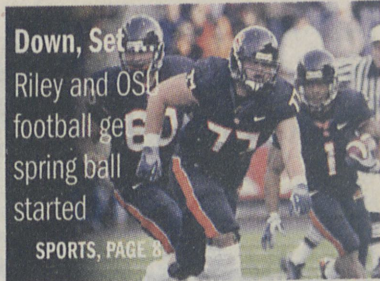




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The heat is on at biggest Beaver Freezer yet



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After swimming and biking, Jason Hewgley, 30, of Camas, Wash. runs ahead of Paul Potter, 52, of Florence, Ore. during the Beaver Freezer. The Beaver Freezer serves as the biggest fundraiser for Oregon State's Triathlon Club, and 10 Tri-Club members participate in the event.

■ Athletes from as far away as New York travel to compete in the Beaver Freezer Triathlon

By Madeline Hoag
THE DAILY BAROMETER

More than 600 athletes woke up bright and early on Saturday to swim, bike and run across the OSU campus, while volunteers and onlookers supported the courageous participants.

The OSU Triathlon Club hosted their largest fundraising event of the year, the 17th-annual Beaver Freezer Triathlon, which included participants ranging in age from 16 to 75. New to the race this year was the addition of Langton Pool, which allowed registration for the event to double.

The Beaver Freezer is considered a "sprint-distance" triathlon, with participants swimming 500 yards, bicycling 12 miles, and running 3.1 miles. The race begins at the pools in Dixon Recreation Center and Langton and ends in the MU quad. There are separate categories for participants on road bikes and mountain bikes, as well as relay teams. The first heat began at 7:30 a.m.

Blair Bronson, president of the OSU Triathlon Club and a junior in public health, was the race director. Bronson was in charge of the course coordinators and handled partici-

part and volunteer questions.

"The Beaver Freezer is the biggest fundraiser for the Triathlon Club, so most of the members are volunteers and about 10 Tri-Club members will be participating in the event, along with members of the community and some participants who travel from states as far away as New York to Idaho, and Utah," says Bronson. Funds raised from the event will go toward future triathlons the club participates in and to purchase equipment, he said.

Registration for the triathlon began on Feb. 1 at 8 a.m. and was full two hours later. Due to the popularity of the event, Bronson hopes to possibly expand by including a junior division and also thinks it would be fun to have a heat for previous OSU Tri-Club members to compete against each other.

"The Beaver Freezer is one of the first triathlons of the season and may one day be expanded to serve the purpose of the conference championships for the NW Collegiate Triathlon Conference. The triathlon could serve as the conference championships to seed for the national championships, which are taking place this year on April 17th in Texas," says Bronson.

As the volunteer coordinator of the

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Oregon State food cart offers \$3 nutritious meals

■ Meals made from locally grown products two days a week outside Bexell Hall

By Mackenzie Field
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As efforts to produce sustainable food systems in Corvallis are becoming more prominent, many students may wonder why nutritious, sustainable ingredients aren't often found in school meals.

This will change starting tomorrow, as students will now be offering locally grown, affordable meals outside Bexell Hall through a campus food cart.

"In the fall, a couple students and I talked about the food system on campus, and we all wanted nutritious meals," said Katie Goudin, a junior in business who is heading up the food cart project.

Goudin said she and a few classmates did research and got con-

nected with the right people, including the Austin Entrepreneurship Program through the College of Business, Snell Kitchen, and the OSU Food Group.

Students did research by contacting University Housing and Dining Services and "we attacked the food issue from that end also," Goudin said.

Sponsored by the OSU Food Group, students can expect food cart meals on sale Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12-2 p.m. Meals will be \$3.50 and "you will get full from them," Goudin said.

The Snell Kitchen will cook the meals and package them with environmentally friendly, local supplies. The food is sourced through Corvallis local foods as well as grown from OSU greenhouses.

"We wanted to support the idea of making local, sustainable, and nutritious food for students at

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Korea Night returns after 7-year hiatus

■ The first cultural night of the term showcases Korean individuality

By Yadira Gutierrez
THE DAILY BAROMETER

To kick off Korea Cultural Night, about 250 guests filled the Memorial Union Ballroom and were welcomed by a slideshow of "Dynamic Korea," the theme of the event. Some attended to immerse themselves in a culture different from their own or to be reminded of what theirs is all about.

"The theme of the show stems back to a government campaign launched in 2002," said Hyung Sup Lee, a senior in biology, and co-president of the Korean Student Association. "Korea has a lot of variety, and that's what we will be trying to showcase at the cultural night through fashion, dance, martial arts, food and music. A lot of people either don't know or forget that we have our own identity and culture different from China and Japan; that's what we want to remind people."

Founded in 1971, KSA has been around for a while, but has remained somewhat dormant over the years until last year.

"This will be our first cultural night in seven years," Lee said. "We had always been around, but didn't formally become a cultural club until last year."

With a new start, KSA decided it was once again time to have a cultural night.

After four months of planning, Korea Night started to take shape. KSA turned to the Corvallis community and family for help.

"Local businesses helped us out, we searched for potential performers in the community and some KSA members' parents sent us traditional clothing from home that we don't have here," Lee said.

During the second performance, guests were fixated on the center of the MU where traditional Korean drumming known as "SoGo Chum" was being performed. "SoGo Chum" is drumming that takes place outside,

in constant motion, and is popular in the labor farming culture.

Kun Hee Lee, a sophomore in exercise and sports science, and committee chair of KSA performed a skit involving two brothers and a Tae Kwon Do performance. Kun Hee became involved with the cultural night due to a desire to showcase the culture.

"A lot of other cultures have their own cultural night, but we didn't," Kun Hee Lee said. "I was one of the people who were involved with bringing back KSA and the cultural night."

Originally, he was only only scheduled for the skit, but at the last min-

ute he was asked to do the Tae Kwon Do performance.

"It was very last minute, but I have been practicing martial arts since a very young age and I felt comfortable with performing," Kun Hee Lee said.

One of the guests attending Korea night was Michael Simele, a junior in exercise and sports science. Simele heard of Korea Night through friends in KSA and decided to attend.

"This is my first cultural night this year, but I have gone to others in the past," Simele said.

Simele enjoys the rarity that comes with the cultural nights.

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Capture cage works in rescue

■ Oregon State researchers and Marine Mammal Institute staff come together in Newport to conduct a safe, effective removal of packing bands entangled around a sea lion's neck

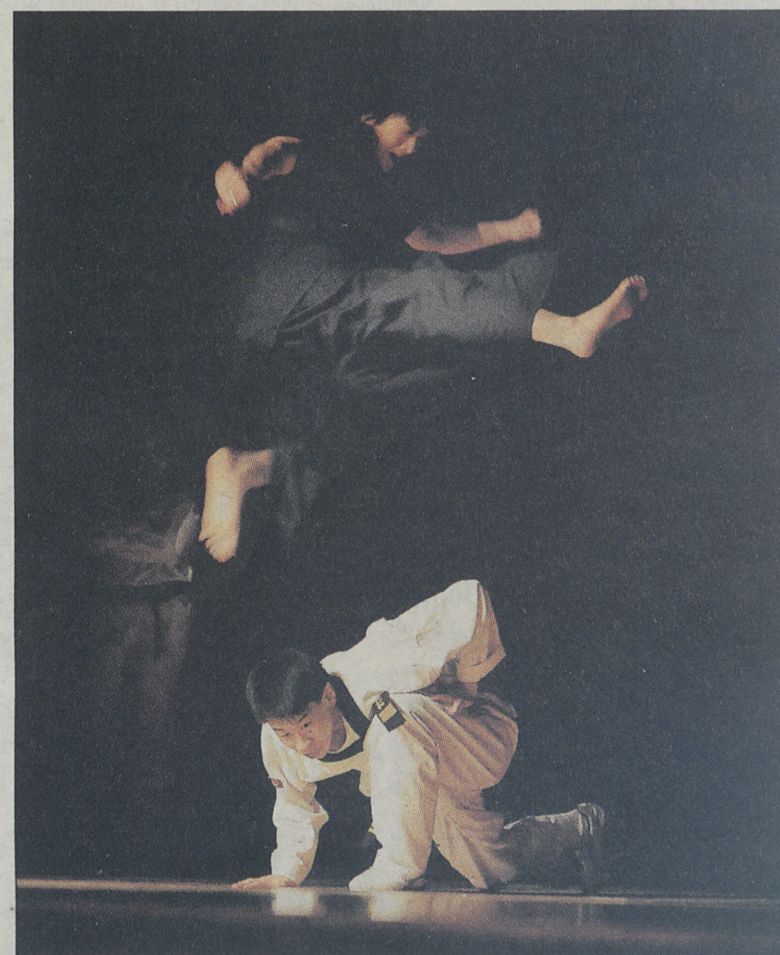
By Amy Schneider
THE DAILY BAROMETER

An entangled sea lion was successfully captured and released last Wednesday in Newport when OSU Marine Mammal Institute staff members put their capture cage into action for the first time, according to Markus Horning, an assistant professor at the Institute.

The cage was installed less than a month ago due to growing concern about entangled sea lions spotted on the docks in Newport. The purpose of the cage is to serve as a safe place where the animals can be tranquilized and the harmful banding around their necks can be removed. When an entangled adolescent California sea lion was spotted in the cage, a team was quickly assembled to free the animal.

"He had been sighted a few times before with a band around his neck," Horning said. "On closer examination it turned out to be a plas-

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Kenny Lee (in black) and Nick Yoshinaga (in white) demonstrate Tae Kwon Do, a martial art instilled in Korean culture.

All signs good for economic growth

WASHINGTON D.C. — The slow but steady U.S. economic recovery appears set to continue, with underlying indicators signaling a growing strength, some of the nation's senior economists said Sunday.

"The trend has turned," said Lawrence Summers, director of the White House National Economic Council, on CNN's "State of the Union" program. "But to get back to the surface, we've got a long way to go."

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told ABC's "This Week" that the recovery so far has led to conditions for compounding growth. In particular, Greenspan cited an increasing demand for inventory that spurs production as a signal of a possible significant build-up in growth.

"I suspect it's month by month," Greenspan said of continued economic growth, adding, "a statistical aberration is possible."

He said he doubted another drop in growth to create what economists call "double-dip recession" after the downturn of 2008-2009, saying the odds are "very much against that now."

On "Meet the Press," the chair of Obama's Council of Economic Advisers, Cristina Romer, said the recovery would have to be systemic rather than consumer-driven because, in the wake of the recession, "we're not going to see people maxing out their credit cards again."

Romer predicted economic growth for the year of 3 percent, which she said would be enough to keep creating jobs but not enough to significantly reduce the unemployment rate.

All three spoke two days after the government announced 162,000 news jobs created in March but the unemployment rate remaining at 9.7 percent.

Summers refused to be pinned down on when the unemployment rate might decline, noting that the increase in jobs does not automatically reduce overall unemployment.

As jobs are created, Summers told the ABC program, more people re-enter the labor force to look for work, so unemployment figures stay stagnant or can even go up.

— CNN

Treasury sidesteps China currency policy

WASHINGTON D.C. — President Barack Obama's senior economic adviser said Sunday that the government was delaying a report to Congress on exchange-rate policies of U.S. trading partners to provide more time to address China's alleged manipulation of its currency.

Lawrence Summers, the director of the National Economic Council, told the CNN program "State of the Union" that major international meetings coming up — including a G-20 economic gathering that will include China — provide the opportunity to resolve trade differences that could be exacerbated by releasing the exchange-rate report as scheduled on April 15.

Summers called the upcoming meetings opportunities to engage China and other countries that have large trade surpluses with the United States.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner announced the delay of the report to Congress on Saturday. Many lawmakers had hoped the report would publicly admonish China for allegedly manipulating its currency to the detriment of the United

States. Geithner, explaining the delay, said the upcoming meetings are "the best avenue for advancing U.S. interests at this time."

On Sunday, Summers denied that the delayed report had any connection to the U.S. desire for China to support tougher sanctions against Iran over the Tehran government's refusal to comply with international regulations regarding its nuclear energy program. His comment was in response to a question on the ABC program "This Week."

China has opposed more sanctions, but last week signaled a willingness to negotiate the issue within the U.N. Security Council, according to Susan Rice, the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations.

Lawmakers from both parties have called on the Obama administration to speak out against China's refusal to let its currency appreciate. China has kept its Yuan about 6.83 to the dollar for almost two years. Many U.S. economists say the currency is undervalued by as much as 40 percent.

Keeping its currency low makes China's goods cheaper on the world market and more likely to be purchased by other countries. But, analysts say, it hurts American businesses, which cannot then compete.

Some analysts have argued that this is costing the United States 1.5 million jobs and impeding the country's economic recovery.

"Everyone knows China is manipulating the value of its currency to gain an unfair advantage in international trade," said Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley, adding he was disappointed in the treasury secretary's decision.

"If we want the Chinese to take us seriously, we need to be willing to say so in public," said Grassley, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee. "The past few years have proven that denying the problem doesn't solve anything."

Chinese officials have insisted the United States is using Beijing as a scapegoat for its own economic problems.

"The Chinese government will not succumb to foreign

pressure to adjust our exchange rates," said Zhong Shan, vice minister of commerce, late last month.

Premier Wen Jiabao has been equally stern in his response.

"We oppose the practice of finger-pointing among countries or strong-arm measures to force other countries to appreciate currencies," he told reporters last month.

In his statement, Geithner acknowledged China has maintained an "inflexible exchange rate."

"A move by China to a more market-oriented exchange rate will make an essential contribution to global rebalancing," he said.

Sander Levin, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the delay was meant to see if the international community could address the issue in the coming months.

"If the multilateral effort does not result in China's making significant changes, the administration and Congress will have no choice but to take appropriate action," said Levin, a Democratic lawmaker from Michigan.

— CNN

Supreme Court justice again hints at retiring soon

Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens says he will soon decide whether to step down after 35 years as the leader of the liberal wing of the nation's highest court.

Stevens' comments, published Saturday by The New York Times and Washington Post, amplified what he told CNN Senior Legal Analyst Jeffrey Toobin on Mar. 8 — that he would make up his mind about retirement in about a month.

"We are just about at a month," Toobin said Saturday night. "I don't think he meant that precisely to the day, but I think we will hear in the month of April that he is retiring."

Stevens celebrates his 90th birthday on Apr. 20.

His retirement has been the cause of growing speculation since last fall when he hired one law clerk for the upcoming session of the court, Toobin said. Until then, he had hired his customary four.

"Last fall he hired one law clerk, which is all that a retiring justice is entitled to," Toobin said.

His retirement will give President Barack Obama another chance to put his stamp on the court. Last summer, Obama appointed appeals court judge Sonia Sotomayor to the court.

In Stevens' place, Obama will likely nominate another Democrat, thus maintaining the court's ideological balance of five conservative to four-liberal leaning judges.

Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a longtime member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that considers Supreme Court nominees, said Sunday that he would lobby Obama to choose a successor for Stevens who supports limiting executive power built up during the presidency of Obama's predecessor, George W. Bush.

"I think we need someone who will step into Justice Stevens' shoes, who will be very tough on the issues of executive power," Specter said on "FOX News Sunday." "A federal court this past week declared the warrantless wiretapping (ordered by the Bush administration) unconstitutional. I think we need the kind of balance that Justice Stevens has provided to offset the majority on the court, which is in favor of executive power."

On the same program, Republican Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona refused to rule out a GOP filibuster of an Obama Supreme Court nominee. Republicans control 41 seats in the Senate, enough to stall the confirmation process and they are considered likely to win a few more seats in mid-term elections in November.

"It will all depend on what kind of a person it is," Kyl said, adding that he disagreed with Specter's call for a nominee with a clear position on an issue such as executive powers.

"I want a judge who will read the law and

declare it in each case that comes before him or her as it should be — in other words, don't have somebody coming in with preconceived attitudes — 'I'm going to be tough on the executive,' or, 'I'm going to be for the little guy,' or whatever their preconceived attitudes are," Kyl said.

In an interview with Toobin for the New Yorker magazine last month, Stevens danced around the timetable for his departure.

"You can say I will retire within the next three years. I'm sure of that," he said.

He was equally coy in his comments to the newspapers published Saturday.

"I do have to fish or cut bait, just for my own personal peace of mind and also in fairness to the process," Stevens told The New York Times. "The president and the Senate need plenty of time to fill a vacancy."

To The Washington Post, he said: "I will surely do it while he's still president," referring to Obama.

Stevens was named to the court by Republican President Gerald Ford in 1975. Since then, he's sided with the liberal wing of the court in civil rights cases, among other issues. He was also the author of most of the rulings that struck down the Bush administration's policies on the rights of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

— CNN

CALENDAR

Monday, Apr. 5

Meetings
Psychology Society, 5pm, Moreland 214. Come get connected with the Psychology Department and meet other students in your major.

Tuesday, Apr. 6

Meetings
OSU Relay for Life, 7:30-8:30pm, StAg 109. Committee meeting. Everyone welcome!
OSU Relay for Life, 6-7pm, StAg 109. Team Captain meeting.
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 109A. 69th ASOSU Senate

Speakers
College of Forestry, 3:30-5pm, 107 Richardson Hall. Starker Lecture Series — Ecosystems Services from Forests and Farms — Markets for Ecosystems Services — Bettina von Hagen, CEO, Ecotrust Forest Management, Inc.

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Pianist. Come enjoy the movie and some snacks.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. "Come & Go" lunch. Good food and informal table talk.

OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU 207. Join us for chess games! Free and open to all skill levels.
Pride Center, 12:30-1:30pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: Beyond Blue: Supporting a friend in the Queer community who may be depressed.

Wednesday, Apr. 7

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 109. 1st ASOSU House of Representatives
Pride Center, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Volunteer Meetings. Informational meetings for prospective/current Pride Center volunteers.

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Pianist. Come enjoy the movie and some snacks.
MU Craft Center, 10am-2pm, MU Brick Mall. Craft Center pottery demonstrations and information booth.

Thursday, Apr. 8

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Pianist. Come enjoy the movie and some snacks.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211, NW 23rd St. Quest — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
Pride Center, 5-6pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: De-Stress with Meditation. Guided relaxation workshop.

Friday, Apr. 9

Events
OSU Humans vs. Zombies Group, all day, throughout campus. Ongoing game of tag. Participants will be identified with blue bandanas.

Saturday, Apr. 10

Events
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Sunday, Apr. 11

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tic packing band.”

Taking advantage of the opportunity to assist the injured sea lion, Marine Mammal Institute stranding coordinator Jim Rice gathered a local veterinarian, an Oregon Coast Aquarium employee and several other Institute associates in a small boat in which they were able to approach the cage and seal off the sliding doors. Several other animals were trapped inside with the targeted sea lion.

“We had to make a decision about how to approach the cage so that the other animals wouldn’t be startled,” Rice said. “They tend to be very vigilant, and it’s hard to sneak up on them when they’re on the lookout for a predator. We ended up using crowder boards to rush in and block the exit.”

Fortunately for the team, two excess sea lions bailed from the cage before the boat came very close, and only four animals were confined with the entangled sea lion. After the exit was barred with

large pieces of plywood, the team was able to move to the dock and close the cage door so that the animals were properly restrained, Rice said.

The team decided the safest measure would be to inject the entangled animal with a sedative so that the packing bands could safely be removed from his neck, Rice said. Once the sea lion calmed down, a pole with a knife attached was used to sever the packing bands that were causing deep wounds in the animal’s muscle tissue.

“We then administered a reversal agent, an antidote of sedative, and when the entangled sea lion had fully recovered we let all the animals go,” Rice said. “After we opened up the back door of the cage, they all quickly jumped into the water.”

Rice and the rest of the team were

happy to observe that, after the dis-entangled sea lion swam in the waters alongside the dock, he hauled out onto the jetty where he remained safely. Rice said the sea lion’s actions showed that he had completely bounced back from the effects of the sedative.

According to Kim Raum-Suryan, a research assistant at the Institute, it is estimated that more than 100 sea lions are currently entangled along the West Coast.

“About 50 percent of the entangled animals we see are inflicted with neck or head wounds caused by packing bands from office boxes or thick black rubber bands used

in crab fishery,” Raum-Suryan said. “It’s a matter of prevention, really. I think it’s one of those things that can be solved by trying more effectively to keep trash from getting into the ocean.”

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event, Erica Ramsing, a graduate student studying animal science, was responsible for more than 200 volunteers, including 65 ROTC students and several members of the community.

“Volunteers are positive and supportive of the racers throughout the day and also help to guide them around the course, count laps while they are swimming and are helping out at the aid station, ensuring no one gets lost and everyone is provided with enough water,” says Ramsing.

The vice president of the Triathlon Club, Sydney Running, a senior in health promotion and behavior, was the run coordinator for the event. She has volunteered at several Beaver Freezers in the past and enjoys being a part of the annual

event.

“The best part about the event is that it brings together a lot of people who support the Triathlon Club at OSU, and it is amazing to challenge yourself mentally and physically,” says Running.

The event sponsors include Northwest Multisports, Bike N Hike, Corvallis Cyclery, Great Harvest Bread Company and Qdoba. At the finish line in the MU quad, sponsors were distributing free food and beverages, including Muscle Milk.

At 12:30 p.m., awards and raffle prizes were distributed at Dixon Recreation Center to the fastest overall female, male and relay team in each five-year increment for road bikes and 10-year increments for mountain bikes.

Pamela Johnson, a senior studying exercise and sports science at OSU and a member of the OSU Triathlon Club,

was the fourth overall female finisher, with a time of 1:10:11. Johnson placed 34th of all the participants and will travel to Texas with 10 members of the OSU Triathlon Club to compete in the collegiate nationals.

“My favorite part about triathlons is the community, because everyone is so inviting and happy and willing to help,” says Johnson. “I also enjoy pushing myself, because that is very rewarding after all the time and commitment I put into training.”

To learn more about the largest Beaver Freezer ever and to see official results of the race, please visit <http://people.oregonstate.edu/studentgroups/triclub/freezer/>.

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Road Bike Triathlon		Mountain Bike Triathlon	
Men	Women	Men	Women
Jesse Thomas 55:13	Sunny Gilbert 1:06:18	Drew Moore 1:13:41	Mara Nelson 1:21:32
Jared Wilson 58:09	Kelly McKean 1:08:36	Corey Costantino 1:17:03	Katie Ravitch 1:25:01
Jeffrey Henderson 58:48	Kristan Dauble 1:09:58	Josh Nelson 1:20:17	Jill Hertel 1:29:11
Grant Folske 59:25	Pamela Johnson 1:10:11	Derek Armentrout 1:23:39	Rebekah Willhite 1:30:14
Bill Thompson 59:51	Julie Seale 1:12:20	Ryan Colley 1:25:18	Hannah Trimmer 1:31:57

MEALS

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affordable prices,” said Dana Johnson, co-facilitator of the OSU Food Group, which is sponsoring the food cart. Johnson, a senior in anthropology, said that in addition to the food cart, the OSU Food Pantry is open twice a month for students to obtain food for five to seven days at a time.

“Through the Food Group, the OSU Food Action Team is growing food that will be sold in the food cart, donated to food banks and sold to other restaurants around the university,” said Ben Dawson, an ecological engineering major. “Our goal is to help reduce the amount of imported food that we could just grow here.”

Dawson also added that all the food is grown by students and will increase in scale to accommodate more students in the future.

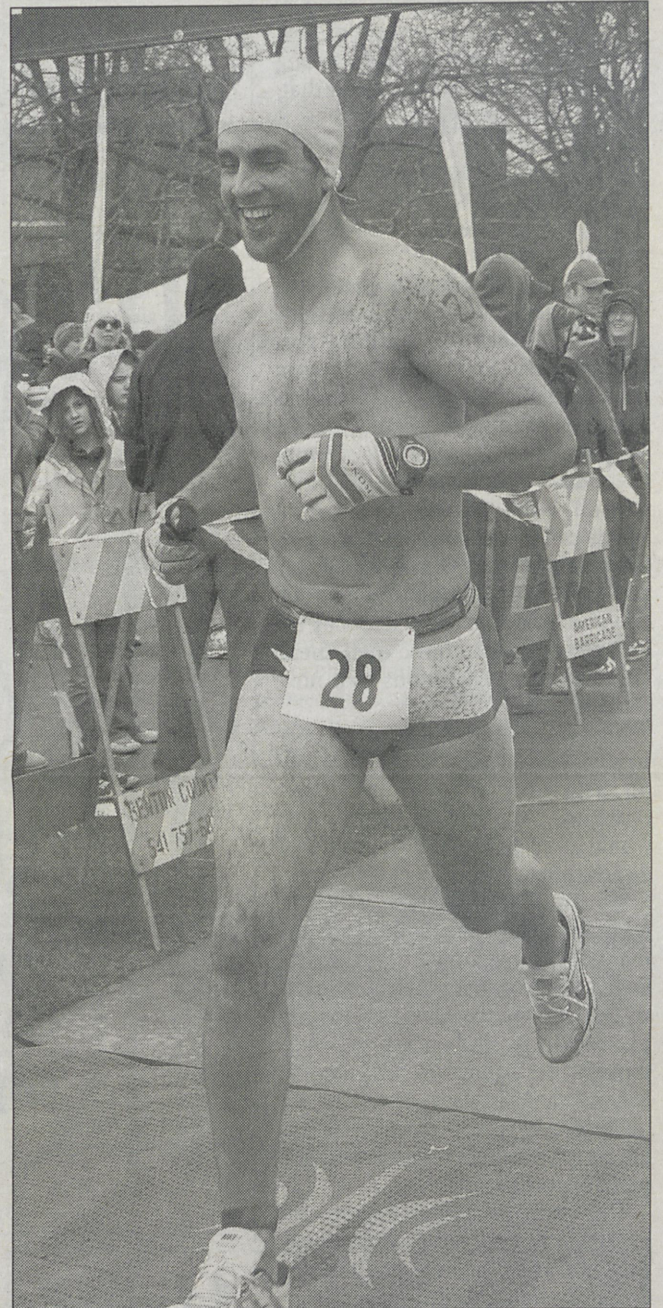
“The majority of the ingredients are organic, and the cart is solely student-powered,” Goudin said.

Tomorrow’s meal is an Asian salad and Wednesday’s will be a Southwest black bean salad with brown rice and various vegetables.

The food cart is funded by the Student Sustainability Initiative.

“Without them, we couldn’t have done it,” Goudin said.

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Gabe Babcock, 22, crosses the finish line for a final time of 1:05:01.

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“I like experiencing the food, the traditional music and dances,” he said. “It’s something you aren’t normally used to.”

Over a period of more than two hours, guests were able to travel and experience a taste of dynamic Korea.

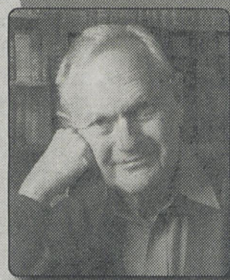
“If people leave having learned something new, then we know we did a good job,” Lee said.

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**The Artist Observes the Doctor:
Half a Millennium of Scrutiny**

Since the classical period, artists have been depicting physicians and their activities in various ways, whether as part of didactic material for teaching students, portraiture, encomia, satire, or to document a historic occasion in medicine.

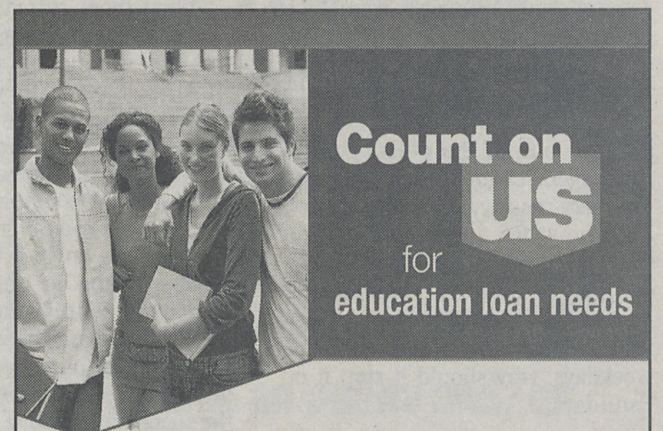
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Guest Editorial

Snail mail slows down

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail may stop the Postal Service, but perhaps the economy can? Mail may soon be a day — or two — slower.

The U.S. Postal Service announced, paradoxically via e-mail, that it plans to cut Saturday mail delivery, a move that may further delay delivery of snail mail.

Yet, as much as we have been accustomed to instant messengers that barely cost us a second or two, the Postal Service would do wrong by further pulling out of a sector that, before e-mail, was long ruled by it and only it.

In addition to the agony of waiting another two days to receive mail, there is another detriment to the loss of Saturday mail.

We, as college students, are certainly busy on weekdays with classes, sports or student-run newspapers. Therefore, if it was only possible to pick up mail on those days, our schedules would only be more packed. It seems, then, that Saturdays are our only partially free days.

Our petty student problems aside, there are still those who rely solely on the mail. While perhaps in another 50 years everyone in society may be completely able to use e-mail, there are still older generations that now cannot.

Mail is therefore their only opportunity, and logically so, to keep up with everything from bills to postcards. Another day lost, then, would only put these people at a disadvantage.

We must also disagree with the weak financial explanations behind the USPS's reasoning. The Postal Regulatory Commission has estimated that this move will save a measly \$1.9 billion. According to Newsweek, though, the agency is projected to lose nearly \$23 billion a year for the next decade. The projected savings are simply several grains of sand in a pit of ongoing losses.

This move is fundamentally and fiscally wrong, or unplanned to say the least. With the ever-proliferating e-mail system and instant electronic methods of communication, the USPS should focus on improving its ways, rather than slowing them.

And while perhaps we may be romanticizing postcards from Paris or letters from our friends in the Far East reaching us sooner, the detriments of cutting Saturday mail delivery are more than obvious.

When one of the oldest government agencies goes under, or at least cuts services in such a way, there is little hope for any strong governmental departments.

It may be a dreary picture for the Postal Service as of now, but if neither rain nor snow stops the mail on weekdays, why should it stop it on Saturdays?

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Students have right to confidential health care

While perusing the Oregonian's daily opinion section on their website last weekend, I stumbled across an article written by blogger Elizabeth Hovde that caught my attention.

The article, titled "Abortions during the school day? Parents must be told," covered the story of a 15-year-old Washington student who obtained an abortion with the help of her school-based health center without her mother's knowledge.

Even though the mother signed a waiver allowing her daughter access to the school-based health center — which included confidential



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reproductive health care — she filed complaints stating she had a right to know her daughter was seeking an abortion.

Health care has sparked a myriad of debates in recent weeks, and this issue was no exception.

School-based health centers offer a wide variety of services, ranging from providing sports physicals to

treating runny noses.

The government-funded clinics provide students with access to fast health care without having to leave campus — a godsend for many of our state's lower-income families.

The clinics don't provide abortions, but some do provide contraceptives and other reproductive health care services.

In the case of the Washington girl, the school-based health center helped arrange a taxi to drive her to and from the appointment. The reproductive health care provided to students by school-based health centers is required by state law to be kept completely confidential from

parents.

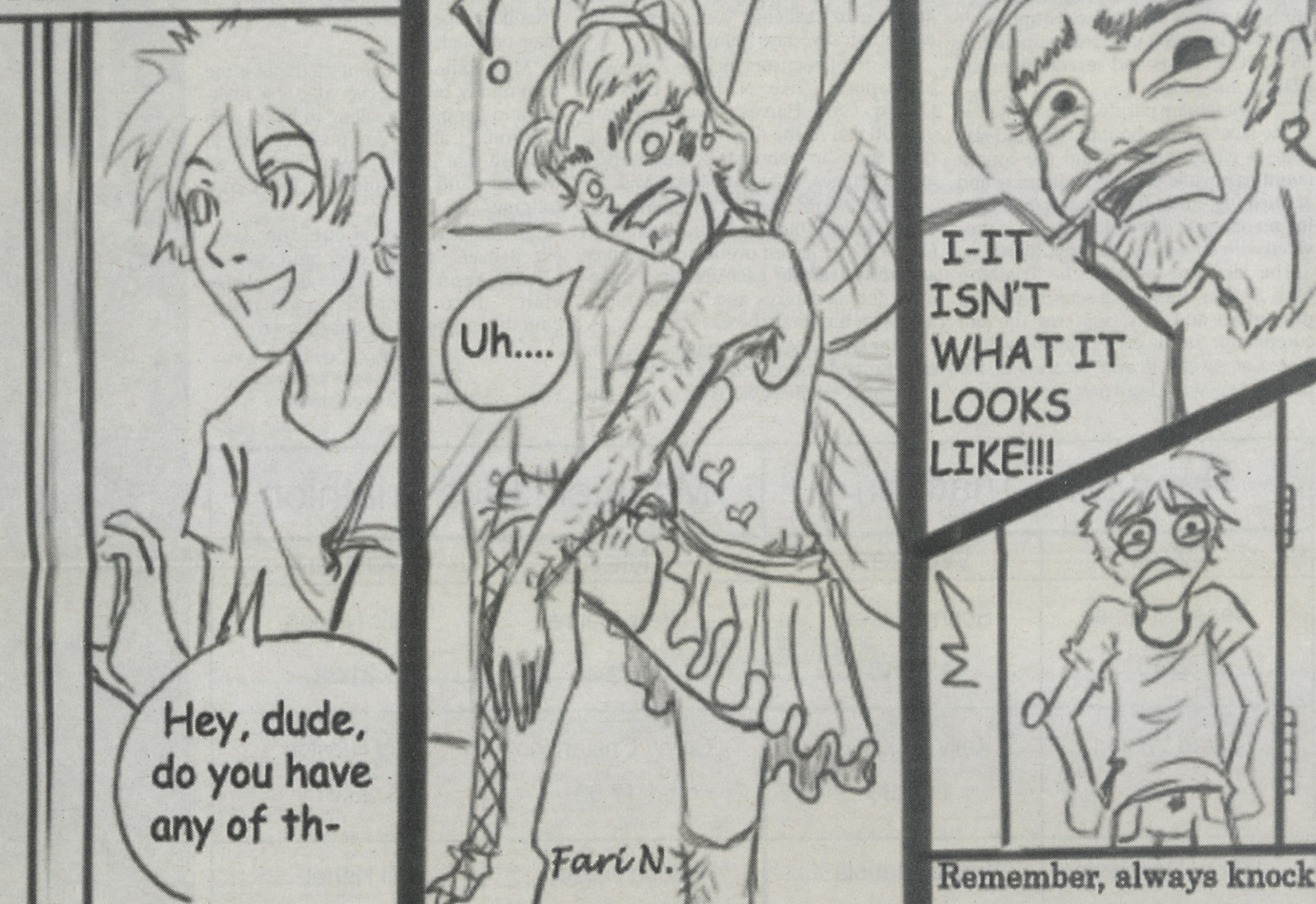
Elizabeth Hovde sides with the girl's mother in her article, claiming that "... shutting non-abusive parents out when it comes to something as serious as an abortion" is an infringement on the parent's right to know about their child's health care.

Good idea. Let's magically sort out all of America's good and bad parents. We'll put a box on the waiver that "non-abusive" moms and dads can check.

That way we'll exclude only the abusive parents from their children's health care.

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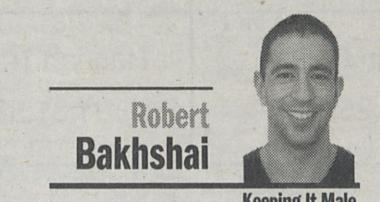
How to deal with haters and 'thorny' girlfriends

Haters. They are always there, watching and waiting, creeping in the shadows, just waiting for you to make a small mistake so they can exploit and humiliate you.

Regardless of gender, area of study or political preference, there are individuals who simply love to hate other people and different ideas.

A hater is an individual "whose jealousy of another person's success or achievements makes them verbally nitpick any flaws, no matter how small, or just make up flaws in order to somehow try and belittle the successful person."

Stand-up comedian Katt Williams knows all about haters, and he



Robert Bakhshai

Keeping It Male

implies that our friends, loved ones and those we trust hate on us the most. "They are closer than you think," he says, "but they be hating quiet!"

For example, I recently overheard two girls conversing noisily in the library about some other girl in their sorority.

They verbally demolished the girl

by dissecting all of her flaws, and then proceeded to collude about everything they hated about the poor girl.

One girl said that she couldn't "believe they were still friends with her" since second grade and cautiously reminded the other girl not to mention anything they said to their unsuspecting friend, because it would hurt her feelings.

Now, it's a fact of life that girls are going to talk about each other with disdain, often based on physical appearance, but men can be equally guilty of something similar.

For men, it is usually only present in the context of relationships, because we aren't going to hate on a

guy for wearing a low cut shirt or not having a matching outfit — not in Corvallis, anyway.

Even wearing the previously unthinkable color of pink is becoming more acceptable among straight males.

But if you are successful with women, you are undoubtedly going to get hated on. There are always going to be those guys who have secret schoolboy crushes on the girl you are with, and you are nothing but an invasive threat to them.

They won't ever bring it up to you like a man; they will just find other ways to bring you down — mainly by

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Fighting the social media machine

Facebook is a powerful social benchmark that almost every student at Oregon State chooses to abide by.

With the term beginning, we all need to realize we cannot let the machine that is Facebook control us.

While walking around campus, it is almost impossible not to see someone spending their time on the social networking giant at libraries, coffee shops, computer labs and study rooms — the list goes on and on. Everyone needs to be aware of how much time is actually being wasted on Facebook.

Priorities among students are all out of whack. Instead of participating in many of the productive opportunities on campus, students choose to engage in poking battles with their roommates or in posting ridiculous nonsense on each other's walls.

Despite the large number of our daily responsibilities, Facebook continually infiltrates our to-do list and usually finds itself as the number one priority.

According to the statistics found on Facebook's website, "the average user spends more than 55 minutes per day on Facebook."

Maybe it is necessary for everyone to sit down and reevaluate how they spend their time? The 55 minutes spent on Facebook is not too alarming, considering many spend well over that, but even 55 minutes seems unnecessary.

So many other needs come to mind that are more important than Facebook. As a college student, the number of commitments and responsibilities we have can be very overwhelming in themselves.

Worrying about what comment John posted on Sally's picture album from the

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zoo should not even be on the radar.

It kills me to see people in class who are not aware of breaking news around the world, yet know that someone who lives down the hall from them is "no longer in a relationship" with so-and-so because it just popped up on the Facebook news feed.

But if social networkers deem a piece of news important enough, it will usually end up in their status line.

At least Facebook addicts are not completely left in the dark on the current event front.

The only explanation for the amount of time being spent on Facebook must be that a major cultural shift has occurred in our society.

People are putting a much higher value on social networking and media over many other activities. The convergence of many different forms of media is only further exemplifying the issue.

With devices like the iPhone, it is possible to access Facebook and use anything media-related on one device. This includes pictures, videos, gaming, web browsing and music, to name a few.

When one gadget enables a user to take advantage of so many functions, personal amusement is made simple. The user can enter cyberspace from anywhere and everywhere, and usually uses it for the sake of entertainment.

So much time spent staring at Facebook can become a huge deterrent to the educational setting.

Without self-discipline, social media can become a silent threat to the suc-

cess of students in the classroom.

As a big user of Facebook myself, I find the site very intriguing and interesting. But there is a time and a place for it, just like any other thing. It becomes dangerous when someone must be constantly connected to Facebook at the hip.

Another concern comes from the fact that people are starting to lose touch with reality. Many people are becoming big fans of interacting with each other primarily via digital media.

Yes, the features of Facebook are amazing, with chat, messages, applications, comments, fan pages and group pages, but everything is digital.

I fear that our culture is moving toward a society that can only pour out emotion virtually.

We tend to get lost in the Internet-based upkeep of our lives and forget to interact with each other in person.

It is becoming much more common to see people in public settings with ear buds blaring and phones in hand.

I may sound old fashioned, but what happened to real-life social interaction? We tend to forget how valuable it really is.

As humans, we need face-to-face contact with people. Getting lost communicating with others on a qwerty keyboard is no substitute.

The most important thing to acknowledge is that social media can be a freeing and fun experience, but it should be placed on the back burner in relation to reality.

We cannot let social media constantly consume and sidetrack us throughout the day.

It is a fresh term and a fresh start for all of us. Let's all take a look at the way we are managing our time, interactions and priorities, and make sure it is in the most effective way.

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talking trash behind your back.

Even if you are in a time-honored relationship there will always be sleazy guys who want to get with your girlfriend and who love nothing more than disrespecting you when you are not present.

They usually do this when a relationship is at a crossroads. There is a special place in man-hell for these vultures.

You shouldn't let it get you down though, because haters will only hate you if you are doing something worthwhile with your life.

Williams reminds us that it's a hater's job to hate, "so let them do their job!" he says. "Even Jesus had haters. He was perfect and he only had 12 friends, and one of them was a hater!"

Haters don't hate us, they hate their own lives, and your success reminds them of their dismal existence. There is no room for hatred in the psyche of a happy person.

If you have a great life, and you are content with what you have, you will radiate happiness.

Sadly, there are actually people out there whose entire sense of self is based on a negative outlook on the world. They have no real thoughts or opinions of their own — they simply hate everything.

These people will either change their ways or grow up to be quite lost.

But know this: Haters are people too. Under the veil of abhorrence is a person who is genuine and vulnerable.

Maybe they just don't realize that being negative without fail is not attractive — even to "emos" — and that a healthy relationship is built on the opposite emotion: love.

Approach them with kindness, and you might find that your hater is just a lonely child who needs a hug, although a slap might be in order too.

Rob,

I've got a pretty big problem. My girlfriend is a thorn in my side these days. We talk all the time about our "problems" but she doesn't understand anything I am saying. I am not the most sensitive guy, but I more than meet her in the middle. She says that I don't like to talk about our problems, but it seems like that's all she wants to do anymore. Even when I do, she doesn't listen, so we end up having the same fights over and over. Is there something I can be doing to change things up?

— Aaron C., 19

I'm guessing you want to be dating someone who makes you happy, not bleeds you emotionally, yeah?

If you are going to change anything, it should be her.

Women are always testing us to see how we react to certain situations and you, my friend, are failing.

She is manipulating you for attention, and you are giving her exactly what she wants. The only way to truly make your point is to walk out the front door when she starts carping at you.

But there is only one true way to make a relationship work flawlessly without fail, and that is in the bedroom.

All the problems begin and end there, so take a chance and turn the fight into romance. What else do you have to lose?

In this situation, you should always remember what Bill Cosby says: "Women don't want to hear what you think. They want to hear what they think — in a deeper voice."

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Get real, Elizabeth.

Wouldn't it be nice if we all had parents like Annie and Reverend Eric from "7th Heaven"? It would be great if all kids were able to talk openly about reproductive health with their parents without the fear of estrangement or abuse.

Unfortunately, not all students have a peaches-and-cream home life. Students that are subject to poverty-stricken or abusive families already have a strike against them.

Taking away aspects of their confidential health care could hurt them big time in the long run.

Hovde agrees that school-based health centers are not to blame for the issue of confidential reproductive health care. They were, after all, only doing their job.

Instead, Hovde claims that the state law regarding students' reproductive health care should be modified to include parental consent.

But making parental consent a requirement for students to access reproductive

health care poses a very serious threat to Oregon's children.

Think of it this way. What if a young woman was having sex with her boyfriend, and knew that if she asked for birth control from her family she could be abused?

What if a sexually active young man needed to be checked for STDs, but knew if his parents found out, he'd be thrown out on the streets? What if a girl was raped by her father and needed an abortion?

Though the scenarios aren't pleasant to consider, they happen. Just because you may have a loving family doesn't mean that everyone else does.

Students have a choice whether to involve their parents in their reproductive health care or not. Chances are that if kids have loving and supportive parents then they won't need to keep secrets from mom and dad.

The kids that come to the school-based health centers seeking abortions or emergency contraception probably aren't the ones with a happy-go-lucky home life.

Kids that choose to keep

certain aspects of their health care confidential do so for a reason, and that needs to be respected.

If parents are truly concerned that their child will "sneak around" and receive reproductive health care without their knowledge, then they need to talk to their son or daughter.

Making sure that parents know what's happening with their child is the responsibility of the parents, not the state. Changing a law to include parental knowledge in regard to reproductive health is a pathetic and unjustifiable attempt at forcing parent-child communication.

Oregon's 54 student-based health centers provided more

than 25,000 students with health care last year. When it comes to adolescent reproductive health care, these institutions aren't part of the problem, they're part of the solution.

Yes, the Washington girl did skip class to receive an abortion. Though it's a sad situation, maybe it could have been avoided if parents practiced better communication at home.

The Washington mother in question shouldn't be talking to law-makers; she should be talking to her daughter.

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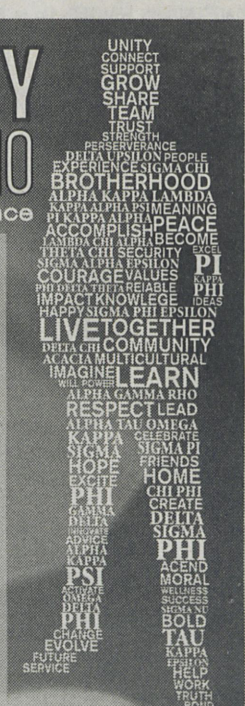
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Scores killed, wounded in 3 coordinated blasts in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three blasts set off by suicide bombers in cars went off in quick succession in Baghdad Sunday morning, killing at least 30 people and wounding 200, Iraq's interior ministry said.

The blasts were within five minutes of one another and were all near embassy buildings in the capital.

Two of the explosions occurred in Mansour neighborhood in western Baghdad — one close to the Egyptian embassy; the other near a complex that holds a number of embassies, including Syria's, Germany's and the residential complex of the Albanian ambassador.

The third car bomb exploded near the Iranian embassy in the central part of the city.

"Is this the result of the elections we voted in?" said Fued Ahmed, a resident who lives near the Iranian embassy. "We voted. What did we

vote for? The explosion? If they can tell us where there's a safe place that we can go to, we'll go there."

An elderly man added, "Don't talk to me, talk to the government — with Nuri al-Maliki, with Ayad Allawi, ask them why all these victims lost their lives." He was referring to the current prime minister and to the head of the Iraqiya bloc, respectively.

In a statement, the Iraqiya coalition said the day's bombings highlight "the indisputable violations of these security forces and their failure in halting terrorism, which has stolen the lives of tens of thousands of innocent martyrs of people in Iraq."

The Iraqiya bloc, which won a narrow victory in recent elections, implored the current government to restore peace until the formation of the new government.

For his part, al-Maliki called an urgent meeting Sunday with his national security council.

In addition to Sunday's bombings, the security council discussed the killing of 25 people late Friday in a Sunni village near Baghdad by gunmen wearing military uniforms.

In that incident, five of the dead were women. Most of the victims were shot in the head and all were found handcuffed, police said. Al

-Qaida in Iraq is suspected to be behind the killings, but authorities stressed the investigation is ongoing.

Meanwhile, in central Baghdad, Iraqi security forces on Sunday arrested a suspected suicide bomber driving a car loaded with explosives in the al-Massbah neighborhood. The would-be bomber was targeting the police headquarters charged with protecting foreign embassies, Iraqi authorities said.

The bombings were the fifth coordinated attacks in the city since August 2009.

In the last bombing in January, at least 36 people were killed and 71 wounded when three vehicle bombings targeted hotels in central Baghdad.

The explosions happened in quick succession near the Palestine, Babil and Al-Hamra hotels, Iraqi officials said.

Some news organizations have offices in the Palestine and Al-Hamra hotels.

Other coordinated attacks killed 132 people in October and nearly 130 people in December.

In the latter, a string of five suicide car bombings hit government buildings, including Iraq's finance and labor ministries and a courthouse.

Also Sunday, Baghdad police reported roadside bomb explosions in northwest and south Baghdad, injuring nine people and five people, respectively. Six police officers were among the injured in those blasts.

Police also reported two explosives attached to two cars in south Baghdad that wounded two civilians.

In the city of Mosul, a car bomb exploded, killing three civilians and injuring 35, including seven policemen, police said.

— CNN

Multiple earthquakes rattle cities in California and Mexico

A string of earthquakes and aftershocks shook the Pacific coast of the United States and Mexico on Sunday, including a magnitude 7.2 quake in northwest Mexico's Baja California that could be felt in Arizona and southern California, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

At least one person has been confirmed killed in a building collapse in Mexicali, according to the assistant director of civil protection in Tijuana.

There have also been reports of injuries and structural damage, according to Alfredo Escobedo, Mexico's director of civil protection.

In California and Arizona, there were no immediate reports of injuries and only limited reports of damages.

The quake struck at 3:40 p.m. (6:40 p.m. ET) about 175 km (110 miles) east-southeast of Tijuana, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The largest Mexican city near the epicenter — about 24 miles (55 kilometers) away — is Guadalupe Victoria, with a population of around 14,800.

Pictures from Mexicali showed the sides ripped off buildings, toppled telephone poles, cracked roads and supermarket aisles strewn with food that had fallen off shelves.

Residents across southern California and Arizona reported serious ground shakes.

"We have not felt a shake like that since about 1979," Michelle Tapia told CNN from Brawley, Calif.

Joe Madison was shopping at a department store in Palm Springs, Calif. when he felt the earthquake.

"I felt the entire store move, and people went running for the exits," he said.

Madison said people gathered outside in the parking lot until the shaking stopped.

"We felt it for about 30 seconds. It was rolling," San Diego County Sheriff's Lt. Scott Ybarrondo told CNN. "Nothing fell off the walls here, but we have reports of pictures falling off walls elsewhere in the county."

The quake was the largest in the Baja California area since 1992, the USGS reported.

There have been three large aftershocks so far, including one that registered a 5.5 magnitude, and other smaller tremors, USGS said.

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Chandeliers swung and water sloshed around in swimming pools in the Los Angeles suburbs after the initial quake, witnesses reported, while posters to the website Twitter reported feeling shaking in Phoenix, Ari.

Capt. Steve Ruda, a spokesman for the Los Angeles city fire department, said there were "isolated" power outages and a few people reported trapped in elevators, but no injuries or structural damage was reported.

Nine minutes after the Mexico quake, a magnitude 4.1 quake rattled windows in Santa Rosa, north of San Francisco. No damage was reported there, and Susan Potter, a USGS geophysicist, told CNN that was a separate quake from the one that struck in the Baja California desert.

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(Markus) Wheaton and some strong inside receivers."

Sophomore Jordan Bishop has gotten several reps with the first string offense and appears to be looking at a starting spot come next season.

Noticeably present this year are the Rodgers brothers, who missed out on spring practice last season due to injuries. According to Langsdorf, the presence of the star running back and receiver benefits the brothers as well as the team.

"I think (it helps) both," Langsdorf said. "I think they need the work; there are a lot of things that they can improve on. They're great players, but they have a lot of work, too. At the same time, it helps the team because they're such good leaders and the young guys can learn a lot from how they practice."

Along with the Rodgers brothers, a main source of relief for the Beavers next season will be the experience of the offensive line, which returns four starters from a team that averaged 32 points and 411 yards a game last year. However, there are still moments that show the Beavers' inexperience.

"I wouldn't say (we're) behind, but we have a lot of

new guys, a lot of guys working in," Jacquizz Rodgers said. "We have four returning linemen, so that helps a lot."

"I think (the offense is) ahead of the game," Langsdorf said. "With the veteran line we're further along in the run game. I think we're on pace to have a lot of stuff in."

However, the Beavers may be without sophomore tackle Michael Philipp, who will have an arthroscopic procedure done on his knee on Wednesday.

"You always hate that," Riley said. "This was very valuable time for Michael, but the silver lining is he will have plenty of time to get healthy once we get going."

The injury appears to be minor for Philipp, who started 13 games for the Beavers and was named to a handful of all-freshmen, all-American teams last year.

There is also a different feeling coming in for the Beavers this spring: They will be the first year they come in off a loss.

The last time the Beavers

took the field, BYU thumped them 44-20, putting a chip on their shoulder.

"I think the guys took the loss seriously, (which got them) ready to work," Jacquizz Rodgers said.

"A lot of guys are focused and ready to give it their all," his brother James said. "We're coming in with a meaning."

Regardless, after just a week of practice, Riley likes what he's seen.

"I'm excited about our start, and that's all it is," he said. "Our start."

All eyes will be on Katz and Lalach throughout the spring, but the kind of talent that will be surrounding them, including a veteran

offensive line, should make for a smoother transition. But a run at a 2010 Pac-10 title started a week ago.

"I think we're getting better every day," James Rodgers said. "We still have to work on our craft, because you always have something you can get better at."

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I think we're getting better every day. We still have to work on our craft, because you always have something you can get better at.

James Rodgers,
OSU wide receiver

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the number one offensive lineman recruit in most rankings. He had it made, and his college fate pointed down every road to stardom. Then the unthinkable happened.

Last week, Matt James was on a spring break trip with 40 of his classmates and around a dozen parents.

On one night, James stepped out onto a Days Inn Motel balcony in Panama City Beach, and according to numerous witnesses accounts, lost his balance and fell five stories to his tragic death. Alcohol was involved. He was 17 years old.

What a pure tragedy of a story. Everything he had was ended in an instant.

Here is this loving, young individual — a person respected by all those who knew him, and more who didn't. He had a roofless future of playing the sport he loved for the rest of his life. How could this happen?

The reasons are many, but the biggest are poor decisions by James and the people

around him, mainly parents, on the trip.

Let's not sugarcoat it. Many teens drink in high school. They drink because it's fun, because it's a way for hormone-driven kids to show off their "rebel" sides. Whatever the reason may be, the reality is that it's just what happens.

Sure, the age limit is 21, but that doesn't stop anyone — even more so, college students. We're all guilty here.

Yes, Matt James chose to drink that night. Yes, someone of age most likely bought alcohol for him. It happens all the time. Is the provider of the booze and hotel room in big trouble now? You bet, and rightfully so.

But I look at it a different way. There is one detail that many fail to see. James was out on the balcony, according to witnesses, "drunk and belligerent," and the worst part is that he was alone.

It doesn't matter who you are. If you have a friend who makes a decision to drink alcohol at high levels, no matter what age they are, you keep track of them. You make sure that you know where

they are all the time. Call it babysitting, but it's events like this that make us realize how careful we have to be.

It goes back to the elementary line of "Friends don't let friends ..."

"Well, you know what, friends don't let friends go out on the balconies of hotel rooms "drunk and belligerent."

Case in point: We as college students live in a social world driven by alcohol. For half of us, because of age, it is illegal to drink. But it happens. That's the world we live in.

This is one of those cases that opens all of our eyes to what could happen if we don't watch out for each other.

I urge you to keep one eye open for those around you. If you see someone in trouble, friend or foe, you help them, and you do everything you can to get them out of harm's way.

Don't let somebody become a tragic example like Matt James. Be the right example.

You never know; you just might save someone's life.

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Aside from the position issues, the first three practices went smoothly. The first couple weeks, however, mean reviewing the basics.

"Early on in spring, you always work on techniques and fundamentals of each position," Banker said. "And while we're doing that, we're also installing the foundation and basis of our defense, and we'll continue to do that as we go."

"We'll try to get in as much of our defensive scheme as we can, but we'll only progress as far as the players allow us to, because it doesn't do us any good to continue a scheme if they don't understand."

Eight starters are returning for the Beavers, and senior cornerback James Dockery was happy to get going again.

"We've been working pretty hard in the off-season, just playing little scrimmages," Dockery said, "But it's a lot better, you know, when you got coaches out there and a lot more hands-on and individual emphasis in our game. So yeah, it's fun to be out here with the guys."

As for the new guys — newcomer walk-on cornerback Greg Anderson or Tony Wilson, who is taking the place of a veteran —

the first few weeks mean lots and lots of learning.

"The new guys are looking good," Dockery said. "You know, first day's not really like star-struck, because they're kind of used to the guys, but it's that they don't really know where to run, and they don't really know where to go. And then you have a guy like myself where this is my fourth spring-ball, so this is like doing homework. But by the end of week one, everyone kind of figures out the rules."

Despite some of the not-so-favorable stories from the off-season, everyone finished the first week of practice energetic and highly optimistic.

The entire team wore pads on Friday and had a few strong scrimmages, with the defense coming up with interceptions from every quarterback.

However, while individual efforts should be commended, the offensive mistakes and defensive highlights should not be looked into with much judgment. There is still a month of practice left to pick apart the squads.

Practice continues Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week and begins around 2:45 p.m. at either Reser Stadium or the Merritt Truax Indoor Center.

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Cole Gillespie — outfielder, AAA Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks)

At Oregon State: (2004-2006) — 2006 First-team All-American

2010 outlook: Last year, Gillespie was traded from Milwaukee's organization to the D-Backs, meaning he's now playing below a club that's rebuilding and won't exactly contend for the playoffs this year. Will Gillespie get an opportunity to prove himself at the next level? He hit .304 in 42 games for Reno last year, so, if he keeps that up, he just might.

Mike Stutes — RHP, AA Reading Phillies (Philadelphia Phillies)

At Oregon State: (2006-2008) — Went a combined 20-6 in '06 and '07

2010 outlook: Stutes started 27 games for the Reading Phillies last year, but will make his money in the bullpen this year, either as a setup man or closer.

Mitch Canham — catcher, AA San Antonio Missions (SD Padres)

At Oregon State: (2004-2007) — First round selection in the 2007 Draft

2010 outlook: Canham will begin the year in Double-A San Antonio, where he spent all of 2009. But the Padres see Canham as a potential "super utility guy," and have tried him at third base, first base and left

field this spring. If he continues to improve somewhere, he'll continue his quick rise up the organization. Maybe in nearby AAA Portland?

Other former Beavers currently in the minor leagues:

Dallas Buck — RHP, AA Carolina Mudcats (Cincinnati Reds)

Daniel Turpen — RHP, AA Richmond Flying Squirrels (SF Giants)

Tyler Graham — Outfielder, AA Richmond Flying Squirrels (SF Giants)

Jorge Reyes — RHP, High-A Lake Elsinore Storm (SD Padres)

Dan Robertson — outfielder, High-A Lake Elsinore Storm (SD Padres)

Jordan Lennerton — first baseman, Low-A West Michigan Whitecaps (Detroit Tigers)

Joey Wong — infielder, Low-A Asheville Tourists (Colorado Rockies)

Chris Hopkins — outfielder, Short-season A Auburn Doubledays (Toronto Bluejays)

Jason Ogata — infielder, Short-season A Spokane Indians (Texas Rangers)

Ryan Ortiz — catcher, Short-season Vancouver Canadians (Oakland A's)

Kevin Gunderson — LHP, reached Triple-A last year, but was cut last week

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Spring football practice well under way

Offense takes on major changes

■ Oregon State scoring specialists open up spring ball with both rookie and veteran starters; the biggest question is, who will start at quarterback?

By Jesse Severson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After the first week of spring practice, the offense seems about where it should be after only three practices.

There have been mistakes sprinkled across glimpses of brilliance as the Beavers come into 2010 with a handful of certainties but with one giant question mark. It is the same question that has plagued the Beavers for several years: Who is going to play quarterback for Oregon State?

Quarterback controversy has once again dominated the spring practice for the Beavers, who have spent years debating whether to use Sean Canfield or Lyle Moevao under center.

This spring, it will be sophomore Ryan Katz competing against junior transfer Peter Lalich.

"We'll talk about this every day, but it will certainly be a process as we go," coach Mike Riley said. "And they'll have their ups and downs. I like their talent, and I like that they seem to know what they're doing."

"They both have strong arms and both are smart guys," offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "We've proven we need two quarterbacks the last two years, so we're trying to prepare both of them like they're the starter."

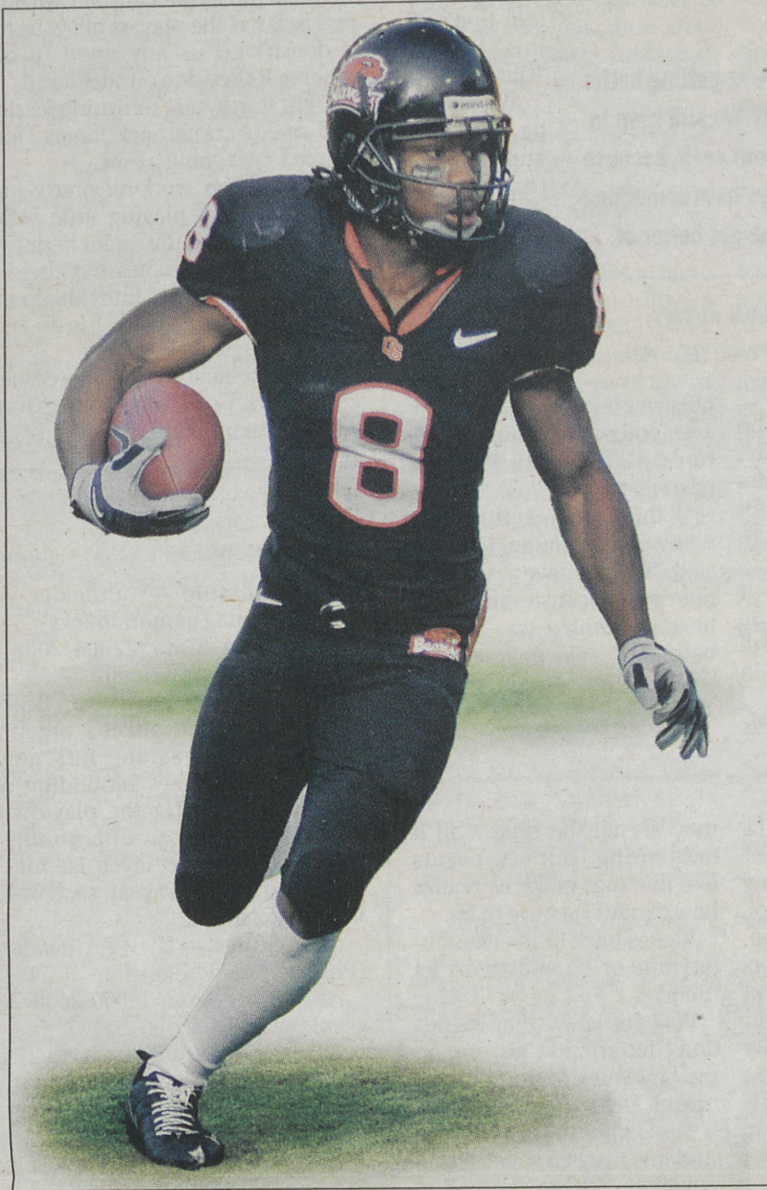
Katz brings a strong arm, which is evident in his 50-plus-yard bombs to receivers that he hit in stride — raising "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd on hand.

However, he and Lalich struggled with accuracy in the first week, as they both threw their share of interceptions.

Whoever wins over the position for the fall will certainly have talent around him.

"We do have some weapons," Langsdorf said. "We got some speed on the outside with (James) Rodgers and

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TORI MIDDELSTADT | THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU wideout James Rodgers is in search of another stellar season, and, along with his veteran teammates, will spend a lot of spring practice getting new players accustomed to Beaver football.

Beaver defense issues aplenty

■ After week one of spring practices, the OSU defense works through key player losses to do one thing: find a way to keep improving

By Anthony Casson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State football began spring practices last Monday in the Merritt Truax Indoor Center to a large collection of media personnel and fans ready to witness off-season stories unfold.

The Beaver defense took to their section of the turf with their black suits and helmets and began dusting off their gear after a rainy, mild winter break. A majority of the media flocked toward the group as more drama surfaced regarding would-be starting senior defensive end Matt LaGrone.

LaGrone, who was assumed to start at right end opposite teammate Gabe Miller this fall, told head coach Mike Riley hours before Monday's first practice that he would be leaving OSU for personal matters. He will return to his wife and two daughters, who live in Nevada.

The news came after a series of crushing off-season developments including starting middle linebacker David Pa'aluhii also deciding to leave for personal reasons, and projected outside linebacker senior Keith Pankey suffering an Achilles tear, which has put him out of spring camp.

While Pa'aluhii's spot is predicted to be filled by sophomore Tony Wilson, who is facing the end of knee rehabilitation, all coaches are confident that Pankey will be ready for fall camp. He is already walking around in a leg boot with no crutches. Doctors have set a four-month recovery for his injury.

"If anyone's going to come back from an Achilles injury just before the season it would be Pankey," defensive coordinator Mark Banker said. "It's important to us to get him back. Between he and Dwight Roberson, they've got a lot of experience at that position. And so obviously we would like to see those two guys on the field together."

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Beaver baseball alumni around the nation

■ Former Oregon State players battle their way through different professional league levels to obtain their ultimate goal: MLB

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's Major League Baseball's opening day, meaning it's time to find out where those who suited up for head coach Pat Casey's Beavers are in their pursuit of the big show, if they aren't there already — we're looking at you, Jacoby.

Jacoby Ellsbury — outfielder, Boston Red Sox

At Oregon State: (2003-2005) — 2005 Pac-10

Co-Player of the Year

2010 outlook: Without a doubt, Ellsbury is the face of Oregon State baseball at the next level. Although he's changing numbers (46 to 2) and positions (CF to LF), nothing about this rising superstar's game will change. He's one of the MLB's most exciting players (see: 70 steals in 2009).

Eddie Kunz — RHP, AAA Buffalo Bison (New York Mets)

At Oregon State: (2005-2007) — First round selection in the 2007 Draft

2010 outlook: In 2008, Kunz became the 20th former Beaver to appear in the MLB, pitching in four games for the New York Mets. Last year, he stayed in Triple-A, where he will begin this

year. Can he make the jump to the pros this time for good? Tune in to find out.

Darwin Barney — shortstop, AAA Iowa Cubs (Chicago Cubs)

At Oregon State: (2005-2007) — Arguably the face of the Beavers' back-to-back championship teams

2010 outlook: For the second straight year, Barney was invited to spring training with the Chicago Cubs. But, like last year, he will start the regular season in the minors. If you're looking for the next Beaver to make the MLB jump, Barney's likely your best bet (or, see below for an alternative). He's always had the defense. Now his bat just needs to get going.

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Colin Huber

Beneath the ink

Things that make us blink

We all have had this feeling. It's a feeling of thanks and fortune. It's one of those "stop dead" experiences when your mind seems to pause, and all you can think is, "wow."

It's an entire mix of emotions that present us with the value of life, making us feel lucky to be alive. However, the sad thing about all of it is that these feelings are 90 percent of the time given to us at the expense of somebody else.

Matt James was an offensive tackle for St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. He entered into school like every other teen — nervously and awkwardly. But in the next four years, James grew — boy, did he grow — in more ways than one.

By his senior year, James had become a leader in his school, on and off the football field.

"He just blossomed while he was there. He was a wonderful kid," a family friend said of him.

James turned into a 6-foot-6, 290-pound teddy bear of a man. He was quiet, yet powerful. He was heavy, but agile. He possessed every characteristic and talent, both brains and brawn, that made him one hell of a football player.

He had just signed with Brian Kelly and Notre Dame football as

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Baseball Update



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OSU junior catcher Parker Berberet has come up big this season. Luckily for the Beavers, his timely hitting carried over into Pac-10 play, as his squad took last weekend's series from USC.

Strong Pitching

It's no secret that Oregon State's strength lies in their pitching staff. And, led by seven innings of one-run, three-hit ball by junior Greg Peavey on Thursday, and 5 1/3 innings of one-run, four-hit ball by sophomore Sam Gavilgio Saturday in his first start of the season, it was the pitching staff that willed the Beavers to two victories.

Series Win in LA

The Oregon State baseball team took two of three from USC for the first time since 2007, defeating the Trojans 4-1 in 10 innings on Thursday and 4-3 on Saturday at Dedeaux Field in Los Angeles. OSU lost the second game of the series, 8-2, on Friday.

Is Parker clutch, or what?

For the second time this season, junior catcher Parker Berberet came through in the clutch. In Oregon

State's 1-0 win over Tennessee on Feb. 28, the junior college transfer drove home the only run of the game with a single in the seventh.

In Thursday's win over USC, it was Berberet breaking yet another tie: this time a 1-1 tie in the 10th inning, with a two-out single. Senior Rob Folsom tacked on a two-run double just after, giving the Beavers closer Kevin Rhoderick plenty of breathing room in the bottom of the 10th.

Errors Galore

An uncharacteristic six Beaver errors led to four unearned Trojan runs in Friday's loss.

It was the most errors committed by Oregon State in a game this season.

After Friday's performance, the Beavers' league-leading fielding percentage dropped down below USC's to .970, a rare mishap for teams of head coach Pat Casey.

— Colin and Grady