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Black History Month ends with empty plate

■ Annual dinner biggest event of Black History Month, discussed current situation of black families and black educators

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU's annual Black History Month dinner was put on last night from in the MU Ballroom by the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center to demonstrate the commitment of black students, staff and faculty on campus and discuss the problems the black community faces.

The event brought people from all cultures and ages together to learn about black history, acknowledge black ancestry, celebrate black achievements in the community and do away with stereotypes.

"My favorite thing about the dinner is that it shows that black students are serious about their activity on campus," said Shannon Warren, a graduate student in interdisciplinary studies.

The Black History Month takes place during the entire month of February and has included events such as a fashion show, poetry night, discussions and even a Superbowl party. The dinner was the culmination of the month's activities and included a keynote speaker, a presentation of black history, a trivia game and a poetry performance.

"Everyone was pretty nervous about the dinner but also excited about it," Warren said. "We're hoping for lots of people to come and we've got dinner prepared for 200 people."

Their worries were unwarranted to say the least. Hundreds of people joined them to celebrate and have fun learning about black history.

"This event happens every year; it's the biggest event we have and it's the one we expect people who haven't come for other events to come to," Warren said. "This dinner is for everybody."

Many students looked forward to the dinner to spend time with their friends and celebrate their black history.

"I came to celebrate black people's culture and have fun," said Brian Gatimu, a sophomore in biochemistry and biophysics and the secretary of the African Student Association. "I've been to events like this before and I'll definitely go to more."

Some people came to learn about black history. "I wanted to see how the Black Cultural Center puts on Black History Month and to learn," said



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Volunteers Sierra Lever, Demarchs Gentle and Nathan Okorley serve food in the MU Ballroom Tuesday night at the Black History Month dinner, hosted by the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center.

Elisa Tzintzun, a freshman in ethnic studies.

Others students had to attend the dinner for class requirements.

"I'm in an education and history class and had to write a paper on the presentation," said Casey Poore, a sophomore in education. "I've never been to an on-campus event like this."

There were many motivations to come to the dinner, but the event coordinators hoped for a feeling of unification during the dinner and through their other events.

"The theme this month is Umoja in Black," Warren said. "Umoja means 'unity' in Swahili and it's also a principle of Kwanzaa."

Professor Dana Emerson, the keynote speaker during the dinner, lectured on this theme.

"Unity is the state of oneness," Emerson said in her opening. "It is family and leadership. Thus it is community. It is education."

She touched on a current generational crisis with black families in America.

"Why are our black families failing?" Emerson asked. "The failure is the sociological equivalent of global warming."

Emerson believes that opportunity and power for the black community lies in educating the younger generations.

"We are neglecting the industry of education," Emerson said. "Black male teachers are a dying breed in America. These teachers could have an impact on black students, who could encounter positive influences in the school system."

Black History Month will soon be over, and the BCC and others involved in the month's planning encourage everyone on campus to get connected with the final events or to visit the BCC.

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Sequencing of grass genome may lead to biofuel advances

■ Fast-growing *Brachypodium* acts as universal model for all grasses, including wheat and oats

By Mackenzie Field
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The words "*Brachypodium distachyon*" may leave most people scratching their heads, but not OSU researchers, who have successfully sequenced the genome, which may lead to advancements in nutrition and energy sources.

"We are suggesting that *Brachypodium* can be a universally functioning genomics model for all grasses," said Todd Mockler, assistant professor in botany and plant pathology and member of OSU's Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing. "This won't be true unless everyone jumps on board."

Mockler and a team of researchers spent three years isolating the genome cells to sequence the 272 million DNA bases.

"The goal of the genome sequencing project was part of a larger movement to create a model organism resource from the ground up for grass researchers," said Noah Fahlgren, a fifth-year doctorate student in the molecular and cellular biology program.

Brachypodium is an annual grass, originally from the Middle East and the Mediterranean. The fast-growing, non-descript weed is short, which makes it a "model grass for experimenting with," Mockler said.

"The bottom line in plant sciences is that we need to grow many plants and do it in as little time as possible," said Henry Priest, a second-year graduate student in molecular and cellular biology.

Similar to the fruit fly being a model animal for understanding humans, *Brachypodium* is similar to temperate cereals such as wheat and oats, Mockler said.

This may eventually lead to advancements in agriculture.

"We want to use *Brachypodium* to understand other grasses and intelligently breed to make the crops better," Mockler said. "The more we know about its traits, we will have more information to improve."

Fahlgren said that the fast-growing weed is a good plant to better their understanding of genes or pathways involved in nutritional content, disease

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Task force aims to improve impact of evaluation forms

■ Forms will be moving online spring term, will be available to students, professors throughout term instead of at end

By Caitlin Cagle
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Every student is familiar with teacher evaluation forms; some take it as a time to provide honest feedback, others view it as a reprieve from lectures and some think it's just a waste of time.

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force has made it their goal to improve student evaluation of teaching forms and met for a student forum

Tuesday in Kearney 305. They gathered opinions of the students attending to put together a plan to implement a form that would better serve faculty and students.

"Currently, the evaluation form holds little influence in correlation to learning," said English graduate student Travis Margoni, a member of the task force. "Teachers aren't fully able to utilize the information given on the forms and students never get to see the improvements they may have asked for."

The goal of the new form, which is moving to an online atmosphere beginning next term, is to allow teachers and students the opportunity for improve-

ment, diversity and flexibility in the classroom.

"A universal form doesn't fit the needs of every course," said Bill Loges, an associate professor in new media communications. "If we offer a little bit of flexibility, teachers can form the evaluation to fit their course and their students' needs."

The task force wants to implement a form that will allow students the chance to give anonymous critiques and constructive criticism throughout the course, instead of just once at the end of the term. This will enable the professor to be able to make necessary changes right away — changes that students will be able to

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Veterinary College professors race into Greyhound Hall of Fame



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Linda Blythe stands with her greyhound Love, and Morrie Craig kneels with his greyhound Scooby Doo.

■ Both professors have long standing history with research, advocacy speedy canines

By Amy Schneider
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Once referred to as "angels with fur" by an enthusiastic pet owner, greyhounds seem to easily find a way into the hearts of those who work with them. This holds especially true for Morrie Craig and Linda Blythe, professors in the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine, who will be inducted into the Greyhound Hall of Fame this April for over 25 years of greyhound-related research.

According to the American Kennel Club's website, the greyhound is one of the earliest breeds of dog having been documented nearly 5,000 years ago on tomb carvings by the ancient Egyptians. The breed took on an aristocratic air in England when it was bred primarily by royalty for hunting, and that upper-class impression never quite left the greyhound.

"The greyhound is a particularly regal dog," Craig said. "They've always been associated with nobility and have

been specially bred for thousands of years to be the ultimate athlete."

It was this very athleticism that attracted the research interest of Blythe and Craig, who were stationed at the OSU School of Veterinary Medicine when it was first developing in the early 1980s. At the time, greyhound racing was the number one spectator sport in Oregon.

"It was a hugely popular phenomenon back then, even more popular than horse racing," Blythe said. "So it was only natural that the founding dean would point us towards the research topic of greyhound health."

Their first greyhound-related experiment involved the drug procaine, which was showing up in urine tests before races and causing owners to be fined for drug use on their dogs. The source of the drug came from the greyhounds' food, which was made from procaine-injected cattle.

The study confirmed that procaine has no impact whatsoever on the racing performance of greyhounds, which in turn allowed greyhound owners to escape unfair accusations of drug use. This study led to a similar project con-

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TOP STORY

Toyota dealers rally in defense of their brand

By Mary Grace Lucas
CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than a hundred Toyota dealership owners and staff rallied on Capitol Hill Tuesday to defend their businesses and Toyota as Congress opened high-profile hearings looking into recent large-scale vehicle recalls.

"We take great pride in the fact that, as of last night, together we've done over 690,000 recalls already and are pacing at 50,000 a day throughout the United States," Paul Atkinson, chairman of the Toyota National Dealer Council, said to the crowd. "My question for you is: How did we suddenly overnight become the villain?"

Toyota has recalled more than 8 million vehicles in connection with possible

unintended acceleration. Separately, the 2010 Toyota Prius was the subject of a recall due to complaints about its brakes. Even with Toyota's long-time reputation for brand loyalty among consumers, dealers have seen sales plunge and continue to field phone calls from concerned drivers.

"I had customers calling me as soon as the news hit. And I didn't know more than they did. How do you think that feels answering the phone?" said Susan Scarola, president and CEO of DCH Auto Group. "[Dealerships] would do anything to service our customers and make sure they're safe. And instead, the news came from all over the place. Now is that Toyota's fault? I don't know whose fault it is. But I know there was a much more

productive way to handle this than what's happened in the past 30 days."

The first of three congressional hearings on Toyota's recall problems began Tuesday in the House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee. Chairman Bart Stupak, D-Michigan, has said his panel's preliminary review of 75,000 pages of Toyota's internal company documents raised significant concerns. In particular, Toyota boasted of saving \$100 million by dodging a more extensive recall of the Toyota Camry and Lexus.

Tamara Darvish of Darcars Automotive was quick to point out more bad news for Toyota could mean more bad news for their network of 172,000 employees in the United States.

Atkinson noted that, in the wake of last year's bailout of General Motors and Chrysler, they're now in competition with government-backed automakers for market share.

Asked if he thought that the U.S. government was promoting General Motors, Atkinson didn't mince words.

"They were the first to come with the program where they offered a Toyota customer a thousand dollars incentive to trade in their Toyota product at a GM plant. Yes, they were the first that did that. Now several other manufacturers have followed," Atkinson said. "That's pretty tough. And one of the things we've got to do is we've got to get government out of our business."

NEWS IN BRIEF



French oil refinery strike could end soon

PARIS — One of two strikes affecting consumers in France showed signs of easing Tuesday, while the other stretched on for another day.

The head of the largest union of refinery workers in France said Tuesday that he would call for an end to its strike if the refinery workers agreed.

The call was made after the union chief met for nine hours with officials of the Total oil company. Total agreed not to close five of six refineries in France within the next five years, and left room for debate on the sixth.

Meanwhile, a strike by air traffic controllers continued, but with minor inconveniences for passengers.

According to Paris' two main airports, Orly Airport had canceled 50 percent of its short-haul flights, and Charles de Gaulle Airport canceled 25 percent of such flights.

Because most of the affected flights were short commuter flights, passengers were able to be moved to other flights.

Long-haul flights were not as affected, and were expected to resume at 100 percent by Wednesday.



Two wounded in Colorado school shooting

A man opened fire Tuesday outside a middle school in Littleton, Colorado, wounding two students before being subdued by school staff,

according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The students, a boy and a girl, were taken to Littleton Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, sheriff's office spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said.

"Some staff acted very quickly and very heroically in helping us minimize the damage at the school," she said.

The shooting occurred as classes were letting out at Deer Creek Middle School around 3:15 p.m.

School staff tackled the man and confiscated his high-powered rifle before police arrived, Kelley said.

Kelley had no further details about the suspect or the injuries the two students sustained.

A motive for the shooting was unclear, Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink said.

Littleton was also the site of one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history in 1999, when two students at nearby Columbine High School killed 12 classmates and one teacher.

"It's tough," Kelley said Tuesday. "A lot of the same people are here. But everybody does their job."

Kelley said "better plans are in place" as a result of the Columbine shootings, which helped school and medical officials react quickly to Tuesday's shooting.

The school will be closed Wednesday, CNN affiliate KDVR reported.

Navy brass to allow women to join US submarine crews

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has notified Congress of plans to allow women to

serve aboard submarines, a Defense Department official said Tuesday.

Letters of intent were sent Monday to Congress, which has requested briefings on the matter, said the official, who asked not to be identified. There will be no vote on the matter in Congress.

The change was recommended by the chief of naval operations and the secretary of the Navy in addition to Gates, the official said, adding that there was no opposition to the move among Navy leaders.

A phased approach is being considered under which officers — who already have separate living quarters — would be the first to go co-ed, followed by crews, with the women bunking together, the official said. Crew space would have to be modified prior to that happening, the official added.

The submarines expected to carry women initially would be the larger ones — nuclear-power, missile-carrying submarines known as SSBN and SSGN, the official said.

Women joined the crews of the Navy's surface ships in 1993, but officials had previously cited limited privacy and the cost of reconfiguring the vessels in arguing against their joining sub crews.

Last September, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead described himself as "very comfortable addressing integrating women into the submarine force."

"Accommodations are a factor, but not insurmountable," he said.

— CNN

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb 24

- Meetings**
ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109B. Meeting of the 1st ASOSU House of Representatives.
Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, Marketplace West, reserved table near west entrance. A sign language social. All skill levels welcome.
Health & Wellness Task Force, 6pm, Snell 149. Come help plan events regarding health and wellness.
College Republicans, 7pm, MU 110. Come join us as we discuss politics and various current events.
Education Students for Peace and Justice, 5pm, 109 Education Hall. All majors welcome to join our continuing discussion of social justice issues in the realm of education.

- Events**
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies - The Princess & The Frog.
Beaver Yearbook, 1-4pm, Snell 231. Free Beaver Yearbook portraits.
Faculty Senate Task Force for Student Evaluations, 4pm, Kelley 1001. The Task Force is looking for input from faculty on major changes to end-of-term evaluations. Please come for our presentation and a Q&A session.

Thursday, Feb. 25

- Meetings**
ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force, 4-5pm, Snell 149. Come help plan upcoming ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force events for this term! Any and all are welcome.
ASOSU Judicial Council, 6pm, Snell 246. Meeting of the ASOSU Judicial Branch.
Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc., 7pm, MU Talisman Room. Come learn about how you can become involved on campus and serve your community.

- Speakers**
History Students Association (HSA), 5-7pm, StAg 132. Professionals from surrounding communities will be available to talk to students about utilizing a history degree.

- Events**
OSU Food Group, 5-9pm, International Forum Room, Snell Hall/MU East. OSU Emergency Food Pantry: 3-5 days of food provided to low-income individuals. Enter near Goss Stadium and Waldo Hall.
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies - The Princess & The Frog.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. QUEST - Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
The Pride Center, 2pm, meet in front of Dixon Rec. Walking/jogging for the athletically challenged. No competition, no rules. Walk or jog at your own pace.
Black Cultural Center, Noon, Black Cultural Center. "Negroes with Guns" film.
Black Cultural Center, 5-7pm, Black Cultural Center. Good Bye Uncle Tom discussion part 1.

Friday, Feb. 26

- Events**
Beaver Yearbook, 1-4pm, Snell 231. Free Beaver Yearbook portraits.
Women's Center, 4-6pm, Women's Center. Writing for Release: A tool for tranquility (with Stephanie McClure from the Women's Center).
Black Cultural Center, 5-7pm, Black Cultural Center. Good Bye Uncle Tom discussion part 2.

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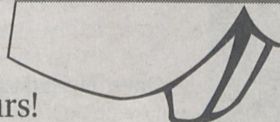
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Democrats could bypass GOP on health care bill

By Ted Barrett and Deirdre Walsh
CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Even before a major White House meeting on health care reform later this week — a last chance effort to build bipartisan consensus for the legislation — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid acknowledged Tuesday that he may use a controversial parliamentary shortcut to bypass GOP opposition and pass a bill.

The fast-track approach, known as reconciliation, would allow Democrats to pass the bill with just 51 votes, not the 60 usually required to overcome a filibuster.

Reid bluntly warned Republicans to “stop crying” about the shortcut, because Republicans have used the same procedure many times in the past, he said.

“It’s hard for us to quite understand why, with reconciliation being planned, we’re having a meeting which is allegedly designed to engender some bipartisan agreement,” said the No. 2 Senate Republican John Kyl of Arizona.

McConnell of Kentucky said Democrats are being “arrogant” because the American people don’t want a giant health care overhaul, but Democrats still plan to “use any parliamentary device to jam it through a reluctant Congress.”

Reid noted that reconciliation has been used 21 times since 1981.

“They should stop crying about reconciliation as if it’s never been done before. It’s done almost every Congress, and they’re the ones that used it more than anyone else,” he said.

Before their weekly policy lunch in the Capitol on Tuesday, several Democrats said they support using reconciliation.

“I don’t look at it as jamming it through. I don’t look at it that way at all,” said Sen. John Tester of Montana, a moderate. He said it was a matter of “simple majority.”

“What we want is an up or down vote on things,” said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, who is more liberal. “Filibusters aren’t about an up or down vote on things. Reconciliation is just one of the processes of getting things done that involves a majority

vote.” Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Indiana, and Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Connecticut — famous for their desire to work across the aisle — also appeared to support the idea.

“Obviously, if the minority is just frustrating progress, that argues for taking steps to get the public’s business done,” Bayh said.

House Democrats also indicated that they are preparing to use reconciliation to pass health care.

California Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-California, said Tuesday that “reconciliation will be our platform. It has to be reconciliation.”

But Woolsey said elements of the bill that cannot be voted on under the budgetary procedure would be set aside and voted on later in a separate bill.

Moderate Virginia Democrat Rep. Gerry Connolly pushed back on the notion that using the procedure circumvents the legislative process, as House Republicans have charged.

“If it’s done, it will be done in broad daylight, and I think it’s fairly clear what might be in it now,” Connolly said.

GREYHOUND

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ducted a year later involving caffeine use in greyhounds, which did turn out to manipulate racing distances significantly.

Next, Blythe and Craig turned their attention to the amount of information available about greyhounds by developing the International Greyhound Research Database.

“Most of the research done on greyhounds wasn’t published in science journals, so it wasn’t easy to find the literature you were looking for,” Craig said. “The database was a big deal because up to that time no one had gone to the sources and found the publications necessary to make this kind of information readily available.”

The first compilation was published in the 1990s in book form and the current database is available online and up to date through May 2009. Showing just how influential the database turned out to be, the prince of England presented Blythe with an award for her work.

The subsequent project Blythe and Craig tackled involved accurate medical information about greyhounds and the dispersal of

that information to those who needed it. In 1994 they, along with James Gannon, wrote “Care of the Racing & Retired Greyhound,” a greyhound manual in three parts that addresses the major systems of a greyhound, proper care of an aging greyhound and various medications to be used in treatment.

“Of the existing 125,000 retired greyhounds, 94 percent of them are adopted out,” Blythe said. “We wanted to provide an informational source of health care to people who own greyhounds so that they could be more knowledgeable and be able to recognize the unique medical problems that greyhounds are prone to.”

The book is the main authority on greyhound health care and remains wildly popular among greyhound aficionados. Blythe remarked that often owners will buy two copies of the book — one for themselves and one for their vet.

With their impressive contributions to greyhound research, Blythe and Craig were obvious candidates for induction into the Greyhound Hall of Fame.

“We’re always looking for individuals or greyhounds that have done extraordinary things and based on their lifetime of work and the contributions that they have made,

Dr. Blythe and Dr. Craig stood out in that regard,” said Gary Guccione, the director of the National Greyhound Association. “The board of directors asked to approve them and they were unanimously voted in during a meeting in October.”

Other accolades include Craig’s award of 1996 Oregon Scientist of the Year and Blythe’s multiple winnings of the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award for 1986 and 1992. Their official inclusion into the Greyhound Hall of Fame will take place this April in Abilene, Kan.

Blythe and Craig maintain a continued interest in greyhounds and are currently assisting graduate student Zelda Zimmerman in a study that examines the reasons behind the avid passion greyhound adopters tend to exhibit. This topic is familiar to Blythe because she has two greyhounds of her own, but Craig seems to hold a similar opinion.

“It’s interesting to find out what it is about the breed that gets people so zealous,” Craig said. “It’s become clear to me that once you own a greyhound, you are hooked for life.”

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resistance and environmental adaptation.

The genome could prove effective in understanding biofuel needs as well.

“Right now, researchers use corn, but in the future, we are going to need to move away from using a food source,” Mockler said.

Working with corn is difficult, Priest said.

“Corn can grow to be more than six feet tall and take months to grow to maturity. Brachypodium, on the other hand, is often less than a foot tall and takes only a few weeks.”

The finding is significant because “Brachypodium is most closely related to switchgrass and wheat, neither of which has current-

ly sequenced genomes, so Brachypodium is currently the best insight we have into what these genomes will look like,” said Fahlgren. “The relatively simple Brachypodium genome will give scientists sequencing the switchgrass and wheat genomes a road-map to assemble these large, complex genomes.”

Fahlgren explained that grasses such as rice, corn and wheat

are some of the most important food crops in the world, including switchgrass, which is a potential source for feedstock and biofuel production.

Nature, a weekly science journal that featured the study, said the three subfamilies of grasses “are poised to become major sources of renewable energy.”

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EVALUATIONS

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experience.

“It would be much more effective for us to be able to get our feedback directly to the professor earlier in the term,” said Aparna Shrivastava, a senior in mechanical engineering who attended the forum.

Ideally, the new form would be finished and implemented by the end of the year. Students would have the chance to give anonymous online feedback to professors to help guide their courses in the right direction.

Some issues have arisen concerning department feedback and use of the student evaluations. The current form provides academic departments with numbers that they can use to compare to other departments.

“There is this illusion behind the current form,” Margoni said. “Students and faculty see it [evaluation forms] as useful when really the information we fill out isn’t going anywhere and it doesn’t mean anything.”

The comment section of the current evaluation form never reaches the academic departments and is only seen and read by professors.

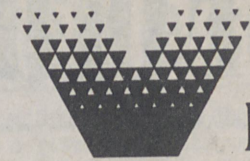
“In my 20 years of teaching, I’ve never been taken aside and asked to go over student evaluation forms,” Loges said. “They aren’t being used.”

The task force’s main goals are to implement a form that will be useful to both staff and students and provide everyone with a better learning experience.

“We want to employ a formative approach that gives thought to the evaluations,” Loges said.

There will be a faculty forum regarding the student evaluation forms Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Kelley Engineering Center room 1001.

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Editorial

Are colleges putting students or their budget first?

As college students, we grind through our days repeating the mantra that we need a college degree to ultimately get a job. We say it to ourselves as we deal with being dirt poor, balance multiple minimum wage jobs and stress about student loans. Oh, and add a full class load on top of all of that.

However, a new report from Public Agenda, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, and the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education found that not only do more than half of Americans think that college is essential for success, but that 60 percent of Americans also think that colleges are not doing their part in making higher education affordable.

The report, "Squeeze Play 2010," is a series of national surveys that track public attitudes on higher education. According to the report, 6 out of 10 Americans think that colleges mainly care about their own bottom lines instead of providing students with proper tools and experiences that will lead them to getting a job after graduation.

Think about it. Americans say that college is "essential" for success in the work force, yet they also believe it is becoming "less and less available to many qualified potential students."

This "squeeze play" effect is essentially saying the public is becoming increasingly frustrated with higher education and less trusting that colleges and universities are doing all they can to keep tuition affordable.

According to an article in The Oregonian Tuesday, tuition and fees have nearly doubled for Oregon's seven public universities over the last decade to an average of \$6,716 for a full-time resident undergraduate student.

In this economy, a master's degree is the new bachelor's, and a four-year degree is now the minimum requirement for many jobs, and it's vital that we are able to afford to get that degree. According to earnmydegree.com, people who have their master's or bachelor's degree earn, on average, up to three times as much as those who have only graduated from high school or have completed some college.

We cannot afford to be apathetic about our rights to higher education.

We know students are upset with the rising costs of going to college, but until students rise up and demand changes, nothing will change.

ASOSU is hosting its annual Gripe Fest event on March 2 in the MU Commons. This is the time to make our voices heard and make sure that, even with cuts and tuition hikes, student success remains OSU's ultimate priority.

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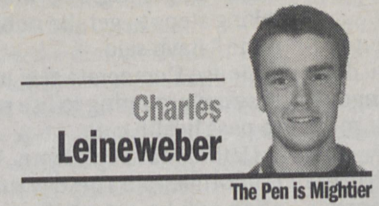
Lube letdown: Better use of OSU student dollars

It's always fascinating to hear what commemorative day it is. For example, Monday was "World Thinking Day," according to the Girl Scouts, and Tuesday was "Defender of the Fatherland Day" in Russia. But last Thursday, I discovered it was "Condom Awareness Day" here on the OSU campus, and to be honest I was less than fascinated.

Walking innocently through the Memorial Union Quad, a passerby was yelled at by a woman wielding a megaphone, screaming useless facts about the contraceptive that felt the need to have its own day.

A condom can hold four quarts of milk? Wow, I'm glad I asked. No longer will I toil over my carton of milk wondering just how much I could pour into such a device if the need arose.

The display in the quad consisted of several tents, each one containing something seemingly pertinent to safe sex. I still fail to see how a toss game consisting of throwing condoms through a certain feature



Charles Leineweber

The Pen is Mightier

of the female anatomy promotes responsibility in the bedroom. Then there was the sex toy booth. Nothing screams responsible sexual attitudes like sex toys.

When one student on the way to class declined an invitation to partake in the aforementioned toss game, the megaphone blared, "These are your student fee dollars at work people, enjoy it!"

First, toss games are ridiculously frustrating. Second, I sincerely hope my student fees weren't used to fund the OSU-themed condoms, the anatomically dirty models and the free lube giveaway. We already waste enough money around here (like on textbooks).

I understand the message that was trying to be relayed through this

event. It was meant to encourage responsible, healthy behavior, something that is very easy to endorse. But the manner in which it was presented came across as unprofessional and immature. The carnival-like atmosphere wasn't exactly conducive to learning about safe sex. I could learn more from the walls of a bathroom stall.

There is an appropriate place to learn about safe sex though. It's called every health class you've ever been in since sixth grade.

I know what you're thinking: "Lighten up, Chuck, you're such a killjoy."

Hey, don't call me Chuck. And maybe I am a killjoy, but the last thing I want to see at 11:30 a.m. on a Thursday is a table in the middle of the quad with a bunch of models of male reproductive organs. That's more of a Tuesday afternoon thing.

Walking into the MU lounge, there was a concert put on by a classical music trio for an audience of senior citizens. It was hard not to chuckle at the juxtaposition, but it was also

hard not to feel a little embarrassed for the school. When visitors, especially senior citizens (or prospective students), come to Oregon State what message do we want to send?

It's easy to brag about being a land grant or sun grant school (what does that mean by the way?), but the attitudes and actions of the students say a lot more about the school. And what I got out of Condom Awareness Day was that we're pretty immature. This is coming from someone who has the sense of humor of a 12-year-old.

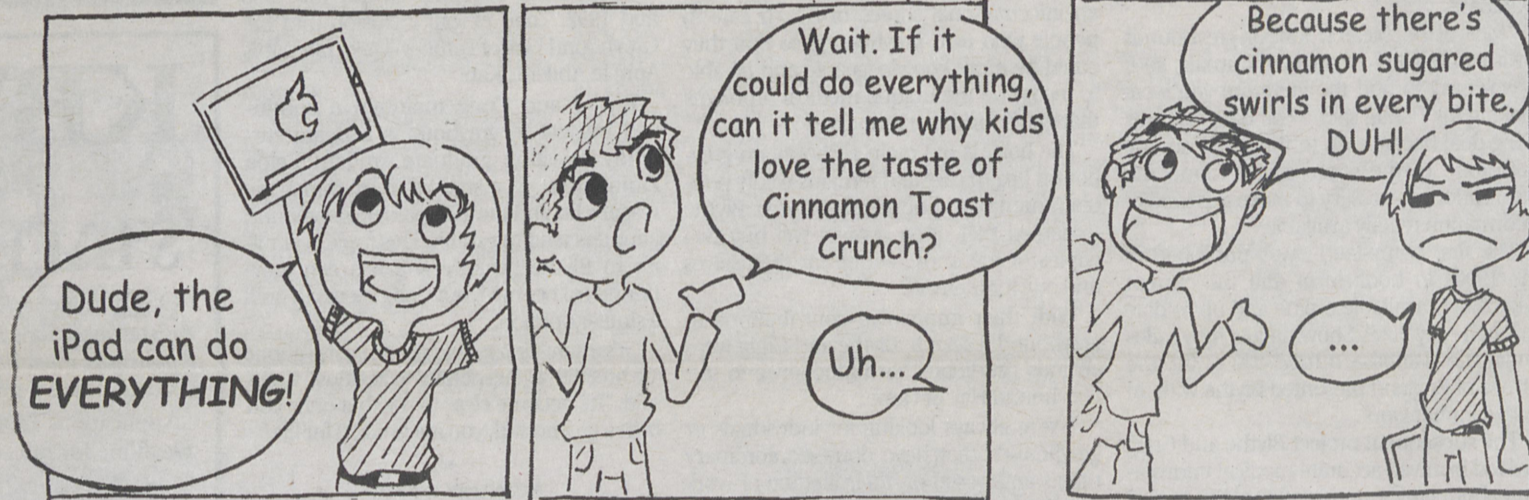
We all know that topics like this are easy to giggle at. I do it on an almost daily basis. But when it comes to student groups putting on an informational event about an important topic, it should be done with some sense of maturity.

And it should be done without spending my student fees on lube.

That would be nice.

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Fari Tales: iPad Toast Crunch



Fari Nguyen

FARI NGUYEN IS A FRESHMAN IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Concerning forgotten pills, missed periods and dry spells

Dear Dr. Sex, I have a question for you. I had sex at the beginning of January while I was on birth control, and he never came. A week later one of my close friends committed suicide. I went to Seattle for the memorial and forgot my pills and didn't take them for about three days. I started taking them again for about four days but then went back to Seattle to be with my friends and forgot them again.

Since that time, I have not had my period, which should have happened. It has been about two and a half weeks since then. I took a pregnancy test but it came out negative.

Is the reason I am late because I have been dealing with lots of stress and emotional issues? Or could it be because I messed up my birth control? I am on Seasonale, so I only have my period once every three months, but usually when I miss my pills my period starts within four days. I just am already really stressed out and I just am so confused about



Kathy Greaves Ph.D

Dr. Sex

what is going on with my body. Signed, The Only Prego I Want is the Pasta Sauce Dear Prego Pasta Sauce,

First let me say how sorry I am about your friend. For those left behind, suicide is never easy to understand.

One thing I can tell you is that you aren't pregnant. If the last time you had sex was the beginning of January and you had been taking your pills prior to that and you didn't miss any pills until you went to Seattle, then you couldn't be pregnant.

First of all, if you regularly take your pills, you never ovulate. And if you don't ovulate, you can't get pregnant. Second, if a week passed before

you forgot your pills when you went to Seattle, the sperm would have been dead after three days anyway.

As a side note, just because he didn't come doesn't mean there wasn't sperm present. If he had recently ejaculated (say from oral or manual), then sperm absolutely would be present in the ejaculatory duct.

If you stopped taking your pills the second time you went to Seattle and never started back, then your period should have started within four to five days. If, however, you went back to Seattle for a few days, returned to Corvallis and then restarted your pills again, that could have kept you from menstruating. For some women, they can miss two to three pills and it still doesn't trigger menstruation.

It could be stress, but I suggest that you talk with the health care practitioner who prescribed the Seasonale. As I have said many times, I am not a doctor nor do I have any formal medical training.

My friend Scott fondly refers to me as his favorite "Fake Doctor," and I'm OK with that.

Dear Dr. Sex,

I would like to know what natural products are available for vaginal dryness due to the menopause. Thanks for your help.

Signed, Need to Lick This Vaginal Dryness Problem Dear Need to Lick,

I'd like to start with some background information for my readers about vaginal dryness. Menopause is the most common reason why a woman may be experiencing vaginal dryness, but there are other reasons. Menopause is the most common reason, because during and after menopause, women's estrogen levels drop. That is the ultimate cause of vaginal dryness — reduced estrogen levels. Estrogen levels also drop because of childbirth, breast feeding, treatments for breast cancer, immune disorders, cigarette smok-

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How does the 'party of no' solve adverse selection?

WellPoint insurance company made recent headlines when it became known that their health insurance subsidiary in California is raising rates this year up to 39 percent for individual policyholders.

For the most part, those individuals are small business owners and their employees, who don't work for big companies with large group plans. Those individuals already paid significantly more for health insurance before, and each further increase forces them to re-evaluate whether they can even afford to be insured.

Those individuals in California aren't alone, either. According to a report in BusinessWeek, multiple insurers in Oregon are raising rates 15 percent this year, after raising them a whopping 25 percent last year. Across the country, anyone who isn't in a large group policy should expect increases in the range of 10 to 30 percent.

Those are big numbers, folks.

So while everyone in politics is claiming to be on the side of small businesses, the owners and employees of those businesses are getting crushed between the forces of declining sales in a down economy and rising costs from insurance premiums.

This is also a problem for many recent college graduates. As you come out of col-

lege and fall off your parents' insurance, you might be lucky enough to find a job that offers large group coverage.

If not, you will either see your wages reduced as your small employer is forced to pay those rapidly increasing costs, or you will buy an individual policy and pay those costs directly out of pocket. Or you will go without insurance altogether.

Thursday of this week, President Obama and representatives of both parties from Congress will be meeting for the vaunted health care summit in an ostensibly bipartisan attempt at finding solutions.

While this summit seems likely to turn out as nothing more than bad political theater, it is worth asking in the moments leading up to it: Why are individual insurance rates going up so much? And what can we do about it?

In the wake of the WellPoint news, the Obama administration and some Democrats have responded by blaming the company for simultaneously making large profits and raising rates.

For sure, WellPoint is a profitable company, but they earn those profits mostly on group plans. Premiums on those plans are still growing, but at a somewhat less catastrophic rate of 9 percent.

On individual plans, WellPoint and others are rais-



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The Gift of Gab

ing rates more drastically because costs for those customers are going up faster. They aren't going to transfer profits from one set of customers just to subsidize some others.

So that brings us back to the question: Why is this happening? Why are group insurance costs growing so fast, and individual insurance costs growing even faster?

To understand the answers, and really to understand health care reform in general, you need to know two words: adverse selection.

Adverse selection is an economics term about how asymmetrical information causes bad outcomes. In insurance, this plays out when people who are sick try to get health insurance, leading to higher costs. This makes people who are healthy more likely to go without. With more sick and fewer healthy people in the pool, insurance rates go up, causing further rate increases, which causes more healthy people to drop out.

Unchecked, the problem just keeps spiralling out of control.

With group policies, this doesn't happen as easily, because large employers just insure every employee, sick and healthy alike. Their rate increases are less because they are keeping the healthy ones in the pool.

With individual policies though, the adverse selection problem is severe. With the economy in the tank, healthy individuals drop their insurance coverage, while sick people have no choice but to find a way to pay.

But the problem isn't just the down economy, and it isn't contained to just the individual policy markets. Even before the economic crisis, the percentage of people with private insurance was steadily declining, while the percentage of people who were uninsured kept rising.

This is our health care crisis, because uninsured people not only suffer a lack of coverage, but also free ride on the system. Even if they aren't poor, they can easily rack up huge medical bills they can't pay from accidents or chronic illnesses. Those costs get transferred to the insured, group and individual alike, which raises their costs, which forces more people out of the system.

That system-wide adverse selection problem playing out in slow motion is what threatens to bring the whole thing crashing down.

So obviously, when it comes time for the health care summit, we should be asking the people representing us from both parties how they plan to address this problem.

Democrats have already given their answer. The health care reform bill they tried to

pass, that Republicans decried as a "government takeover of one-sixth of the economy," was mostly just an attempt to use regulation of the private insurance markets (yes, that's "private" markets, not public) to fix the adverse selection problem.

It involved a "three-legged stool" approach, so named because any two legs alone wouldn't be enough to fix the problem, but all three combined can. The three legs are: requiring insurers to cover people regardless of pre-existing conditions, subsidies so that everyone could afford a policy, and an individual mandate so that healthy people couldn't drop out of the pool.

It's a system that is proven to work in places like Switzerland — successfully providing everyone with quality health care at a significantly lower cost — by avoiding the adverse selection problem and risk underwriting fees. Insurance is more affordable for everyone when everyone has to join and insurance companies spend more money covering the sick instead of trying to avoid them.

In other words, with a three-legged stool approach, we could pay less and get more.

But alas, since many Americans and 41 percent of U.S. senators didn't like the Democrats' plan for one reason or another, we don't get to pay less and get more. We get to keep the expensive, unreliable and deteriorating system we have, unless Congress can find another way to reform health care.

With this health care summit, President Obama is issuing a challenge to Republicans

to do exactly that. His political strategy seems overt, to force the "party of no" to present their own ideas, after quashing the Democrats' plan.

Most of what Republicans talked about in the health care debate has been hyperbole. We've heard about "death panels," "socialism," and other imaginary threats, but what we haven't heard loudly is an answer to the question of how to solve the adverse selection problem, which is real.

It's not that Republicans are entirely bereft of ideas. They talk quietly about tort reform and high-risk pools, which are small but potentially useful measures.

But they should be forced to talk more loudly about these and other ideas. They should be held accountable to having answers and not just saying no.

What is the Republicans' plan for solving the adverse selection problem and maintaining quality while bringing down overall costs? Will they bring anything forward?

For example, Rep. Paul Ryan R-Wis., has a whole giant plan to privatize Medicare and Medicaid and issue vouchers to everyone. What do other Republicans think of that? If not that, what is their alternative?

Right now, Republicans have gotten away with just slinging mud and never having to answer those questions.

Hopefully this week, we can start making them accountable for being leaders instead of just critics.

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ing and surgical removal of the ovaries.

Other non-estrogen causes include allergy and cold medications (both prescription and over-the-counter), some antidepressants and douching. Douching, let me add, is completely unnecessary unless you have a vaginal infection and a health care provider has prescribed one.

Otherwise, don't let those insulting advertisements sway you into thinking that you need to clean your smelly vagina with chemicals that will actually disrupt the normal pH balance of your vagina. In many instances, douching will actually cause vaginitis, an inflammation of the vagina.

Now, to actually answer your question — Astroglide has a "natural" option. "Natural" means different things to different people, so I'd suggest reading the ingredients on the label and deciding if it will work for you. Sylk

is another "natural" personal lubricant. Sylk is made from the kiwifruit vine and contains no parabens or propylene glycol, two common "unnatural" ingredients in personal lubricants. And Sylk isn't cheap. One 3.4 oz. bottle is \$22, and I believe it can only be ordered online, so you'll also have to pay for shipping as well.

For truly natural products, natural oils, such as grapeseed, sweet almond, sunflower or apricot, can be very soothing for use during or after bathing or sexual intercourse.

Remember though, oil-based lubricants should never be used with condoms, as oils can increase the chance that the condom will break.

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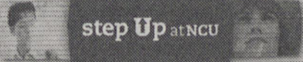
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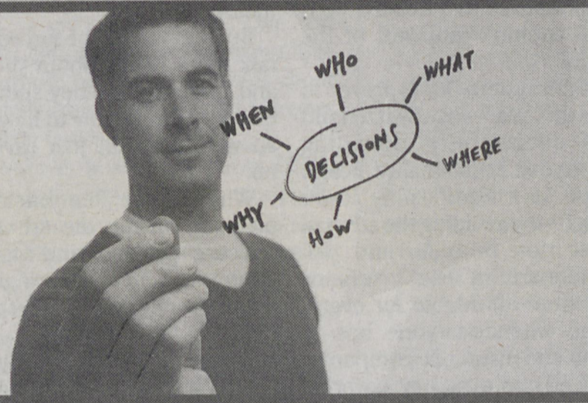
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Former adviser in Afghanistan sees civilians' disappointment growing

Tom Evans
CNN

As the top NATO commander in Afghanistan publicly apologized for the latest civilian deaths in the war, one of his former advisers said Tuesday the Afghan people have "crystallized their frustration" on the issue of civilian casualties.

"It's crystallized a disappointment with the international intervention that's been growing since about 2003," said Sarah Chayes, who just completed one year of service as an adviser to Gen. Stanley McChrystal and his staff in Kabul.

"I actually think the issue is broader," she told CNN's Christiane Amanpour. "And so the impact on the Marjah (offensive) is really going to depend on what else happens in that operation."

Chayes was referring to the joint U.S., British and Afghan offensive in Helmand province in which 15,000 troops are trying to take control of a town and the surrounding area from Taliban fighters.

Despite military efforts to avoid civilian casualties, several dozen have been killed recently by NATO bullets and bombs. In the past two weeks alone, more than 50 Afghan civilians are believed to have been killed in more than half a dozen U.S. and NATO military operations.

McChrystal on Tuesday released a video

message to the Afghan population apologizing for an incident Sunday in which 27 civilians were killed in an air strike.

"I have made it clear to our forces that we are here to protect the Afghan people," he said. "I pledge to strengthen our efforts to regain your trust to build a brighter future for all Afghans."

Chayes — a former National Public Radio journalist who for several years lived among the Afghan population in Kandahar province — said the tolerance for civilian casualties among Afghans has gone down in recent years. "I remember early cases of civilian casualties where I was actually surprised at the level of tolerance for it on the part of the people I was living amongst," she said.

"But it was because they felt that the international intervention was really doing something for them ... or they still held out the hope that it would."

She said the view of Afghan people on civilian casualties depends on issues such as whether they believe they are being governed by a responsive and respectful institution and whether they are seeing any prospects for economic improvement. "You need to protect the population and earn the population's trust," she said.

Chayes strongly criticized Afghan President Hamid Karzai's approach to tack-

ling corruption in government, saying his administration is operating like a "criminal syndicate."

"Why I talk about a criminal syndicate is because it's not just ad hoc, people making up their ends of the month. It's because their superiors purchase their office."

She said the re-election of Karzai last year has not made any difference, despite his promise to crack down on graft.

"If you read carefully some of the statements made by President Karzai in his inaugural address and in response to some of the issues about corruption ... he's actually not really promising any action," she said.

"He's saying, yes, corruption is a problem, but it's not an issue of removing individuals, it's an issue of changing the legal framework."

Chayes said the coalition's biggest mistake in the war has been its failure to ensure the Afghan people are truly represented by their government.

"By not leveraging the government to respond to the needs of its people, we force them back into the arms of the Taliban," she said. "How Afghanistan turns out is going to have a major impact on how a lot of people (around the world) make up their minds about radical Islam."

Sudan peace accord signed, state media says

Sudan on Tuesday signed a framework peace accord with rebels from the nation's volatile Darfur region, state media reported.

The framework agreement is considered the first step toward the achievement of a lasting peace accord in Darfur.

The signing of the cease-fire agreement with the rebel Justice and Equality Movement coincided with a four-way summit in Doha, Qatar, the state-run SUNA news agency

said. Participants at the summit included the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani; Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir; the president of Chad, Idris Deby; and Eritrean President Assais Afwerki, SUNA reported.

The participants were expected to discuss means of achieving peace in the region, welcoming the steps for realizing peace in Darfur, progress of the relations between Qatar, Sudan, Chad

and Eritrea and other issues of mutual concern, SUNA said.

Tahir al-Fati, chairman of the Justice and Equality Movement's legislative assembly, told CNN on Saturday that a preliminary document for the framework agreement was signed Saturday in Chad between representatives of the two sides.

A permanent cease-fire — which, according to the preliminary accord, is to be signed before March 15 — will

be a final step, al-Fati said.

Last year, Sudan's government and the JEM rebels signed a confidence-building agreement in Qatar, a step toward ending the six-year conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands.

Qatar has been mediating talks between the two sides in the Darfur conflict, which erupted in 2003 after rebels began an uprising against the Khartoum government.

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Field (Indoor and Outdoor) and Pacific-10 Conference Championships.

Oregon State has eight football student-athletes training outside of football workouts to represent the Beavers at several regular season meets. Sophomore wide receiver Jordan Bishop jumped 7 feet 1/2 inch in the high jump at the Feb. 13 Husky Indoor Classic meet in Seattle to capture the afternoon section. He and fellow wide receiver Obum Gwacham competed in the high jump, while Keynan Parker, James Rodgers and Rashaad Reynolds ran the 60 meters. The Beavers' representation at a track meet was the first for male student-athletes since the 1988 NCAA Championships; OSU has fielded a women's team since 2004.

"It's exciting to be eligible to compete in three of the very biggest NCAA meets," OSU track and cross-country coach Kelly Sullivan said. "The ruling doesn't necessarily mean that we will have competitors in the events, but it certainly opens up some great possibilities and goals for these exceptional student-athletes."

OSU football student-athletes Jacquizz Rodgers, Markus Wheaton and Kevan Walker have also participated in track workouts, with possible competition in the future. The next date for OSU men to compete is March 6 at the Washington Qualifier in Seattle.

The Pac-10 Championships are May 15-16 at the University of California while the NCAA Indoor Championships are March 12-13 at the University of Arkansas. The Outdoor Championships are June 9-12 at the University of Oregon.

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Either way, by the time you're done with a brief little search, it'll become quite clear that Kelly has a lot on his hands — and we're not talking about preparing his team for a national title run.

If it's not the fighting allegations surrounding Rob Beard, Mike Bowlin and Matt Simms or the DUII surrounding Kiko Alonso, it's Jamere Holland publicly challenging Kelly's authority via Facebook or star running back James awaiting a hearing on five misdemeanor charges.

And that's not including the allegations surrounding Masoli, nor the LaGarrette Blount incident five months ago that created the bad image persona in the first place.

To put it best, Oregon basketball head coach Ernie Kent should be rejoicing that he's not in Kelly's shoes — and Kent's likely a month away from unemployment.

Frankly, it's too much to handle for a first-year head coach, especially at a successful, high-profile program like Oregon. Really, I'm not sure there's a way that Kelly could please everyone.

Does he remain silent? He tried that, but it's his job to

defend the program.

Does he suspend everyone involved? If he did that, he'd look like a fool if someone like James was later found innocent.

Does he not suspend anyone? If he did that, he'd have about as good a chance of controlling his players as a substitute teacher controlling a rowdy group of middle schoolers.

In my opinion, Kelly's played his cards as best he can.

He claims that he's waiting on all the facts, in each individual case, and so far his actions are backing that claim up.

In the Blount case, Kelly saw what happened, talked to the running back, and suspended him immediately. Granted, he changed his mind later, but still acted swiftly in the first place, and it all turned out to be the right move.

In the case of Alonso, whose DUII came just hours after Kelly issued a warning to his team that he wasn't going to put up with any criminal acts, the coach gathered all the facts (or so he says) and decided to suspend the line-backer for the entire 2010 season.

In the case of Holland, whose demeaning Facebook posts proved to be the final

nail in the wide receiver's coffin (he's apparently had numerous other character issues in the past), Kelly gathered the facts and decided to kick Holland off the team.

None of those three cases required in-depth criminal investigations like the others do. There's no reason Kelly needs to jump to a decision when the court hasn't even done so.

But as soon as everything sorts itself out, the pressure will all fall on Kelly. It'll be the moment of truth.

Some have accused Kelly of suspending/dismissing the players he did because they weren't key members of the team (Holland and Alonso), but when it comes to someone like James (a valuable, valuable asset to next year's team) Kelly hasn't acted.

If James is charged, he needs to be kicked off the team. Domestic violence is much worse than disrespect or a DUII. The same goes for the other legal cases.

It's not fair to jump on Kelly yet. Wait and let everything unfold.

Maybe in a few months, Kelly will be back on PTI, talking about his expectations for freshman running back Lache Seastrunk.

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Baseball wins out series against Hawaii

SPORTS INFORMATION

MANOA, Hawaii — James Nygren and Matt Boyd combined to limit Hawaii to five hits in a shutout of the Rainbows Monday night, as the Beavers concluded their trip with a 5-0 victory at Les Murakami Stadium.

The victory gave Oregon State a 3-1 series victory over Hawaii on the opening weekend of the 2010 season. Oregon State now returns to Corvallis for a three-game series with Tennessee this weekend in the Papé Grand Slam.

"This was a well-pitched game by James and Matt, and they closed out a successful series for us," Oregon State head coach Pat Casey said. "The offense supported them with key hits and we took advantage of situations."

Nygren made his first start of the season and seventh of his career. He went four full innings, limiting Hawaii to three hits and three walks while striking out one.

Because he did not go the required five innings, however, the right-hander did not figure

in the decision.

Nygren gave way to Boyd in the fifth as the freshman made his second appearance on the mound during the series. Boyd proceeded to stymie the Hawaii offense, scattering two hits and a walk while striking out two over five innings. He picked up the win to improve to 1-0 this season.

Oregon State totaled six hits off five Hawaii pitchers and made the most of them. Carter Bell finished with two hits for his third multiple-hit game of the season, surpassing his two from last season.

The Beavers also finished the game with six walks and gave Hawaii starter Sam Spangler his first loss of the season. Spangler went 4 2/3 innings, allowing two hits, a run and two walks while striking out seven.

Oregon State got through the first five innings with a 1-0 lead but was able to break the game open in the sixth. Andy Quiring walked, then moved to second on a groundout by Stefan Romero. Two batters later, he was joined on the bases by Bell, who also walked, putting

runners on first and second. The two then moved up a base on a balk by Hawaii pitcher Harrison Kuroda, setting up a two-run single to left center by Rob Folsom, giving OSU a 3-0 lead.

The Beavers made it 4-0 in the seventh when Adalberto Santos drove in Keith Jennette with a double to right center. Santos made it 5-0 when going to third on a wild pitch and scoring on a single up the middle by Parker Berberet.

Oregon State got on the board early and took the first lead of the game for the second time in the series. Travis Anderson flew out to center in the second, scoring Berberet from third. Berberet opened the inning by getting on base via a 3-2 walk.

Breland Almadova was the lone Rainbow to collect two hits in their loss.

Oregon State returns to Corvallis for three games this weekend. The Beavers will tangle with Tennessee at Goss Stadium in the Papé Grand Slam. Friday night's opener is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

CRANDALL

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lele, which her Hawaiian roommate taught her.

Besides making her own music, Crandall enjoys reggae, classic rock and hip-hop.

"I like a lot of contemporary and underground hip-hop artists," Crandall said.

Focusing back on swimming, Crandall discusses one of her favorite memories over the last four years.

"One of my best memories at Oregon State was going to Texas for NCAAAs my junior year," Crandall said. "I've made a lot of friends at different schools from collegiate swimming, so it was fun to just hang out and spend time with them. It was really independent because we were all there for ourselves, not our team."

"At Pac-10s last year I roomed with Saori

(Haraguchi), and we were both doing really well and setting individual records, so we were having a great time," Crandall said. "Since nationals were in Texas, somehow 'Howdy' became our theme, you could say. Then when we got there, we started wondering if you could say 'howdy' for hello and goodbye, like 'aloha.' Then 'howdy' just kind of became part of our regular vocabulary and almost an adjective for us, and it's always been our inside joke from nationals."

Although her time in college is almost over, Crandall still has the opportunity to make more memories as the Oregon State swim team heads to Long Beach, Calif. for the Pac-10 championships on Feb. 24 with the national championships in West Lafayette, Ind. on the line.

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Hug it Out

The Duck talks

Chip Kelly has spoken. Airing nationally on ESPN's "Outside the Lines," the highly-scrutinized University of Oregon public figure addressed the off-the-field issues surrounding the Pac-10's reigning football champs. He uttered the word "embarrassed" several times, acknowledged that January's Rose Bowl appearance has now been "tarnished," and emphatically stated that "if you can't follow the laws of this country, you can't play football here."

A pretty stern message. Later, Kelly got on the air with The Oregonian's John Canzano and engaged in a rather heated discussion on "The Bald Faced Truth," regarding Kelly's action, or in some cases lack of action, in the criminal (and other) cases surrounding his players.

In between accusing Canzano (and The Oregonian) of misreporting and eventually telling the columnist that "maybe his parents didn't believe in him" (explaining Canzano's disregard to trusting a player's side of the story), the Oregon head coach stuck to the same central message that he stuck to in the "Outside the Lines" segment:

He's not going to take action until he has he all the facts.

A pretty simple and reasonable message, if you ask me.

If you haven't been paying attention to the current happenings in Eugene, just do a quick Google news search regarding the University of Oregon football program. Or, if you want a slightly biased news base, take a gander over to a certain Facebook group page ("The Oregon Ducks should give up getting arrested for Lent"), and you'll find a photoshopped picture of Jeremiah Masoli escaping the SAE house with a pair of laptops in his hand, a mug shot of LaMichael James and a wall full of posts making fun of the Ducks' current affairs.

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Swimming one just one of Crandall's many talents



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Senior Anna Crandall gets ready to dive in for a last-minute practice before the team left for Long Beach, Calif. this week in preparation for the Pac-10 Championships.

■ When it comes to Anna Crandall, the pool isn't the only place she thrives, unless a stove and piano sit on the bottom

By Evan Schaye
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While she may not be the loudest person at practice, senior Anna Crandall has nonetheless been making a steady impact on the Oregon State swim team since her freshman year.

It wasn't the beautiful scenery, the mountain biking, the football or even the stench of manure that prompted Crandall to come to Oregon State. Rather, it was the demeanor and style of head coach Larry Liebowitz and the camaraderie of the girls on the team that made the choice for Crandall.

The Salt Lake City, Utah native has been taking swimming lessons her entire life, but only started

swimming competitively at the age of 14 when her instructor, a family friend, made her promise she would try swimming competitively. Crandall tried it out on a recreational team and hasn't looked back since.

"It's kind of funny; when I first started swimming I didn't know the Olympics were long-course meters, and swimming in the U.S. is in short-course yards, so I would look at their times and be like, 'Mom, I'm only two seconds off,'" said Crandall. "I soon realized they were actually swimming a lot farther than me in the same time."

Although the Olympics may be a long shot for Crandall, she still hopes to make it there for other reasons.

"One of my best friends is on the Olympic team, so I'm hoping that I can make it to London in 2012 to watch her swim," Crandall said. "We both went to high school together, and she's at Georgia now.

I'll just have to swim vicariously through her from now on."

Crandall is no slouch out of the pool, either. She's majoring in communications, but plans on going to law school after graduating from Oregon State.

The switch to law was a big step for Crandall, who started out as a physical therapy major because she enjoys helping other people.

"All my academic strengths are in reading and writing, so law seemed like a good choice to me," Crandall said.

"I don't even know what kind of lawyer I would want to be," Crandall said. "I think I would want to be an in-house lawyer or something for a company. The emotional aspect of prosecuting a defense would get to me, I think. I really like the aspect of being in a courtroom, but I think I would burn out after a while and start to hate it."

Perhaps Crandall can find time to help people and be a lawyer, as she desires to become a swim coach later in life. Despite her enthusiasm to help people, Anna did admit that she would rather coach older swimmers, because younger kids usually end up blowing bubbles instead of working on keeping their elbows high or developing a strong kick.

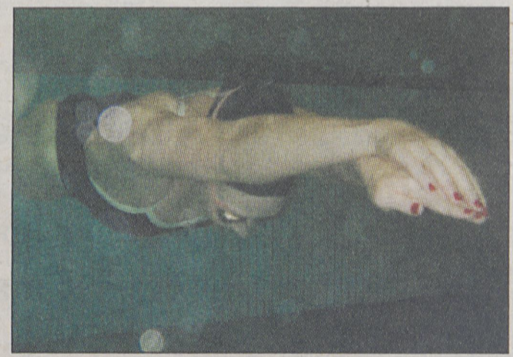
In her free time, Crandall loves cooking and making as well as listening to music. She confesses that she eats more than most, due to the fact that she's constantly working out and burning calories. As such, it's vital that her food be of high quality and taste.

Crandall also grew up playing piano and even traveled around Utah to compete. With swimming taking up most of her time now, Crandall has little time left to compete in piano.

One unique aspect of Crandall's early piano career was the method by which she learned. Instead of learning to play from sheet music, Crandall was taught by the Suzuki method, where the student learns to play by ear and associates keys on the piano with the sounds they make. She claims modesty when it comes to having a knack for hearing notes, an impressive skill lacked by many. However, Crandall did confess that it was frustrating when people would give her sheet music to play, because it was like reading a foreign language.

More recently, Crandall learned to play the uku-

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GYMNASTICS

Rodriguez earns Pac-10 Honors

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. – UCLA sophomore Vanessa Zamarripa and Oregon State senior Mandi Rodriguez were selected for the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week and Special Performance of the Week honors, respectively, for Feb. 15-21, Commissioner Larry Scott announced today.

For the second consecutive week, Zamarripa earns Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week. The O'Fallon, Ill., native won the all-around (39.675), vault (9.925) and floor (9.95). She was second on bars (9.925) and beam (9.875) as the ninth-ranked Bruins upset then-No. 3 Oregon State, 197.375-196.325. The team score was the highest score in the last five years for UCLA. Zamarripa won her third straight all-around competition, tying a career high in the all-around. For the season, she has scored a 9.9 or greater on 15 of her 26 routines across all apparatuses.

This is the third career weekly honor

for Zamarripa and UCLA's conference-leading 29th all-time Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week selection.

Rodriguez, a native of Baldwin, Calif., executed the best beam routine of her career, earning a career-high 9.90 to win the individual title. Rodriguez added a 9.925 on the vault to tie for the individual title with Zamarripa and finished with a 39.325 in the all-around. With Sunday's 9.9 on beam, Rodriguez owns career-highs of 9.90 or better on all four events.

This marks the fourth career Pac-10 Special Performance honor for Rodriguez and Oregon State's ninth all-time selection.

TRACK

NCAA clears for OSU men's track

The NCAA and the Pac-10 Conference has granted Oregon State University's appeal to permit qualifying male student athletes to compete in the 2010 Division I Track and



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Women pack Speedos for Pac-10's

■ OSU women's swim team heads to Long Beach, Calif. to take on conference rivals for Pac-10 Championships and a shot to go to nationals

By Evan Schaye
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the regular season over, the Oregon State women's swimming team has one more meet before they can rest. It is perhaps the most important of the season and for many of the swimmers it will be their final collegiate meet.

The Beavers head out to try and outpace their conference rivals as the Pac-10 Championships take place this week in Long Beach, Calif.

"It's pretty exciting," senior Anna Crandall said. "I had a great time last year at Pac-10's and nationals, so I'm looking forward to it this year. The whole season is kind of a precursor to this one meet."

The Beavers (7-6 overall, 1-4 Pac-10) have had a strong finish to their season, winning six of their last seven dual meets, including a pivotal win against bitter rivals Washington State, 113.5-126.5.

After starting the season slow, a strong finish and a big win against WSU may have been all the Beavers needed to give a strong showing at the Pac-10 Championships, which most hope will lead to a spot in nationals.

For some Beavers, the Pac-10 Championships are the end of the road, the final meet of their senior year. It's a cap to four years of waking up at the crack of dawn for early practices and hitting the weights after class. However, for many, it's only the beginning and will hopefully lead to greater things in the future.

Head coach Larry Liebowitz is looking to his seniors to lead the team, including standout swimmers Brittany Iverson and Anna Crandall for competitive times. But he's also relying on the up-and-coming talent in his team to make an impression, namely the company of freshman Rachel O'Brien, sophomore Jenni Dole and junior Ashley Kerekanich, to name a few. Dole has been having a solid season, swimming her 100-yard butterfly as quickly as 56 seconds, as well as Iverson, who has been consistently hitting under 24.5 seconds for the 50-yard freestyle, an event she shares with Crandall.

Although there are several individual standouts looking to set some records, there's much buzz about the relays, the most team-oriented aspect of the competition.

"I'd really like to make it to nationals on a relay; I think it'd be a lot of fun and it would be really exciting," Dole said. "Swimming is such an individual sport, it's nice to have other people to rely on sometimes."

"We've been working really hard on our relays," Liebowitz said. "We've been stressing practice on our freestyle relays which need to be faster. We've been working on timing and pacing, things like that. We're getting a lot faster, but there's always room to improve."

The Beavers have been improving all season, setting a season record for their 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:33.66 in their recent meet against Seattle.

If the Beavers keep performing like they have been, it doesn't appear they'll need much improvement. The Pac-10 Championships run through Feb. 28, with nationals taking place in Indiana at the end of March.

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