sell Shady Peeps sunglasses at the beginning of the school year, saw a surge of sales during fall term, especially with the success of this year's football team.

"It was nuts when we first got them in," Richard Foat, a Duck Store sales associate, said. "With football, tailgating and everything, people saw them at the games with their spirit wear on, and it sold like crazy. It was tough to keep them in for the first few weeks, and we were excited about that.'

Other retailers also reported a similar surge in sales and have even said the sunglasses have attracted new customers to their stores.

"We have some posters that bring students into our store, and we feel that some of them might not have come into here in the first place," Mike Bray, a Rainbow Optics sales associate, said. "The other thing that we've been really happy about is that a lot of our existing customers of all ages see it as an impulse buy. It's a good price point, and with the Ducks getting real successful, they see the sunglasses right at the counter and they'll just go right ahead and buy them."

Although football season has ended, both Foat and Bray believe Shady Peeps will continue to sell.

"I don't think that we would stop carrying it for any reason," Foat said. "I would say that Shady Peeps are here to stay." BUSINESS, HEALTH, & SCIENCE DMORIKI@DAILYEMERALD.COM

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the feel of a downtown New York beatnik jazz bar.

Hagen read a letter Kesey penned to President John F. Kennedy using the intricacies of organized sports as a metaphor for living a moral and compassionate lifestyle.

"Yards are gained for every hungry man fed; for every sick man cured," Hagen read. "Our children will tally the final score.'

Rayneard, a South African Fulbright scholar currently earning a comparative literature doctorate degree, read one of Kesey's journal entries in which he selfcritically calls his first book, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" published in 1962, the biggest "super colossal failure since Spartacus."

Kesey's inspiration "Cuckoo's Nest," as for it is colloquially called, came while working the night shift at Menlo Park

Veterans' Hospital, often under the influence of hallucinogenic drugs like lysergic acid diethylamide.

While majoring in speech and communications at the University in the mid-'60s, Kesey competed on the wrestling team in the 174-pound weight division, and almost qualified to be on the Olympic team until a debilitating shoulder injury halted his wrestling career.

festivities Last night's unfolded in the same vein as a previous reading on Dec. 2 of last year at Opus VII, where a similar group of Eugenearea authors presented other collection works as part of a fund-raising effort.

At the previous event, Kesey's widow, Faye Kesey, confirmed that her family and the University library were negotiating the purchase, but neither gave a hint as to what the final price might be.

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SOCIAL TRENDS

Texts full of little white lies, study shows

Cornell professors find that modern messages exaggerate to save time

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About 10 percent of instant messages and Short Message Service text messages are deceptive in some way, according to a recent study by two Cornell University professors.

In the two main studies, the professors examined SMSand IM-based communication because they are currently two of the most common and popular forms of text-based communication, according to Jamie Guillory, a summer research assistant for Hancock. Guillory added, however, that the two forms of communication carry different assumptions with respect to

technologies, people are skilled at developing new strategies to maintain their relationships, Guillory said.

"Though certain new technologies may not provide the opportunity to opt out of sharing this information, people adapt to these limitations by developing their own barriers to sharing availability information," Guillory said.

By comparing the two

become more aware of their own interactions with others.

"One of the great things about this study is that it is relatable to a variety of people - as the study shows, telling butler lies using technological communication tools (occurs frequently enough) that (it) may play a positive role in interpersonal relationships," said Lindsay Reynolds.

Birnholtz also noted the ef-

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One-fifth of those messages,

or two percent of all messages, are "butler lies" — the lies people often tell to save time or to preserve others' feelings. These figures suggest that butler lies occur on a regular basis.

According to Professor Jeremy Birnholtz, communications, the idea for this study emerged in 2007 when he and Professor Jeff Hancock, communications, combined their interests in time management through online interaction and how online deception is used to preserve relationships.

With the help of a \$460,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and a team of undergraduate and graduate student researchers, Birnholtz and Hancock have examined butler lies in the form of IM. SMS and BlackBerry messages, as well as messaging systems and calendars used in more professional environments.

location awareness.

"The key message is that media make certain things ambiguous in communication — what the sender of a message is doing, where they are, when they read a message. People sometimes take advantage of that ambiguity in crafting deceptive explanations for their behavior that may be more polite than the truth," Birnholtz said.

Some examples of such communications include ending an IM conversation with the excuse that "it is dinner time." These explanations work simply because the other person does not have enough information to completely gauge the truth, according to the professors.

"That ambiguity helps manage the relationship," Birnholtz said.

Despite the transparency in location and activity provided by new available

studies, the two also found that butler lies were used differently in different media. For example, Birnholtz noted that IM was more conversational than texting, and that IM conversations usually began with a clear intention. On the other hand, text messages were generally used more often for coordination and for asking specific questions. According to study results, conversations on IM also began and ended with butler lies more often than in SMS text messaging.

"(After hearing about the results of these studies), I'm not surprised by any of these statistics. Thinking back, I (sometimes) do tell white lies or exaggerate in texts," Mahina Wang said. "For example, if I'm running late I might tell a friend five minutes rather than 10 or 15."

Through these studies, members of the team have also

fect that butler lies may have on the way that future communications systems will be designed, citing functions within sites that allow the sharing of data regarding one's current location and proximity to others. Information shared through social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace also allow for reduced ambiguity, and therefore changes the way that people manage their relationships.

"We don't think it's always useful to share more information ... You may be okay sharing your location with some friends, but not others ... sharing photos with people who were also at a party, but not your parents or future employers," Birnholtz said. "We're thinking toward better ways of helping people manage their information."

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FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Oregon State's first-year head coach, Scott Rueck, hopes his Division III success translates to the Pac-10



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When Scott Rueck was hired on as the head coach of Oregon State women's basketball, it was a homecoming of sorts.

"This is a place that has meant a lot to me from day one, almost 41 years ago. My mom went here so I am a legacy," Rueck said in his introductory press conference. "To have the opportunity to come back and represent this place as an institution, in this state, is something that I greatly cherish. I am excited to come to work every day and know that I am representing more than just myself and this University but an entire region."

Rueck (pronounced ROO-eck) earned a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from Oregon State in 1991 and a master's degree in physical education in 1992. Over the past 14 years, he built the women's basketball program at George Fox University in Newberg into a national power.

The NCAA Division III Bruins have won seven Northwest Conference titles and made six NCAA tournament appearances since 2000. George Fox won the Division III national title in 2009.

Rueck amassed a 288-88 record (76.6 percent) since the 1996-97 season. He was the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year in 2009, earning D-III West Region Coach of the Year honors the last three years and Northwest Conference Coach of the Year honors in five of the last six years.

Oregon State had just undergone a drastic overhaul. Of the 14 players on the roster in 2009-10, two remained. The Beavers, who went 11-20 last season and won just two games against Pacific-10 Conference opponents, were on life support.

"I can't control anything that happened before I got here, or even worry about it," Rueck said. "When I got here, my job was to put the team together."

Transfers and firings

One by one, the players left.

Freshman guard Tayler Champion was the first to go, leaving Oregon State just before Christmas. Forward Amaya Gastaminza, a native of Spain, also left the Beavers midseason.

Oregon State lost three players to graduation in the 2009-10 season: guards Julie Futch and Stacey Nichols and forward Anita Burdick, Guard Talisa Rhea, who led season, startlingly announced an intention to transfer after the season. Rhea is now at Seattle University.

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Rhea's departure, it turned out, would be just one more in a disturbing trend. Forwards Kate Lanz and Kirsten Tilleman and guards Kassandra McCalister, Eisha Sheppard, Haiden Palmer and Brittany Kennedy all left Oregon State this offseason. One assistant coach, Kellee Barney, also left. Another, Krista Reinking, was arrested and cited for DUI, among other offenses.

An investigative report published on May 9, 2010 by the Corvallis Gazette-Times detailed a record of player abuse at the hands of then-head coach LaVonda Wagner. Under Wagner, 17 players and four assistant coaches left Oregon State from 2007 to 2010.

"Two common themes emerged in interviews (with members of the 2009-10 Beavers who left the program): A pattern of what the players called verbal abuse and long practice times, including a series of practices over Christmas break that lasted for seven to eight hours daily," the Gazette-Times reported.

The Oregonian published a story on May 29 with additional details on Wagner's abusive actions.

"Eight former players and four of their mothers say the coach aims to control players' lives, and puts the well-being of the women on her team at risk," The Oregonian's report read. "They say Wagner, 45, pressures athletes to play through serious injuries, threw a chair during a locker room tirade, ordered players to attend Weight Watchers sessions and once was kicked off a plane in front of her team after refusing to hang up her cell phone. One mother says that her 'demoralized' daughter later sought counseling after leaving Oregon State because Wagner inflicted such 'mental damage."

Wagner was fired on June 1, leaving in disgrace after going 68-85 in five seasons with the Beavers. After Oregon State athletic director Bob De Carolis and other administrators reviewed options — canceling the 2010-11 season among them — Rueck was hired on July 1.

Rebuilding from the ground up

Rueck arrived in Corvallis with five scholarship athletes committed to the

Scott Rueck enjoyed unparalleled success during 14 seasons as head coach at Division III George Fox University. Rueck had a career record of 288-88 at the school and was the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year in 2009.

the Beavers with 15.3 points per game last

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon knows Civil War victory is key to starting turnaround

OSU is preparing for a scrappy effort from an undersized Oregon team

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Two seasons ago Oregon State men's basketball coach Craig Robinson helped the Beavers to a win in his first ever Civil War matchup.

Robinson was quickly made aware of the game's importance, splitting the series with Oregon in his inaugural season en route to an 18-18 overall finish.

First-year Oregon coach Dana Altman will look to improve upon Robinson's performance as the Ducks (8-10, 1-5 Pacific-10 Conference) head to Corvallis on Saturday night to take on Oregon State (8-9, 3-3 Pac-10).

"It puts more pressure on us," Robinson said. "This is, to some folks, shoot, to most folks in this state, as important as any game you could play anywhere."

Robinson is 3-1 in his four career matchups against the in-state rival after sweeping the Ducks in 2010. This year, however, Oregon and Oregon State feature the only two losing records in the conference overall. Each game is crucial for both teams as they fight to stay out of the league cellar.

"Their athleticism is going to give us problems," Altman said. "We've got to make plays. We've got to be able to play through mistakes that we're going to make, and we've just gotta try to find a way to stay competitive and give ourselves a chance."

The Ducks and Beavers split their respective series last weekend against the Los Angeles schools, each defeating USC and falling to UCLA. For Oregon, the USC win snapped

a six-game losing skid and gave the team its first conference win of the season. Aside from the Oregon State matchup, the Ducks may not win another league game for some time with a trip to the Bay Area and a home visit from the Washington schools shortly ahead on the schedule.

Oregon State enters the game having lost three of its last four contests, but did sweep the Arizona schools at home earlier this month.

Depth-wise, neither team has much.

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Oregon women could be among conference's elite



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In 2010, Paul Westhead's first season's NIT team and post backseason as coach, the Oregon women's basketball team won 18 games — the most by a Duck team since the 2004-05 season.

That was due in large part to the stellar play of then-seniors Micaela Cocks and Taylor Lilley. The two guards, who ranked first and second on the team in scoring, three-point baskets made and minutes played, combined to average 31.9 points per game.

Together, they made up 39 percent of the Ducks' overall scoring output.

Lilley and Cocks' graduation raised several questions pertaining to the 2010-11 team. Which players would step up and replace their scoring? How would the Paul Westhead-led squad handle the absence of senior guard leadership? And, most importantly, would the Ducks be able to build upon the success of last

to-back winning seasons for the first time since the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons?

Heading into this weekend's Civil War rivalry game, precisely one-third of the way through the Ducks' Pacific-10 Conference season, several answers have emerged.

First and foremost, it's become apparent that Oregon has plenty of players that are capable of putting up points in bunches. Nia Jackson and Amanda Johnson, who combined to average 23.2 points per game last season and were the third and fourthleading scorers on the Ducks, have increased their production this year.

Johnson leads the team with 16.4 points per game, while Jackson is a close second at 16.3. In all but one of Oregon's games this season, either Jackson or Johnson has been the team's leading scorer.

While Jackson and Johnson have emerged as Oregon's two primary scorers this season, the roster is littered with players capable of having big nights. Nicole Canepa, Jasmin Holliday, Victoria Kenyon, Ariel Thomas, Deanna Weaver, Ashley Buis and Kristi Fallin have all scored at least 15 points in a game this year.

As it stands now, the Ducks are 11-6 on the year and 2-4 in the conference.

And, outside of No. 4 Stanford and No. 8 UCLA, every team in the Pac-10 is beatable on any given night. But in order to rack up wins with more consistency, the players on Oregon's roster will need to be more consistent.

Take Johnson, for instance. She was arguably the Pac-10's top player during the non-conference part of the Ducks' schedule.

But recently, she has struggled. And that might be putting it politely - in Oregon's six conference games, Johnson is shooting 28 percent from the field and averaging 10 points per game. In fairness, Johnson was battling a chest infection for much of that time, which undoubtedly affected her play and endurance.

The same goes for the team's complementary players. Buis, while capable of making three-pointers in bunches, is shooting only 32 percent from the field this season. Canepa, who averaged 14.5 points per game in the first four games of the Pac-10 conference season, has been held to five points or fewer on numerous occasions this year. And the list goes on.

I don't mean to single any player out, but instead to show that while the Ducks have struggled as a whole lately, the potential is there for Oregon to put together a dynamite second half of conference play.

Consider, if Jackson keeps up her current level of play (she's averaged 17.7 points, 6.0 assists, and 4.7 rebounds per game in conference play) and Johnson plays the way she's capable of (a double-double machine), Oregon will have one of the best one-two punches in the conference.

Add in more consistent play from Canepa, who provides much-needed rebounding and interior scoring when she's playing well, more consistent shooting from Buis, and continued improvement from true freshmen Weaver and Thomas, and there's no reason the Ducks can't be one of the Pac-10's elite.

It's apparent they have the talent to be that. At this point, it's just a matter of consistency. ADRUKAREV@DAILYEMERALD.COM

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program, and shortly thereafter added a sixth, forward Earlysia Marchbanks. Oregon State needed more bodies.

"It was a blur of a summer, just assembling all the parts," Rueck said. "We were just trying to hit the ground running as quickly as we could. It feels like we're still not caught up."

Assistant coaches Eric Ely and Mark Campbell were hired, along with director of operations Ashley Shearer and assistant director of operations Claire Faucher. Ely and Campbell have spent a combined 14 years as assistants at the Division I level - valuable experience for Rueck to tap into.

A third available assistant coaching position has not been filled, and will likely remain empty until the offseason.

"There hasn't been time," Rueck said, to evaluate candidates and conduct interviews.

Certainly not when the roster remained shorthanded. Beavers coaches conducted a "prospect camp" at the end of August. Three more players were added, including guard Sage Indendi, who played under Rueck at George Fox in 2008-09 before transferring to Oregon State. Indendi, a native of Livingston, Mont., is the Beavers' second-leading scorer (10.6 points per game) this season.

Rueck got an additional boost from two players in other sports. Beavers soccer player Courtney Wetzel and volleyball player Tami Brown joined the team at the conclusion of their seasons. Brown, a native of Eugene and a Sheldon High School graduate, has averaged 2.0 points and 11.4 minutes in

eight games; Wetzel has not played for Oregon State this season.

Rueck has one player signed to a letter of intent, guard Ali Gibson of Woodridge, Calif., and is attracting interest among high school players and parents on the recruiting trail.

"That's the key to turning this thing around, is players," he said. "I've been really blown away by the reception we've gotten.

"This program had been drug through the mud. We had such a poor reputation in women's basketball circles.'

Oregon State hosted Long Beach State on Nov. 13 in the team's first game of the season. With no expectations surrounding them, a funny thing happened: the Beavers won, 71-39. Six days later, playing Eastern Michigan at the Jack In The Box Rainbow Wahine Classic

in Honolulu, they won again. The following day, against Cal-State Northridge, they notched another victory.

The Beavers are 7-10 overall and 0-6 in the Pacific-10 Conference. Their most dynamic player has been El Sara Greer, the team's lone senior and one of two returning players. Greer leads the Pac-10 in blocked shots (3.2 per game) and is fifth in the conference in rebounding (8.3)

To Rueck, Greer's biggest contribution is her leadership, an intangible sorely needed with his roster.

"She was so accepting of everyone and had such a good

attitude about the team," he said. Civil War

The Civil War is personal for Rueck, a native of Hillsboro. "When I was a student here, I roomed with some of the guys on the (men's basketball) team. I felt like I lived it through those guys a little bit," he said. "It's a dream come true, in a lot of ways, to be a part of this. I've got two cousins (who were) on the Oregon football team. I love those guys, but ..." He left the sentence hanging, the mark of a man with investment into the rivalry.

"One of the things I'm going to be looking forward to finding out, is how excited they're going to be for it. My job is to be educating them in it. I've been in it my entire life."

The Ducks are certainly not taking Oregon State lightly, nor their, well, green head coach.

"I think he's done an outstanding job with the way that program was, at least the number of bodies decimated, to be as competitive as they've been," said Oregon assistant coach Dan Muscatell, who met with Rueck several times over the summer. "He's got a teaching manner about him. He's a teacher of the game, and a good one at that. In some respects that's a great situation to be in for a teacher like him.

"They're playing pretty well. They're playing better than a lot of people maybe have thought," Ducks point guard Nia Jackson said. "They're going to come to battle us. They're going to come and work hard."

The Beavers have less depth and foot speed than the Ducks and enter the game as heavy underdogs. A loss would be painful for Rueck, but he believes in something greater for his team.

"My philosophy is to make it enjoyable every day," he said, "to make it as fun as possible. That's my goal."

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OREGON STATE

Beavers expect physical play from Ducks

OSU is preparing for a scrappy effort from an undersized Oregon team **COLIN HUBER** DAILY BAROMETER

"Physically and mentally it (the Civil War) is more intense than other games," said senior Omari Johnson. "I wouldn't call them dirty — wouldn't call anyone dirty. If you get bumped around, they're playing harder than you. They're a feisty little bunch of dudes."

and players' well-being. "The only time things get delicate is when guys don't know where they stand," Robinson said. "I try to make it very clear to everyone, one through 15, where they stand.

Omari Johnson

Johnson started out the season scoring double-digit numbers in seven of the first eight games for Oregon State. In the nine games since then, he has scored 10 points or more just once, but his playing time hasn't changed, and what Robinson savs is a testament to his effort on the defensive end as the point man of Robinson's 1-3-1. "I take the blame for his slump because I think we just wore him out at the top of that zone," Robinson said. "His scoring may have slipped, but he didn't let his rebounding and hustling slip ... That's leadership." Johnson's increased playing time has been due to injuries suffered by freshmen Rhys Murphy and Eric Moreland, who could have potentially backed up the senior. "(This position is) more tiring than people would think," Johnson said. "It's a good position because you get a lot of steals and publicity for it."



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Civil war week

Not playing a game Thursday means it will have been an extended week for the Oregon State University men's basketball team in the days leading up to the first round of two in the hard-court Civil War.

With that extra time, head coach Craig Robinson is happy his players are getting some calendar space to rest their legs.

"We'll do the same thing - just feels like we get an extra day," Robinson said. "We thought having a week off, getting our legs back, would be more important than having another game."

The Beavers (8-9, 3-3 Pac-10) will practice all the way up until Saturday in preparation for the Oregon Ducks (8-10, 1-5 Pac-10), who have lost seven of their last eight games. Despite their rivals' struggles, Oregon State will not take them lightly, and expect physically aggressive play.

Oregon State has experienced physical play before. Sophomore leading scorer Jared Cunningham was beaten up against USC, perhaps his most physically exhausting game of the year.

"Jared has gotten good at playing through what happens," Robinson said. "When he gets knocked down, he gets right back up and makes his two foul shots no matter how hard he's fouled."

Oregon State is the favorite Saturday at Gill Coliseum.

Playing time

During the course of the 2010-11 campaign, Robinson has revealed multiple lineups and substitution strategies. The most recent change had senior, and last year's leading scorer, Calvin Haynes coming off the bench for the Beavers, which has raised questions regarding consistency

They know where they stand, so there are never any real surprises."

Robinson reiterated that the best performers when it comes to winning will play more minutes.

"My guys know that this isn't a popularity contest," Robinson said. "They know I love all of them. I'm really lucky because when guys play less than they want to, they understand that it's not a personal attack on their character. We're trying to win the game."

One player seeing fewer minutes is junior Kevin McShane. According to Robinson, McShane isn't playing better than anyone else at this point, but when he does get into the game, he's an instant spark of intensity for Oregon State.

"It's a tribute to his intuitiveness, discipline," Robinson said. "The way the crowd responds when he gets into the game, it gives us a lift. That's a lot for a guy that's just a walk-on."

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OREGON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SET TO MAKE DEBUT AT MATTHEW KNIGHT ARENA

It's finally time.

After months of waiting and anticipation, the Oregon women's basketball team will make its Matthew Knight Arena debut on Sunday against rival Oregon State.

The Ducks (11-6, 2-4 Pacific-10 Conference) enter the Civil War on a two-game losing streak after dropping road games to USC and No. 8 UCLA. Oregon was competitive in a 79-76 loss to the Trojans, but struggled mightily in an 87-57 defeat to the Bruins.

Forward Amanda Johnson leads the Ducks in scoring with 16.4 points per contest, but she has struggled lately and seen her scoring average and shooting percentage drop.

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Oregon State has seven freshmen listed on the roster, with three sophomores, one junior, and four seniors. Sophomores Jared Cunningham and Joe Burton have excelled this season with more playing time, while seniors Calvin Haynes and Omari Johnson haven't missed a beat since last season.

Cunningham, a 6-foot-4, 182-pound guard from Oakland, Calif., is an extremely talented offensive player. Through six league games, he leads the Beavers in points per game (16.8) and assists (2.7), while shooting better than 55 percent from beyond the arc.

Defensively, Cunningham has caused opposing guards problems with his length. The sophomore leads the conference in steals and is third in the nations with 3.2 per game (54 total).

"Jared has gotten good at just playing through what happens," Robinson said. "When he gets knocked down, he gets right back up and makes his two foul shots, no matter how hard he's fouled or how little

Point guard Nia Jackson, who is second on the team in scoring and first in assists, has picked up some of the slack, earning Pac-10 Player of the Week honors a week ago.

Oregon State (7-10, 0-6 Pac-10) also enters play on a losing streak, albeit one of greater length. The Beavers, who endured a tumultuous offseason with former head coach Lavonda Wagner's firing and several players leaving the program, have lost six in a row.

Even though they've lost more games than they've won, Oregon State's season has to be considered a success to date. New head coach Scott Rueck inherited only two players from last year's team and was forced

to fill his roster with transfers, incoming freshmen and walk-ons.

The Beavers are led in scoring and minutes played by true freshman Alyssa Martin. A Jesuit High School (Portland) graduate, Martin averages 14.6 points per game and 38.3 minutes per contest.

George Fox University (the former employer of Rueck) transfer Sage Indendi is second on the team in scoring with 10.6 points per game, while holdover El Sara Greer leads the team in rebounding (8.3 boards per game) and is third in scoring (9.1 points per contest).

Tipoff for Sunday's contest is set for noon.

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Senior forward Joevan Catron says Beavers guard Jared Cunningham reminds him of teammate Tyrone Nared. Catron, out with an injury, is third in the Pac-10 in scoring with 15.9 points per game.

body on them. You can't let had more jump in his step them get a running start or during Thursday's practice they just jump over you." The Ducks will need to keep Cunningham from turning those costly steals into points. Oregon hasn't done a particularly bad job of handling the basketball, especially with freshman Johnathan Loyd taking over at the point guard position. Loyd has started the last six games for the Ducks, leading the team in assist-to-turnover

and expects the senior to play some quality minutes on Saturday.

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Cunningham tied the school record of 34 consecutive made free throws before missing in the second half of the Arizona game. During that stretch he set the school record for most free throws made in a game without a miss, going 15-for-15 against George Washington on Dec. 18.

"He kind of reminds me of Tyrone (Nared) with his athleticism," Oregon's Joevan Catron said of Cunningham. "With those type of guys, you have to make sure you get a

ratio (1.8). Catron will be back in action after a nagging calf injury kept him on the sidelines for the past several games. Altman said Catron

The Ducks will also look to sophomore E.J. Singler for a big offensive game. The Medford native has reached double digits in 13 of Oregon's 18 games this season.

Oregon State, also very much in the rebuilding process, is excited for the opportunity to climb above the .500 mark in conference play.

"We're not even talking about it," Robinson said. "That's how important it is." SPORTS@DAILYEMERALD.COM

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