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Oregon State University students and community members filled the Memorial Union quad with pictures, poems, quotes and statistics in chalk pertaining to Earth Day and other social issues that were highlighted in chalk throughout the sidewalks in the quad. The mural was part of the Earth Week, cleberation happening on campus.

Earth Justice Mural weaves social issues together on campus

By Brendan Carr News Contrbutor

At the beginning of Monday, the Earth Justice Mural in the Memorial Union quad consisted of a circle of the words "Beyond Earth Day" with paths diverting from the center of the quad, each labeled with a different social issue.

"Each of the pathways leading towards the center of the quad represent a different set of justice issues," said Kali Furman, interim coordinator for social change leadership programs at OSU.

Furman said the inspiration for the social issues came from students on campus, people from different offices and people who have done the event in years prior. The issues highlight the different ways social injustices and people working towards social justice affect the earth.

These ideas include education, poverty, poetry, Black Lives Matter, water and food, gender justice, OSU Divest and healthcare.

As the day progressed, mural transformed. Members of the Oregon State University Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI) and people from the community added poems, quotes and statistics to each of the different social issues.

One poem from the collection was "Justice with No Lie," by Dave Alan Walker. The poem discussed themes involving telling the truth and making justice absent of lies.

"I don't like to use academic terms," said Jesseanne Pope, a

senior in sociology and the dialogue educator with SSI. "Access to higher education has excluded certain people."

According to Pope, the rhetoric used engages students who are stuck in the day to day." Students walking through the quad can simply look down and find a new issue they had never considered before.

"All these issues are connected," Pope said.

Connecting these issues, Pope explained how education and inequality are related. According to Pope, while universities cannot exclude prospective students based on race, the higher rates of poverty among certain groups can cause an institutional bias against them.

Another example of institutional bias, according to Pope, is wheelchair accessibility on the OSU campus. According to Pope, certain buildings do not have ramps or elevators beyond the first floor. This means that wheelchair users are excluded from floors beyond the first. Pope called this way of thinking "holistic sustainability."

By the afternoon, the center of the "Beyond Earth Day" circle contained a makeshift map of the

According to Furman, the inspiration behind the map came from an episode of "West Wing." In the show, a character is shown how a traditional map of the world distorts the size and location of nations. The character is then shown a more accurate map that

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Kali Furman Interim Coordinator for Social Change Leadership Programs

differs from the traditional one. Furman hoped to highlight this different with the map in the

According to Furman, in the same episode, the White House encouraged underrepresented groups to come inform the presias "Big Wheel of Cheese Day." Similar to this, Furman said students coming to the mural were encouraged to grab a piece of chalk and help build the project.

Holly Duewiger, a junior zoology major, took a piece of chalk to help contribute. When Duewiger found out she could add on to the mural, she was excited, a fan of chalking and art.

"I'm going to be drawing a flower," Duewiger said.



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Social issues written on the sidewalks on campus included poverty, income inequality, access to water and food, gender justice and more.



BLOCK

Calendar

TUESDAY, April 19

Event

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Legislation on Climate Change in Oregon - Can We Lead the Way Towards Clean Energy?

Location: Snell Hall International

State Senator Chris Edwards will talk about how legislation can help society to transition to cleaner energy sources.

Center Plaza

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 16th Annual Community Fair Location: Student Experience

An annual fair of 40+ groups from on- and off-campus fering activities and information about he listic sustainability

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Native Plant Sale at the Community

Location: Student Experience Center Plaza

This popular event serves to educate the OSU community about native Oregon plants and raise funds for Avivarra

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bicycle Sale at the Community Fair Location: Student Experience Center Plaza

Swing by OSU Surplus Property's booth where we will be selling used bicycles.

WEDNESDAY, April 20

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. The Links between Climate Change & Environmental Justice

Location: Memorial Union Room

Discussing research and experiences of native cultures and climate change, past, present and future

Meeting

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Death Cafe Corvallis

Location: 26th St. Beanery, 2541 NW Monroe St., Corvallis OR Come drink coffee, eat cake, and discuss death with interesting people.

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Danger of a Single Perspective: Climate

Location: International Recourse Center (IRC), SEC room 112

A discussion on how climate change has impacted your way of life.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. "Just Eat It"

Location: MU Horizon Room Filmmakers and food-lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their own fridge.

THURSDAY, April 21

Discussion

12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association Location: Talisman

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Horoscope

Today's Birthday (04/19/16), Love is the name of the game this year. Schedule a vacation together for after 5/9. Make long-term financial plans, and invest after 8/13. Real estate? Family gains after 9/1 lead to a turning point in a community effort after 9/16. Follow your passion

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — For the next month, with the Sun in Taurus, cash flow rises. Collaborative efforts go farther today and tomorrow. Take the shortest route. Postpone travel and shipping. Setbacks are part of the

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 - Focus on work today and tomorrow. Your self-confidence increases for the next four weeks. with the sun in your sign. You're in your own element. You have the advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today is a 5 - Rest and relax over the next two days. Take extra time for

Kappa Kappa Gamma

welcomes you to

peaceful contemplation this month. with the sun in Taurus. Finish old business. Get more done behind closed doors.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Home improvements have your attention today and tomorrow. It's party time over the next month. the sun in Taurus. You're especially popular. Invite friends over and share the results of your

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 — You learn especially quickly today and tomorrow. For the next four weeks, with the Sun in Taurus, advance your professional agenda. Career matters move to the front

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 — The next two days could be profitable. Don't let it slip through your fingers. Travel beckons this month. Expand an exploration. Study your route and options at

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 — You're getting stronger today and tomorrow. Make financial plans this month, with the

join us for our annual

philanthropy

Sun in Taurus, Invest for the future. The more organized you get, the more you save. Sort, count and file.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -Today is a 8 - Relax and enjoy an organizational project today and tomorrow. Close out old files. Clear space for new possibilities. with Sun in Taurus. Rely on each other for support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Enjoy a two-day social phase. Your work suits you for the next month, with the Taurus Sun. It's easier to get the job done. Take extra care of your physical well-being, with your busy

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — A professional challenge has your focus today and tomorrow. Take advantage of an opportunity. You're lucky in love, romance and games over the next month. Practice your talents. Pursue matters of the heart.

Aguarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Study, research and travel for an answer over the next two days. A home renovation could disrupt your workflow over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. Improvements begin with a big

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — To avoid a potential financial problem, play the game exactly by the book. Tackle detailed chores today or tomorrow. Communications and research thrive over the next month. Write, message.

Sudoku

Monday 4-6 pm



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News

Police Beat

April 15 -April 16

Compiled from the Corvallis Police Department

All those arrested for crimes are considered innocent until proven quilty

Friday, April 15 Asleep at the wheel

Police responded to the report of a driver stopped at a light with a vehicle running who was possibly intoxicated. The officer found the driver asleep with his foot on the break and the car in drive. The officer knocked on the window for several seconds until the driver woke up. The driver

was tested and arrested for DUII and Reckless Driving, and was also cited for a MIP.

Brotherly love

Officers responded to a report of two brothers who had been fighting one another. One brother had an injury to his left forehead and right shin and stated he was in pain. The brothers had been arguing over the dishes when one chased

the other out of the house holding a shovel and threatening the other. One brother was taken into custody for Assault IV-DV.

Saturday, April 16 Raise the roof

Officers responded to a

residence for a report of a disturbance and upon arrival found approximately 80 people on the roof of the building yelling. The officer

said the yelling could be heard from over 200 feet away and a resident of the house was issued a citation for Loud Noise and an SRN.

Drunk drive thru

A local fast food restaurant called police to report that an intoxicated driver was going through the drive thru and provided the officers with the license plate number. Officers were able

to locate the man driving the car at his residence later and the found the man visibly impaired. He admitted to driving under after consuming alcohol. He refused testing though and was taken into custondy, and after consenting to a breath test, blew a BAC of 0.19%.

Plastic washing up on beaches



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Plastic bottles and ropes are buried in the sand at Long Beach in Southwest Washington on April 8, 2016. Debri from the Japanese tsunami are floating ashore.

By Hal Bernton

The Seattle Times

LONG BEACH, Wash.-Several times each week, Russ Lewis and a few friends pick up litter that washes ashore on a 7-mile stretch of ocean shoreline, and most of it is plastics of one kind

Some of the stuff, such as the strapping akin to what Northwest crabbers use to wrap around bait most likely comes from close by.

Other items, such as a mannequin head with Japanese writing-are presumed to be part of the detritus from the March 2011 Japanese tsunami that continues to wash ashore in the Pacific

"Sometimes the truck looks like a covered wagon, it is so loaded down with trash," said Lewis, a retired federal worker who lives in Ocean

Plastics are one of the most ubiquitous products of the petrochemical industry. One study estimates the oceans receive nearly 6 million to almost 13 million metric tons of plastics each year. This debris takes a huge toll on birds, fish, marine mammals and other sea life, either through entanglement or ingestion of degraded bits and pieces

"It really is a systemic threat to the health of the ocean itself," said Kathryn Sullivan, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who visited Long Beach last week to help mark the 10th anniversary of an agency program that works to combat marine debris.

"If we open the stomachs of dead and stranded mammals and seabirds, we are finding increasing amounts of marine debris -plastics, Styrofoam, beads and such-in their guts. That's like a slow poisoning from within," Sullivan said.

Washington shorelines are a major collection point for marine debris and are the focal point of the annual coast cleanup April 23 at more than 50 beaches on the outer coast and Strait of Juan

"This winter storms we know brought in a lot of debris," said John Schmidt, Washington Coast Savers coordinator for the cleanup, "We had 1,500 volunteers last year, and we encourage folks to

register so we know how many to plan for."

Plastics dominate the human-generated trash strewn along Washington's coasts. One two-year survey of 17 coastal sites found that plastics formed 92 percent of marine debris, according to Liam Antrim, a researcher at the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, who presented his findings last week in Long Beach.

Some of this debris comes from regional sources, such as trash washed out to sea by the Columbia or other rivers, or gear lost from coastal fishing boats or oyster farms,

Other debris spins off from a massive collection point—a gyre—that circles about in the North Pacific. Though it is sometimes called the garbage patch, NOAA researchers say this gathering zone is largely made up of smaller pieces of plastic, which may lie below the surface and are not easily seen from the side of a boat.

Some of this material consists of microplastics beads, fibers and pellets used in manufacturing or degraded from larger chunks. These have been found in the stomachs of marine life ranging from plankton to whales, and NOAA reports that researchers are studying how they may move through the food chain.

Marine debris from the Japanese tsunami also gets caught in the gyre, and some of that material continues-a half-decade later-to make its way to Washington's coasts.

Lewis, a beach comber who in 2012 decided to focus on beach cleanups, has been monitoring the flow of suspected tsunami debris, such as chunks of foam housing insulation and plastic bottles, and totes with Japanese writing,

Lewis and his team annually haul away about 10 tons of debris from the beaches, and he estimates that about half is suspected Japanese debris. He said most of what arrives now is slowermoving debris below the water line and thus unlike high-riding buoys _ didn't get a boost from prevailing winds.

The tsunami debris also has proved to be a surprisingly capable transporter of coastal species from one continent to another. More than 350 Japanese species have been identified on objects that washed ashore in Hawaii or on the

North American Pacific Coast, About 100 of those species were found in Washington.

They include fish, mollusks, algae and many other forms of sea life, according to Allen Pleus, who leads an aquatic invasive species program for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Some of these Japanese species arrived on two concrete docks swept away from the port of Misawa.

Others species were found attached to-or in -Japanese boats, largely made from fiberglass, that came ashore.

So far there 65 of these boat and boat pieces have been found on the coastlines of Hawaii and North America. Twenty-five of those came ashore in Washington, including a 16-foot fiberglass skiff

found just last month south of Kalaloch Beach. with registration numbers now being checked by the Japanese consulate.

The number of Japanese species found on this debris varies greatly.

"It is very strange," Pleus said. "Sometimes it comes in, and you find only a handful. And sometimes it comes in and looks like Noah's Ark."

Some experts worry that newly introduced species could establish themselves in the Northwest and eventually harm native Northwest species,

"We don't know, and we're not looking very closely," Pleus said. "The resources that we have now are very limited."

The Seattle Times



Supreme Court divided over immigration case

By Maria Recio Mc Clatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - A divided Supreme Court considered President Barack Obama's far-reaching immigration program affecting 4 million people Monday as hundreds of chanting protesters gathered outside.

The court heard oral arguments in Texas v. U.S., a challenge by the Lone Star State and 25 other states to the Obama administration's 2014 policy allowing immigrant parents of U.S.born or legal-resident children who have here illegally since 2010 to defer deportation and get work permits.

Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, or DAPA, never took effect, because Texas secured a preliminary injunction against it. (The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, DACA, program applies to children brought to the U.S. illegally and is not affected by this case, except for the administration's proposal to extend the work permit for so-called Dreamers to three years from two.)

Chief lustice John Roberts Jr. sparred Monday with Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. over the government's position that Texas did not have "standing" to sue the federal government. The state claims that having to issue an additional 500,000 driver's licenses as a result of the program is a burdensome cost that gives it the right to sue.

The government counters that states would be able to sue over any program or regulation to which they objected.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the swing vote when the court had nine members, questioned the administration making a decision that he said belonged to Congress. "That seems to me to have it backwards. It's as if - that the president is setting the policy and the Congress is executing it. That's just upside down."

(There are currently eight members of the court after Justice Antonin Scalia died in February.)

Obama acted after lawmakers failed to pass a comprehensive immigration overhaul in 2014. The Supreme Court case is considered to be extremely political, with immigration a frontburner issue in the 2016 presidential campaign.

In the presidential race, Republican front-runner Donald Trump has made immigration a centerpiece of his campaign, calling for the deportation of the approximately 11 million immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally.

To qualify for deferred action under DAPA, individuals must have lived continuously in the United States since Jan. 1, 2010, have to register with the government and must pass a criminal background check.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, front-runner for the Democratic nomination, issued a statement on the case. "President Obama acted within his legal and constitutional authority in halting the deportation of parents and children, and I hope the court will uphold his actions," she said. "If elected president, I will do everything I can to protect the president's executive actions and go further to bring more people relief and keep families together."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor sparred with Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller over the millions of immigrants in the United States illegally. Keller told her, "Congress has to grant the statutory authority first for the executive to be able to act. And to do so, on a question that's of this deep economic significance, it would have to do so expressly."

Sotomayor retorted, "Those nearly 11 million unauthorized aliens are here in the shadows. They are affecting the economy whether we want to or not. The answer is, if Congress really wanted



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Thousands of supporters for President Barack Obama's stance on immigration stand outside the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday in Washington, D.C. The court is split along party lines.

not to have an economic impact, it would - it would allot the amount of money necessary to deport them, but

The three female justices interjected frequently throughout the 90-minute argument - Justices Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg following on each other's comments and those of Sotomayor. Justice Clarence Thomas did not ask any questions, as is his custom, but he is considered a reliably conservative vote.

Observers were as deeply divided as the court.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement, "Our lawsuit to stop President Obama's illegal immigration policy is about a concept as old as the nation's founding: that one person cannot unilaterally change the law."

Rebecca Acuna, executive director of the Dallas-based Latino Center for Leadership Development, said in a statement what the mostly Latino demonstrators were saying outside the

Supreme Court.

"The outcome of these decisions could have a life-changing impact on Texas families while also providing an economic boost to our state," she said. "These policies will allow families with deep ties to this country to legally work and contribute even more to our economy."

A decision is expected in June. In the case of a 4-4 tie, the injunction would stay in place.

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Where are they now?



At OSU: Paulescu was the first punter in OSU history to receive First-Team All-Conference honors, which he attained his senior year in 2005 while averaging 43.0 yards per punt. He made the Ray Guy Award watch list in 2005, given to the NCAA's best punter, and had a career long punt of 69 yards in



Football punter and kicker from 2004-2005

By Josh Worden Senior Beat Reporter

Now: Paulescu bounced around the NFL from 2007-2011, making seven different stops in that time including Denver, Dallas, Tampa Bay and Washington. It was immediately before leaving for a stint in Dallas that the Fullerton, Calif. native was introduced to his future wife, Laura. The two met through mutual friends in Portland in 2007, but after one get-together Paulescu headed off for Texas. The two kept in touch over the phone and then dated long-distance for the first six months of the relationship.

"We just had this long, long conversation and it was just different," Paulescu said. Within two to three months, I knew she was different and I could see her as my wife."

They married in 2009 and now have two daughters, aged four and one. The family life has been a "roller coaster, but a fun roller coaster," Paulescu said.

Paulescu, 33, spent some time coaching at a high school in Colorado after his time in the NFL ended. Once Paulescu started a career in sales, his brother-in-law floated the idea of selling recreational vehicles; now Paulescu works for Johnson RV in Sandy, Ore. It's not the flashiest of jobs, but Paulescu has loved

the last two years of his career path.
"I really enjoy it. I really do," he said. "It's been a huge blessing. For people that's a dream to go camping, to travel around. It's a want, it's not a need, and I get to help people do that."

Blazers need to bounce back



Looking back on the Trail Blazer's 20 point game-one loss to the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round of the playoffs, I think there are some things that need to be changed in order to put Portland back in the winning column.

Even though Damian Lillard distributed the ball well, eight assists just won't cut it against the helphappy defense of the Clippers. It isn't purely Lillard's fault, he gave guys some solid looks but the shots weren't knocked down. If the Blazers want to take game two, Lillard and CJ McCollum will need to combine for at least 15 assists.

I thought the Blazers actually

as a team Portland kept pace with the Clippers assists, stayed in range of their rebounds (50-57), unfortunately had more turnovers but capitalized better off of their mistakes (points off turnovers favored

What kept Portland from taking game one was their shooting percentage. The team couldn't take advantage of open looks and were outshot by the Clippers 53.8 percent to the Blazers' 39.8 percent.

During Sunday night's game there was a definitive moment that excited me. Lillard was going for a hand off and was tripped up by Chris Paul, that's when DeAndre Jordan reached for the ball and ended up grabbing Lillard's shoulder as well. On Portland's official website, they released a video replay of the situa-tion and titled it "Clippers get Lillard 'Damegry." At this point in the game, there was 3:30 left in the first half and the score was tied. I thought for sure this would send Lillard into LT a.k.a. "Lilliard Time" and would help the Blazers secure a lead going into halftime. No such luck as the Blazers finished the half 1-for-8.

executed their gameplan very well, the chance of taking down the the Blazers by shooting only 8-for-18 all-star Blake Griffin. For the most



Clippers. They need some timely LT and win the waning moments of each half. This has always been a priority of head coach Terry Stotts as he frequently saves timeouts in order to draw up a quick play and exploit each possession, sometimes in order to get the 2-for-1 shot opportunity.

Other times exploiting the possession battle isn't very exciting. On Sunday, Stotts decided to employ the 'Hack-a-DeAndre' tactic and it worked, kind of. The Blazers had five more field goal attempts despite the This is where the Blazers need Clippers having less turnovers and

from the stripe. If Portland continues to utilize this strategy--which I think and hope they do--then the offense needs to step up and start making shots.

I was disappointed when I looked over the box-score after the game. Al-Farouq Aminu took more shots than CJ McCollum and that just can't happen. While CJ didn't have the best shooting night, the Blazers need him to be rolling if they want to win. I think Aminu's best role on the team is more of a third option scorer and first option defender.

Aminu was tasked for most of the to improve if they want to have more rebounds. Jordan even helped night to defend Clippers' five time

part Griffin was held at bay offensively. Making him a non-factor will be key to Portland's success this postseason.

A silver lining in Sunday night's loss was the play of Gerald Henderson. He and Chris Kaman were the only two Blazers who didn't have a negative plus-minus--Kaman only played eight minutes during garbage time and had plus two. Granted Henderson netted a zero, but still he proved he could be affective when his teammates weren't pulling their share of the load, His 16 points on Sunday was good enough to be the second best scorer behind Lillard's 21 points.

With all things considered the rivalry between the Clippers and Blazers is growing quick. Tempers flared more than once and that shows that both teams want to win at all costs. When both teams display that mentality the most likely outcome is an ultra-competitive game. Though that mentality wasn't blatant for the Blazers throughout game one, expect much more moving forward.

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Sports Who will the Pac crown?



With the midpoint of the Pac-12 play quickly approaching, one question has surged around the conference.

Does anyone want to win the Pac-12 title?

Six teams, Oregon State, Oregon, Washington, Stanford, Cal and Utah, are all within two games in the loss column. No team has asserted itself as the alpha dog in the conference, there is no daunting weekend series, there is no favorite.

Oregon State, the runaway pre-season favorite, currently has a 6-6 conference record with series losses to Cal (sweep) and Washington State. Utah leads the conference with only four losses. Cal dropped four of six against Oregon and Arizona State, Washington has won back-to-back series and Stanford has the best pitching in the conference.

In a way this feels like Pac-12 basketball this season, only the exact opposite.

This season marked the first time a team with less than 10 conference wins (OSU) made it to the the NCAA tournament. A large part of that had to do with each teams Rating Percentage Index (RPI), a formula that judges the strength of a team's schedule, and how they perform against that schedule.

The computers loved Pac-12 hoops, all of the record seven teams invited to the Dance

ference tournament. Oregon (4 RPI) Utah (8), Cal (17), Arizona (26), Colorado (30), Oregon State (33) and USC (35) all received an 8-seed or higher in the NCAA tournament.

Pac-12 baseball has been pouring a beverage on the computers and essentially downloading viruses.

Cal is the only Pac-12 team with an PRI in the top-30 nationally. Oregon State's dropped to 44 after losing two of three against last-place Washington State over the weekend, with Washington, Stanford and Oregon settling with a score between 55 and 75.

Then there is Utah, the team that stands atop the conference with a 8-4 record. But wait their RPI is at 123, sandwiched in between Evansville of the Missouri Valley Conference, and Liberty, who has three wins in the Big South Conference. While the Utes have been impressive during conference play, outside of the Pac they are 5-15.

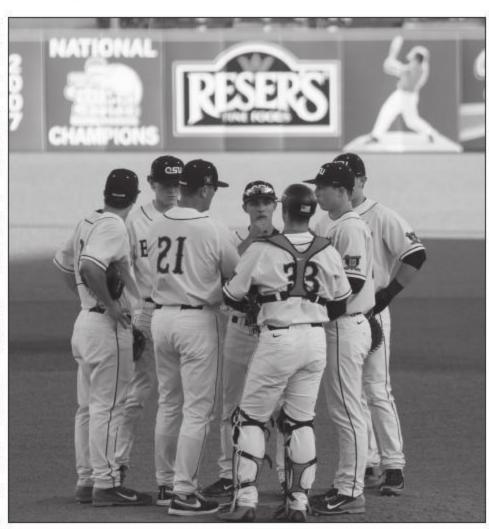
So Pac-12 baseball is doomed, right?

No team will likely host a regional, get a national seed, advance beyond the regionals or have a shot at a trip to Omaha, all this in the same conference that has won four of the last 10 College World Series. That may not be the case?

Remember those seven basketball teams that collectively had an average RPI of 21.8? Well all but two of those teams (Oregon and Utah) were bounced in the first round of the tournament, all losing to lower-seeded

All the 1's and 0's aside, this should be an exciting back half of conference play. Six teams in the title chase and each weekend series providing more and more pressure. Contenders will rise, while the pretenders slowly fade away.

The conference title is there for the taking, and it starts on Thursday when Oregon State takes on the Pac-12 finest, Utah Utes.



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The Beavers infield gathers at the mound to discuss the game plan against Washington.



Forum

Learn more about on-campus landmarks

By Jackie Keating Forum Contributor

Disclaimer: the following column does not deal with a happy subject, so maybe skip this one if you're looking for some uplifting, springy reading

Now then, since spring is in the air and as the many different plants are blooming in brilliant colors (ask your Botanist friends what they are; I have no idea), more people are milling about on campus. While you're out enjoying the campus sunshine, take a moment to let certain landmarks on campus pique your interest.

I say this because I did this recently. I was walking in the library quad and noticed a plaque in the shade of the huge tree outside Kidder Hall (again, ask someone more qualified what kind of tree it is). The plaque indicates only that it is in memory of Nancy Diane Wyckoff, who lived from 1954-1972, and is accompanied by a quote by Henry David Thoreau which reads "In wilderness is the preservation of the world."

I must have walked past this tree a hundred times, but had never stopped to wonder about the story behind the plaque. This time was an exception. I had nowhere to be, so I looked up the name on google and was sent to the original news article, which describes Miss Wyckoff's untimely, tragic, and gruesome death on the Oregon State

An article titled "Oregon State Coed Stabbed to Death in Dormitory Room" published in the Spokesman Review on February 9, 1972, gave me some background information on Nancy Diane Wyckoff. According to the article, she was an 18-year-old freshman from Glendale, California, and a math major. As stated in the headline, she was found stabbed to death in her dorm room, which was on the third floor of Poling Hall, when some other students "heard a scream come from Miss Wyckoff's room and then heard the sound of someone running down the hallway," according to the article.

How many histories are around us that we take for granted?

Horrifyingly, this had been the third attack on a female student in the past six days, although in the other two instances, the girls had apparently scared their attackers off with their screams.

This led me to wonder if the murderer had ever been caught. I found the answer in a March 17, 1972 article published in the Desert Sun. According to the article "Honor Student Held As Murder Suspect," the murderer was 17-year-old Marlowe James Buchanan, who lived on the second floor of Poling Hall, just a floor beneath where his victim lived, and was described as an "honor student" and 'a real nice guy." At least, before everyone found out that he murdered a fellow student in cold blood. That tends to change people's opinions

I tried to find out whether he had been sentenced to prison and where he is now, but unfortunately couldn't track down any information to answer these questions.

After going on this informative scavenger hunt, I pondered about how many other stories are marked on campus that I obliviously walk past every day while enveloped in my own schedule and little worries. How many histories are around us that we take for granted?

So here is my assignment for you: if you see something that you tend to walk by a lot on your way to class, take a moment to do a little sleuthing. These types of memorials are set up so that the legacies of those they're dedicated to aren't forgotten. Let's not forget them.

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Wrapping it up

By Sean Bassinger Forum Editor

Dear seniors: I hope you've had a meaningful four-to-six year experience here at Oregon State University—at least, I hope so for the sake of your expended tuition and fees.

We may be well past the norovirus (for now), but some students have another plague headed their way: The dreaded senioridis."

It's understandable that the coming adjustment may seem difficult, especially if you've been heavily involved with any on-campus experience-based activities during your tenure as a student.

But really, this is just the beginning.

Though some of us will have to say farewell to the random Wednesday night adventures out of nowhere, breaks lasting anywhere from one to 10 weeks and an array of awesome food choices less than a few feet away from where we work or study, there's still a lot to look forward to.

For starters, your network of contactskeep these folks around.

It's true that many of us may be scattered across the state, country and world, but this doesn't mean we can't stay in

serve as a future line of support, should of The Daily Barometer Staff. you ever need an additional recommenda-

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tion or (maybe, who knows) a place to stay if you wind up in the same area.

Perhaps, depending on your major and how many graduating seniors you have in your class, you could look into setting up some sort of gathering or outing to discuss future job prospects, how to put together an effective portfolio and just reminisce on the time that has passed.

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'Barbershop: The Next Cut' takes on gang violence

Movie review by Nick Sullivan A&E contributor

Ice Cube and Cedric the Entertainer are at it again with a belated addition to the "Barbershop" franchise that sports an impressive number of the original cast members. While dosed with a potent level of nostalgia, the film also progresses the overall plot of all the films and is filled to the brim with new actors and cameos.

The plot of "Barbershop: The Next Cut" takes place a little over a decade after the events of "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" and the first major change is, that due to a recession, the barbershop and the salon next door have combined into one business. The next major change is the amount of gang related violence that now occurs in modern day south side Chicago.

The vast increase in crime has led to the city considering putting an enclosure around the neighborhood in which the barbershop exists which would result in less customers and ultimately bankrupt the shop. As a result, it is now up to Calvin, played by Ice Cube, and the rest of the barbers, to end crime in Chicago or they will lose their shop.

This brings me to the problem of plot. I am not joking when I say that they choose to combat the problem of gang violence with simply giving out free haircuts for a weekend. That means that their plan is to gather all of the feuding gang members in one location despite the two group's propensity to shoot each other to death and almost everyone in the shop thought this was a good idea.

Also, there are several sub plots going during

the film in addition to the two main plots of Calvin saving the shop and Calvin trying to save his son, played by Michael Rainey Jr, from the dangers of gang culture. Normally, a film having multiple interrelated plots isn't a bad thing, however when all of the plots resolve themselves at nearly the same time it comes across as sloppy.

When all of the plots resolved at the same time there was a big chunk of movie with back to back scenes of people saying they were sorry and then being forgiven by the person they were apologizing to. Additionally, the movie had three endings: two as the main plots became resolved and then they added a funny end scene that ran into the credits.

The last criticism that I feel the movie deserves is on the inconsistency of atmosphere and tone in both the film itself and the film trilogy as a whole. While "Barbershop: The Next Cut" was very funny, it took on a darker overall tone than the first two films. While I feel that the dialog is the strongest aspect of this movie, I can't help but feel they spent too much time with confrontational and somber language relative to the first two movies.

Also, the atmosphere of the film suffered as a result of weird, out of place directorial choices and inconsistency. I didn't feel that a dramatic slow motion shot should have any place in a "Barbershop" movie especially when it's not connected to a joke. Additionally, if a movie feels they need to use subtitles to denote time I would appreciate using them consistently.

On to the good stuff, this movie was a nostalgia bomb as it used an absurd amount of the original cast. About half of the original cast starred as barbers in the film and many of those who weren't barbers did come back for brief cameos. Also, the

great dialog that made the first two films so successful was used to a similar degree to benefit of any fans of the previous movies.

I also really liked the addition of musicians like Tyga, Common, and Nicki Minaj who took on different roles of varying length and importance. Nicki Minaj, who played Draya, did a far better job of acting than I would have ever thought I could give her credit for. She may have a surprisingly successful stint in acting ahead of her if she chooses to pursue it.

Lastly, I want to mention the family friendly sentiment and the emotional content that the film seemed to flawlessly execute. The barber shop has been often referred to as a "pillar of the community" and this is very evident when these barbers can't help but feel civic responsibility for the actions of the community around them.

This movie is also very appealing to parents of teenagers, as much of the movie is Calvin showing concern for his young son who seems destined to go down the path of gang activity. It does a good job of conveying the multiple forms that unconditional love of a child can take.

Overall, this is not a good movie but it is definitely a good time for any fans of the original. I definitely feel that the movie added likable and relevant content to the film trilogy as a whole despite its shortcomings in terms of story mechanics and consistent atmosphere.

The score I have decided to give "Barbershop: The Next Cut" is 64%

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