



# More than a game

ADAM T. WOOD | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior in liberal studies Abel Estraviz had no prior experience with horse-riding before joining the OSU Polo Club. He is now the Men's team captain.

## OSU Polo Club fosters inviting atmosphere, sportsmanship

**By Elliot Nelson**  
News Contributor

While many people may think of a pool when they hear the word "Polo," for the 15 students on the club Polo team at Oregon State University, the word is associated with something entirely different.

Mariah Mudgett, captain of the OSU Women's Polo team and a senior in animal science, knows the game of polo inside and out.

"There are two types of polo: field and arena. Because college players have limited resources, we play arena polo rather than on a nine-acre field," explained Mudgett. "There are three players on each side and a goal on each side.

Mudgett explained that 12 horses are needed

to play a game. Each team has six horses, which is called a string. Games are played three-on-three, with three subs each. There are seven and a half minute quarters in each game—called chukkers.

Mudgett said the club is always looking for new members.

"We definitely need players every year since we are founded on the fact that people should join all the time," said Mudgett. "The best way for a student to join is by visiting the team's Facebook page."

The captain of the OSU Men's Polo team, Abel Estraviz, a senior in liberal studies, had no prior horse-riding experience before asking a friend on the Polo team if he could join. He said he came to OSU to be on the rowing team.

"Most people assume polo is a snobby sport, but with a modest interest, anyone can join," said Estraviz.

Jake Fenger, a varsity player on the OSU Men's Polo team, also had zero horse riding experience prior to joining the club. He likes the tradition of the sport and how it affects their uniforms.

"We wear white pants, which is a polo tradition and our jersey is an actual polo shirt," said Fenger. "We also wear riding boots, knee guards, goggles, and helmets. A lot of polo is traditional."

Fenger also welcomes the physical nature of the sport.

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# THE BLOCK

## Calendar

**THURSDAY, March, 3**  
 Event  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. National Nutrition Month  
 Location: MU SEC Plaza  
 The NDC is planning a large event to celebrate and promote National Nutrition Month.

Discussion  
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association  
 Location: Tallman Room, Memorial Union 105  
 Is Community Building the Purpose of Religion

Event  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sustainability Office  
 Location: MU Quad/Mug Shot  
 Show off your reusable mug/bottle/container to win a prize!

**MONDAY, March, 7**  
 Event  
 Waste Watchers  
 Location: MU Quad  
 The Waste Watchers are going to give prizes to people that they catch recycling

**TUESDAY, March, 8**  
 Event  
 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. OSU Healthy Aging Club  
 Location: Waldo 400  
 We will be preparing for this term's final Silver Screen and the photo contest.

**WEDNESDAY, March, 9**  
 Event  
 Waste Watchers  
 Location: MU Quad  
 The Waste Watchers are going to give prizes to people that they catch recycling

**THURSDAY, March, 10**  
 Discussion  
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association  
 Location: Tallman Room, Memorial Union 105  
 Should Religion and Science Agree

**WEDNESDAY, March, 30**  
 Event  
 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Waste Watchers  
 Location: MU Quad  
 Recycling: How Does it Rank? Come learn about the impact you make by recycling

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# How did Harry Potter get down the hill? By walking.... J.K., Rowling.

## Today's Crossword Puzzle

**Across**

1 Congressional authority  
 5 Lifeless  
 9 Repaired, as a boot  
 14 Warning to a tet  
 15 Academic apparel  
 16 Dancer Fred's dancing sister  
 17 Temporarily out of stock, with "on"  
 19 Add a lane to, say

20 Hot rod rods  
 21 Not stable, in a way  
 23 Sighed line  
 26 Wall St. event  
 27 "Yeah, sure!"  
 30 One might spoil a dream  
 36 Beth, to Jo  
 37 Hindu "sir"  
 38 Spot in a spa

39 Jangle pop and the like, and a hint to a hidden feature of 17-, 30-, 46- and 63-Across  
 43 Old counters  
 44 Aussie hoppers  
 45 Daisy \_\_\_\_  
 46 Gadgets with helical parts called worms  
 49 The Constitution St.

50 Cadenza maker  
 51 50-Across' locale  
 53 Enjoy the sunset  
 58 About  
 62 Old marketplace  
 63 Restaurant convenience  
 66 Flower part  
 67 Dynamic beginning?  
 68 The Big Easy acronym  
 69 "East of Eden" surname

27 Name on the "Robot" series books  
 28 Bag End notable  
 29 To be, in Toledo  
 31 Bizarre  
 32 Berne's river  
 33 Italian cathedral  
 34 Like Andean pyramids  
 35 Kind of bucket  
 37 Outdoor exercise choice  
 40 Luther opponent Johann \_\_\_\_  
 41 Louisiana Territory state  
 42 Discovery astronaut James  
 47 Cannes corp.  
 48 Imp  
 49 Stone monuments

52 Word of disgust  
 53 Up-tempo  
 54 Too much sun, they say  
 55 Club in a Manilow song  
 56 Baseball stats  
 57 Religious prefix  
 59 Corner piece  
 60 Fizzy drink  
 61 Bit of introductory Latin  
 64 100 nanojoules  
 65 41-Down college

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# Horoscope

**Today's Birthday (03/03/16).** Organized, persistent efforts benefit you professionally this year. Plan your collaboration. Cash flow rises over the next two years (after 9/9). Reach a personal milestone (3/8), and discover new partnership (9/1). Shared finances take a new turn (3/23), and so does a passion project (9/16). Generate romantic bliss.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is an 8 — The next two days bring plenty of professional activity. New skills are required. Make a connection to take new territory. Avoid stress with short, frequent breaks. Rest eyes and mind with some nothing time.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Check your itinerary before dashing off. The next two days favor travel and study. Review long-range goals, and align current actions to suit. Keep your frugal ways. Explore and discover uncharted territory.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Today is a 7 — Consider new possibilities. For the next two days, review financial arrangements. Discuss shared accounts, and align on priorities.

**Make plans, and keep your team informed.** Opposites attract. Share perspectives. Support each other.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Kindle passion with tender care. Refine plans for mutual motivation. Partnership negotiations occur today and tomorrow. Ask for what you want. Give generously. Get promises in writing. Make sure your partner gets what they need.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Energize your work today and tomorrow. A production streak checks things off your list. Get into powerhouse mode. Gather support for a project. Make agreements and deals. Create new networks. Outsmart the competition.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Get carried away by someone's fascinating ideas. Share fun with family and friends today and tomorrow. Play and practice your arts. Consider tossing everything and starting over. Invent, craft and create.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 6 — The next two days are good for making changes at home. Get family to help. Talk it over. Draw up your fantasies, and limit to one shared dream. Clean, sort and organize.

**Give away stuff.**

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — You're especially persuasive. Take advantage of your way with words over the next two days. Write a novel, comment or post. Upgrade your communications infrastructure. Learn like a child. Conversation sparks a new opportunity.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 9 — Bring home the bacon today and tomorrow. The more you complete, the higher you climb. Pay attention to maintain positive cash flow. It's OK to mix business and pleasure. Add some glamour to the proceedings.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — You're becoming more confident and powerful over the next two days. Make a personal change. Keep your promises, and make new ones for exciting projects. Create what you want to see realized. Take responsibility.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 5 — You're entering a two-day pensive phase. Get into thoughtful planning mode. Get intimately involved with a project. Peaceful productivity suits your mood. Make nostalgic diversions. Listen to your heart. Success comes through diversity.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — Group projects and team efforts go far over the next few days. Pay back a debt. Hold meetings and gatherings. Delegate tasks, and take advantage of diverse talents. Build a shared dream together.

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## News

## Abortion law puzzles Supreme Court



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Supporters of legal access to abortion, as well as anti-abortion activists, rally outside the Supreme Court on March 2, 2016, as the Court hears oral arguments in the case of *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, which deals with access to abortion, in Washington, D.C.

By Michael Doyle

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Supreme Court justices sparred furiously Wednesday over a controversial Texas abortion clinic law, clarifying their stark differences but leaving the final outcome in question.

Confronting the court's first abortion case since 2007, liberal and conservative justices largely articulated their expected positions while pivotal Justice Anthony Kennedy remained a bit more opaque.

The end result, on an eight-member court left shorthanded by the death last month of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, could prove anti-climactic if justices kick the case back for more fact-finding. At the least, though, the unusually long 80-minute oral argument illuminated the court's sharp divide and the topic's enduring power.

Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, all Democratic appointees, repeatedly pressed Texas Solicitor General Scott A. Keller about what medical benefits the Texas law provides and what burden it imposes on women's constitutionally protected abortion rights.

"According to you," Sotomayor asked Keller, "the slightest health benefit is enough to burden the lives of a million women. That's your point?"

From the right, Chief Justice John

Roberts Jr. and, in particular, Justice Samuel Alito pressed questions and made statements sympathetic to the 2013 Texas law known as House Bill 2.

"I read through those regulations," Alito said of the measure. "I was surprised at how many are completely innocuous."

At another point, Roberts seemingly tipped his hand when he asked Stephanie Toti, the attorney for *Whole Woman's Health* and other challengers of the law, "How is that logical?"

A third Republican appointee, Justice Clarence Thomas, reverted to his customary practice of asking no questions, but he is an inveterate supporter of laws restricting abortion.

This court arithmetic likely leaves the resolution of the case up to Kennedy, the 79-year-old justice who often acts as a swing vote.

Raising the possibility of passing the buck, for now, Kennedy asked Keller whether it would "be appropriate to remand" the case so a lower court could pin down firm answers to some factual questions, including how the Texas law has affected the state's abortion "capacity."

"We had the liberal-conservative breakdown in the court that you would expect among the justices," Roger Severino of the conservative Heritage Foundation said after the argument, "but Justice Kennedy, in the few questions he asked, showed

some hesitation about courts second-guessing the state's ability to regulate abortion clinics."

The case, styled *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, is a challenge to several provisions of House Bill 2. *Whole Woman's Health* operates abortion-providing clinics in Fort Worth, San Antonio and McAllen, a border city about 150 miles south of Corpus Christi. Their opponent in the case, Dr. John Hellerstedt, is commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

One challenged provision requires abortion clinics to meet the same standards as ambulatory surgical centers. Standards range from a minimum square-footage requirement to rules covering plumbing, heating, lighting and ventilation. Another challenged provision requires doctors performing abortions to have admitting privileges at hospitals within 30 miles.

"Texas acted to improve abortion safety," Keller said, adding that "abortion is legal and accessible in Texas."

The liberal justices, though, repeatedly voiced skepticism about the Texas Legislature's true motivation in passing House Bill 2, with several noting that procedures such as colonoscopies and liposuction carry greater risk than abortion yet don't require these tighter regulations.

"There are many procedures that are much higher-risk," Kagan told Keller, "and you're saying, 'That's OK,

we get to set much higher standards for abortion.' And I want to know why that is."

In a 1992 case arising from Pennsylvania, Kennedy joined the opinion that states can regulate abortion but cannot impose "unnecessary health regulations that have the purpose or effect of presenting a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking an abortion." This is called the "undue burden" test.

Kennedy and Thomas are the only justices still serving who took part in that Pennsylvania case.

Attorneys for *Whole Woman's Health* say the Texas law imposes an undue burden because it "would close more than 75 percent of Texas abortion facilities and deter new ones from opening." Before 2013, more than 40 licensed abortion clinics operated in Texas. Now there are fewer than 10.

"These are unnecessary regulations that create a substantial obstacle," Toti said.

Underscoring Toti's point, Kagan noted that an estimated 900,000 Texas women of child-bearing age live more than 150 miles from licensed abortion providers. Alito countered that "we don't really know" what the state's abortion capacity is.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr., representing the Obama administration in support of *Whole Woman's Health*, reported that 65,000

to 75,000 abortions per year were provided in Texas before House Bill 2 passed. The clinics remaining open under the law can provide about 14,000 abortions a year.

The legal drama inside was matched by the theatrics outside, which followed the standard script for potential landmark cases. The first would-be spectators showed up Monday to form a line that wrapped around the block by Wednesday morning.

Sign-toting activists from all sides congregated around the court, many having traveled far for the opportunity. Outreach officer Bonyen Lee-Gilmore came from Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, for instance, along with a Columbia, Mo., woman who'd had two abortions in that city's clinic before it lost the ability to perform the procedure when Missouri passed a similar law.

A lower appeals court upheld the Texas law. If the Supreme Court ties 4-4, the earlier ruling would stand and the Texas law would survive but no national precedent would be set.

The justices could also avoid a deadlock and order the case re-argued once Scalia's seat is filled and the court is back to nine members. A decision is expected by the end of June.

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## Polo

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"Polo is a combination of soccer, croquet, and lacrosse on a horse's back—people think it's an elegant sport, but in reality, it's elegant for everyone except the players," Fenger said. "People fall off, bump each other, get hit in the face with the ball—it's more physical than people think it is."

Mudgett ensures that polo is safe despite its physicality.

"The horses and players must be kept safe," said Mudgett. "It's kind of like driving—you can't impede the right-of-way. If a player impedes a right-of-way, it's a foul, and then the opposing team gets a shot at goal—the worse the foul is, the closer the shot at goal is."

To ensure the right-of-way required during a polo match, Mudgett said there is something that all polo players have to do regardless of handedness.

"We always hold the mallet in our right hand, and we always hold the reins in our left," Mudgett said.

Remembering all of the rules and learning to ride a horse can be overwhelming, according to Mudgett.

"The hardest part about playing polo is being able to ride well as well as being able to hit," said Mudgett. "If you can't ride the horses as well as you want to, you won't be able to get to the ball anyways."

Because the OSU Polo team doesn't receive enough funding for coaches, they are entirely student led. However, this has not stopped OSU from competing with larger clubs like Stanford, who Estraviz said has more than 40 horses and two coaches, or has made them feel down about their team, Estraviz said.

"It's really cool to share the responsibility of the club," said Estraviz. "Everyone on the team has a sense of relationship."

According to Estraviz, since



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(Above) The OSU Club Polo team practices. (Below) Mariah Mudgett, the captain of the women's Polo Club team at OSU and a senior in animal sciences and Elinor Chick, a senior in animal sciences compete during polo practice at the Oregon State Horse Center.

she has been on the polo team, they generally finish in the top three in the preliminary region. This region includes teams such as Washington State University, University of Idaho, and Montana State University, among others.

The women's polo team won regionals last year and went onto playing in nationals. They came out on top in their region after defeating teams such as the University of Southern California, University of California (Davis), Stanford University, and others, Estraviz said.

When the OSU Polo team plays against other teams, they must drive themselves down to the school that they are playing against for the weekend, according to Fenger.

"In the past, we've had our own arenas to play in. Not this year—we need a 150x350-foot arena. But, now we are able to practice at Oregon State Horse Center," said Mudgett.

Many members enjoy the weekend club excursions.

"We hang out with the other team we play against, and it's really relaxed," said Fenger. "Some teams aren't as social, but there aren't a lot of

polo teams around, so we like hanging out with each other."

Fenger also appreciates the club's accommodation on the weekend excursions.

"We stay wherever we can—it's common to stay at the opposing team's players' houses."

Estraviz claimed his favorite aspect of being a member of the club was meeting members from other clubs.

"It's all about forming strong bonds with kids at Stanford, Westmont, Cal Poly, WSU, etc.," Estraviz said.

Both Estraviz and Fenger value the distinctiveness of polo.

"It's rare that as adults, we get an opportunity to get out of our comfort zone and learn something from the ground up," Estraviz said.

Fenger echoed this sentiment.

"It's a unique sport and not many people get to experience the sport in their lifetime," said Fenger.

The OSU Polo club does not have consistent meeting times, but more information can be found on the club's Facebook page.

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# Where are they now?

By Josh Worden  
Senior Beat Reporter



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Enger played four different offensive line positions at OSU and even practiced at tight end at times. He ended his career at OSU as a team captain in 2013.

## Grant Enger:

Football wide receiver, 2001-2005

**After OSU:** After graduating, Enger did not pursue a professional football career due to medical reasons; while at OSU he tore his labrum in both shoulders, part of his right rotator cuff and the MCL in his knee.

Instead, he piled everything in his car and drove to the east coast, where his girlfriend Keri was already living. The two met as OSU students at Northwest Hills Church in Corvallis, but Keri graduated a year before Enger and got a job in North Carolina. The two dated long distance during Enger's senior year — "it was great, but it was pretty tough," Enger says — until he graduated and got a job as a head hunter in North Carolina.

After a year and a half, they relocated back to Oregon to be closer to family, and the pair was married last June.

"So awesome. I love it," Enger said of the married life. "She's my best friend and I couldn't be happier."

Enger got his degree from OSU in

business entrepreneurship now works as a sales representative for Northwest Concession Supply in Portland, which makes much of its sales from popcorn machines including the ones in Les Schwab stores. Northwest Concessions

has just five employees, which Enger loves. He's used to working in groups of five, after all, from his days on OSU's offensive line.

"There's a huge teamwork aspect to it," Enger said. "I love that. If something needs to get done, there's only five of us, so we do everything we can to make the team thrive. I really like that, the camaraderie the company has."

Enger, 25, hopes to one day own his own business. As for the popcorn at his current job, Enger has done pretty well at abstaining from the buttery treats on a daily basis.

"I try not to eat too much," he said with a laugh. "We're trying to sell it all."

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**At OSU:** Enger was a team captain in 2013 and earned Pac-12 Honorable Mention honors for the second year in a row while playing right guard and right tackle. He started 31 games for the Beavers despite multiple injuries, finishing his career with the Hawaii Bowl victory over Boise State in 2013.

## Alex Linnenkohl:

Football offensive lineman, 2006-2010

**After OSU:** Linnenkohl went undrafted in 2011, but played for the Chicago Bears in the preseason that year. After being released, he headed to the Arena Football League's Iowa Barnstormers, where he started all 18 games in his first full year of professional football.

Linnenkohl retired shortly after and began a "weight loss mission." At 6-foot-2, he weighed about 310 pounds at his career's close and dropped to 285 the following offseason. In Nov. 2013 he decided to lose more weight, and went from 285 pounds to 220 in about three months. The method wasn't anything spectacular; he focused on consistent exercise and eating every meal at home. He partnered in the weight loss endeavor with a friend who needed to lose weight for a railroad job that required a certain body mass index. Linnenkohl approached the plan like a coach, putting an exercise and meal plan together.

"It helped me to be a coach on it and participate myself rather than to do it on my own," Linnenkohl said, who has kept the weight off ever since. "It really wasn't all that hard, I just got in a habit."

Linnenkohl, who turns 28 on March

17, sells building automation sensors for Senva, Inc., as a day job, but coaching is his real passion. He's coached with Barton Football Academy and Lincoln High School in Portland, and now coaches the offensive line at Westview High School under head coach and former OSU football player Ryan Atkinson.

"I realized at the end of my career that I understood the ins and outs of playing O-Line to a further level than my body achieved. I kind've maxed out my body," he said. "I could show a guy what needs to be done, but my body couldn't quite achieve it."

His biggest drive right now is the "lineman-only training outfit" he started recently called LinePro, which hosts camps for linemen prospects, mainly high schoolers. The coaches are all former college or NFL linemen, and Linnenkohl hopes to eventually make LinePro his full-time job and build it into a state-wide operation, if not bigger.

"I'm in that spot where I'm trying to build and build," he said. "My passion is coaching and developing young linemen."



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Linnenkohl has been heavily involved in coaching since his NFL career came to a close, both at the high school level and with his own company, LinePro.



**At OSU:** Linnenkohl was a three-year starter for the Beavers and made the Rimington Award Watch List in 2010 as one of the NCAA's best centers. A team co-captain in 2010, Linnenkohl earned Second Team All-Pac-10 Honors his senior year. He also received Pac-10 All-Academic honors three consecutive years and was awarded the 2011 Tom Hansen Conference Medal.

## The Bottom Line

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My solitary obsession is getting out of control

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OSU baseball's ranking according to Baseball America.

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Gymnastics	3/4 vs. SPU and Ball St.
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M. Basketball	3/5 @ UCLA

# Sports

# Beavers prepare for Pac-12 Tournament



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## OSU women's basketball team looking to improve upon last year's early exit

Preparing for Washington State or USC: With a first-round bye in the Pac-12 Tournament, the Beavers do not have the benefit of knowing their next opponent. They will be playing whoever wins the USC-Washington State matchup happening tonight at 6:00 pm, which means practice has been split between taking measures for self-improvement and also preparing for both teams.

"We've been focusing on the things we need to improve on from last weekend," said senior forward Deven Hunter. "Then it will be more of what we did against those two teams and putting in our offense for that."

Any perceived lack of preparation should not be too much of a worry for the Beavers, as they

have already seen their fair share of the two teams. Through conference play, the Beavers have already beaten both USC twice and Washington State once on the road. Additionally, assistant coaches have done some extra scouting work throughout the season to prepare for this very situation.

"We have assigned scouts for our staff during the year. Those coaches have those teams all year, including the tournament," said head coach Scott Rueck. "They've been working, and fortunately (USC and Washington State) have separate coaches."

Beavers react to receiving Pac-12 Honors—Over the weekend, several Beavers were showered with Pac-12 honors, including two of the most prestigious awards available. Senior guard Jamie Weisner won Pac-12 Player of the Year and senior center Ruth Hamblin won her second-straight Defensive Player of the Year award. The news was quick to spread, and

teammates were eager to shower praise.

"It was great to see, it was well-deserved for both of them. They played a great season," Hunter said. "It's great to see teammates, especially fellow seniors win awards like that."

While Hamblin ceded that the award was a welcome confirmation of her defensive identity, she was quick to shower praise on her teammates.

"It's certainly neat. I think it's cool that I can be an anchor defensively down there for our team," Hamblin said. "It's definitely a team-award in a lot of ways, because if we weren't winning and doing the things that we're doing, I wouldn't be getting that."

No time for kicking back: The Beavers are looking to prevent a repeat of last year, when they won the Pac-12 championship only to be bumped in the second round by ninth-seeded Colorado. Junior guard Sydney Wiese blames last year's early exit to inexperience and a lack of mental fortitude, something she sees as a stark difference going into post-season play

this time around.

"I don't think we were (ready.) It's tough, because none of us had won a conference championship before," Wiese said. "Obviously, we were on the highest high, and then you forget you're going up to Seattle to face the same teams that you've already played two times."

"It's changed this year. I know that we're very focused going into this weekend. We learned that each team is going to come and bring their best effort, because it honestly is a one-and-done tournament."

With bad memories of last year still fresh in mind, Rueck has also recognized the differences leading up to Friday's game.

"They're not relaxing, saying 'hey, we don't play till Friday,' or 'we won the Pac-12, we're satisfied.' It's the opposite, actually," Rueck said. "They got after each other (in Tuesday's practice) and wanted to get better. It was awesome to see."

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# Damian Lillard for SMVP (Wait, What?)



By Max Braly  
Sports Contributor

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Damian Lillard without question has become one of

the best players in the NBA, but is he MVP worthy?

The 2015-16 NBA campaign is truly one for the history books, as the Golden State Warriors and their frontman Stephen Curry push to break the league's now 20 year old single-season win total record set by the Chicago Bulls back in 1996. As the Warriors attempt to surpass the 72 win mark, we can't help but ask ourselves if Curry could be in the conversation for the best basketball player of all-time.

Personally, I think it is far

too early in Curry's career to compare him to NBA greats, but when you watch him play you can't help but wonder if he will end up being considered a legend with the likes of Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Larry Bird and LeBron James.

Yes, Curry's stats seem like they could only exist in the latest copy of NBA 2K, but they aren't the biggest reason why we all put him on our 'Best Player Ever Watch Lists.' The way he gets those remarkable stats is the real reason why he is on that list. We have all fallen in love with the three point shot and when someone makes them look as straightforward as a layup, we take note.

Curry is shooting 47 percent from beyond the arc, which is surprisingly only good enough for third in the league, but he doubles and triples the number of attempts as the second and first place shooters respectively.

The NBA has seen great shooters before, but none have had Curry's range--don't be surprised if you see him drill a 35 footer as effortlessly as I peel the wrapper off of a Twix candy bar. He doesn't even need a moment either, the release is so quick that affecting his shot is difficult even if the defense is tight.

If his shooting trends continue, Curry would only be the seventh player to join the 50-40-90 club--access to the exclusive club requires shooting over 50 percent from the field, 40 percent from three, and 90 percent on free throws. Most of us get so caught up

in the deep ball, that we forget about the rest of his game. On top of his league high 30.7 points per game 'Chef' Curry is an above average passer, dishing out 6.6 assists per game as well.

Barring some crazy tragedy, Curry has pretty much sealed up his victory for this season's MVP award. Since it's only the start of March and the league's most prestigious individual award is already off the table, let's pretend that there was an extra--albeit slightly less prestigious--award to hand out, the Second-Most Valuable Player award (SMVP).

Who else but Damian Lillard is worthy of this award?

Sure, we could consider guys like Kevin Durant, LeBron James, or heck even Curry's teammate Draymond Green for the coveted SMVP, but all these guys are doing exactly what they are supposed to do--they perform well on good teams.

The Blazers are a bit more defiant than that. Some NBA experts predicted Portland's only offensive weapon to be Lillard and they were picked to come in 29th place out of 30, thanks to LaMarcus Aldridge's departure his presumed replacements. So a big jump in Lillard's statistical production this season was to be expected. Now, he is Portland's undisputed best player and the team is actually winning.

Admittedly, the beginning of the season was a bit shaky for Portland, but recently they have turned it around. The



Blazers only accumulated one more loss than the Warriors and Spurs in February.

Their recent hot streak has the team tied with Dallas for sixth place in the western conference. That isn't the only surprise, they've also already surpassed the seemingly clairvoyant Las Vegas oddsmakers' season win total by six games, with a whopping 21 games left on the schedule.

To Portland's credit, the team as a whole has performed well, but recently Lillard has been absolutely unconscious. In the last nine games he has scored more than 30 points eight times, including his 51 point, seven assist, six steal, and zero turnover dismantling of the defending champions of Golden State.

Talk about a signature SMVP performance.

During the month of February, the Blazers went 9-2 and Lillard's scoring average was 29.8 points per game while adding 6.9 assists. Compare

that to the Thunder's 6-5 February record, Lillard scored roughly the same, assisted more, and gave up fewer turnovers than Durant.

After assessing all the candidates for SMVP, it's truly hard to not choose Lillard. If you remove any of the players I listed above off of their respective rosters, the teams' abilities to win are more or less unaffected. That certainly can't be said for Lillard, without him Portland's win total could easily be cut in half, if not more than that.

To me, the single most important aspect of a player's game is their ability affect game outcomes and Lillard is outright more valuable to his team than Durant, James, and Green are to theirs.

So Blazer fans, even though he is only the second most valuable player in the league, keep chanting "M-V-P".

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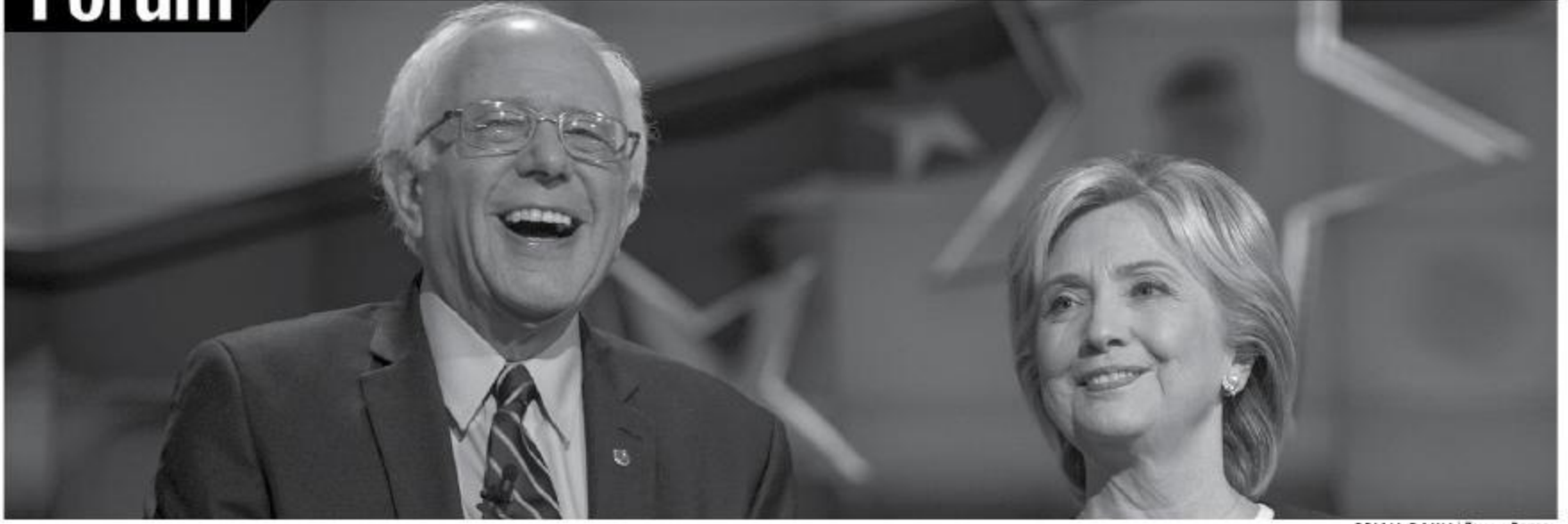
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## Current election not like 2008



By Sean Bassinger  
Forum contributor

Fellow "Berners"—it's time for a reality check.

What you see and hear on the dank stash of Bernie Sanders memes may be somewhat incorrect.

Now I'm not "calling" this game in the name of Hillary. I just want to set the record straight on who won this so-called "Super Tuesday" and what it all means going forward, because I've heard a lot of people make direct comparisons to this election and the 2008 primaries against Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

The 2016 primaries and caucuses took place

across several states Tuesday night, which include Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

Clinton won seven out of these 11 states, leaving her main opponent, Bernie Sanders, with Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Vermont.

It's also important to note that each earned virtually the same amount of delegates in Massachusetts.

This could still potentially boil down to "10-4 Hillary with a tie between both in one state."

It's safe to say Hillary Clinton has won the equivalent of this year's "Super Tuesday" primary elections.

So I couldn't help but notice a circulation of memes, images and statements on the fact that Hillary Clinton "swept" Super Tuesday back in 2008 and her former opponent, Barack Obama, still won in the end.

In regards to these claims, some poll records reflect different results.

First, it's important to distinguish between the fact that there were two "Super Tuesday" events in the 2008 election.

During the first "Super Tuesday" which took

place Feb. 3, 2008, Obama took a total of 14 out of 24 states and regions that voted in the Democratic primaries, versus Clinton's 10, according to primary poll data from the New York Times.

Now flash forward to "Super Tuesday II," which took place on March 4 (sounds closer to the Super Tuesday we all got done talking about).

This is where Clinton "swept" Obama, winning three out of four states available: Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas. Obama won Vermont.

I'm concerned that this misconception of the fact that there was more than one "Super Tuesday" event in the 2008 election may mislead other supporters of Senator Sanders to think they've got this in the bag.

In addition, I'm also concerned that Hillary supporters will believe the same.

In reality, it's still anybody's game.

Robert Reich, former U.S. secretary of labor under the Clinton administration, said it best in a recent Facebook post:

"In the next few months the primary map starts tilting in Bernie's favor: In later March: Maine, Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Arizona, Washington state, and Hawaii. In April:

Wisconsin, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island. In May: Indiana and Oregon. In June, California, New Jersey, and New Mexico."

Some of these states were included in the first "Super Tuesday" we saw Obama sweep in 2008, so in that regard there's still a good chance for Sanders.

It's also important to note, as also mentioned in a previous column from Riley Youngman, that superdelegates have the ability to switch sides if they please, and that overall delegate counts aren't finalized until the Democratic National Convention in July.

So fellow Bernie fans: Stay loud and proud for your candidate, but make sure you're still keeping up on more up-to-date information on the issues and not just spouting out "we can do this because we can" rhetoric.

Oh, and get out and vote before the Tuesday, May 17 deadline when you receive your ballot. That helps, too.

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## Understand feminism



By Skye J. Lyon  
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Waking up Tuesday morning to flavorless \$1.50 coffee and mindlessly sifting through BuzzFeed articles in my PHL 434 class, a friend took notice and recommended I watch the video, "Am I A Good Feminist?" The title alone peaked my interest and caused me to jump to various assumptions of what I was about to observe.

I normally do not concern myself with issues such as these; however, I find it somewhat amusing how women—at times—can engulf themselves in anger over male gender roles and feminine stereotypes.

Before an influx of agitated letters head in my direction, I implore you to watch this

video. I am solely offering my critique on this clip and the way these specific women depict feminism.

After viewing these ladies comically partake in a back and forth debate on the social issues at hand, I can safely deduce that we consume our minds with trivial doubts and rapid questions over a woman's place in the world.

The moment we stop over analyzing everything men, other women, the professional and social world may throw at us, we will allow ourselves to embrace our true self. By dwelling on whether or not it is appropriate for a woman to accept a man's chivalry or if it is okay to utterly despise Beyoncé, we slowly begin to displace our mental freedom and place our opinions in a constant state of hesitation.

We suppress our opinions, in fear that the "politically correct" mass of minds will strike us down.

In many ways, our contemporary social culture has bred us to be overly sensitive. It is the last true chameleonic defense in our modern era that is forced down our throats.

Be strong and unapologetic. Even if that means you tread against the status quo. That alone makes you a prolific woman.

If you choose not to follow the formula of conventional feminism, as depicted in this video, it will not make you a horrible person. As long as the genders are treated with respect, there should be no lingering issue; however, one should not be criticized if their opinions vary to the majority.

You can believe in romantic forms of chivalry and still be an empowered woman.

You can listen to Chris Brown, sing along to Robin Thicke's, "Blurred Lines" and admire your sexualized beauty.

As long as you abide by your own convictions and humbly acknowledge differing perspectives, you are one step closer to separating yourself from the multitude of "sheep-like" followers.

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## Bad decision to suspend degree

### Letter to the editor

I was very disappointed to read the article about the suspension of the International Degree program.

The ID program was one of the primary reasons I chose to attend OSU in 1994, and it provided me with the most meaningful experience of my entire undergraduate career. I believe that I got my first job because of my experience in the ID program. (I took my thesis with me to my job interview!)

I am still in touch with and close to the people I met and worked with in Mexico as part of my international experience. In fact, I am taking my 3 year old daughter with me to visit them this May.

I hope to cultivate an appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a global citizen in my children, in the same way the ID program did for me.

I am thankful to OSU for providing me with the incredible opportunities through the ID program and I am deeply saddened

“...I am deeply saddened to hear that future students will not receive this benefit.”

to hear that future students will not receive this benefit.

Sincerely,

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## Catch showings of cult classics

The Darkside Cinema, located in downtown Corvallis is a small theatre that regularly plays independent, foreign and art films.

### Screening of favorite films free for all to enjoy

By Taylor Collins

Arts & Entertainment Contributor  
Ygal Kaufman, an avid lover of film, decided to create an ongoing event where the Corvallis community can gather to watch classic movies.

Kaufman partnered with Darkside Cinema, an independently owned theatre located downtown, to host Community Movie Night every Tuesday evening. Unlike most theatres in the area, Darkside Cinemas shows silent short films like Charlie Chaplin's "The Rink" (1916) or classics such as Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" (1942).

The idea of putting on movie screenings with free entry popped into Kaufman's mind when he realized that

the "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) is considered in the public domain, meaning that anyone owns the rights to it.

"When I realized that it was free, I started wondering what other of these movies are technically free and why doesn't a theatre just show classic movies all the time?" Kaufman said. "So I started doing it and it's as easy as it sounds."

Kaufman decided to collaborate with his friend, Justin Schepige to have live musical scores played throughout the movies. During screenings of silent films, Schepige performs solo on his organ or with his jazz band, Manhattan on the Rocks, to improve the sound track.

"This is a great way for me to practice and do something creative. We're hoping by offering the unique experience of live music and



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Justin Schepige, jazz musician and Ygal Kaufman, the coordinator who chooses which movies will be screened every Tuesday at the cinema.

silent movies we can grow even more from what Ygal has already set up with the Community Movie Night," Schepige said.

As the event becomes more popular, Schepige would like to take challenge himself

while he improves on his organ.

"So far we've just done traditional silent films but we are looking to get outside that box," Schepige said. "I would love to play with something with dialogue but finding

"I think that The Darkside gives them a more enriching film experience and they can really see better films and more important films and learn something about the exhibition of films."

Ygal Kaufman  
Organizer of Community Movie Night

a movie that doesn't have a sound track already in it or taking the sound track out of it might be a challenge. So we're looking into that.

This past Tuesday, Kaufman chose to screen Jean Renoir's "The Southerner" (1945). Kaufman decided to choose this film because it is one of his personal favorites. "The Southerner" stars Zachary Scott, Betty Field and Beulah Bondi and is about the life and struggle of a poor Texan family as they try to create a better life for themselves.

In-between the silent film and the featured film, Kaufman screens short newsreels of documentaries and cartoons produced the same year of the movie. During the last screening, moviegoers piled into the lobby of the Darkside and greeted Kaufman before entering the theatre to take their seats. Inside of the cinema, there are three screening rooms and a concession stand that sells tickets, popcorn and candy. The cinema attracts people from around town, who attend the event frequently.

"The Darkside Cinema is great, we come here every Tuesday," said Marie Roll, Corvallis local.

In addition to community members, Kaufman hopes to have the attendance of more

students.

"It's a great thing for students, you know? It's the one thing that we don't really get much of because I think there's a huge disconnect between the university and Corvallis," Kaufman said. "It's just crazy that we're not having more fun with each other."

Community Movie Night will give younger generations the opportunity to understand the importance of cultural influences that films have, according to Kaufman.

"I think The Darkside gives them a more enriching film experience and they can really see better films and more important films and learn something about the exhibition of films," Kaufman said. "It's sort of a dying art form. So I think that the Darkside is a great place to come and experience film."

Community Movie Night with Ygal Kaufman starts at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and is located on 4th St. The weekly schedule of movies is listed on their website. The event is free but donations are welcomed.

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