

Help for back home



SAM TALBOT | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Dinesh Timilsina, a master's graduate in public health, and Rajendra Soti, a Ph.D. student in civil engineering, engage students in the Memorial Union quad Thursday afternoon to donate to the Nepal earthquake relief.

Nepali students raise disaster relief funds following earthquake in Nepal

By Sam Talbot
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Alisha Mitchell woke up Saturday to her social media plastered with pictures and devastating news of death and destruction from the earthquake in Nepal.

"As a Nepali here, I feel helpless. I can't do anything or be there to support my family and friends,

but what I can do is fundraise," said Mitchell, a junior in public health.

Nepali students at Oregon State University are raising awareness on campus this week and next about disaster relief following the earthquake in Nepal. Despite not having an official student organization, roughly 15 to 20 students from Nepal organized themselves through social media and with the help of the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center and Etihad Cultural Center.

A table was set up in the Memorial Union plaza that featured Nepal's flag, a Nepali-themed

tablecloth and pictures. The pictures showed the devastation in Nepal and suggested organizations to donate to. One set of pictures contrasted a previously standing monument to a current-day pile of rubble.

"We are basically trying to get the word out there," said Birat Sapkota, a masters student in geophysics and seismology. "Our main focus is having people donate to online organizations and understand what they do so that people know which stage of the recovery process they want to help."

The earthquake has been devastating for Nepal

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- Get a receipt for your donation.
- Call the charity to confirm they are who they are and that they are aware of fundraising efforts on their behalf.
- Never wire money or give cash donations - use a credit card or check that's payable to the charity.
- Be wary of scams. It's OK to say "no" to pressure.
- Reduce solicitations by including a note with your donation asking that the charity not rent, sell or exchange your name with anyone else.
- Report fraud. If you've been a victim of a charitable scam call Oregon DOJ at 971-673-1880.

Courtesy of the Oregon Department of Justice Wise Giving Guide

—more than 5,000 people have died and more than 1 million people have been displaced.

"The situation is worse," said Dinesh Timilsina, a recent master's graduate in public policy. "Most of the warehouses have collapsed, the roads are cracked and so the country is facing a lot of crisis."

Nepali students said that their first thoughts were whether their families were OK.

"We were kind of relieved somewhat because this could've been much worse," Sapkota said.

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Greeks anticipate, prepare for Sing competition

Sororities, fraternities prepare for long-awaited singing, dancing competition Friday

By Jyssica Yelas
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On any given evening this time of year, loud singing can be heard as teamed pairs of sororities and fraternities prepare.

These musical fixtures around campus are teams practicing for All University Sing, the annual singing and dancing competition hosted on Friday of Moms and Family Weekend.

While the competition itself is a one-night event, preparation for the competition starts at the beginning of the school year. In fall term, fraternities offer 'bids' to sororities to

partner with them for Sing.

"We go to see the sorority and introduce our pledge class who just 'jumped,'" said Nate Cottle, a junior in psychology and member of Lambda Chi Alpha. Cottle's team was practicing at the grass fields in between Southwest Monroe Avenue and Southwest Jefferson Way.

"We have an idea of who we want. We (sang) a parody of 'All that Bass,' we brought flowers and made cookies for the girls and they eventually accepted us," Cottle said.

One of these women was his co-coach, Sadie Waddell, a junior in interior design and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"A lot of the time a lot of fraternities bid on you, so we vote on who shared

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Kappa Delta and Tau Kappa Epsilon rehearse for Sing Tuesday afternoon in front of McNary Hall.

Bring on the moms

Corvallis prepares for influx of students' families for Moms and Family Weekend

By Abigail Erickson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Leading up to Oregon State University's 2015 Mom's and Family Weekend, venues and organizations throughout the city of Corvallis are preparing for the festivities.

In addition to the lengthy list of events hosted on campus, several community volunteer organizations and local businesses will host events of their own.

The Oregon State Flying Club will have its open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Corvallis Municipal Airport, the Corvallis Fire Volunteer Association will host a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and the Starker Arts Garden for Education will hold a volunteer day Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Dear ASOSU campaign focuses on student criticism

OSU community given chance to voice concerns

By Courtnee Morin
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students gathered on April 30 in the Memorial Union plaza to discuss concerns and constructive complaints regarding Oregon State University and the Associated Students of Oregon State University at Dear ASOSU. This open forum was the end of a three-day tabling event in

which students, staff and faculty could fill out notecards with their concerns and suggestions.

"Dear ASOSU, formerly known as 'Gripe Fest,' is to encourage students to get involved on campus and speak about their complaints," said Katherine Tomsic, a sophomore in human development and



Drew Hatlen, graduate student of interdisciplinary studies

family sciences and an intern with ASOSU.

The event included speakers from all across campus and was also an opportunity for audience members voice concerns.

"This has been successful in the past," Tomsic said. "For example, the idea of SafeRide came from a notecard with a student who wrote that she felt unsafe walking on campus at night."

Mykael Moore, a junior in human development and family sciences and executive chief of staff with ASOSU, worked as the committee head of Dear ASOSU and is pleased with their ability to market the event with the week of tables set up in the MU plaza.

"Our hope this year is to get more students to use this platform to speak and share their concerns and ideas about ASOSU and Oregon State," Moore said.

Dale Hendrick, a senior in liberal studies, hosted the event and works with ASOSU as the assistant director of government relations. During the event, Hendrick introduced scheduled speak-

ers, invited audience members and people passing by to come up and voice their ideas or read the notecards of other students.

"Often we hear 'I don't know what ASOSU does' or 'why is ASOSU important?'" Hendrick said. "That's why we need this event, to show what ASOSU does and how we can help."

The suggestions and complaints brought to light during this event are compiled into a document that is sent to the OSU administration and the ASOSU government of the next year.

Drew Hatlen, a second-year graduate student in interdisciplinary studies, gave the opening remarks, encouraging students to give constructive criticism instead of complaining just to complain.

"Students are the driving force behind the university," Hatlen said. "A lot of turnover causes voices to dwindle. It's about recognizing the strong voices students have and having a document to send to the



Ish Guevara, junior in apparel design

administration."

Hatlen looked to Snell Hall for an example of the impact student voices can have, with the building of the Student Experience Center and movement out of Snell.

"If you look at the building behind you (the SEC) you can see that we can cause change," Hatlen said.

Audience member Ish Guevara, a junior in apparel design, spoke next about his concerns with the lack of diversity he sees in ASOSU, as well as less activity from ASOSU than he would like to see.

"All I see is Greek Life members in ASOSU; they need to make it more fair in ASOSU, include more diverse members," Guevara said.

Jacq Allen, a senior in public health, followed and agreed with Guevara and added that there should be more education among faculty, administration, ASOSU and students.

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Calendar

Friday, May 1

Meetings
Student Organization Resource for Community Engagement (SORCE), 2-4pm, SEC 354.

Events
Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, Navy ROTC, 10am, MU Quad. Joint Service Review. The reviewing official and guest speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Bruce "Snake" Crandall (RET), a Medal of Honor recipient.

Saturday, May 2

Events
Craft Center, 11am-2pm, OSU Craft Center. Mom's and Families Weekend Photo Booth. Wacky props included.

Tuesday, May 5

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

Wednesday, May 6

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. House meeting.

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join the College Republicans for friendly conversation on current events and politics.

Bird Nerds, 5pm, Nash 032. Monthly member meeting with speaker Kyle Pritchard.

Events
Craft Center, 1-3pm, Craft Center, Student Experience Center Basement Level. Watercolor Wellness. Supplies provided.

Thursday, May 7

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Is travel a tool for global peace? A discussion.

Friday, May 8

Meetings
Student Organization Resource for Community Engagement (SORCE), 2-4pm, SEC 354.

Tuesday, May 12

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

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Thursday, April 30

Criminal mischief

Oregon State University dispatch received a call to report vandalism in the c-wing elevator of Weatherford Hall. According to the log, a swastika had been scratched into part of the interior of the elevator. Photographs of the vandalism were reportedly sent to Oregon State Police and the vandalism was cleaned.

Bike theft

Oregon State University dispatch received a call to report a stolen bicycle from the southern parking structure bike racks, according to the log. The bicycle was reportedly described as a white Fuji Road blaster valued at \$400.00.

Vandalism

Oregon State Police received a call about a person reportedly using white paint to leave messages at entrances of various buildings around the Oregon State University campus. According to the log, staff members at Dixon Recreation Center witnessed the suspect attempting to spread more graffiti, seized the white paint and obtained his information. The suspect allegedly admitted to leaving the messages, and reportedly told Oregon State Police that he was exercising his right to free speech. The

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troopers informed the suspect of the consequences of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, according to the log. The suspect reportedly said he wasn't aware that his actions were against the law.

Wednesday, April 29

Criminal mischief

A Corvallis police officer responded to a vandalism call at a parking lot. According to the caller, a man was angry with how the caller parked and bent the rear wiper blade on her vehicle, according to the log. The man was reportedly identified and located approximately 37 minutes later. He was cited for criminal mischief in the third degree.

Tuesday, April 28

Vehicle towed

Corvallis police reportedly towed a BMW X5 with an Oregon license plate due to it being a traffic hazard. According to the log, the car was parked in the bike and southwest-bound lane of Northeast Conifer Boulevard.

Identity theft

A Corvallis police officer contacted a woman who had previously called about a possible identity theft. According to the log, the woman noticed that an unknown person had attempted to use her information to open a bank account. The bank had reportedly called to verify the account when the woman informed the bank she did not attempt to open the account, so the bank closed it for her. The woman also reported the incident to her credit card companies.

Driving while suspended

A Corvallis police officer stopped a red Jeep Cherokee for an expired registration. The driver reportedly refused to take a breath test and was cited in lieu of custody with a driving while suspended misdemeanor.

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Vet college holds Pet Day

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The Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting its annual Pet Day this Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees can enjoy a variety of events including a petting zoo, teddy bear surgery, dog wash, dog agility demos and tours of the veterinary hospital, according to the Pet Day website. Vendors and volunteers from the college will be tabling at the event as well, offering information on pet health and wellness, therapy and adoption, according to the event website. A variety of animals will be displayed, from llamas to lizards. Food will also be provided.

More information can be found at vetmed.oregonstate.edu/pet-day.

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Tributes to moms

Yes, my mom's on Facebook

Sometimes I think back to my childhood and wonder how my mom didn't launch me into a rocket to Pluto — only sometimes.

I'm not going to lie: I was a child who had many loud outbursts, never fit in well with other children during major moves and often neglected to do my chores.

Don't even get me started on doing the dishes — I still hate dishes, which is probably why I eat out so much.

But naturally, I'm still here. She made it clear when I was in the wrong. But regardless of the stubborn, annoying or loud things I did, my mom stood by my side — same with my two half-brothers — throughout it all. When things seemed to be at their worst, she continued to be my greatest ally. And to this day, I'd swear she's my number one fan.

No, seriously — she makes this quite clear on Facebook.

She's a lover and a fighter, all in one. She has dealt with more trials and tribulations than many others I've met throughout my life, and she keeps on keeping on. She's not afraid to sit back, pop open a drink and be one of the "fun" people when she needs to.

Don't get me started on New Year's 2008.

For better or worse, she loves my brothers and I very much and continues to show it — not everyone can immediately say that about a parent, and that's something amazing.

So mom, thank you for everything. Thank you for being there, encouraging me and never letting anyone tell me I shouldn't pursue what makes me happy.

My only regret at this time is that she hasn't seen me sing karaoke yet. Someday.

SEAN BASSINGER
Editor-in-chief

Ode to Mama Rude

I really don't know who I'd be or where I'd be if it weren't for Sharon Lynn Raud.

If I can name one factor out of the many gifts she's given me, it would have to be giving me the tools to set myself up for success.

To this day she is my top adviser for anything career, school or business-related — which makes sense, given her long-standing position as business teacher at North Douglas High School.

She taught my peers and myself the importance of rapid typing, how to construct the bare bones of a solid resume, how to write a cover letter, how to balance a checkbook and pay taxes.

She is hardworking, stubborn, hilarious, a worrier, kindhearted and no-nonsense.

She cooks huge, hearty Midwestern meals, no dinner is complete without beef and potatoes. And her macaroni and cheese — homemade, baked, with sharp cheddar — is without a doubt some of the best I've ever tasted.

I will fight you on that. I was always impressed with how she and my dad raised my little brother and myself.

They tag-teamed — if one of the kids was acting like a pill and a parent was getting tired, the other would come in and tap the other out and take the next shift.

They were as fair as possible in their instruction and reprimanding, and this is where one of my favorite memories comes from.

Whenever I was being a noisy kid in public — as kids are wont to do — Mom would lean down and whisper in my ear, "You're going to stop that right now. Because if you don't, you and I are going to go out and sit in the car while Daddy finishes shopping."

And as a child, you just knew that you did not want to go out to that car with that woman in that mood.

For years afterward, whenever I would see my classmates acting like jerks in class, I would see

Mom do that same lean-down whisper. Sadly, my peers did not have the same sense of self-preservation that I do and would continue acting like brats.

I'm not sure where the bodies are buried.

My mom wants everyone to be happy, and while this is endearing, I've seen the toll it takes on her. I remember this in the small ways that she would have a multitude of coloring books and snacks at the ready for Donald and I whenever we were on a trip, or the continued energy she would put into imaginary games with us.

Recently, she told me that to make everyone happy is a noble endeavor, but that what is most important is taking care of you first. You are most important, most precious.

I thank you and love you for that, mom.

CASSIE RUUD,
Forum Editor

My mom is my best friend on Snapchat

The day after I turned sixteen, I waited, frozen with fear, in the dark soulless cave that is the Medford DMV.

I was going to have to let a stranger, whose sole job was to judge me and my driving skills with her laserbeam eyes, sit stonily next to me in the family minivan while I drove around the city for 20 minutes or so.

As the test began, I drove carefully out of the parking lot onto the street, and with utter panic sped through the first intersection when the light turned yellow instead of slowing to a stop.

I was instructed to drive around the block back to the DMV; I had failed the test not two minutes in.

As Edith, my driving instructor who I'll never remember fondly, told me I hadn't earned my driver's licence, I broke down in tears.

I went into the DMV to retrieve my mother and the minute she

looked at me she started crying too.

So we sat in the minivan, tears rolling down our cheeks, until I could pull myself together and we started laughing at the absurdity of it all; she told me she had failed her first test also.

My mom then let me take the rest of the day off of school, and I went with her as she ran her errands.

She told me stories and bought me ice cream.

What had been a horrible experience had ended in a great day, and it was all thanks to my mother.

A month later, she was there to see me beam with pride when I passed the test.

This is one tiny blip in the instances in which my mom put my needs before hers.

She would be my audience when I had to practice for a speech.

She would walk the mile to my elementary school and the mile back, twice a day, so she could make sure I was safe.

She sat in the rain at countless sporting events to cheer me on.

She would leave the eggs out of her cookie dough so we could eat it without getting salmonella.

She would stay home all day when I was sick and stay up all night making sure my fevers would break.

And now, when I'm having a bad day, she'll always offer to drive the 200 miles from Medford to spend the day with me.

And she doesn't just do this for me. She had been there for each of my three siblings as well.

My mom is my best friend in reality. I'm in debt to my mom a million fold, but she'll never ask me for anything other than love. Once I asked if I could call her Nikki instead of mom.

She said, "You can if you want, but everyone calls me Nikki. Only four people in the world get to

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JACKIE KEATING,
Online Editor

My mom is hecka dank

Mom, what does the word mean to you?

Trying to find the English expressions that would do those three letters justice, leaves me sitting at my desk trying to unpack what seems to be a life time.

My mom is undoubtedly the best mom and to prove that I could easily write a manifesto, but I will do my best with what I have.

My mom and I are twenty years apart, for those who know what it is like to have your mom so close to you age, I need not go any further. For those that don't, it's kind of like growing up while watching your parent grow with you. True the level of maturity progression is a bit different, but still there's a bond found within the growth.

I am the oldest of three kids and from a family where my dad was absent, even when he was there.

Because of this, I grew up early, but not before I had five years with my mom alone.

Oddly, I have many young memories of my mom, but one of my favorites is my fifth birthday right before my sisters came along and ruined everything—just kidding. Poopface and Le Tigre, you know I love you.

The party took place at Chuck E. Cheese, back when Chuck E. Cheese was the place to be and a kid really could be a kid. Maybe it is still super cool to kids today, but all I see when I walk in is a giant petri dish of kid germs, and pizza that requires a plethora of napkins to soak up its grease. And let's be honest, there's a smell in that place that never really leaves your nose.

Anyway, my mom is notorious for her birthday party throwing. It didn't matter what she had to endure, or what it would take to make it the best birthday party you have ever seen, she would make it happen.

On this particular birthday my mother invited my whole kindergarten class, and they all showed.

To this day I'm not sure if she told everyone what I wanted for my birthday, but let's just say that my bed was covered in a holy shrine of Star Wars toys right in the prime of Return of the Jedi.

And yes, I realize I have just dated myself.

Apart from the bed, the table for 25 kids and their parents had been packed and the pizza, soda and tokens flowed like red wine at an Italian wedding.

My mom had done it, she had made a memory that a five year old boy could carry with him for a lifetime. And it had happened despite working 40-plus hours at Nordstroms, despite a marriage that had already begun to fail her and despite a life that wasn't what she had dreamed of.

My mom gives, loves and endures despite the rain that continually seems to find her. Very rarely will you see her without a smile on her face and even more rare is a day where she can't turn your worst moment into a sunshine.

She is the light within the darkness, the morning dew on a freshly bloomed rose.

You know that place in a sunset right between colored beauty and darkness? That's where you'll find my mom.

A moment worthy of silence and too beautiful to be captured by words.

TEJO PACK,
Sports Editor

An Ode to Marie Kothen

My mother is a brutally honest woman with a foul mouth. I stand half a foot taller than her, and most of the time I am absolutely astounded by the largeness of her presence. And no, I'm not calling you fat, Mom.

She has this strange ability to charm absolutely everyone. I always giggle to myself when someone calls her sweet, because she probably just made fun of that person behind their back. She's really good at insults, and not afraid to call a baby ugly.

I understand I'm probably painting an unflattering picture of my mother, but these are the reasons I love her so much. She goes through life not caring what anyone else thinks of her. She sculpted me into a person who has been able to define herself by her own terms. This is the most important thing she's ever taught me: to be unapologetically true. And my mom's truest self is proud, hilarious, insane and really, really supportive.

I've had my share of health issues and she's been there throughout each and every MRI, surgery, or appointment thrown my way. She's been there holding my hand. Life isn't so scary when you have a fiercely wonderful woman by your side. I would have never been able to accomplish what I have without her. And for that I am eternally grateful.

With endless love, Kat.

KAT KOTHEN,
Associate news editor

The best guidance ever

It's difficult to begin writing about a person that has had so much influence on your life. Not only has this person given me life, but ever since my first breath, she decided to dedicate the rest of her life to loving and supporting me in everything that I do. How can I even begin to express my gratitude to someone that makes that huge of a commitment to me?

I could start with my childhood, but since I never had a really close relationship to her during that time, I'll begin with my transition to adulthood. Coming from Hawai'i to the mainland for college was the first taste of freedom I had gotten in eighteen years. I was addicted to the idea of making my own decisions without anyone's permis-

sion, and I hated the thought of anyone ever again telling me what I could and could not do. I was free.

People always used to tell me I would miss home and miss my family when I left for college, but I never believed them. And I never did for my first two years away. It felt good to be free.

Fast-forward to a college transition, three major changes, and million of stupid decisions later, I found myself in need of guidance. I needed someone to tell me what to do, especially in the face of tough situations. Who else to turn to than the one person that knew me best? Eventually we reconnected and began to open up to one another and so began a completely new and different relationship.

Now as a photography major, you can imagine her initial upset from wanting me to be a doctor. And to my surprise, she now fully supports my career choice, which felt like winning a lottery (or what I imagine winning a lottery would feel like). We still hit bumps in the road occasionally as every relationship is bound to, and I'm glad for it.

I'm thankful for all of her sacrifice, dedication, love, and basically everything since day one.

I love you mom.

NICKI SILVA,
News photo editor

I'd probably starve without my mom

Mom,

You are the best.

You have done so much for me and have made me the person I am today. You are caring, insightful and capable; I can't think of anyone else who would have been a better mother than you.

I have absolutely no idea what I'd do without you. I want nothing more in life than to make you and dad proud of me. I love you.

ERIC WINKLER,
Graphics editor

ASOSU

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"I don't like to have to teach my professors what it means to be a person of color or gender inclusive," Allen said. "When people, even some in ASOSU, come to talk to me and change the way they speak, it makes me uncomfortable."

Emily Boyer, a senior in speech communication and media coordinator for the Student Sustainability Initiative, used her time to urge ASOSU to move toward online petitions, as she has found it hard to gain signatures for the ASOSU campaign "OSU Divest."

OSU Divest is a campaign to halt new investments placed into fossil fuels and remove current investments that OSU holds, ultimately reinvesting that money into more socially sustainable businesses.

"We would have the vote held on week eight, but we need 1,400 signatures by May 1, and it's hard to get that many physical signatures," Boyer said. "ASOSU is behind on the times, and I think they should move to online platforms for petitions."

Lydia Myers, a senior in psychology, spoke to represent non-traditional students attending OSU, such as students with children, students above the normal age or students who have no financial support from their parents and are paying their own way.

"Non-traditional college students don't have access to traditional social experiences, we have a harder time with classes, depression and anxiety," Myers said. "At 33, I'm in a very different point in my life. There aren't resources set up for older students."

According to Myers, in 2011 there were 38 percent of college students in the non-traditional route. Myers also spoke about the annual raise in tuition, crediting this as the reason that only 28 percent of non-traditional students graduate from college.

Parking, student events, and sexual harassment as well as more resource explanation for international students were also brought up.

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What was the best piece of advice you ever recieved from your mother or parent?



“Never lose hope and don't be afraid risks.”
Dulguun Baasansuren
Senior, natural resource

“To stay determined no matter what”
Jacqueline Portillo
Senior, history

“Remember, it's not illegal until you get caught.”
Aelin Mayer
Freshman, exploratory studies

“Stress is a game of tug-o-war, and the only way to win is to let go.”
Connor Christensen
Freshman, computer science



“My mother said this to me once, she said, 'You might be just a brick in the wall, but you can be a beautiful brick in the wall.’”
Annie Kersting
Senior, environmental science

“Act like the person you want to become.”
Leah Van Dyke
Freshman, computer science

“The best piece of advice I had ever gotten was from my dad, and what he told me in my early childhood until I stopped, was to never use the word fair, in life. That was one of those things that he banned in the family, was the word fair. He didn't want to hear it, he wanted nothing to do with it. It took me a while to adhere to that, but I really got it. At some point, early on, and I guess I really appreciated him telling me the importance of that life is not fair. It shouldn't be, and you need to work hard in this life.”
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NEPAL

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Sapkota said he was relieved because the earthquake was on a Saturday at noon, a time when children are not in school and most people were outside of buildings that would soon collapse.

"We have to focus on sanitation, good health and recovery of people," Sapkota said. "In the villages there are still a lot of places that the government hasn't reached because of rain and aftershocks."

Sapkota mentioned that there is no point in sending food or clothing because of a serious backup in airports, and what the government and people really need are medical supplies and tents.

"A lot of people are willing to help, but they don't trust giving their money out," Mitchell said.

By creating a fundraising organization, students hope that they can help make sure that the money

isn't being abused for personal use.

Money collected this week by the students goes towards Global Nutrition Empowerment, a local charity based in Albany, Ore. and founded by people from Nepal. According to a 2013 report by the Department of Justice, up to 90 percent of donations received by GNE are spent toward charity.

Fundraising tables for disaster relief in Nepal can be found at the MU quad from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1 and at the International Students of OSU's first Night Market from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday. The fundraising will continue through next week.

The Adventure Club is hosting a rock climbing competition fundraiser in the McAlexander Field House on Thursday, May 7 from 4 to 11 p.m.

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SING

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interest in us," Waddell said. "It's fun watching (our houses) become best friends to a level I've never expected them to."

Members of the two houses were behind Cottle and Waddell, singing and dancing to tunes from Disney's "Frozen," to go with this year's theme of musicals. Waddell said that each team picks a musical from a list provided by the Sing committee.

"They give us three or four tracks," Cottle said. "They have to be family friendly."

To their right, lyrics from "Hairspray" rang out,

"Welcome to the '60s" was sung loudly by members of sorority Kappa Delta and fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The coaches at the scene were Jake Erickson of Tau Kappa Epsilon — a junior in economics — and Sydney Croucher of Kappa Delta — a sophomore in education and human development and family sciences. The two watched their team practice.

"There are moments when they just get it, and it makes you proud," Croucher said.

The coaches agreed that planning and coaching can be tough.

"Three minutes of music can take five hours to cho-

reograph," Erickson said. "It's also hard to get 44 people to show up."

There were four different teams rehearsing on Tuesday evening at that field alone, and countless formation and dance critiques could be seen at each. For those who want to win, Sing is no game.

All University Sing will be held at Gill Coliseum on Friday, May 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, visit blogs.oregonstate.edu/oregonstatesing/.

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While some venues aren't holding special events, they're still preparing for a jam-packed weekend of business.

According to Adam Sperling, manager at Third Street McMenamin's, Moms and Family Weekend is one of the busiest weekends of the year for the restaurant.

"Our Friday lunch is average, but around 4 or 5 p.m. it starts packing up," Sperling said. "By 5 or 6, maybe 7 p.m. we have a full waitlist where maybe (customers) could wait 20 to 40 minutes for a table."

Sperling added that the weekend sort of stabilizes into constant business after Friday night happy hour.

"Saturday is the busiest day of the weekend for us, and it's pretty constant from when doors open at noon until dinner," Sperling said. "Still, it's a fun weekend. Everyone is prepared for a busy time, and it's brutal, but afterwards you look back and think, 'wow, that was awesome.' All the moms

are nice and the atmosphere here is really positive."

The Hilton Garden Inn Corvallis, located nearby Reser Stadium, has always been a popular spot for visiting mothers who are coming to Corvallis for the weekend. Most rooms need to be booked upwards of a year in advance for Moms and Family Weekend.

"We're definitely doing some things for our guests (during Mom's Weekend)," said Rachel Cihak, an employee at the Hilton Garden Inn. "We're handing out flowers to our guests for Mom's Weekend during check-in, the OSU football players assist with carrying luggage and we're adding a few additional drinks to our bar."

Moms and Family Weekend has also garnered a reputation for being a weekend during which there is a rise in activity that the Corvallis Police Department has had to address.

"Mom's weekend has historically shown an increase in community liability-type calls such as loud noise, unlawful amplified sound and party-type complaints," said CPD Lt. Cord Wood. "We plan on bringing

a couple of extra officers for the weekend night shifts, and residents and students could see officers out on bike patrol."

According to CPD, during Moms and Family Weekend in 2014, there were 15 cases of minors-in-possession of alcohol, two cases of open containers of alcohol, one case of hosting party for minors, two complaints of loud noise, two complaints of amplified sound, one case of human waste and 20 special response fee notices.

"We would encourage everyone to have an enjoyable visit with their mom, and encourage everyone to be safe and respectful of others at the same time," Wood said.

OSU Moms and Family Weekend starts Friday, May 1 and includes a full schedule of campus and community events that students and families can enjoy. A full list of events can be found at sli.oregonstate.edu/feature-story/moms-family-weekend.

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Oregon State faces critical series

■ OSU softball heads to Seattle searching for series win against No. 19 Huskies

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team will close out the Pac-12 season in Seattle, starting a three-game series against Washington on Saturday with post-season hopes in the balance.

The critical series for the Beavers (25-23, 5-16 Pac-12) comes against the No. 19 Huskies (37-13, 8-9), the last team for OSU in the conference slate. The following weekend, OSU will play San Diego State twice to wrap up the regular season.

Oregon State is currently No. 53 in the RPI rankings, though making the field of 64 teams will be impossible without at least a .500 record. As long as no games get rained out, the Beavers need at least two wins to be eligible. Head coach Laura Berg didn't shy away from quantifying what her team needs to do to extend their season.

"We've got to win four out of the five games to go postseason," Berg said. "Plain and simple. Its pressure, but we're athletes; we deal with pressure every day."

Contributing to that pressure is the absence of OSU's top two pitchers, senior Melanie Dembinski and junior Beverly Miller, both due to injury. In their stead have been sophomore Taylor Cotton and freshman Rainey Dyreson, who have now combined for 100 1/3 innings pitched this season. Miller alone has accounted for 177 1/3 innings in just 27 games.

From a team standpoint, coach Berg is still focused on making a statement before the Pac-12 season comes to a close.

"I want these guys to go in there with guns blazing, like we've got something to prove," Berg said. "Because we do. I want these guys to go in there and let (Washington) have it. Show them what we really are made of."

The Beavers are coming off a series with No. 7 UCLA, with the Bruins winning all three games. The Beavers did generate some offense, however, including six runs in the middle game of the series.

"I was proud of them — they com-



peted very well against the No. 7 team in the country," Berg said. "If we do that toward the end of the year, these last two weekends, we'll come out on top."

One big factor in recent weeks has been freshman designated player Alysha Everett, whose playing time has increased alongside her batting average. Her .455 average in conference is easily the highest on the team; no other player is hitting .300 or better. Everett gives much of the credit to her head coach.

"She has definitely helped me out a lot, especially when I was struggling at the beginning of the season," Everett said of coach Berg. "She helped me start to get my mind right, so now

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(Top) Freshman pitcher CJ Chirichigno scoops up the ball and looks to get the out against the Bruins in Corvallis April 26.

(Bottom) Sophomore outfielder Ameer Aarhus pumps up her teammates in between innings during the Beavers' series against UCLA at home April 26.

Oregon State baseball wins game following extra inning



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Freshman pitcher Mitch Hickey winds up to deliver a pitch against the Oregon Ducks in PK Park in Eugene April 12.

■ Beavers win their third consecutive conference game after Elliot Cary drives in winning two runs in 10th

By Brian Rathbone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beavers — who are coming off of a series victory against the then No. 10-ranked USC Trojans — with momentum building as they enter the more favorable stretch of the schedule, found themselves needing extra innings to fend off the Huskies.

It was freshman right fielder Elliot Cary who came through in the top of the 10th inning, driving in two runs to give the Beavers (28-13, 11-8 Pac-12) the 4-2 victory in the first game against the University of Washington in Seattle.

Junior right-hander Andrew Moore, coming off of his worst pitching performance of the season where he gave up six runs on nine hits in the loss against USC last weekend, regained his dominant form as he cruised through the first six innings of the game, retiring 17 of the first 18 Huskie batters he faced.

While Moore was dealing, Washington's freshman pitcher Noah Bremer struck out six OSU batters in his 5 1/3 innings of work to silence the Beaver bats.

But it was the missed opportunities at the plate from OSU that kept the game close.

Early in the game OSU had difficulty converting base runners into runs. Four times in the first seven innings the Beavers were able get the lead-off runner to first, and each of those times, OSU failed to score, leaving six runners on base.

In the top of the sixth inning, the Beavers were unable to capitalize with bases loaded and one out. After three consecutive singles by senior catcher Dane Lund, junior centerfield Jeff Hendrix and freshman first basemen KJ Harrison, Billy King struck out swinging followed by a ground out by Carey to end the inning and the scoring threat.

The seventh inning followed a similar script. Sophomore Kyle Nobach led the inning off with a single, followed by back-to-back free passes issued to sophomore short-

“But it was the missed opportunities at the plate from OSU that kept the game close.”

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Power Rankings

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 2 Oregon (41-5, 16-2 Pac-12)

The Ducks retain the top spot, having won 11 games in a row. They currently own a one-game advantage over UCLA for the Pac-12 title, and they also took the series from the Bruins two games to one earlier this year. They are the frontrunners to win the Pac-12 title for the third consecutive season, although nothing is set in stone with six games still remaining in the regular season.



No. 7 UCLA (41-8, 15-3)

The Bruins have the best chance to steal the title away from Oregon, although they'll need to be exceptional against Arizona and Arizona State to do so. They recently swept Oregon State, which takes their winning streak up to 10 games, and in conference play, the Bruins have a lower team ERA (3.05) than anyone else in the Pac-12.



No. 16 Arizona (37-12, 12-6)

The Wildcats are four games behind the Ducks, but with only six games left in the season, their path to a Pac-12 title is that much more difficult. However, they have the schedule to make a play for the title, as their next two series just so happen to be against the Bruins and the Ducks, respectively. They also have the bats to do some damage. Hitting .371 as a team this year with 87 home runs, the Wildcats have the most explosive offense in the Pac-12.



Utah (33-16, 11-10)

The Utes have been outstanding as of late. Since opening conference play with an 0-6 record, the Utes have won five consecutive series against Pac-12 teams. They won two-of-three games against Stanford, California, Arizona and Arizona State while completing the sweep of Oregon State. They are receiving votes in the USA Today poll, and they earned a No. 24 ranking in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll this week, which is the team's first national ranking since 2001.



No. 18 California (35-13, 7-11)

The Golden Bears have been difficult to predict in conference play. After entering the con-

ference late with one of the best records in the conference, the Golden Bears proceeded to lose four of their first five Pac-12 series. Arizona, Arizona State, Utah and UCLA were all lost series, with Oregon State being their only series win up until last weekend. The Golden Bears may have gotten back on track after beating Washington 9-5 and 4-1 despite dropping the series opener, 9-6.



No. 24 Arizona State (30-18, 8-9)

In the past three series, the Sun Devils were swept by Oregon, took two of three games against Oregon State and dropped two of three games to the Utes. They've been playing like a middle-of-the-road Pac-12 team, which still makes them a top-25 team in the nation due to the strength of the conference.



No. 20 Washington (37-13, 8-9)

Despite being a top-20 team, the Huskies are giving up a lot of runs. In conference games, Washington's team ERA is up to 8.23, which is the second-worst rate in the conference. They've lost their past two Pac-12 series to Arizona and California, but they might have a different outcome when they host Oregon State this weekend series.



Oregon State (25-23, 5-16)

The Beavers competed against the Bruins, as none of the three games were cut short by the run-rule, but they were still swept by the seventh-ranked team in the nation. The Beavers have now been swept by a Pac-12 team four times this season, and they'll travel to Seattle to play the Huskies this weekend.



Stanford (16-32, 1-17)

It's been a long season for the Cardinal, who have now lost 13 consecutive games. Their batting average in conference games is just .222, while their team ERA in conference games is 11.18, which are both worst in the Pac-12. It's hard to win games, Stanford is discovering, when giving up so many runs and generating so few.



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Oregon State club hockey in the making

■ Senior Aaron Borne looks to make hockey an official club sport at OSU

By Greg Germano
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Without a doubt, there is a great level of support at Oregon State when it comes to sports. The football games pack the campus with people and the basketball games rage with excitement. If there were another fun sport that fans and students could get into, such as hockey, the level of excitement that surrounds Beaver athletics would be that much greater.

Oregon State is currently the only school in the Pac-12 without a Division I club hockey program. But with enough support and commitment, that could change.

There has been a great effort made by Aaron Borne, a senior majoring in public health, to bring the Pac-8 Hockey Conference to Corvallis and start a club hockey program at OSU. The Pac-8 includes Arizona State, California, Oregon, UCLA, USC, Utah, Washington and Washington State.

"I have played hockey most of my life and when I came to OSU I was shocked to find out that there was no hockey program here," Borne said. "During my sophomore year two years ago,

I reached out to the University of Oregon to see if I could play on their team, but I had to be a student there so it didn't work out." Though he's ineligible to play for the other teams, Borne did find support from the Pac-8 schools.

"This year I got back in contact with U of O and their hockey manager," Borne said. "He has offered to help support our program if we do get one started. I have also reached out to the head coach at the University of Washington and they have given us their support as well."

When forming a sports team, the first step is getting players. For Pac-8 hockey, 20-25 players are needed to complete a full roster, which is then presented to the Department of Recreational Sports.

"I am also in the process of getting a coach," Borne said.

The next step is finding a place to play. There is no ice rink in Corvallis, and the closest ones are in Eugene and Salem.

Patrick Sgarlata, University of Oregon hockey coordinator, is confident that the program could work regardless of dis-

since traveling has not limited other schools from playing in the league.

"It is kind of a trek from Corvallis to Eugene, but it's not unusual for teams in our league to travel those distances," Sgarlata said. "Washington State travels about two hours to get to their rink. Schools in California travel a couple hours because of traffic."

Sgarlata and several other school coordinators around the Pac-8 have agreed that starting a hockey program at Oregon State would be very beneficial for several reasons.

"It benefits us and schools like Washington State and Washington to have a program here because it would cut travel time and costs down as well as open up more options for games," Sgarlata said. "It would just overall create a whole new market and culture that is not very popular here. The rivalry would also be great."

The season starts during the first week of school, but this differs between semester schools and schools that follow a quarter system.

"I have also reached out to the head coach at the University of Washington and they have given us their support as well."

Aaron Borne
Senior, public health

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when I do make mistakes or I get out, I'm not too worried about it and I know the next at bat I'll get a hit."

Everett has a hit in seven consecutive conference

games, with 10 hits in that span. Her performance was quickly rewarded: she has moved up to the second spot in the batting order for the last couple games.

"I'm not surprised by it," Berg said of Everett's recent performance. "Confidence-wise, she knows she's put the work in."

Everett doesn't plan to change things up much going into the Washington series. Against UCLA, after all, she went 4-for-9 at the plate.

"Honestly, I'm just going to stay calm and go out and do what I've been doing," Everett said. "I've been seeing the ball

well lately so hopefully I'll just continue with that."

With the regular season wrapping up, Everett knows the postseason is within sight, though making the postseason field is far from an easy task. In her first year of collegiate softball, she's finally close to a place she's looked forward to for a long time.

"I've grown up watching it and watching these teams play in the College World Series,"

Everett said. "I've always wanted to be there. I've always dreamt of reaching that point in the future. Now that we're so close, it makes me really excited, whether it's this year or up-and-coming years. I know our team is capable of making it, so I can't wait."

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BASEBALL

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stop Caleb Hamilton and freshman second baseman Christian Donahue.

Finding themselves once again in the situation with bases loaded with two outs following a ground out by senior pitcher Michael Howard, it looked as though Hendrix was going to ground out, ending the scoring threat once again for OSU.

But Washington's senior third basemen Alex Schmidt — who made a great play to collect the sharply hit ball by Hendrix — made an errant throw to first, which allowed Hamilton and Donahue to come around and score, giving the Beavers a 2-0 lead.

The Huskies then respond to tie the game in their half of the seventh inning.

Moore, who had been cruising up till that point, started the inning with a walk and then gave up a homerun to junior catcher Austin Rei who blasted the pitch over the left field fence.

Moore's night was done after going 7 2/3 innings, where he gave up two runs on two hits while striking out six batters, which raises his season total to 87 — good for second in the conference.

A trio of freshman relief pitchers came in and silenced the Huskie bats as Luke Heimlich, Sam Tweedt and Mitch Hickey combined for 2 1/3 innings of scoreless baseball. Tweedt, who pitched a total of two pitches, earns his sixth victory of the season while Hickey slammed the door shut with his seventh save of the season.

Freshman right-hander Drew Rasmussen will take the bump in the second game of the series. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Husky Ballpark.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to all the moms visiting for Oregon State University's Moms and Family Weekend. Enjoy the campus, the town and have as much fun as you see fit.

Yea to school happenings with a large presence. It was fantastic to see the outstanding amount of support for the annual "Take Back the Night" event at OSU.

Yea to the speech and appearance from Brenda Tracy during the event. We can't say enough good things about many of the discussions that continue in regards to sexual assault awareness and what we all must do as a community. It's on us.

Yea to a successful open house gathering at the Student Experience Center Friday and Saturday. It's always a pleasure to see familiar faces stop by and visit.

Nay to shortfalls in scheduling and almost constant flows of homework in the middle of the term. The festivities were at least a nice break for the amount of time we had.

Nay to dressing too warm because you expect Oregon will continue its usual "it looks sunny, but have some 50 degree weather" routine. At least this is a good sign in terms of an early summer ... we hope.

Yea to nonviolent resolutions to continuing problems. A little bit of discussion always goes a long way.

Nay to the constant amount of injustice in terms of police brutality and militarization in the country. Seriously? The fact that we keep seeing new reports of wrongful deaths and an inefficiency to address these problems is ridiculous.

Yea to being passionate about math. Some of us don't math very well at all, but we have mad respect for those who live and breathe the stuff.

Nay to thinking there's one given way to learn specifically. Remember: fish cannot climb trees. Some of us write better than we math, or the other way around.

Yea to continuous nights of beautiful pink, yellow and blue sunsets witnessed from the fourth floor of the SEC. The colors of the sky never fail to amaze us — even if it's potentially because of pollution.

Nay to random noises, creeks and machinery in the middle of the night. This is apparently one concept we didn't leave behind in Snell.

Nay to running out of random Internet photos of Jarvis, the cross-eyed cat.

Yea to discovering there's another prominent cross-eyed Internet cat named Spangler, who even has a pirate outfit.

Nay to wasting way too much free time on the Internet instead of doing something a little more interactive. Sometimes you're just too tired to understand anything other than silly photos.

Yea to Silipints. Not going to lie — these seemed very weird to some of us at first, but they're growing on us. Just keep them off the floor to avoid lint attraction.

Keep on singing, Corvallis.

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Abercrombie no longer the 'cool kids table'

The day has come when Abercrombie and Hollister stores will no longer have beefcakes, also known as the shirtless men in all their advertising, and models in their stores.

The company released a statement last week with its new marketing plans and store conduct for all Abercrombie and Hollister stores.

Due to dwindling sales, dropping 12 percent in the past 12 months according to Business Insider, the new head honchos at Abercrombie & Fitch stated that by the end of July 2015 the stores will stop calling their employees "models" and instead call them "brand representatives." In addition, they will make the stores brighter, stop pumping cologne through the shops, discontinue their shirtless men advertisements, shopping bags and lifeguards in the stores, be less strict about their employee dress code and now focus more on the clothes.

Mackenzie Bruce, spokeswoman for Abercrombie, said in a statement last week that "We have moved away from sexualized marketing. Today, our marketing has undergone a significant evolution. We are using mostly color images and are focused on showcasing product and trends."

It is all fine and dandy to change a marketing plan, but what I am most interested in is the little details on why this huge name, Abercrombie & Fitch, is really changing the way it runs its business.

A few facts about the company before I continue:

In December 2014, Abercrombie's CEO Mike Jeffries resigned.

Brooklyn Di Raffaele



Running on caffeine

He said it was because of the disappointing sales of his stores. And in the past decade, Abercrombie & Fitch has faced multiple discrimination lawsuits about its hiring tactics, lack of diversity and religious discrimination.

The company was sued in 2008 because a woman who applied to work in one of the stores wore a hijab. Since it violated "the look" policy, she was not hired. The company would give preference to white people and target college fraternities and sororities for new employees.

In 2012, it was released that employees had to execute military-style workouts to maintain the thin and beautiful aesthetic they were hired for.

These stores are targeted toward a certain demographic and we all know it.

These stores are meant for the conventionally "beautiful people" who are thin and gorgeous.

Mike Jeffries was very upfront about his marketing tactics, saying in several interviews that he only wanted "thin and beautiful people" in his stores and wearing his clothes.

How high school of him.

Jeffries said in a 2013 interview "We go after the cool kids. We go

after the attractive all-American kid with a great attitude and a lot of friends. A lot of people don't belong in our clothes, and they can't belong. Are we exclusionary? Absolutely." Jeffries goes on to say stores that try to cater to everyone become "vanilla," meaning they are boring and their products do not excite anyone to shop.

What this says about Jeffries is that he can't think outside of the denim and tight t-shirt box and come up with designs that would cater to people above a size small to shop in his store. Many other brands that have designs for all-sized people and have models that are larger than a size 12 are doing just fine in sales, like TJ Maxx, Target, Nike, H&M, etc.

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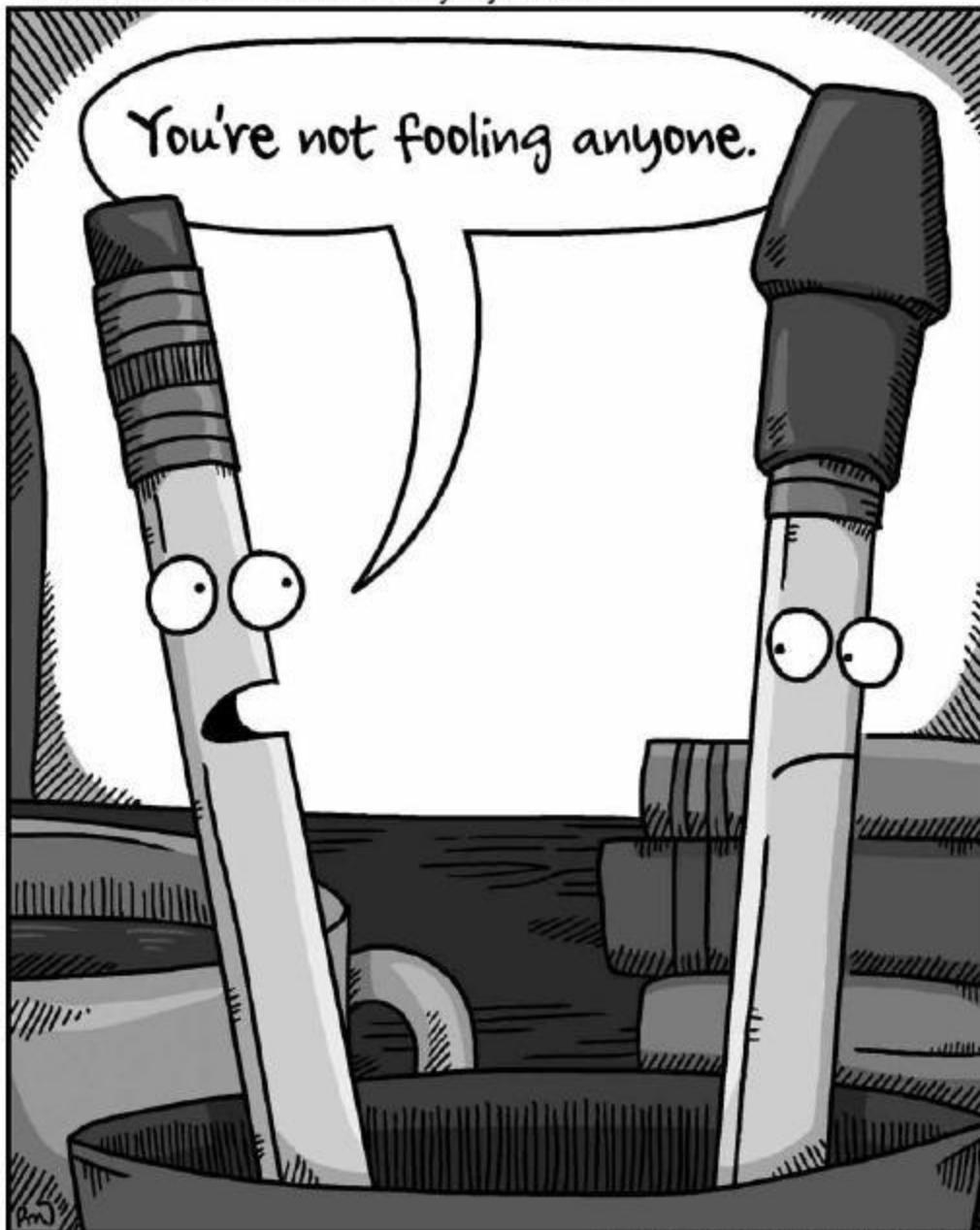
Jeffries is entitled to his own opinions and I acclaim him for standing up for them, even though I think they are absolutely discriminatory and flat-out bonkers.

I believe that if you have your own business you can operate in any way you choose, as long as it is legal. Jeffries took his company practices a little too far.

If you only want certain people shopping in your store or wearing your brand, don't commercialize and put your name all over every billboard and magazine ad to entice all people to come into your store, then bait and switch them by not accepting customers that don't

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Dr. Stephanie Jenkins

Ask Dr. Ethics

Ethical obligation of planet protection

Dear Dr. Ethics, Is there an obligation to protect the planet? What can students do to help the environment?

—Trying to Be Green

Dear Trying to Be Green,

Your question is an excellent follow-up to my April 9 column responding to a student who wants to stop destruction of our planet but feels powerless to do so. Philosopher Immanuel Kant famously argued that "ought implies can," meaning that you cannot be morally required to do something that is impossible. In this respect, your questions are related.

I interviewed some environmental philosophers about their take on your question.

Dr. Allen Thompson, associate professor of philosophy at Oregon State University, offered the following thoughts: "Depends on what you mean by 'the planet.'"

"The on-going existence of the planet, Earth, is not in jeopardy from human activity. Instead, the well being of many individual living things, types of living things (i.e., species), and systems of living and non-living things (i.e., ecosystems) are in jeopardy. "The individual living things under threat include living human beings and future generations of human beings," said Thompson. "So if you have good reason to believe that you have an obligation to protect some or any of these things from harm, then, yes, there are obligations to protect 'the planet,' that is, to reduce the consequences of human activity on natural environments that bring unjustified harm to living things and systems of living things."

He continued, "Many philosophers believe that we do have good reasons, and thus obligations, to protect presently existing and future human beings, some other individual animals and species of living organisms, and the complex ecosystems that support life on Earth. What these reasons are exactly and what the consequent obligations may be are the central topic of study in PHL 440/540 Environmental Ethics."

Dr. Robert Figueroa, associate professor of philosophy and resident scholar in the Center for Latin@ Studies and Engagement (CL@SE) at OSU, added this perspective:

"Suppose we start with the word 'ecology,' which has origins in the Greek word oikos, meaning 'house' in Greek. Imagine if I asked you, 'is there an obligation to protect your home?' Is it ethically sensible to see your house or home as something to which you have no obligation?"

Figueroa continued, "In two philosophy courses, PHL 443/543 Worldviews and Environmental Values, and in PHL 280 Ethics of Diversity, we consider multiple viewpoints and values that are part of worldviews of peoples whose moral relationships challenge the presumptions of many traditions in Western scientific inspiration."

"From a number of indigenous and non-Western environmental perspectives, the relations included in moral obligations include living and non-living things, places themselves, relations, and yes, the whole of the home itself," he said.

Figueroa expressed, "From many of these moral perspectives the fact that something may ultimately 'outlast' us

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fit the profile. Or instead, just put a big sign on the door of all the stores with qualifications to be a customer.

Or better yet, Jeffries should have just put bouncers outside of all his already club-like stores and have them decide if potential customers are worthy enough to strut around with "A&F" on their chest and smell like fancy skunks.

Jeffries is that bully we knew in high school who said we were too fat or not cool enough to sit with them at lunch, and who laughed when we came to school in non-designer jeans.

And like any other cliché bully, he had his run of being cool — now he is out of the picture, stuck in the glory days because now he is the "uncool kid" sitting alone.

Since his business was so select and targeted, it failed. The numbers and lawsuits say so.

I am happy about this change because it is a step forward for humanity; the world does not need any more discriminatory forces and negative attitudes.

And now when I go shopping at a mall I will no longer have to hold my breath every time I pass an Abercrombie.

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Letter to the Editor

In response to Dr. Sex's April 29 column

Dr. Sex (Apr. 29) fittingly advises women to ask male partners be equally receptive to anal sex if they want it; however, this leaves unanswered the common follow-up question, "If my boyfriend loves me pegging him, does this mean he is gay or less of a man?"

In my opinion, no, because every sex survey from Kinsey onward has found many heterosexual men enjoy being fingered during masturbation or pegged by a woman, which is an ancient practice that only recently had a word coined for it by Seattle newspaper columnist Dan Savage.

Women are rightfully anxious because stereotypical pornography, enjoyed by most heterosexual men, popularly associates anal sex with the domination and submission of women.

Heterosexual couples could learn how to

reconcile these issues from the subset of gay men who engage in anal intercourse: First, some don't enjoy it and avoid it; Second, many gay men culturally define themselves as tops, bottoms or versatile, based on what they enjoy, in addition to if they enjoy playing in a dominant or submissive role in a relationship.

More scientific answers have been slow in coming, which is why I founded the OSU Foundation Magnus Hirschfeld Fund for research concerning humans or animals with a minority sexual orientation or gender identity.

My vision for this endowment is to enable multi-disciplinary academic research at OSU, ranging from the biological and computer sciences to the social sciences, which I hope will lead to fundamental discoveries and breakthroughs in the understanding of sex.

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has absolutely nothing to do with our obligations to protect that thing, be it a living, non-living, or mere system of living and non-living.

Most of these environmental perspectives simply avoid separating the home from the relations and consider the quality of 'outlasting' us grounds for greater, not less, obligations."

"It is also emphasized that there are serious questions of oppression and environmental justice if we fail to include these multi-cultural perspectives in our discussions on environmental obligations," he said.

"The planet Earth for many non-indigenous perspectives may be the only true context to envision what we mean by future generations, for whom we have a number of obligations. I would just add to Dr. Thompson's response, that we need to find ways to realize that environmental issues and questions are also questions of social justice," finished Figueroa.

Dr. Barbara Muraca, assistant professor of philosophy, offered some suggestions about what students can do to support a livable planet. The first step is

becoming knowledgeable about "climate change, our daily contribution to it, what is in our way to change things and why."

Next, "is to start working with other students to change some of the drivers that make our life harmful to nature so much: developing creative ideas of transportation beyond cars, developing repairing skills to keep using things instead of throwing them away (especially electronics), using commons-based software and other services and products." While individual lifestyle changes don't make much of a difference, we can learn "where to address our efforts for changing habits, policies, and institutional problems."

Noting the importance of politics, Thompson added, "Students can 'help the environment' by becoming informed about social and environmental consequences of various lifestyle choices and public policies, and then acting, advocating, and especially voting, accordingly."

I also had an opportunity to discuss your question with Dr. Eugene Hargrove, professor of philosophy at the University of North Texas, after his presentation to the OSU Philosophy Club about "The Moon as a UNESCO World Heritage Site."

His activist efforts extend-

ed from his experience cave exploring outside of Columbia, Missouri. He encouraged students like you to focus on a local problem that you know and care a lot about. "Call attention to the problem" and "do things that generate interest in local papers."

For him, conservation began with protecting his favorite cave, but your activist origin story can begin right here at OSU.

You can continue the conversation at the School of History, Philosophy, & Religion's Moms & Family Weekend event this Friday in Milam Hall from 3-5 p.m. or a variety of events about environmental thought and action this week. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/11HkrD>

Peace & Virtue, Dr. Ethics

Are you curious about ethics and philosophy? Do you have a moral dilemma or want respond to this week's column? Send your questions to forum@dailybarometer.com or use the hashtag #askdethics on Twitter.

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Oregon House to vote on microbead ban

By Tracy Loew STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — The Oregon House is scheduled to vote this week on a bill to ban microbeads, the tiny plastic particles used as an exfoliant in personal care products.

Microbeads, found in common household products such as soap and toothpaste, get washed down the sink, and they are small enough to bypass sewer and water-treatment filters.

They end up in waterways, where they can absorb toxins before being eaten by fish.

The toxins accumulate as they move up the food chain, threatening other wildlife and humans who eat the fish.

In the absence of a ban, water treatment facilities likely will have to undergo plant upgrades at considerable cost to ratepayers, Torrey Lindbo, water sciences program manager for the city of Gresham, told a House committee earlier this month.

House Bill 3478 would phase in bans, first on the manufacture and then on the sale, of personal care products and over-the-counter drugs that contain synthetic plastic microbeads. It would be fully effective by Jan. 1, 2020.

The bill is supported by environmental groups such as the Surfrider Foundation and municipal associations such as the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies and the League of Oregon Cities.

It's also supported by national trade groups, including the Consumer Healthcare Products Association and the Personal Care Products Council.

Member companies already have pledged to change their formulations, Karin Ross, government affairs director for the council, said in written testimony.

Illinois was the first state to ban microbeads. Its legislation was signed into law last June. Since then, New Jersey, Maine and Colorado have followed with similar laws.

Now, about two dozen states, including Oregon, are considering bans.

"There are plenty of natural, safe and environmentally friendly substitutes for harmful plastic," Rep. Carla Piluso, D-Gresham, the bill's chief sponsor, told the committee. "Introducing this legislation is a simple fix, with a great impact."

If the House passes the bill, it will go to the Senate for approval.

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