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Powered by orange takes on new meaning

■ Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week activity asked passersby to remember those affected

By Jacob Rivas
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On Monday, the MU Quad hosted a multiple sclerosis event that was powered by orange — 7,000 oranges to be exact. The oranges formed an “MS” in the grass that was 20 feet long by 35 feet wide. Oregon State students that walked by were then asked to participate by placing an orange in the design.

The “MS” was in tribute to the 7,000 people in Oregon and southwest Washington affected by the disease. The display was held on Monday to start off Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds chapters in all 50 states. The Oregon chapter specifically searched for students on the Oregon State campus to hold an event of some sort for MS Awareness Week. After locating Kim Olson and Megan Parish, two Oregon State graduate students, the idea of a giant MS began to form.

“The awareness color for MS is orange,” said Kim Olson, a graduate student studying public health with an option in health promotion. “The theme of oranges came from several MS projects in Florida that involved

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Volunteers lay oranges on the ground of the MU Quad Monday morning to spell out the letters, “MS!” 7,000 decorated the quad to commemorate Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Study shows that OSU does well in creating, branding community

■ Athletics, Greek programs helps create close collegiate atmosphere

By Mackenzie Field
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Large universities can compete with smaller colleges when it comes to branding and creating community, according to a recent study done by two OSU business professors.

According to the College of Business website, the “Close to the Customer Project” used applied market research to understand markets and customers in a learning environment.

Jim McAlexander, an OSU business professor who helped complete the study, said that small schools have inherent advantages because generally they provide smaller class sizes and an easier opportunity to form relationships with faculty members.

“Students are less anonymous,” McAlexander said in regards to smaller schools. “This makes students ultimately feel better about the relationships they have today.”

McAlexander said OSU does a good job in creating a close collegiate atmosphere through Dixon Athletic Center, the university’s Greek system, MUPC, intramural sports and more.

Hal Koenig, a business professor who worked on the study, said he worked on a previous study regarding the influence athletics has on a community environment within universities.

“It was interesting to see what this meant to OSU and that the vitality of the athletic community helps create pride and maintain a healthy environment,” Koenig said.

McAlexander said he had done previous studies with Harley Davidson and Jeep owners.

“It has to do with the intimate relationships customers form with a brand,” he said. “Logos share affinity toward an image.”

He said other important factors when measuring relationships customers have with brands is the kinship owners of the same brand form.

“Relationships are grounded in reciprocity,” McAlexander said.

When thinking about a university setting, students want essentially the same out of their college experiences, McAlexander said.

“We need to make sure customers receive value back,” he said. “As

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International Students at OSU | Part IV

Turning a difficult past into a bright future

■ Freshman from Uganda lives positively, works hard in memory of her father

By Yadira Gutierrez
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Most students come from different backgrounds, whether it’s the size of their family or the town or city they come from. Very few of them can say they belong to a tribe. Yvonne Naswali, a freshman in business, belongs to the Bagisu tribe of Uganda.

“Everyone in my country comes from a tribe and it’s customary to take our dad’s tribe,” Naswali said.

Born in Kenya but raised in Uganda, Naswali’s family fled Uganda at the height of former Ugandan president and dictator Idi Amin’s presidency in fear for their safety.

“During this time, my dad got thrown in jail for a day for really no reason and my mom had just given birth, so they decided it was best to leave the country for a while until

things settled down,” Naswali said.

Her family ended up staying five years in Kenya, where she and her sister were born. They ended up going back when Amin was overthrown and a new president was elected.

Naswali grew up in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda, but was no stranger to hard work growing up. City and rural life are two worlds apart and it was what she experienced when she visited family in her dad’s village of Bumasiyke in the Mbale district in Uganda.

“In the village there is no TV, no electricity; you have to go fetch water from a well and you cook with firewood,” Naswali said.

“In the rural areas people lead a very different type of lifestyle. Children get up around 5 a.m. to do morning chores if they can they go to school, and many times they don’t have money to even eat lunch.”

Naswali had a good upbringing

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Yvonne Naswali, a freshman in business and originally from Uganda, followed in her older sister’s footsteps to Oregon and eventually to OSU.

Orange and Black Vocal Scholarship to attract potential talent

■ Last night’s community concert to help add funding necessary to complete program’s needs

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The OSU music department has established a new annual scholarship called the Orange and Black Vocal Scholarship, which hopes to have earned enough community donors and funding in the next couple months to be able to attract talented musicians and keep them at OSU.

OSU Meistersingers, Bella Voce and the OSU

Chamber Choir put on a special concert last night, titled “Sing Out!” in the First United Methodist Church to benefit the scholarship fund.

“The scholarship is a new fund I started, and the concert was put on to raise awareness for people who have the means to become donors,” said Steven Zielke, director of choral studies, conductor of the OSU Chamber Choir and associate professor in the music department. “I have been aggressively meeting with donors and supporters in the community.”

The current economic plight has created a larger scholarship need for music students.

“In these times when families are having

tough times, school financing comes down on the students,” said Marlan Carlson, department chair and director of orchestras: violin and viola. “The numbers are really stacked against the students. They are faced with formidable financial challenges just to go to college.”

The music department hopes the scholarship will attract more talented students.

“OSU is a fine music school right now but we’re competing for talented students auditioning at other schools,” Zielke said. “If students are getting more money at other schools, what do we do to keep them here?”

Zielke hopes to bring in more talent to

enhance OSU’s department of music.

“We care about the kinds of students we get,” Zielke said. “If we can recruit quality students it will make our institution better.”

All students have time constraints, but music students have hidden time limitations.

“Music students are under a lot of pressure,” Zielke said. “On top of their class credits they have 20 hours or more of rehearsals per week. They could have five to six hours of rehearsal outside of class for just one credit hour.”

That also means they can’t work many hours to help pay for education costs if they don’t

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Clinton says women's voices not being heard, 'there is a long way to go'

By Jill Dougherty
CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of State Hillary Clinton marked International Women's Day Monday with a video message repeating her words from the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing: "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights."

Recalling one of the key speeches of her long career, Clinton said, in the past 15 years, women have made great progress "but there is a long way to go."

"Women are still the majority of the world's poor, unhealthy, underfed and uneducated," Clinton said. "They rarely cause violent conflicts, but too often bear their consequences. Women are absent from negotiations about peace and security to end those conflicts. Their voices simply are not being heard."

Clinton has incorporated women's rights as a key part of her international agenda.

"We think it's the right thing to do, but we also believe it's the smart thing to do as well," Clinton said in the video message posted on the State Department website.

This week Clinton will host the annual International Women of Courage Awards at the State Department, acknowledging women from 10 countries, including Afghanistan and Iran, who are helping to change the role of women in their societies.

At the Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards ceremony, she will present the Global Trailblazer Award to Melinda Gates of the Gates Foundation.

Friday, at the United Nations in New York, she will deliver a speech in honor of the 15th anniversary of the United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing.

TOP STORY

McChrystal: Afghan security operation will include Kandahar

KABUL, Afghanistan — The top U.S. general in Afghanistan vowed Monday that coalition forces "are absolutely going to secure Kandahar" as security efforts expand in the country's south.

"We already are doing a lot of security operations in Kandahar, but it's our intent — under President [Hamid] Karzai — to make an even greater effort there," Gen. Stanley McChrystal told a joint news conference with Mark Sedwill, the NATO senior civilian representative to the country.

McChrystal indicated a military operation could begin in the volatile Kandahar province as early as this summer but both Sedwill and McChrystal cautioned that much political groundwork lay ahead for NATO-led coalition troops before an offensive can begin.

Just as in the recent Marjah operation, the goal, they said, is to gain the support of the Afghan people.

"What I think we've learned about operations in Afghanistan ... is if you try to push against the culture, you have huge problems," McChrystal said. "What we're trying to achieve in Kandahar is to do the political groundwork so when it's time to do the military operation, the significant part of the population is pulling us in and supportive so we're not only doing what they want but we're operating in a way that they're comfortable with. That's the key to success here."

McChrystal said the goal "is to demonstrate again that we can operate in a way where we've got strong resolve by the government of Afghanistan, effective performance by the

Afghan military and coalition partners, and government partners so that as we do an operation that shows the people of Kandahar, and the Taliban as well, that operations like this actually result in a better outcome for everyone."

He declined to comment specifically on when the Kandahar offensive will begin, but said "our forces will be significantly increased around there by early summer."

"There won't be a 'D-Day' that is climactic," McChrystal said. "It will be a rising tide of security as it comes."

The push to secure Kandahar from what McChrystal calls a "menacing Taliban presence" is part of a larger counterinsurgency effort in the country's south, started last month in Marjah in southern Helmand province.

Long a bastion of pro-Taliban sentiment and awash with the opium used to fund the insurgency, the Marjah region has been known as the heroin breadbasket of Afghanistan and as a place where the Taliban had set up a shadow government.

The hope now is for the United States to persuade the locals to change their crops from poppies — grown to produce opium for the Taliban's drug trade — and instead grow crops such as wheat, which can help them survive and provide income as well.

Sedwill and McChrystal praised the early stages of the Marjah offensive Monday, with Sedwill calling it a "template for the way we want to take this campaign forward over the next year to 18 months."

— CNN

NEWS IN BRIEF



El Salvador president seeks U.S. help to curb crime, migration

During a visit to Washington on Monday, El Salvador President Mauricio Funes spoke with President Barack Obama about forming a strategic alliance to reduce migration and crime by raising the Central American country's economy.

No formal plans were announced after the presidents' hourlong meeting, but both leaders discussed how their countries' interests overlap.

For El Salvador, U.S. concerns over illegal immigration and drug trafficking in the region are tied to their country's economy.

"Central America, particularly El Salvador, needs to provide opportunities for work in order to be able to keep people" from emigrating, Funes said.

This is a goal with which the U.S. can help, said Funes, who is the first Central American head of state to visit the Obama White House.

Combating poverty in El Salvador will help reduce migration and decrease criminal activity, Funes said.

Some 2 million Salvadorans are in the U.S., Obama said, and "those ties provide an outstanding foundation for cooperation between our countries."

Half of El Salvador's exports go to the U.S. and about one-third of its imports come from there, Obama said.

Funes is El Salvador's first elected leftist president. He is a member of a political party, the FMLN, that waged guerrilla war against the government 17 years ago.

Funes, who assumed office last year, has a background as a journalist.



Man charged with helping Somali terrorist organization

NEWYORK — A man has been charged with helping and receiving training from a terrorist organization in Somalia, according to an indictment unsealed Monday.

Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed, also known as "Talha," appeared Monday afternoon in the Southern District of New York to face the following charges:

- Conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization;
- Providing, and attempting to provide, material support to the organization;
- Conspiracy to receive military-type training from the organization;
- And receiving military-type training from the organization.

A court official said Ahmed is to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon. Ahmed, who is a citizen of Eritrea and a resident of Sweden, arrived from Nigeria on Saturday, the official said.

The 13-page indictment identifies the organization as Al-Shabaab, which the U.S. State Department has designated as a foreign terrorist organization. Its goal, according to the department, is to impose strict Islamic law throughout Somalia.

The indictment says Ahmed traveled to Kismayo and Barawa in Somalia in or around April 2009 to receive jihad training at Al-Shabaab paramilitary camps, and gave the organization 3,000 euros (\$4,098). In Barawa, he also was trained in bomb-making and detonation, it says.

That month, he bought an AK-47 rifle, additional magazines and two grenades, it says.

Ahmed had bomb-making instructions with him in Nigeria last November, the indictment says.

If convicted of the charges, Ahmed would face a maximum of 45 years in prison.

Tornado destroys homes in Oklahoma

At least five homes were destroyed after a tornado touched down in western Oklahoma Monday evening, authorities said. No injuries were immediately reported.

Other homes were damaged, and power was out in the city of Hammon in Roger Mills County, Okla., Michelann Ooten of the Department of Emergency Management told CNN.

Roger Mills officials continued to assess the damage, Ooten said.

The tornado hit about 5:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. ET), said Ken Gallant, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Norman, Okla.

The thunderstorms that produced the conditions for the tornado weakened shortly afterward and a tornado warning was canceled, Gallant said.

Jerry Dean, county commissioner of Roger Mills, said the county barn was among the structures destroyed.

Area residents had time to prepare before the tornado hit, Dean said.

He could see the tornado coming before going into a cellar to wait it out, he said.

— CNN

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Mar. 9

Meetings

ISOSU, 6-8pm, MU International Resource Center. Leadership Council meeting.

ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109A. Meeting of the 69th ASOSU Senate.

The Pride Center, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Volunteer with the Pride Center! Give back to your community! Make new friends! Help plan events!

ASOSU Accessibility Affairs, 3-4pm, Women's Center. Come join and make OSU accessible to all students.

OSU College Democrats, 6-8pm, MU 109B. Join the amiable OSU Chapter for their final weekly meeting of the term!

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Rabbit Proof Fence.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. "Come & Go" lunch. Good food and informal table talk.

The Pride Center, 9am, meet in front of Dixon Rec. Walking/jogging for the athletically challenged. No competition, no rules. Walk or jog at your own pace.

Government Relations, 2:30-3:30pm, 303 Gilkey Hall. Staff from the office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon) on campus to provide information about internships in Washington, DC and Oregon.

Wednesday, Mar. 10

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.

Speakers

Women's Center, Noon, Women's Center. International Women's Lunch Bunch with Tawalin Opastrakoon from Thailand.

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Rabbit Proof Fence.

Beaver Yearbook, 1-4pm, Snell 231. Free Beaver Yearbook portraits.

Active Minds, 6pm, bowling alley in MU Basement. Social Night! Free food and bowling while meeting new people and discussing ways to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Student Dietetic Association, 9:30am-3pm, MU Quad. Celebrate National Nutrition Month. Snacks and prizes, along with healthy food ideas.

Thursday, Mar. 11

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.

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Rabbit Proof Fence.

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.

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Mushers, dog teams on the trail in Alaska for 38th Iditarod

By Tracy Sabo
CNN

WILLOW, Alaska — The 2010 Iditarod is officially under way, with 71 mushers and dog teams on the wide-open trail toward Nome.

Teams will spend the next week and a half crossing 1,049 miles through some of the most demanding and formidable conditions on Earth, including North America's largest mountain chain, the Alaska range.

"Ten days and nothing else but eat, sleep and feed dogs," Canadian musher Sebastian Schnuelle said excitedly.

The sport has been dominated in recent years by Lance Mackey, 39, from Fairbanks, Alaska, and this year he will be trying to accomplish what no other musher in history has been able to do: win four consecutive Iditarods.

Mackey is a throat cancer survivor, and is known for

his fierce determination and competitive spirit. He comes from family of Alaskan mushing champions. His father, Dick Mackey, and brother Rick have also won the Iditarod. Dick Mackey's one-second win over Rick Swenson in 1978 set a record for the closest finish in Iditarod history.

The Iditarod, though, isn't a competitive sprint to the finish for every musher in the field. Jim Lanier, 69, from Chugiak,

Alaska, mushes primarily for enjoyment. He's entered and completed 13 Iditarods, at least one in all four decades the race has been in existence. He has never won.

Rookie Iditarod musher Kristy Berington admits she's not racing to win — she just hopes to finish. Her longest race prior to entering this year's Iditarod was only 300 miles.

"I've got puppies on this team that I want to see get to

Nome. It's like watching your kid graduate from college," said the 25-year-old Kasilof, Alaska, resident. "They go and they're puppies, and they come back and they're dogs."

She has been training with Iditarod veteran Paul Gebhardt and has borrowed one of his dog teams to lead her to Nome.

Outside of personal accomplishments and goals, the race this year also presents an opportunity for some mushers

to show their respect to fallen servicemen, thanks to a collaboration with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. Always a top competitor in the race, four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, has six commemorative purple ribbons attached to his sled this year, placed there at the ceremonial start of the race by the wives of the fallen soldiers and officers.

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receive a sizeable scholarship or have another funding stream.

"They're a very overworked bunch of people," Zielke said. "It's very hard for them to work but if they do, we try to get them to work on campus."

According to Zielke, on-campus employers are more forgiving about music students' time demands for rehearsals and concerts.

Education costs are slightly higher for music students due to extra fees.

"Music fees make tuition higher because the lessons are one on one," Zielke said.

There are many other scholarships

allotted through the music department but not as many as in the past.

"What I heard from Dr. Zielke was that seven years ago there was three times as much scholarship money for music students," said Stuart Krug, a junior in choral music directing. "The news of this scholarship is exciting and also necessary."

The department hopes the Orange and Black Vocal Scholarship Fund will be able to give out financial assistance to as many students as possible in the near future.

"The intention is to give scholarships to many students," said Tom McLennan, director of development in the College of Liberal Arts. "As far as how much they will award to students depends on how

much they can raise."

This new scholarship has invoked a great ambition for faculty in the music department.

"I've always been involved in fundraising but last year it became an obsession," said Zielke.

"I would like to offer full scholarships but it will be whatever we can offer," Zielke said.

Monday night's concert tickets were priced at \$10 for general audience members and OSU students were admitted for free. The proceeds benefited the Orange and Black Vocal Scholarship Fund.

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with loving parents and six siblings, yet her life took a turn when at the age of 16 her dad was unexpectedly taken from her.

"In 2005 my dad was killed by two random and unknown men while at a family function. The police were never able to arrest the culprits," Naswali said.

From that day on, Naswali had to live without the dad she had always admired.

"He was my role model, loving and caring. I used to spend a lot of time with him and tried to do everything he did," Naswali said.

In an instant, life for her and her family changed. The responsibility of taking care of a family fell on the shoulders of her mother.

"His death had a huge effect on my mom. She lost her love, her companion in life and she was faced with the responsibility of having to feed a family and pay the bills all on her own," Naswali said.

Her father's unexpected death was a blow that neither Naswali or her family

ever saw coming, yet the family bond and unity remained unbreakable.

"My big brother got a job while he was studying to help my mom out with the bills to ease her burden. We had no clue something like that would ever happen but we have accepted it and moved on with life," Naswali said.

Even though she has moved on with her life, her father's memory and love for him only grows deeper as it has become a motivating force for school and in life.

"Everything that happened made me realize the importance of telling people that you love them because life is not guaranteed. It was also a wake-up call to really get serious about school," Naswali said.

Her journey to OSU began with her sister, Eunice Naswali, a graduate student in electrical engineering.

Eunice found a scholarship program in Uganda to study abroad. She applied and was accepted and subsequently placed at OSU. She completed her undergraduate studies and suggested to Yvonne the idea of coming to study in

Oregon with her.

Initially, Naswali applied to Portland Community College and was accepted.

"I stayed with a host family while I was going to school in Portland but what I really wanted to do was transfer over to OSU," Naswali said.

Once she arrived at OSU last year, her big sister was here to guide her through.

"I helped her with settling in and adjusting to school, helping her pick out classes and registering and getting a scholarship," Eunice Naswali said.

Naswali applied to the International Cultural Service Program and received a scholarship.

"We ask students to do a presentation about their country and Yvonne came in and just wowed us. She preformed a dance and was so confident and poised, we knew we wanted her in our program," said Dawn Moyer, director of the ICSP scholarship program and executive director of Crossroads International.

While she really likes it in Corvallis, Naswali still yearns for Uganda.

"I miss it a lot. The weather, the food and my friends and family. There is no doubt in my mind that I want to go back to my country once I'm finished studying," Naswali said.

She hopes to go back and find a job as an accountant at a bank as well as help her mom.

"I want to be the best accountant possible but my dream is also to one day help my mom open up her own clinic," Naswali said.

Naswali's relationship with her mom has grown since her father's passing.

"We became more open with each other and I can talk to her about a lot of things. We rely on each other more and in every sense we have become closer," Naswali said. "I love her very much."

After being at OSU for a year, Naswali has assimilated well to school and a new country. She enjoys listening to music, spending time with friends and bonding with her sister.

"In Uganda, my sister and I went to a boarding school and never saw much of each other. It wasn't until we both came to OSU that we really started to truly get to know each other," Naswali said.

Naswali is very proud of what she and her sister have accomplished thus far and knows of someone who would also be very proud.

"I know my dad would be very proud at the fact that I'm following in his footsteps, he was also an accountant, but most importantly at the fact that we held strong and kept going after he died," Naswali said.

"Not a day goes by when I don't think of him."

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a student, you don't think so much about how important our alumni are. But we have a healthy alumni community; they'll support us and recommend their kids and friends to come here."

McAlexander said OSU's alumni are willing to support the university, economically, which leads to scholarships, new buildings, better facilities and more.

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oranges, so everything just kind of fell into place with the school colors of Oregon State."

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society was founded in 1946 by a woman named Sylvia Lawry, who left her ambitions of becoming a lawyer to spend her life generating awareness and funding for research for a disease that scientists knew very little about. She did so after her younger brother was diagnosed with the disease and she spent the rest of her life desperately fighting against multiple sclerosis.

She died at the age of 85, but to her last day she never stopped working. She constantly said, "I'll retire when MS retires." Oregon State students are simply a small piece of the international vision against MS that she held.

"In addition to the National MS Oregon chapter, other groups that assisted in the event include the Volunteering Scholars Association, the Pre Therapy-Allied Health Club, various public health graduate students and a few professors," Olson said. "The best part though, was when the seven MS patients stopped by and told us that they were truly touched by what we had done."

For Michelle Dieringer, a junior majoring in exercise and sport science, the event was especially meaningful.

"Oregon has the highest prevalence of multiple sclerosis of the 50 states," Dieringer said. "Fighting the disease means a lot to me though because my grandfather was diagnosed with MS, so I came out here to help support the cause."

Multiple sclerosis is generally only diagnosed in 20- to 40-year-olds. And while it cannot yet be cured, the National MS Society has dedicated \$600 million in research and, as a result, many quality-of-life improving drugs have been developed. These drugs reduce the number of acute MS attacks, help to protect the central nervous system from damage and delay the beginning of more permanent disabilities.

"The next major MS event is coming up on April 10," Olson said. "It is a walk along the waterfront that begins at 10 a.m. Students interested should search on Facebook for the National MS: Oregon chapter because more details, and future events, will be found as the event draws closer."

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Guest Editorial

Can rape be used as a punch line?

Effectively, that's the question that was raised when one of our sister publications ran, on their back cover, a parody of the cartoon Hagar the Horrible ("Rearguard," Feb. 2010).

Hagar, the cartoon's protagonist and Viking leader, notes that in Viking rankings, the group's pillaging rate is up but "we're losing a lot of points in the 'rape' category." When his male companion inquires as to how this can be fixed, Hagar responds with, "First, we get you another drink, baby."

At least one reader found this use of potential sexual assault as a comedic device to be offensive. In addition to a letter to the editor we received — calling for a public reprimand of the "Rearguard" and the resignation of comic artist Adam Barber — posters were placed around campus shaming the publication and stating that rape, even between two men, is not funny.

While the cartoon in question may not have been in good taste, and putting its lack of effectiveness as a joke aside, it should be noted that it is a form of protected speech.

Parodies are a form of social commentary or critique that are protected under the First Amendment as artistic expression. Artists often use the recognizable to shed light on the repulsive, and in this case, the repulsive was our institution's connection to a barbaric culture.

Barber used the image of Hagar as a connection to our school mascot, the Vikings, who are historically known as barbarians who used heavy-handed methods of conquering far-off lands. Though historians still argue over whether the "rape and pillage" stigma is accurate, it is hard to dispute that the association nevertheless exists in people's minds. Barber was making the point that, by proxy, that stigma falls upon our mascot as well.

Negative response to the comic is understandable. According to a recent investigation conducted by the Center for Public Integrity in conjunction with reporters from National Public Radio, one out of five women will be sexually assaulted during her time in college.

The message in Barber's spoof of Hagar may be lost because of the emotional response it evokes, but that isn't the point. Our First Amendment sets us apart from many other cultures.

Having such a freedom also protects that with which we may not agree. Author Noam Chomsky wrote that to truly believe in freedom of speech, you must also believe that those with whom you disagree hold the same freedom.

The same constitutional tool that allows hate groups, such as the KKK, to organize rallies is what allows us to fight for civil rights.

Though Barber can be criticized for insensitivity to a major public concern, the "Rearguard" cannot be put under fire for utilizing the same freedom that allows each of us to voice our disapproval.

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Stock investing: Sexy easy money or long-term gains?

If you're like me, you play around in the markets, and you get excited in an inappropriate way when you go online to look at your stocks and see a big row of green gains all lined up.

Everything is up. The smell of profits in the morning is sexy, and makes us feel like big-time business moguls.

If you really understand how markets work though, you know that when confidence is highest is exactly when you should be the most worried.

That's not to say the market is bubbling over. It might be, but what's more disconcerting to me are the things I hear people say they try to do with their money.

I love the stock market, and I love talking about it. And seeing that love, it seems like people want to talk to me about it.

However in multiple conversations I've had recently, one disturbing fact has come to my attention: Most people are out for short-term rather than long-term gains.

I hear people talk about hot tips, insider newsletters, momentum trading



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Old School

and crazy speculative strategies, like momentum trading... and I weep.

In short, many of you out there think you can beat the market and make easy money playing stocks, and almost all of you are wrong.

So let me tell you what you need to know, because as my finance professor told us at the start of the term, there is nothing more dangerous than people who aren't aware of what they don't know.

First though, I need a quasi-legal sounding disclaimer.

The advice in this column is not qualified investment advice. All advice in this column is for entertainment and not investment purposes, and as the "South Park" guys might say, this column should not be read by

anyone.

With that out of the way, there are two things you need to know begin to understand the markets.

First, know that valuing a company is complicated, because you are buying every part of it. Most amateur investors don't realize this. They see a hot new product or a snippet of news and decide they know enough about the company to determine that the price will go up.

But think for a second, though about what a stock is. You're buying a company's assets and future earnings. You're buying its retained earnings, its current and long-term debt, its tangible and intangible assets and any risks or opportunities the company has.

You get all those things with your shares. Do you have any idea what all that is worth, in actual dollars?

I know you don't. You can't lie to me.

I'm an MBA with some finance experience, but I'll admit I know just enough about the methods professionals use to value stocks to see that it's tough to do competently, and very tough to do well.

So when amateurs buy a stock, they really don't know the value of what they are buying.

That doesn't mean you should stay out of the markets though. One of the weirdest things about the market is that it is possible to invest smartly with no knowledge at all of the companies you are buying, if you use the right strategies.

To understand that, the second thing you need to know about markets is that they are "efficient." The concept of "market efficiency" is actually a bit controversial in finance and economics, in its specifics, but what we know for sure is that open markets are usually pretty accurate at setting prices. They aren't perfect (hello, financial crisis) but are rarely very far off.

When you buy a stock on the open market, you are essentially bidding at auction against all the professionals with their powerful but complex valuation models to own a piece of a company.

So you may have some vague sense

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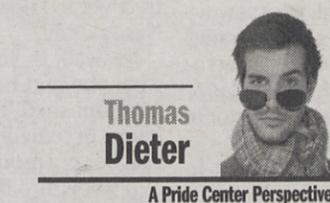
It's spring so dance your face off: New positions abound

Over the weekend, OSU, we received an excellent reminder that the spring has begun to replace the vitamin D-deficient days of winter. It can only mean one thing: frolicking and adventures! To help facilitate your explorations and experiments, consider incorporating some of the following dance moves.

A good place to start — and one of the most accessible additions to your already expansive dance party repertoire — is likely the Elevator Gator. The following scenario explains the move. Try to envision it the next time your frolicking space involves multiple levels such as stairs or platforms, which are examples of multiple levels.

In the move, you're a busy meerkat who's just finished a project involving transparencies. In the elevator to your place (or up the stairs), you have just enough room for a quick ball-change, feather-step free spin-kick before reaching your stop.

"Going up?" you ask, taking the expressway to the intergalactic dance-off, that fateful competition whose outcome no one could have predicted at the time. "I Zimbra" from the Talking Heads' album "Fear of Music" sus-



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tains the Elevator Gator in a serious way, so I suggest including it in your bodily inquiry.

The Reverse Turn Rond — another dance move indicating that you are not only a) extremely desirable by which I mean queer but also b) deft at using your body as a dance machine — involves a counterclockwise rotation to the left while the toe of your straight leg draws a semicircle.

When mastered, this move shows off the versatility of the human body at the height of the dance party experience. Rotating the torso and hips, shifting your weight and opening up to a new awareness not only creates a shift in perspective (something inherently cool in its own right) but inevitably enlivens the summertime jams, often taking them, to the max.

The title track to Bowie's 1983 gift to the universe, "Let's Dance," provides

an electromagnetic groove bound to shake off the doldrums that have collected during the winter.

If at one moment the sound of street construction or the electronic pulse of traffic lights compels you, it may be necessary to do a single slip jig into this (at times involuntary) dance move: Waacking, a soul train, "get on uppa get down" embodiment of whichever funkstress you happen to be listening to.

Although no one can quite predict which moment will induce Waacking, "Mother" — from the Moloko album "Things to Make and Do" — is a good starting point. Go there for more.

Moreover, an important part of welcoming the spring through dance involves the incorporation of light shows and dry ice machines whenever possible. Plus, we know better than to close the canon on potential dance moves, so we're always looking to collaborate.

Trev DeTal likes to welcome the spring with the Slow Rise Space Odyssey, and my guess is he has already used the move a couple of times so far this year. For DeTal, a writer, grad student and teacher of writing,

the Odyssey is all about the swivel.

"It's the morning and you're making your coffee and your head starts to swivel, and it works its way down the spine and eventually you're swiveling with the spheres," he says. "It's a slow build."

The perfect time to incorporate this dance move is whenever you want. For DeTal, "Dynamic Symmetry" from the album "This Binary Universe" by BT does a good job with the build and the swivel of the spheres.

Naturally, there are no limits to what might be considered sensible. For instance, although I might not exactly dip into the mashed potato or triple promenade chasse between classes (for one thing, I prefer to box step), I think we could all agree that the world is a more interesting place when individuals freely pursue their own funky paths.

Beaucoup dance moves bop to class, peddle on bikes, slide to work and scale the moss trees. Marvel at the evocation.

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The legalization of drugs: The business theory perspective

In the contemporary era, most recreational drugs are illegal. From marijuana to cocaine to heroin, the vast majority of drugs consumed by Americans in days past are no longer permitted as typical store goods. Rather, such goods thrive in channels of illicit traffic, where many persons work to move these items from one place to another.

This process is both inefficient and ineffective for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the process and jobs required for such activities, the drug trade has fragmented channels, high levels of violent activity and an inability to enforce quality control. However, if these same recreational drugs were to be by and large legalized, it would be possible to reap numerous benefits from this change.

First, from a societal perspective, the legalization of drugs would allow for substantial changes in infrastructure. The enforcement of drug laws could be substantively scaled down and focused on smuggling and tax evasion. Other tangentially related government institutions could refocus their efforts on other criminal, civil and economic affairs, effectively ameliorating a major sore in public



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administration.

In addition, the court system would no longer be deluged with constant cases involving illicit drugs. Many initial offenders are nonviolent and relatively harmless and they are usually only a danger to the system after being corrupted by violent elements. Moreover, if drugs were legalized, even formerly violent offenders would likely abandon a life of crime in order to sell legalized drugs.

The legalization of drugs would also mean that recreational drugs could be regulated and taxed as any other good.

This would mean that recreational drugs would provide income for the state, which in turn could be used for public benefit. The quality and content of recreational drugs could also be moderated and controlled, respectively, which would protect consumers from a potentially dangerous product.

Second, from a business perspective, the legalization

of drugs would provide for greater efficiency and efficacy in their production and marketing. These attributes would take their form in economics of scale, consolidated market efforts, brand differentiation, shortened channels and niche marketing efforts.

According to Investopedia, economics of scale can be defined as "the increase in efficiency of production as the number of goods being produced increases. Typically, a company that achieves economies of scale lowers the average cost per unit through increased production since fixed costs are shared over an increased number of goods."

Thus, a large manufacturing firm could produce these recreational drugs en masse, which would mean that the average cost per unit would be relatively low.

A larger firm can also engage in consolidated marketing efforts, which is used in this case to refer to the promotion of a type of product. Thus, a recreational drug could be promoted in advertising and marketing in appropriate venues, which would benefit all the producers of the product. This would serve to lower costs for large producers due to condensed advertis-

ing, which could be passed in part or in whole to the consumer as price savings.

A smaller firm or an effective large firm could benefit from brand differentiation, which would serve to make firms more innovative and effective in their processes and in their marketing efforts. This would also serve in many cases to drive down the price of most recreational drugs, as the vast majority would be commoditized, not branded products.

Branding oneself as a niche market product would also serve to benefit certain groups of consumers. According to entrepreneur.com, a niche market is "a portion of a market that you've identified as having some special characteristic and that's worth marketing to." Very small, so-called "boutique" firms could produce products which possess some apparent or real characteristic to the target consumer. This would provide consumers with many different choices, which would optimize product offerings available.

Most importantly, the legalization of drugs would provide for shortened channels to market. According to Investopedia, a channel is "the system of intermediaries between the produc-

ers, suppliers, consumers, etcetera, for the movement of a good or service."

Currently, the illicit nature of recreational drugs leads to inefficient channels, where both the necessity of secrecy and the unregulated nature of the black market encourages relatively high prices for products.

The legalization of drugs would provide for relatively short channels, as business could be conducted in the open market and products could be grown locally or in a nearby location.

Large firms could expand nationally or internationally, depending on existing regulations and distributors of the products could quickly and cheaply bring the products to the wholesale and retail market.

It would also likely mean that legal competitors would quickly emerge onto the market, who could take advantage of their business know-how to produce, market, manufacture, distribute or sell a variety of recreational products.

Third, if pure and relatively

cheap versions of recreational drugs were available on the market, less pure versions would quickly lose popularity.

Moreover, if recreational drugs were regulated, it would be possible to more effectively stop the production of impure drugs, which could prove to be dangerous to average consumers.

While recreational drugs possess a usual stigma among many societal groups, the fact is there would be substantial societal, business and consumer benefit from the legalization of drugs. They would require both regulation and relative freedom to manufacture, distribute and sell in order to realize many of these benefits.

However, in an open market, in a free society, with regulation and taxation—recreational drugs may cease being a public hazard and instead become a societal benefit.

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of which companies are good and which are bad, but when you realize that the pros setting prices high for good companies and lower for bad ones, you realize that there is no easy way to get a good deal in the stock market.

Also know that if you've heard the latest news about a company, they have heard it too, and in the time it takes you turn on your computer, they have already moved the market to account for the new information.

There's no free lunch, because if there was a free lunch, the professionals would have already eaten it.

This may sound simple, but it has some profound implications. First, it means that unless you really know what you are doing, you won't earn consistent returns above the market average with a diversified portfolio over the long term. You're stuck being average.

Some of you out there who have made bunches of money in the market over the last year might beg to differ, but to you, I differ with your differ.

Realize that since bottoming

out on March 9 of last year, the broad market S&P 500 Index is up a whopping 68 percent. Its rise has been fairly steady, so that if you invested at any time, you've probably done well just being average.

And even if you've beaten the market over that time, that still doesn't make you above average. Don't confuse luck with skill. Any portfolio, especially a nondiversified one, can beat the market for one year. The true test is whether you can beat it year over year, and the odds are you will fail that test.

But again, don't get discouraged. The other interesting thing about market efficiency to remember is that while you are stuck being average, it's easy to avoid being below average. Even if you don't know an intangible asset from your own butt, you will still get average returns over the long term with a diversified portfolio.

The key to smart investing is to realize what you can and can't control.

You can't control long-term market performance and you can't beat the markets, so don't even try.

But you can control a few

other things. First, you can control diversification. Without diversification, you will still get the same long-term returns on average as the market, you will just be more likely to endure wild swings.

If you don't care about your money, that's fine; if you do care, then seeing large percentages of it repeatedly appear and disappear may cause some anxiety.

So spread the money around. A simple way to do this is through mutual funds or ETFs, which both allow you to buy specific asset classes. You want a mix of large and small caps, foreign and domestic and holdings across different sectors. You should even throw in some bonds if you want more stable returns.

Second, you can control taxes and transaction costs. The ultimate is a company 401k that is tax-advantaged and offers matching funds.

That's really the only easy money out there. You can also add an IRA to that, which also has tax advantages. Aside from that, remember that each trade costs money and, if done outside a tax-advantaged account, will incur taxes.

If you pay \$10 each time you buy a stock and \$10 each time you sell a stock, along with a 15 percent tax on gains, that can add up to a lot of wasted money over a lifetime.

So to win in the long run, just diversify and avoid taxes and frequent trading. And be patient.

Alright, I know this column got boring many paragraphs ago. Patience and IRA accounts are just not as hot as easy money.

But look at it this way: By following my advice—investing thousands of dollars per year in tax-advantaged accounts over the long term—you'll probably retire a millionaire, even adjusting for inflation.

Right now, we have Viagra for when we get old. Over the next 40 or so years, can you imagine how far arousal technology will develop?

When you are old, with your million dollars, you can buy as much of that technology as you want.

And that, my friends, is sexy.

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Iraqis 'deserve congratulations' for successful election, U.S. ambassador says

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's elections "really went very, very well" and the "Iraqi people deserve a lot of congratulations from us," the United States ambassador to Baghdad said Monday.

"The election was supported by the overwhelming majority of Iraqi people," Christopher Hill told CNN's "American Morning," saying there was "a great deal of support for this political process."

Hill was speaking a day after millions of Iraqis turned out to cast ballots for the country's parliament, despite the ongoing threat of violence.

Militants intent on disrupting the vote carried out dozens of attacks, leaving 38 people dead.

Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. military commander in the country, said most of the casualties came from a single incident when bombers collapsed an apartment building in Baghdad, portraying the overall level of security nationwide as good.

"In the rest of Iraq, it was extremely peaceful," he said. "I was very impressed with the coordination and work done by the Iraqi security forces."

Hamdiya al-Husseini, a commissioner of the Independent High Electoral Commission said Monday that the election turnout was 62 percent

nationwide and 53 percent in Baghdad.

The commission plans to announce some initial results Tuesday, he said.

It may take weeks or months for a new government coalition to take shape.

Hill said Washington would work with any democratically elected Iraqi government.

"We would like to develop this broad relationship with a key country in the Middle East," he said.

Odierno stood by U.S. plans to reduce the number of American troops in Iraq to 50,000 by September 1.

Despite the risks, voter turnout could reach 55 percent, a senior U.S. official told CNN.

The general feeling on election day was the longing for change, of electing a government that will be able to provide basic services like water and electricity, jobs, and security, a CNN crew posted at a Baghdad polling station reported.

A woman in line to vote there said that her vote was a way of fighting back against acts of terrorism.

Another voter, Ali Abdul Hassan, risked the uncertainty of voting Sunday with his 2-month-old infant.

"I want my baby to start voting early," he said. While there were about 60 security incidents reported throughout Iraq, speaking at the White House Sunday, President Barack Obama downplayed the attacks.

Some violence was expected, Obama said, "But overall, the level of security, and the prevention of destabilizing attacks, speaks to the growing capability and professionalism of Iraqi security forces, which took the lead in providing protection at the polls."

The success of the vote showed that "the future of Iraq belongs to the people of Iraq," Obama said.

Counting began at polling stations at the end of voting, under the gaze of observers. Ballots will be counted twice to ensure accuracy, according to the U.N. Assistance Mission for Iraq.

The number of ballots cast will be reconciled with the number of ballots issued to each polling station, and in case of a significant discrepancy, the station will be audited, the U.N. said.

It was Iraq's fifth nationwide vote since 2003, but only the second for a full four-year-term parliament.

The last time the country had a national vote

was in 2005, when the Sunni Arab population boycotted the elections and the political process. A Shiite-led government emerged and the Sunnis, feeling disenfranchised, went on to form the main part of the insurgency.

The U.N. mission in Iraq called the elections an "important milestone in Iraq's democratic progress," serving to strengthen the country's sovereignty and independence as the U.S. draws down its military presence there.

Sunday's elections were supposed to happen in January but were delayed because of political disagreements and a delay in passing the election law that paved the way for this vote.

There were 18.9 million eligible voters, casting ballots for 325 seats in the Council of Representatives, as Iraq's parliament is called. The seats represent Iraq's 18 provinces.

Around 6,200 candidates from more than 80 political entities were vying for seats. At least a quarter of the positions — 82 — are guaranteed to go to women, and eight more have been allocated for minorities. They include five set aside for Christians and one each for the Shabak, Sabaeans (Mandaean) and Yazidis.

— CNN

Supreme Court to hear case over protests at soldier funerals

By Bill Mears
CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A small Kansas church that has gained nationwide attention for protesting loudly at funerals of U.S. service members will receive a Supreme Court hearing over their free speech rights.

Monday, the justices accepted an appeal from the father of U.S. soldier killed in Iraq, after members of the Topeka-based Westboro Baptist Church con-

ducted an angry demonstration at his son's burial service. The family of the Marine had won a \$5 million judgment from the protesters, which was overturned by lower courts.

Oral arguments in the high court case will be heard in the fall, with a ruling expected some months later.

The church, led by pastor Fred Phelps, believes God is punishing the U.S. for "the sin of homosexuality," through events including soldiers'

deaths. Members have traveled the country, shouting at grieving family members at funerals and displaying such signs as "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "God Blew Up the Troops" and "AIDS Cures Fags."

At issue is a balancing test between the privacy rights of grieving families, and the free speech rights of demonstrators, however disturbing and provocative their message. Several states have attempted to impose specific limits on when and where the church can protest.

Westboro members had appeared outside the 2006 funeral for Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder in Westminster, Maryland, outside Balti-

more.

A jury awarded Snyder's family \$2.9 million in compensatory damages plus \$8 million in punitive damages. Those total damages were later reduced to \$5 million. It was the first civil suit against the church over the protests.

Snyder's father Albert testified his son was not gay, but church members said their broader message was aimed at the unspecified actions of the military and those who serve in it.

The Supreme Court has never addressed the specific issues of laws designed to protect the "sanctity and dignity of memorial and funeral services," as well as the privacy

of family and friends of the deceased. But the high court has recognized the state's interest in protecting those from unwanted protests or communications while in their homes.

The justices will be asked to address how far states and private entities like cemeteries and churches can go to justify picket-free zones and the use of "floating buffers" to silence or restrict the speech or movements of demonstrators exercising their constitutional rights in a funeral setting. Various jurisdictions across the nation have responded to the protests with varying levels of control over the Westboro church protesters.

According to a legal brief it

filed with the high court, church members believe it is their duty to protest and picket at certain events, including funerals, to promote their religious message: "That God's promise of love and heaven for those who obey him in this life is counterbalanced by God's wrath and hell for those who do not obey him."

The congregation is made up mostly of Phelps and his family. The pastor has 13 children, at least 54 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He described himself as an "old-time" gospel preacher in a CNN interview in 2006, saying, "You can't preach the Bible without preaching the hatred of God."

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Quake kills 51, injures 70 in southeastern Turkey

By Ivan Watson and Yesim Comert
CNN

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A pre-dawn earthquake collapsed homes and killed more than 50 people in a mountainous region of southeastern Turkey on Monday, government officials said.

More than 70 others were injured when the earthquake struck at 4:32 a.m., according to officials. The U.S. Geological Survey registered the quake at magnitude 5.9, while the Turkish earthquake monitoring center listed the tremor as a 6.0.

The quake struck in Elazig province, with the village of Okcular the worst hit, according to Ozcan Yalcin, the press secretary for the province's governor. Most of

the mud brick homes in the village were destroyed, he said. Villagers had buried 15 of the people that died, he added.

"The people are sad but they are calm," Yalcin said. "They lost relatives and loved ones, they are crying, but all of their needs are being met by the state."

The quake killed 51 people, according to the Office of the Prime Minister and Crisis Center in Elazig province. The death toll revises an earlier report by Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek that at least 57 people had died. There was no further detail on the discrepancy.

Dozens of aftershocks, ranging up to magnitude 5.5, shook the region in the

hours after the quake.

"According to the information that we got from the technical teams on the ground, there shouldn't be anyone left in the rubble by now. But the search and rescue operations are continuing," said the deputy governor of Elazig, Mehmet Ali Saglam.

"Most of the houses that were demolished in the villages are not cement houses. ... Other buildings, such as schools, were not destroyed," the deputy governor said. "The Red Crescent is there. They are giving all kinds of help to the people. They are setting up tents. The weather is cloudy, 8 to 10 degrees Celsius (46 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit)."

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all-league selection as he enters the Pacific Life Pac-10 Conference Tournament ranked second on the squad at 10.7 points per game while leading the team with 4.7 rebounds per contest.

After earning honorable mention all-league honors a year ago, Haynes earned a spot on the All Pac-10 Conference second-team as the junior leads the team and ranks No. 14 in the conference at 12.7 points per game. The guard leads the team with 19 games in double figures, including four 20-plus performances, and leads the team with 13.8 points per game in league play.

Schaftenaar earns honorable mention honors for the second consecutive season as the center finished the regular season third on the squad at 8.9 points per contest. In Pac-10

games, Schaftenaar ranks second on the team with 10.3 points per game and 4.4 rebounds per contest.

In other league honors, California senior guard Jerome Randle was named player of the year; Arizona forward Derrick Williams earned freshman of the year honors; USC's Nikola Vucevic was named most improved player while Herb Sendek of Arizona State was named coach of the year.

Coach of the Year, All-Conference, All-Freshman, All-Defensive teams and Most Improved Player are voted on by the coaches. Coaches are not permitted to vote for themselves or their own players for the honors.

Oregon State returns to action on Thursday in Los Angeles, Calif., as the Beavers enter the weekend as the No. 6 seed in the Pac-10 Tournament. They will face No. 3 seed Washington at 6 p.m. The game will be televised by FSN.

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in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic tournament.

For the Big-12, Kansas is the obvious pick with an overall record of 29-2. Kansas already has the No. 1 seed locked and could potentially lock up the No. 1 seed overall. Winning the Big-12 tournament would insure that the Jayhawks start the NCAA tournament on top. The Big East will no doubt be represented by Syracuse, who is 28-3 on the season. The Orange will have to compete against Pitt, West Virginia and Villanova to win the No. 1 seed for the Big East, but the possibility looks good.

The Big-10's tournament could get interesting with Ohio State looking like the obvious top dog. The Buckeyes posted a great season record, 24-7, but will have to compete against the likes of Illinois and Michigan State. For the Big West, UCSB is the top contender. The Big West has had a rocky season, starting on a high note with wins over UCLA by Long Beach

State and Cal State Fullerton, but has since been inconsistent. UC Santa Barbara has potential to cause fits, but it's questionable that they'll make it past the first round.

Conference USA could be represented by a slew of teams. Memphis and UAB may or may not squeeze their way into the tournament but the most likely would be UTEP, who has shown guts with a season record of 24-5. For the Mountain West, New Mexico is the most likely the top seed coming out of the Mountain West tournament. New Mexico has a record of 28-3 overall and could potentially play San Diego State in the Mountain West Semifinals, and are picked to win it all before heading to the NCAA tournament.

For the Pac-10, the California Golden Bears are still the leaders with a record of 21-9. The Golden Bears have officially won the conference title outright and if they can hang in there and win the Pac-10 tournament as well, it would give them a chance of getting a decent

seed in the NCAA tourney. It's a possibility that the Pac-10 could receive multiple bids if Arizona State and Washington were to match up in a semi-finals game. Of course that would require Washington to overcome the Beavers and Arizona State to beat Stanford first.

The SEC will no doubt be represented by Kentucky after their impressive season of 29-2. Kentucky will be a No. 1 seed, and will most likely be joined by Tennessee and Vanderbilt. The SEC tournament will mostly be grounds for Florida to play their way into the field of the NCAA brackets.

Overall, March 16 can't come soon enough. The beginning of the NCAA tournament offers a great opportunity for study breaks and a distraction from finals, but most of all it's the best showcase of college basketball around. I will look forward to filling out my bracket prediction and watching it all unfold over spring break.

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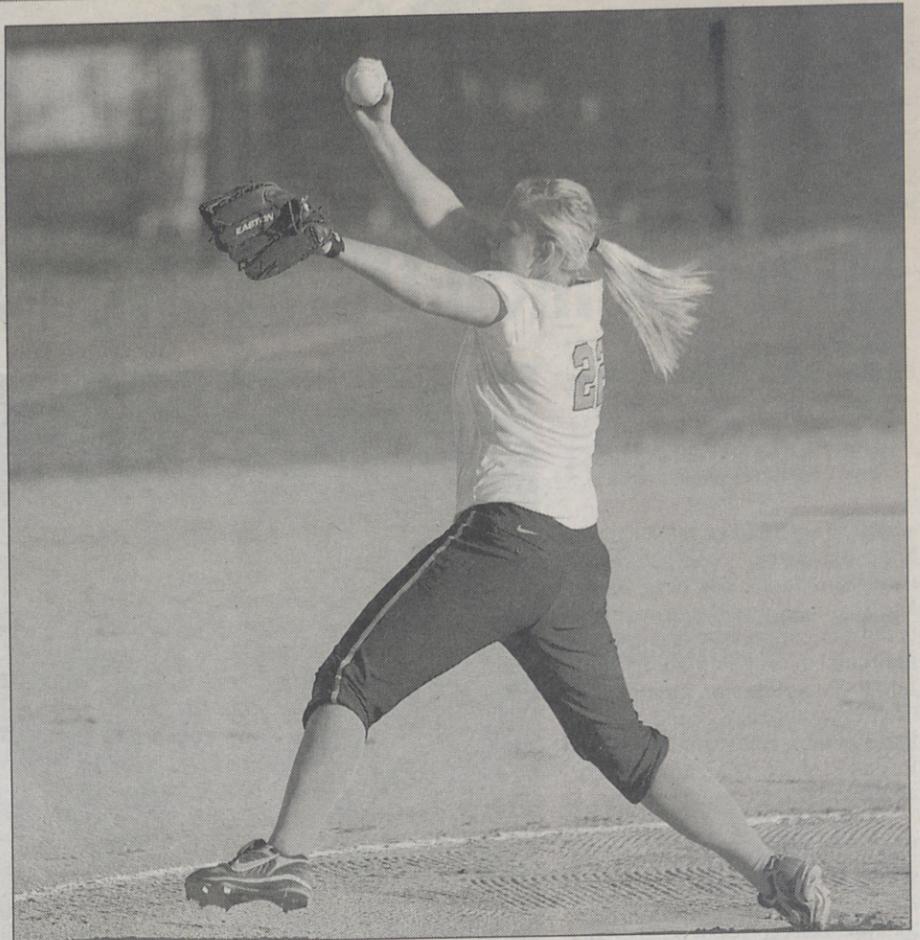
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a 9.875 and Jones matched the effort, setting up OSU's one-two punch floor finishers of Stambaugh and Rodriguez. Stambaugh, competing on the floor for the first time in three weeks, came back to score 9.90. Rodriguez finished with a strong performance but stepped out of bounds to finish with a 9.80.

Moving to the beam, Jones led off for the

Beavers with a career-best routine and a score of 9.825. However, a fall by Kesler on her series halted OSU's momentum. Mak and Rodriguez recovered to score matching 9.875s but a fall on Stambaugh's series forced the Beavers to count their second fall of the night. Chong finished the meet for the Beavers with a career-high tying 9.925 to tie for the individual title.

Oregon State ends its string of four straight road meets next Friday with a trip to face Utah in Salt Lake City on March 12.



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Sophomore pitcher Paige Hall is in motion during an exhibition game during the Fall of 2009 at the Softball Complex in Corvallis.

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second home run of the season over the same spot as Roderfeld with Cavestany adding an RBI double to score Chisholm, giving the Beavers a 6-0 advantage.

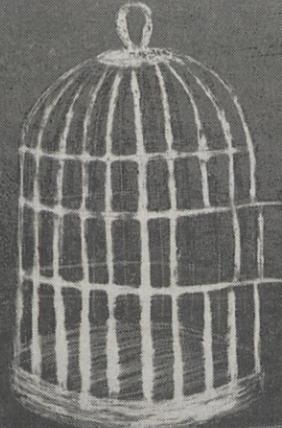
Pacific cut the lead to four in the bottom of the sixth with a pair of runs, but Oregon State answered back in the top of the seventh with one from an RBI single from Black to widen

the margin back to five, which would stick as the game closed.

Sophomore pitcher Paige Hall (Portland, Ore.) earned the complete game win, improving to 5-10 on the season. Pacific's Brock (3-4) was charged with the loss after throwing 5.1 innings, giving up five runs, all earned.

Oregon State hosts its home opener on Friday against Boise State at 1 p.m. at the OSU Softball Complex before North Dakota at 3 p.m. as part of the Cascade Clash.

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Tarver named Defensive Player of the Year

■ Larry Scott announced Monday that senior guard Seth Tarver earns Pac-10 season honors

SPORTS INFORMATION

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Oregon State men's basketball senior forward Seth Tarver has been named Pac-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, commissioner Larry Scott announced on Monday. In addition to Tarver's honor, junior Calvin Haynes was named second-team All Pac-10 Conference while Tarver and Roeland Schaftenaar earned honorable mention all-league honors.

Tarver earns his first Defensive Player of the Year award as the senior leads the league in steals at 2.3 per game. His performance at the top of Oregon State's 1-3-1 zone defense has allowed the Beavers to rank third in points per game allowed (61.1 ppg), while leading the league in steals (8.1 per game) and three point percentage defense (30.3).

Tarver's 69 steals this season is the sixth-highest in school history, while his 176 career steals rank seventh all-time at Oregon State. He becomes the second OSU player to be named Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Gary Payton won the award following his freshman season (1987) before the award was discontinued.

The senior forward also earned a spot on the all-defensive team and was named an honorable mention

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Senior guard Seth Tarver takes the ball to the hoop during the men's basketball game against the UCLA Bruins on Jan. 30, where the Beavers lost 52-62.

Tori Hill



No excuses, play like a champion

Here comes March Madness

March Madness. With the end of the term comes the beginning of something better. And believe me, I'm not talking about the up and coming spring term. It's March, and that can only mean one thing — March Madness is upon us.

All the respective college conferences are gearing up for their tournaments in order to find out who will be the top seeds receiving spots in the NCAA tournament on March 16.

For the ACC, Duke is the top seed with a record of 26-5 overall, and will play Boston in their first contest of the ACC tournament this Friday. The Atlantic-10 will also have a competitive tournament with three successful teams in Temple, Xavier and Richmond. Temple went 26-5 overall on the season and will play the winner of Tuesday's game featuring St. Bonaventure and Duquesne. Xavier plays the winner of the Dayton vs. George Washington game which will take place this Friday. The Richmond Spiders will play on Friday; the Spiders will play the winner of the Charlotte and University of Massachusetts game

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Softball wins Saturday's game, suspends Sunday's game

■ Sunday's game will be attempted to be resumed when OSU plays in San Diego for SDSU Aztec Invite March 19

SPORTS INFORMATION

FULLERTON, Calif. — With two outs and a runner on second, just 1.1 innings shy of a complete game, the Oregon State softball team's (8-11) game against Cal State Fullerton (3-16) was suspended due to inclement weather. The delay began at 2:45 p.m. due to rain with a strong downpour ensuing in the bottom of the fourth.

The Beavers were leading 4-2, scoring a pair of runs in the top of the first on a two-run shot by junior Audrey Roderfeld (Vista, Calif.) and adding another pair in the top of the fourth on a two-run hit to center field by Lea Cavestany (Pittsburg, Calif.) that was just inches from sailing over the fence to score senior Dani Chisholm (Boring, Ore.), who walked, and senior Tarah Black (Portland, Ore.), who reached on an error by third baseman Sheila Holguin.

The two teams will try to resume the game when the Beavers are in San Diego for the SDSU Aztec Invite from March 19 through

March 21.

Roderfeld went a perfect 3-for-3 with a single, double and home run to lead the Oregon State softball team (7-11) past Pacific (5-9), 7-2, on Saturday afternoon at the CSUF DiMarini Invitational.

Roderfeld reached on all four plate appearances, capitalizing on a catcher's interference in her final appearance. She added a run and two RBIs as the designated player.

Oregon State capitalized on a leadoff walk and single up the middle by freshman Ally Kutz (Mt. Vernon, Wash.) to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the second. Black reached to start the inning

before both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Nikki Chandler (Houston, Texas) before Black scored on an illegal pitch by Tigers' pitcher Shaina Brock, also moving Kutz to third. Chisholm sent one deep to left field to score Kutz, earning her second RBI of the season.

Roderfeld tacked on a pair more for the Beavers in the top of the fifth on a long ball over left center, scoring Cavestany, who singled to start the inning. Oregon State kept it going in the top of the sixth with Kutz belting her

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Gymnastics loses to No. 10 Louisiana in Baton Rouge

■ OSU recorded two falls for the second time this season, Rodriguez second in all-around

SPORTS INFORMATION

BATON ROUGE, La. — The No. 6 Oregon State gymnastics team counted two falls for the first time this season and lost to No. 10 LSU, 196.925-195.525. Mandi Rodriguez finished second in the all-around and tied for vault title, and Laura-Ann Chong tied for the beam title.

Oregon State's record dropped to 10-2 while LSU improves to 6-4-1.

"We had some incredible performances tonight but the falls hurt the team score," head coach Tanya Chaplin said. "We'll have to make some big adjustments this week — before finals — to be ready to compete against three very good teams at Utah next Friday."

Oregon State got off to an unfortunate start to the meet, counting a fall in the first rotation. Whitney Watson cast over on her routine and scored 9.025. Mandi Rodriguez corrected the course for the Beavers and hit her routine to score 9.80. Olivia Vivian followed with a 9.75 and Jen Kesler

nailed a brilliant routine to score 9.85. Laura-Ann Chong added a 9.80 setting up Makayla Stambaugh in the anchor position. Stambaugh had an excellent routine until she missed her Jaeger (major release) and fell, scoring 9.150.

The Beavers swiftly put their opening rotation misfortunes behind them as they moved to the vault. Watson and Melanie Jones opened with matching scores of 9.725 and Stephanie McGregor tallied a 9.800. Stambaugh and Becky Colvin followed with tiny hops on their landings to score 9.825 each. Rodriguez finished the vault parade with a huge vault that scored 9.925 to tie for the individual title, and the Beavers finished with a team score of 49.100.

Trailing by more than a point at the halfway point, the Beavers moved to the floor exercise, where they are ranked third in the nation. As expected, their tumbling and choreography was brilliant as the Beavers scored 49.300 on the event. McGregor and Leslie Mak got the rotation started with matching scores of 9.825. Colvin followed by setting a career-high with

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Senior Laura-Ann Chong performs her uneven bars routine during an Oregon State gymnastics meet against Washington on Jan. 22, where the Beavers beat the Huskies 195.700-192.800.