

Talking social justice



BRIAN NGUYEN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU President Ed Ray and other administrators held the second Town Hall meeting on campus Wednesday to further discuss issues relating to social justice.

By Sarah Weaver
News Reporter

Over one hundred students, faculty members and administrators gathered in the Memorial Union Horizon Room Wednesday for the second Oregon State University Town Hall to further discuss issues and initiatives relating to social justice.

The Town Hall focused on an online social justice training module, survey questions were asked and questions were addressed by concerned students and faculty members.

Survey questions relating to the online social justice training were given to attendees for the purpose of input and future iteration based on that for the online social justice training, according to Jennifer Dennis, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.

"It's for incoming first-year and transfer students to have inclusive ideals within the community," Dennis said.

In addition to students, Dennis will develop a plan to train faculty members as well.

After each module was presented, seven minutes were given for small group discussions to answer the survey question, which Dennis hoped to use to connect the people together.

"We're hoping people will engage in deeper conversations," Dennis said.

Feedback was written on a colored index cards that correlated with their modules and sets of questions. According to John Hough, marketing coordinator for the admission office, the questions were detailed.

"The outcome of this is to really engage in a conversation. We heard people want to get involved and so this is a way to create that," Batista said. "I was really pleased with the students that spoke that brought out new issues which were really important."

Despite it being descriptive, Hough, who was at both the winter and spring Town Halls, is unsure if the modules will help or not.

"It doesn't hurt. It could help if implemented well. Our culture's changing. People are becoming more desensitized," Hough said. "It's something the university can't fix, it's much broader than that. We can expose them to new ideas but we can't change them."

Amy Charron, the art director of university marketing has worked at OSU for 32 years and is excited to see the implemented changes.

"I've been here for a long time, and I haven't seen this much attention brought to this sub-

Spring Town Hall

Community gathers, gives input on training being developed for incoming freshman, other issues



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The administration has pledged to continue to engage the community.

ject, so it's really refreshing," Charron said.

During the open discussion and questions, when asked if there was any plans to lower tuition, it was revealed that no concrete plan is set out but, everyone's involvement is wanted, according to Interim Chief Diversity Officer Angela Batista.

"For OSU and international student there's really no magical bullet, but it's not just about the faculty but the students too, so everyone needs to get involved," Batista said.

According to Batista, she sees the Town Hall

as being much needed and has resulted in a favorable outcome despite it being a relatively new approach in trying to immerse everyone together.

"It's still all new as this is only our second time doing this, but it has achieved in getting the community together," Batista said.

Before the meeting, based on the reception from the last Town Hall, Batista decided to meet with the individuals students who spoke to get a better understanding and insight. One of these students was Darren Nguyen, who is

concerned with more accessibility for veterans.

"One student spoke about the experience of veterans so I met with him and we talked about how we could collaborate with his group," Batista said.

The online form that was implemented from winter's Town Hall meeting, found on OSU's diversity website, has helped ensure quick and efficient response to problems that students have submitted, Batista said.

"We've been really increasing our communication. We've responded to things on campus like the anti semitic flyers, the chalking and student needs. All

this is done with our bias protocol," Batista said.

OSU President Ed Ray spoke at the end of the event and was satisfied to see that everyone was working together.

"This was an great opportunity for small group discussion and to listen," Ray said.

Moving forward over the break, the administration seeks to further follow their goals by continuing on reaching out to and meeting individually with the community. They will make decisions based on the feedback received and data collected from the Town Hall, and will continue outreach.

"In the summer one of the groups that I want to make sure I reach out is the Student Athletic club," Batista said. "A lot of people are going to go home for break, but we're not going to stop working. I'm really excited to look at all the information that we've gathered and have a chance to set some priorities and then involve the community again when everyone is back."

Batista understands that there is much to be done and asks the community to endure the long task in our achievement in diversity at OSU.

"It takes time to build all these opportunities, but most importantly we need to be patient and engage" Batista said.

Batista closed the Town Hall by reminding those in the crowd that efforts are being made to move forward.

"Remember this is not perfect, its underdeveloped. You can come to us with any questions but you may not get the answer or change you want, but we will listen and consider the input," Batista said. "We will continue working in the summer and look forward to continuing the conversation in the fall."

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THE BLOCK

Calendar

THURSDAY, May 5
 Discussion
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association
 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105
 Discussion Topic: The Importance of the Global Education of Women

WEDNESDAY, May 11
 Meeting
 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Death Cafe Corvallis
 Location: 26th St. Beany, 2641 NW Monroe St., Corvallis OR
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THURSDAY, May 12
 Discussion
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association
 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105
 Discussion Topic: The Nature of a Global Commonwealth

SATURDAY, May 14
 Event
 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Red Letter
 Location: Interzone (1663 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis, OR 97330)
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SUNDAY, May 15
 Event
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 Location: Memorial Union Quad
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MONDAY, May 16
 Speaker
 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. ASOSU
 Location: MU 206
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WEDNESDAY, May 18
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 4 Deposit
 9 Candy shape
 13 Pressure for payment
 14 He became New York Philharmonic music director 30 years before Leonard
 15 Part of ABC: Abbr.

16 Tension-easing activity
 18 Butcher's cut
 19 Coffee cart item
 20 Turf controllers
 21 Durbeyfield daughter
 22 It supposedly keeps the monster inside the closet.
 26 Tiebreakers, briefly
 28 Turkish money

29 Host
 31 Holistic healers' observations
 32 Day ____
 35 Winery wood
 36 Emphatic type ... or what the beginnings of the longest entries are?
 38 Colorful carp
 39 Turndowns

40 What Lot's wife looked back at
 41 Pastoral poem
 43 Stat for a reliever
 44 Nancy Drew's beau
 45 Jam site
 50 Everymutt
 53 WWII attacker
 54 New Hampshire prep school town
 56 Fanny
 57 Baby blanket, perhaps
 60 Subtle "Over here!"
 61 Trojan hero
 62 Japanese drama
 63 Hardens
 64 2012 title judge played by Karl Urban
 65 Prefix with caching

20 Enclose, as a porch
 23 Sugary stuff
 24 Distiller Walker
 25 Snare
 27 Topping for fancy chocolate
 29 Long stretch
 30 "Little Red Book" author
 31 Mayflower Compact signer
 32 High jumps
 33 Campaign pro
 34 Catch a bug
 37 Sweetheart
 42 Clear, as a windshield
 43 They may be false
 45 Pats on the back, maybe
 46 Really big

47 Brown
 48 Cried in the cornfield
 49 Work on in a bakery
 51 Crusoe creator
 52 Garden products brand
 55 OBs and ENTs
 57 Down
 58 What's ____ name
 59 United

Wednesday 5/4/16 puzzle solved

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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 a 7 — Your head's full of ways to make money. Have faith in your own imagination. The next two days are profitable. Discover a new beginning after a poignant ending. Follow your grandmother's advice and win.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — You're confident and powerful for the next two days and longer, with tomorrow's New Moon in your sign. Begin a new personal phase. Ask for what you really want. Sweeten your sales pitch.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 5 — Close a deal or sign

papers. Wind up one project before beginning the next over the next two days. Rest up for upcoming opportunities. Seek out serenity and peace. Luxuriate in private. Relax.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Connect with friends over the next few days. Share resources and support your community. See how you can contribute to a shared cause. Work together for something bigger than one person. Provide harmony.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take on more responsibility over the next few days to overcome a challenge or pass a test. Share your talents. Make sure what you build is solid. Contribute from your heart.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You want to explore; go ahead without over-extending your physical energy or finances. Watch for bargains that fit your plans. Study different options to find the most cost-effective. Get creative for artistic solutions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Practicality and simplicity

serve you over the next two days. Discuss joint finances. Determine priorities and reach a determination or decision. Think creatively for mutually beneficial solutions. Support each other along your shared path.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Collaboration is key today and tomorrow. Work together for mutual support. Negotiate for a compromise that has everyone win. Contribute to others, and let others contribute to you. Share your thanks and appreciation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Profit from meticulous service over the next few days. You're entering a busy phase. Make a wish list of what you'd like to make your work easier and post it visibly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Follow your heart over the next two days. Relax and play with people you love. Learn from young ones. Generate some passion and enthusiasm. Savor sweet time together. Slip into something more comfortable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Get into a practical domestic phase today and tomorrow. Conserve resources, and cook at home. Get into projects to beautify your home and garden. Score extra points for getting family involved.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Study a subject of your fascination. Your ability to concentrate seems especially keen over the next two days. Write and share communications. Get into a social media campaign. Words flow with ease.

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News



First-year 'Beaver Bolt Racing' team takes second place

Race vehicle runs around 8,700 mpg

By **Brendan Carr**
News Contributor

Last weekend, the Beaver Bolt Racing team took second place in the electric prototype category at the Shell Eco-Marathon, a fuel efficiency competition.

According to the Shell website, the Shell Eco-Marathon is a fuel efficiency competition at which teams make as many attempts as possible to travel the furthest on the equivalent of one liter of gasoline. The organizers calculate the efficiency of each vehicle from the results and name a winner from each category and fuel type.

According to Austin Sandifer, the business lead for Beaver Bolt Racing and driver of the car, the team competed in the prototype electric vehicle category, where one liter of gasoline was converted into electricity.

"We can mathematically calculate how many miles to the gallon it would have been," Sandifer said. "The number we got was around 8,700 miles to the gallon equivalency."

This Beaver Bolt Racing's first year in the competition, according to Sandifer.

According to Sandifer, the team was able to achieve this fuel efficiency by having an efficient lightweight motor push a lightweight 99 pound car with minimal air resistance and tire friction.

"We can achieve really high numbers because electricity going through a brushless motor is a lot more efficient than gasoline exploding and pushing down a piston," Sandifer said. "When gasoline explodes, a lot of the energy is wasted as heat. We don't have that loss with electricity."

According to Sandifer, the minimum driver weight for the competition was 111 pounds. For the competition his body weight was 111 pounds, which then totalled 113 pounds with his fire suit and helmet, after losing water weight.

"When we started to build this vehicle, they measured me up, like you would do for buying a suit and then they built the vehicle around how big I was, to make it as small as possible," Sandifer said.

According to Sandifer, Beaver Bolt Racing decided to do this after noticing that it was the starting point of the more successful teams.

Laying flat on his back, Sandifer had to look over his toes to steer the vehicle. The steering design consisted of two wheels connected to each other and on an axle with a metal steering rod. The steering rod moved the car similar to how a tiller on a sailing ship moves the boat and only allows the driver to use one hand.

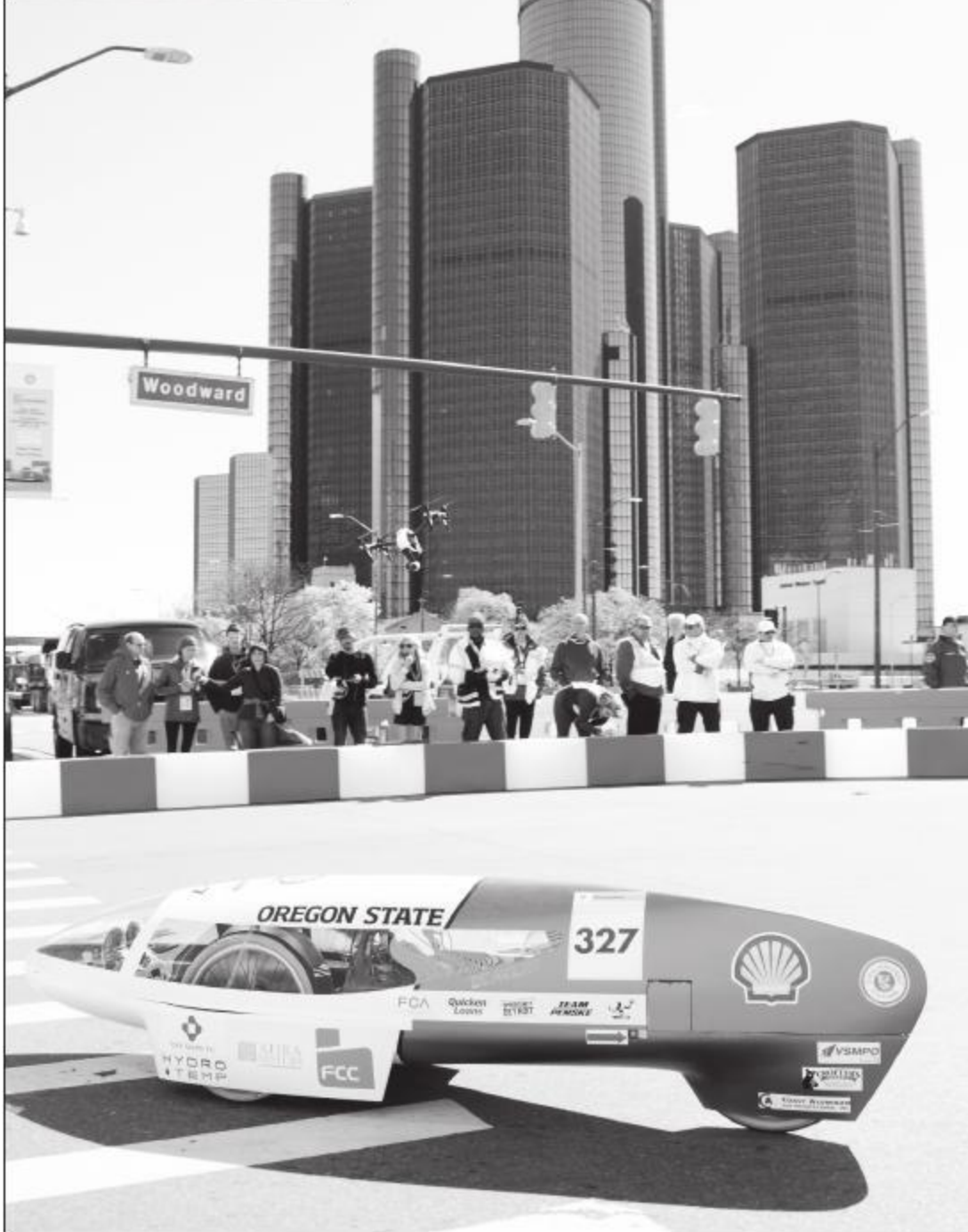
"It was a little difficult to drive," Sandifer said. "You had to really hold it going straight, or else it would not drive in a straight line."

At the race course, the team had three full tests. The tests were simulation runs in order for the team to see what they needed to fix and make adjustments to improve race performance.

"We pushed all of our team members very hard, to get those tests out, because we wanted to make sure that our car was not only drivable, but consistently drivable for the entire competition," Sandifer said. "It wasn't a really good simulation, we got only 2500 miles to the gallon. We almost quadrupled that at competition."

Not all teams were as organized at competition, according to Sandifer. Some teams came with incomplete cars.

According to Sandifer, there were two kinds of teams in the competition. The first were well-funded organizations, like Beaver Bolt Racing, trying to break the world record in efficiency, and



COURTESY OF AUSTIN SANDIFER

The Beaver Bolt Racing team took second place in the electric prototype category at the Shell Eco-Marathon competition.

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COURTESY OF AUSTIN SANDIFER

The Beaver Bolt Racing team achieved around 8,700 miles per gallon at their latest competition and took second place overall among all competitors.

Bolt

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the other type of team, instead of shipping a complete car to competition, just shipped a box of materials. Only one of those teams succeeded.

Last year Chase Jones, the team lead, was disappointed by a bike building competition. The competition required teams to construct the most efficient bike possible. But according to Jones, the competition came down to which team had the most athletic biker. Jones wanted a competition more based around improving his engineering skills.

"It was a good environment. It was very non-competitive," Jones said, talking about the competition. "No one really had private knowledge that they were holding on to. No one had their secret sauce."

Jones chose the Shell competition, because it didn't have as

strict rules and gave a stipend for competitors.

"Me and Chase Jones are the two leaders of this idea from last year. He really wanted to do (the Shell competition) and we sat down together last summer (...) We decided we wanted to do it. We took summer classes and fundraised all throughout the summer to get enough money to do this competition," Sandifer said. "Then through the fall we designed the car. Through the winter we built the car and then for the first half of spring we figured out how to actually get the car (sic) competeable and in Detroit at the same time, which was a lot of late nights."

According to Jones everyone wanted to help one another learn and grow. Teams that had finished their cars would help other teams finish theirs. After Beaver Bolt Racing had finished their car, their electrical engineer wired up the cars of two other teams.

According to Sandifer the

budget for the competition, including material donations, was around \$20,000, about a fourth coming from OSU. Most of their donations were through materials, since companies were hesitant to give them cash. Any carbon fiber or titanium donated could be melted down and used for parts.

Even with the cash funding for the competition, OSU did not supply a place to build the vehicle. According to Jones, the vehicle was built off-campus at Atrix Systems, which a parent of one of the team members owns. At OSU, they could build using one of the room, but had to put all the stuff back into a storage closet when they finished. Jones attributes this lack of space as a struggle the university itself has with the required lab space for all its classes. Due to the shortage of space, clubs are often unable to have the spaces on campus they need.

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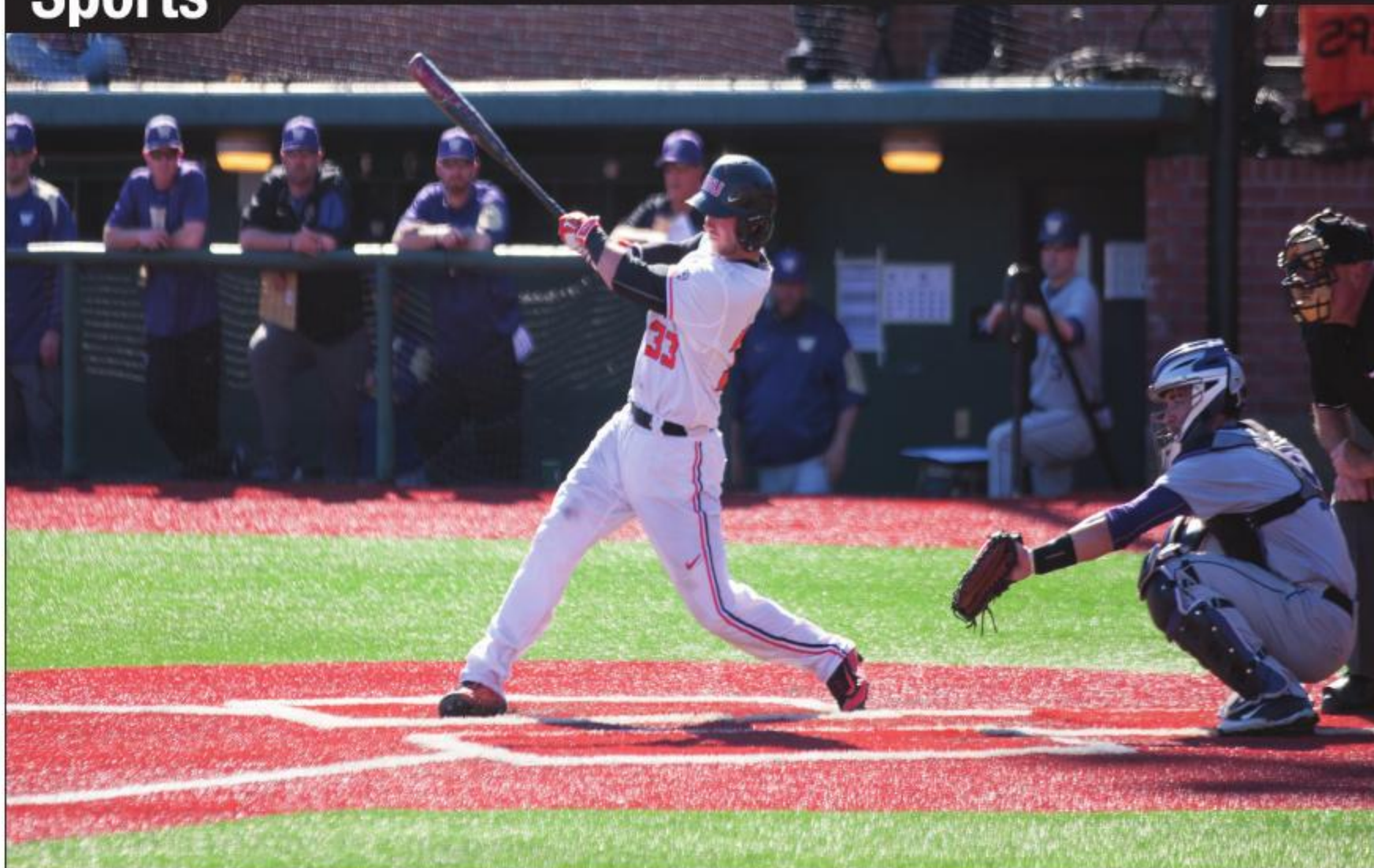
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Sports



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Junior catcher Logan Ice went 4-for-6 against Seattle on Tuesday night, including two doubles, one of which was the game winner.



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Logan Ice rounds third against Washington on April 1.

Ice cold Logan

By Brian Rathbone
Sports Contributor

Logan Ice was a popular man following the Beavers 5-4 walk-off victory over Seattle University Tuesday evening.

The junior catcher and team captain was mobbed by his teammates following the walk-off double to the left-field wall in the 11th inning, propelling Oregon State to victory.

Then a simple "thank you, Logan" was given at the entrance of the clubhouse from junior closer Max Engelbrekt—who had blown the lead in the ninth inning, then earned the victory thanks to Ice's hit.

Ice has been the starting catcher since he arrived on campus in 2014. He has always been a big contributor behind the plate, but in his junior season he has started to do damage at the plate.

Hitting in the middle of the order in 2016, Ice has seen his batting average jump a whole percentage point from the .276 he hit as a sophomore to the .386 he is hitting right now. He ranks in the top-5 in the Pac-12 in batting average, slugging, on base percentage, runs batted in and walks.

On the heels of coming up with the biggest hits in two of the three OSU victories, head coach Pat Casey offered high praise to his third-year starting catcher.

"One of the best players in the country," Casey said. "That's all there is to it."

Coming through with runners on:

On Friday the Beavers open a critical three-game series against the Arizona Wildcats in Tucson, Ariz, the Wildcats are one of the few teams in the conference that could make the argument that their offense is every bit as potent as the Beavers.

Despite leading the conference in several offensive categories, the OSU has been in a bit of a slump at the plate. Outside of the of the 11-run outburst on Sunday against Stanford, the Beavers are averaging just two runs over their past four games.

Against Seattle on Tuesday, the Beavers lineup hit .341 as a team in the 11-inning affair, but only managed to hit .250 with runners on base. Casey is left searching for answers to break out of the team-

wide slump with runners on base.

"We talk about getting pitches to hit," Casey said. "We talk about staying relaxed. We talk about making sure we get a ball that's elevated. We talk about everything. We just haven't executed in that area of the game."

Improving on the defense:

While the bats have been quiet and the pitching staff continues to sort itself out, the Beaver's defense has picked up the slack, only committing three errors in the past 79 innings.

Tuesday night, sophomore left fielder Christian Donahue and junior shortstop Trevor Morrison flashed the leather, robbing hits from the Seattle batters. The improvement has stemmed from players settling into their new roles defensively.

"I think pound-for-pound us and a couple other teams are the best defensively, ability-wise" Ice said. "We got players top-to-bottom that run around out there, and it's absolutely unbelievable some of the plays that they make."

"I think early on there was a little bit of tension, a little bit of pressing, some back luck, some bad hops...baseball happens. Guys are starting to play with a little more swag, knowing they can make those plays."

In the Beavers' one-run victory over the Red Hawks, they were able to get two runners out at third for the final out of the fourth and sixth inning by way of relay throws from the outfield. The final out in the sixth saved a run as the out was made before the runner could touch home.

Tedious relay drills being practiced since fall ball turned out to be the difference between winning and losing.

"The ball goes in the gap, the guy didn't run very hard to the plate and it cost them a run because we did a good job of relaying the ball—it's just the little things of baseball," Ice said. "Especially in one-run ball games, it comes down to little things, and that was one of those things that was something that you can look back on and say 'that changed the game.'"

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The Bottom Line

TWEET OF THE DAY



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NUMBER OF THE DAY **.500**

Catcher Logan Ice's on base percentage. He leads the Pac-12.

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W. Track	5/6 @ Oregon Twilight
Softball	5/6-5/8 @ Arizona
Baseball	5/6-5/8 @ Arizona

Sports

Baseball by the numbers

By Brian Rathbone
Senior Beat Reporter

12: With a single in the 11th inning of the Beavers 5-4 extra-inning victory over Seattle on Tuesday night, freshman second basemen Nick Madrigal extended his hitting streak to 12 games. He finished the night 1-6 at the plate.

.250: The combined batting average Oregon State hitters had against Seattle with runners on base. A large dip from the .341 the Beavers batted as a team Tuesday night.

3: The number of errors the Beavers defense has committed in the past 79 innings. They committed zero Tuesday night against Seattle.

184: The number of combined hits between Arizona's Cody Ramer, Zach Gibbons and Ryan Aguilar. The highest by a trio of teammates in the Pac-12.

73: The combined RBI's between junior catcher Logan Ice (37) and KJ Harrison (36) on the season. The highest combination by a pair of batters in the Pac-12.

16: Arizona leads the the conference in scoring, plating 288 runs this season. 16 more than Oregon State who is second in the conference with 272.

0.27: The difference that separates OSU's and Arizona's team ERA. Oregon State boasts a 3.60 ERA, while the Wildcats are at 3.78.

35: The number of errors Arizona has committed this season. Only Stanford (20) and Washington (34) have committed fewer errors than the Wildcats.

8: The number of times OSU has defeated Arizona since the 2012 season. Five of those wins have come in Hi Corbett Field in Tucson, Ariz.

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Upcoming election more vital than ever



By Sean Bassinger
Forum editor

If you haven't heard the news in politics, here it is: Donald Trump is now (basically) the Republican nominee for president of the United States.

I won't say this marks the end times (yet), but we're cutting it a bit close here.

The Indiana primaries Tuesday night offered up victories for Trump and Democratic hopeful Bernie Sanders. Audiences then witnessed the concession speech of former Republican hopeful Ted Cruz shortly after.

In addition, there was—at the time of this writing Monday afternoon—whispers that John Kasich, the Republican governor of Ohio, would be the next to throw in the towel.

No surprise there since he had about 150 pledged delegates compared to Cruz's more than 500.

So what happens next?

First, the race is still likely to be tight against Trump and whoever wins the Democratic presidential nominee. Though the Democratic National Convention is said to be contested between Sanders and Hillary Clinton come July, the *New York Times* is taking a leap in assuming that Hillary basically has this in the bag.

Assuming this is the case, their inter-

active article titled "The Electoral Map Looks Challenging for Trump" predicts that Clinton could beat Trump, 347 to 191, if the poll numbers stay the same.

They offer a more extreme "what if" scenario if Trump happens to win, but even they admit that it's rare.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter led Ronald Reagan in many polls this time of year," the article reads. "He went on to lose by 10 points."

Meanwhile, the latest Rasmussen poll stirred up a buzz when Trump jumped ahead of Clinton by two points in a national poll. Granted, this is one poll and only two points, but still something to keep an eye on.

So there's a brief overview of the current situation.

We should be a little more concerned about the coming months for many reasons:

First, let us address the reality of a Trump presidency.

For those of you who have not yet seen, *The Boston Globe* ran a special April 9 front page mock-up that takes place in 2017. The issue, which a photo of Trump highlights dead center, features potential "what-if" headlines such as "Deportations to begin," "Markets sink as trade war looms" and "Bank glitch halts border wall work."

Might sound ridiculous at first glance, but so did Trump winning this nomination back in June.

It's not likely that Trump could cause too much chaos as president since, as the GOP gridlock during Barack Obama's presidency has taught us, the president does not have absolute power.

Still, they have enough power to do significant damage (see: Reagan's anti-marijuana executive orders from the 80s) if enough of their constituency does not oppose.

I don't necessarily believe that Trump

supporters are bad or "evil" people, but I'm more than well aware of what media messages and marketing can do to someone who's vulnerable—I say "vulnerable" as in sad, distressed or angry because of some personal shortcoming. They want someone to blame or something to yell at, and Trump gives many folks an excellent platform for this.

Second, the Democratic party, regardless of the nominee, has to find a way to unite so a if they want a more viable candidate to win this election. I know that many Bernie supporters would never think to vote for Hillary in their lifetime, and same with Hillary supporters if Bernie receives the nomination.

But regardless, no matter who we wind up with, they're going to be the only shot this country has against a potential Trump presidency.

I want to especially make this clear to Bernie Sanders fans:

I understand that what he's saying is more than what we need to turn everything around right now. I also under-

stand that, for a lack of better words, that the system appears to be more rigged than it ever should be.

On the bright side, we now know this and should expect to see more from our politicians across the board.

I even saw a speech from Paul Ryan where he admits he was wrong about his first proclamations against the so-called "welfare queen" stereotype.

"Takers wasn't how to refer to a single mom stuck in a poverty trap, just trying to take care of her family," Ryan said in his speech, according to March 16 transcripts from the official Speaker of the House website. "Most people don't want to be dependent. And to label a whole group of Americans that way was wrong. I shouldn't castigate a large group of Americans to make a point."

Hell, if he can admit this, imagine what Hillary would be capable of if she gets more of her crap together.

The bottom line: I know we want change and gratification from these people, but it's not going to happen

overnight.

The way this election continues to unfold is at least, on the bright side of things, a huge indicator that something needs to give in.

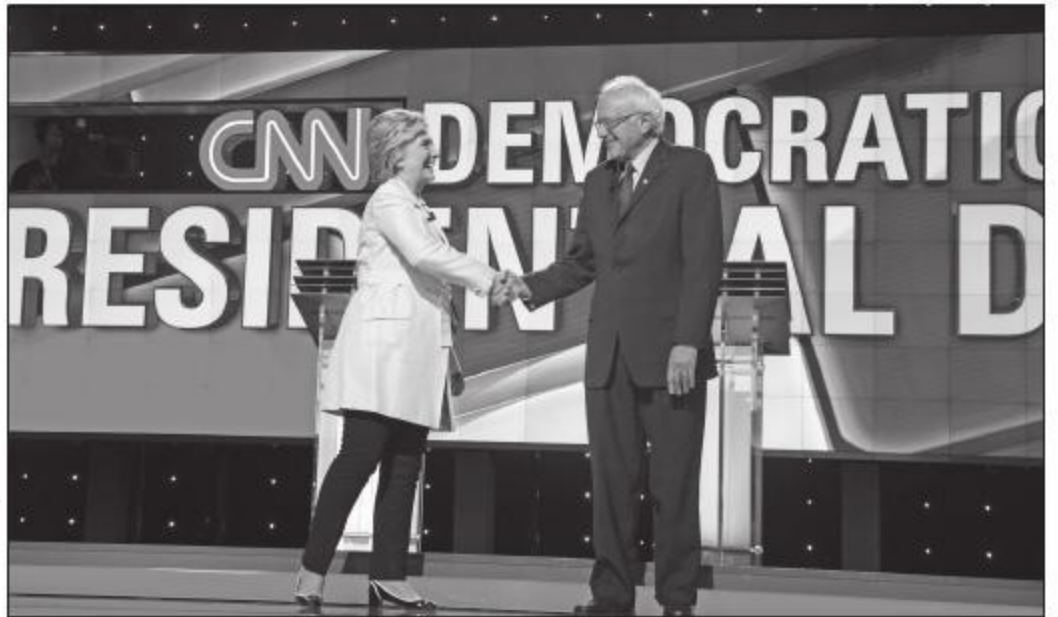
But protesting our own votes because a desired candidate did not win the majority will be a major setback if we're not careful. Case in point: Bernie supporters who refuse to give Hillary a shot, or Hillary supporters that won't support Bernie in a general election.

Personally, I want to see a system that works better. But with so much at stake, we can't be obsessed with receiving some metaphorical ice cream sundae—something that may not even exist—while our political system continues to be held hostage.

Right now, we need to figure out the best solution for everyone—a solution the majority of us can agree on.

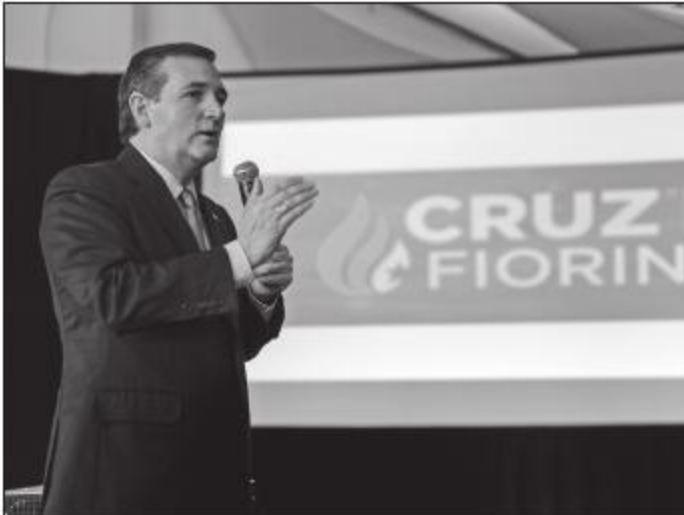
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Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders shake hands at a CNN debate. Clinton and Sanders continue to battle it out for pledged delegates in the remaining primary states before the Democratic National Convention in July.



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Republican presidential primary candidate Ted Cruz dropping out of the race. Cruz had 565 pledged delegates compared to Trump's 1,053, according to the Associated Press.

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'Civil War' entertains relentlessly

By Rafer Guzman
Newsday

Near the beginning of "Captain America: Civil War," the superheroes known as The Avengers sit for a tongue-lashing by Secretary of State Thaddeus Ross. He's angry about the major cities the crew has destroyed in various movies, including New York City; Washington, D.C.; some place called Sokovia; and now Lagos, Nigeria.

Ross, played by William Hurt in a stern suit, wants to rein in the Avengers. "For the past four years," he fumes, "you've operated with unlimited power and no supervision!"

You could say the same about Disney-Marvel, the studio team that formed in 2009 and has been laying waste to the box office ever since. In "Captain America: Civil War," the title hero and his friends are accused of being arrogant and domineering. Audiences might feel the same about these movies some day _ but only when they stop being entertaining.

That point hasn't arrived quite yet. The

third "Captain America" film entertains relentlessly, which is to say loudly and busily, but with enough humor and intelligence to make it seem less pandering than it actually is.

Its central theme of unchecked power has a topical resonance in a post-Snowden era, but of course that's hardly the point. "Civil War" is here to provide explosions, stunts, big-budget effects and the answer to such burning questions as: Who would win in a fight _ Captain America (Chris Evans) or Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.)?

After the Avengers split into two camps _ with Iron Man uncharacteristically bowing to the authorities while the Captain refuses _ we'll watch an enjoyable free-for-all involving Scarlett Johansson's athletic Black Widow, Paul Bettany's godlike Vision and many, many more.

Neither The Hulk nor Thor show up, but hey, there's Paul Rudd as the jocular Ant-Man! And newcomer Chadwick Boseman ("42") as the cult favorite Black Panther! And

Tom Holland as the very newest Spider-Man (he's young and slightly fidgety)!

Lurking behind the chaos is Daniel Bruhl as Zemo, whose nefarious plans include the Captain's old frenemy, Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan).

Directed with all the requisite bombast by Anthony and Joe Russo from a crammed but fast-paced screenplay by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, "Captain America: Civil War" is a well-built machine that performs its function perfectly. In other words, the domination continues.

'CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR'
 3 out of 4 stars
 Cast: Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Sebastian Stan, Scarlett Johansson
 Rated PG-13 (Strong action-violence, mild language)
 Length: 2:27
 Bottom line: Another slick product from the Disney-Marvel machine
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