



Poof! Hovland computer lab is gone

■ Oregon State provost and students equally surprised by the early closure of the labs

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Hovland computer lab is officially closed, and most of the equipment will be moved to other locations over the summer. But the closure occurs a term ahead of schedule due to miscommunication, catching many on campus off-guard.

Talks concerning the closures of computer labs began in fall term, when departments were asked to submit cost-saving proposals to the office of the provost for review by the budget committee. Computer facilities in Milne were also considered for closure, but, after review of lab usage, those in Hovland are the only ones closing.

"After several years of declining use of the student computing facility in Hovland Hall, the university is closing the facility while increasing computing capacity elsewhere in order to meet growing student needs," said part of an all-student e-mail sent out by OSU provost and executive vice President Sabah Randhawa.

Jim Buckley, who managed Hovland computer facilities, received word on March 25 that Hovland needed to be emptied out by April 5 so renovations could begin for the new business center going in its place. Buckley and his staff immediately began working around the clock, taking out equipment and furniture.

"It wasn't just a place to use the equipment," Buckley said. "A person that doesn't have a lot of knowledge on the programs could come in and



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An empty room. For the last 20 years students and faculty were able to use the computers in Hovland, until now.

get help from one of our staff. Now that whole training program has gone away."

Buckley was aware of the con-

sideration to close Hovland and had hoped to come up with a plan that would keep the labs open at a reduced capacity, mainly staffed by

students. The suddenness of the closure has killed any possibility of that happening.

"That is my biggest gripe, that the

communication and the timing were so poor," Buckley said.

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Researcher: Earthquake could hit harder here

■ Head of the school of civil and construction engineering suveys earthquake damage in Chile, relates to Oregon

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Scott Ashford, head of the school of civil and construction engineering at OSU, went to Chile to research the 8.8 earthquake that struck on Feb. 27 and came back with the realization that the Pacific Northwest could be hit even harder.

"I went to Chile for eight days with a team of 40 people funded by the National Science Foundation," Ashford said. "I'm a member of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and we have a long-term grant so that we can go to the places where earthquakes happened so we can learn from them — especially when there's a perishable data."

The timeframe for earthquake investigations is tight because they need to allow time for search, rescue and relief efforts to be well underway, but cannot delay too long or the evidence may be lost due to reconstruction projects. Ashford and his team landed in Chile on March 15 and spent a week conducting research.

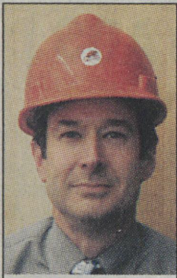
"The window time is about one to three weeks after an earthquake has hit," Ashford said.

The trip objectives were to observe the damage and record it.

"We bring back photos and descriptions," Ashford said. "Pictures are of limited use by themselves, but when it's combined with detailed descriptions it helps."

The trip also hit the team emotionally. "It's like an emotional rollercoaster," Ashford said. "You see your research and what you teach firsthand, and you're excited about it, but then you see the damage and the people lining up for water and food."

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Scott Ashford



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After walking though campus, supporters of Take Back The Night held a candle light vigil for those affected by sexual assault.

Speaking out against violence

■ A crowd of students, community members rally to support survivors of sexual assault

By Jeremy Hansen
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Candles, tears, t-shirts and pizza may seem like an unlikely combination for an event that has a hugely significant meaning to those attending.

The MU Quad played host to Take Back the Night on Wednesday evening, an annual event held during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, showing that OSU does not tolerate sexual violence and is supportive of survivors.

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Unique animal art on display at LaSells Stewart Center

■ Artists of varying abilities get an opportunity to showcase untraditional art of dogs and cats.

By Katherine Younger
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Art featuring dogs and cats is on display in the Giustina Gallery in the LaSells Stewart Center in "The 9 Show-A Canine and Feline Exhibit" throughout the month of April.

Pieces by Northwest artists, ranging from Eastern Oregon to Washington, were chosen by a selection panel composed of veterinarians, a dog trainer, the president of the Humane Society, animal lovers, and Tina Green-Price, the gallery curator. Over 200 works were submitted and 160 were selected, including art by children.

"I'm impressed with the quality of the work; there are so many different types," said Christiane Loehr, a veterinary pathologist who was one of the judges.



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This artwork titled Driving Miss Daisy by Phyllice Bradner, was called the judges' favorite.

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Indian ship freed from pirates, Turkish ship seized

U.S. and Omani warships have rescued most of the crew of a hijacked Indian ship in the northern Indian Ocean and captured 10 suspected pirates, but other marauders successfully seized a Turkish cargo ship, allied navies reported Wednesday.

The latest ship to be taken by pirates was the Yasin C, a bulk carrier bound for the Kenyan port of Mombasa. The 178-meter (580-foot) ship was about 460 km (290 miles) off Mombasa when it reported being boarded by pirates, according to the European Union naval force patrolling the region, a key international waterway.

The Yasin C has a crew of 25, all believed to be Turkish. No further details were immediately announced.

Its hijacking came a day after the guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul and the Omani warship al-Sharqiya retook an Indian dhow that had been converted into a pirate ship, the U.S. Fifth Fleet reported. The warships were responding to a distress call from a vessel that had fended off a pirate attack launched from the Faize Osamani, which had been reported captured in January.

Nine members of the Indian ship's crew jumped overboard as the U.S. and Omani ships approached, according to the U.S. command in Bahrain. The Omanis rescued eight of them, while a ninth drowned. The 10 suspected pirates on board surrendered to a boarding party from the McFaul and will be transferred to a country willing to prosecute them, the Americans said.

An international naval coalition has been patrolling the waters off the Horn of Africa for several years in an effort to crack down on attacks by Somalia-based pirates. Piracy has flourished in the east African country, which has lacked an effective central government since 1991.

— CNN

TOP STORY

US, Afghanistan downplay political rift

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Afghan and U.S. governments played down their political differences Wednesday, rejecting reports of a major dispute between the Obama administration and President Hamid Karzai.

Supportive statements by the U.S. State Department and Karzai's spokesman followed a week of increasing tension between the governments. On Tuesday, the White House indicated it could call off a scheduled May 12 visit by Karzai to Washington.

The tone was different Wednesday, with State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley calling Karzai an ally in a shared struggle.

"We're committed to this partnership," Crowley said, adding: "We share President Karzai's desire to lead Afghanistan to greater sovereignty, and we support the goals he has laid out from his inauguration speech until today."

Karzai was re-elected president last year in voting marred by irregularities that required a runoff. Since then, the Obama administration has publicly

pressured Karzai to eliminate corruption in his government and improve delivery of services to his people.

Last week, Karzai irritated U.S. officials when he blamed the election irregularities on foreigners who want a "puppet government" in Afghanistan.

He further aggravated Washington, his biggest backer, on Sunday when he told a gathering of tribal leaders that the U.S.-led alliance will not move against Taliban fighters in Kandahar "until you say we can."

At the same time, media reports have included harsh criticism of Karzai by a former U.N. diplomat, as well as claims that Karzai said he would consider joining the Taliban insurgency being fought by the U.S.-led NATO mission and Afghan forces.

On Wednesday, Karzai's spokesman described the report that Karzai threatened to join the Taliban as laughable.

"That was, I think, a funny thing in the media," said the spokesman, Waheed Omar, who added that the

report shocked the Afghan government.

Omar said Karzai and the government were committed to fighting the Taliban and international terrorism. He also said Afghanistan would continue to seek stronger ties with the United States and that the only differences between them involved last year's election.

In Washington, Crowley rejected what he called "outrageous allegations" against Karzai by the former U.N. diplomat, Peter Galbraith, who suggested that Karzai may have been using drugs. The United States had no concerns about Karzai's behavior, Crowley said.

"To the extent we have differences with President Karzai, we will work through them constructively in the spirit of the long-term partnership we have established with Afghanistan," he said.

He also downplayed the suggestion Tuesday by White House press secretary Robert Gibbs that the U.S. invitation for Karzai to visit Washington next month could be rescinded.

"The visit is still on, and there has been no change," Crowley said.

"Will we see eye to eye on every step? No, we don't," he said. "And where we have concerns, we will respectfully engage the government — not just the president, but others — and work through these in a spirit of respect and partnership."

Crowley also suggested that some of Karzai's comments may be aimed at politicians in Afghanistan, rather than in Washington.

"We have concerns about some of the things he has said, just as I think that probably President Karzai and others may take issue with some of the things that are said in this country," Crowley said.

"We do understand that there is a political process that has emerged in Afghanistan," he continued. "That's a good thing. And politicians in Afghanistan and around the world sometimes will feel a need to say things of importance to their own populations, and that may cause us some discomfort."

— CNN

Thai PM declares state of emergency after disruption

BANGKOK, — Thailand's Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva declared a state of emergency Wednesday, not long after anti-government demonstrators broke into the country's parliament.

Speaking on nationwide television, he said the "purpose is to restore peace and order and to stop the spreading of false information to the Thai public."

Vejjajiva said the measure is effective in Bangkok and nearby provinces and "will limit certain rights of people."

According to the order, Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thuangsuban has been appointed to administer the emergency law.

While the prime minister stressed that the measure is not meant to disperse people, the decree bans the gathering of more than five persons who are deemed to instigate an emergency situation.

It bans publishing, broadcasting or spreading infor-

mation considered a threat to national security, and it prohibits people from staying in certain areas.

The emergency allows authorities to take actions without court orders, such as summoning people, arresting and detaining people, and embarking on searches.

It allows authorities access to any communications, such as fax or telephone and gives them the power to end communications. Authorities are also permitted to stop Thai citizens from leaving the country.

The opposition, which is known as the "Red Shirts," has encouraged people in Bangkok and provincial regions to join their protests. Suthep Thuangsuban, deputy prime minister, made a televised announcement demanding that demonstrators leave protest grounds immediately. The government is offering transportation for those who want to return home.

Satit Wongnongtoey, a minister attached to the prime minister's office, told a local TV station that the government ordered the Red Shirt's broadcasting operation shut down to stop the spread of what authorities think is false information.

Demonstrators Wednesday had been keeping a promise to intensify protests unless Vejjajiva dissolves parliament.

The state of emergency was declared a few hours after the protesters stormed into the parliament building and then dispersed to regroup at their main gathering places at Phan Fa Bridge and Rajaprasong Intersection.

Lawmakers who were inside the parliament building as the protesters began arriving made a quick exit, some climbing over fences.

A helicopter was dispatched to pick up Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thuangsuban and some other officials, Abhisit's office

said.

The cabinet met to extend the country's Internal Security Act for another two weeks to help maintain order in the capital, as the protests show no signs of abating.

The act has been in effect since March 11, two days before the protesters began their mass demonstrations in Bangkok.

On Tuesday, Abhisit spoke on television, saying the rallies violated the constitution.

The demonstrators have disregarded all calls to disperse from Bangkok's commercial hub.

The nation's tourism minister, Chumpol Silapachara, has said the protests could affect tourism by about 10 percent.

The group, United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, is made up of supporters of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a bloodless military coup in 2006.

— CNN

CALENDAR

Thursday, Apr. 8

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. 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

Events

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Monday, Apr. 12

Meetings

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

Speakers

Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 4pm, MU 109. Barnet Hartson will give a public talk on, "Between Ancient Prejudice & Modern Propaganda: Reconsidering Antisemitism in Imperial Germany."

Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Auditorium. Public Talk: Wolf Kansteiner will speak on, "German Television & the Limits of Holocaust Memory."

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Tuesday, Apr. 13

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 109A. 69th ASOSU Senate

Speakers

Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Auditorium. Public Talk: Eric D. Weitz will speak on, "Why was the 20th Century the Century of Genocide?"

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. MUVies — Walkout. 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.

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Women's Center, 6pm, Women's Center. This is a presentation on Xicana feminism, feminist leaders within the Xicana Movement.

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■ Committee approves proposals previously rejected Congress

ASOSU members from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, along with representatives from the Student Incidental Fee Committee, voted during a mediation meeting held last night to discuss the Educational Activities and the Student Sustainability Initiative budget items. Both were denied funding last week when the ASOSU Congress held a joint session to review Student Incidental Fees.

"I voted in line with what the appropriations and budget committee recommended," said Aljets. "I thought that extra time and consideration should be given to it so that we could further discuss steps that The Daily

Questions from the gallery included one Pam Cytrynbaum, a professor in new media communications, who wanted to know if any funding given to The

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ASOSU later discovered that a vote cast by a representative who was sworn in that night and had voted against the proposal had not been added to

The night ended with both proposals being passed unanimously.

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Oliver spoke about her own story of survival and shared a poem written by a friend. By the end, many attendants were in tears. "Brooke is one powerful voice among us," said Jackie Sullivan, a student volunteer. "It

Linda Anderson, coordinator of the sexual assault support services, shared

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Green-Price had been considering holding an exhibit featuring dogs and cats, and when she decided to go forward with it she handed the project over

"I think it's wonderful," artist Kathryn Honey said. "It brought together all of the pet lovers in town. It's amazing the different kind of representations there are."

A large variety of mediums were used

Pleasant and Green-Price are also considering choosing a few of the children's pieces to be framed and highlighted at a community exhibit, which is being held in July and will feature art from Linn-Benton community members of any talent level, giving a chance to those whose work wouldn't normally be on display.

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There were 39 Macintoshes in the general-purpose lab and 20 in the classroom. There were also 54 PCs designated

Hovland computer Lab ran with an annual budget of around \$300,000, which came strictly from technology resource funds provided by students. Randhawa said all those funds would be re-utilized to other technology resource-funded projects.

For those who have depended on Hovland over the years, the closure does come as a disappointment. ASOSU conducted a survey fall term on the impact that a computer lab closure would have on the student body. Of 2,793 students surveyed, 1,175 said they would be negatively impacted by Hovland closing, while 1,528 said they would

Sprague says he is unaware of another place on campus that offers the same resources as Hovland for NMC students. "Maybe three or four (stations) in the library, but I don't really know of any other place on campus," Sprague said.

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Ashford suggests that people stock up on food, secure heavy things in their houses and make plans with loved ones about what to do if an earthquake hits the Pacific Northwest.

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Editorial

Hovland closure raises questions

The closure of the Hovland computer labs means more than the loss of computers.

We hear the term “budget cuts” as frequently as our own names now, and this closure is a prime example of how the needs of some students are marginalized when the university desperately searches for ways to cut costs.

The possibility of closing Hovland and Milne computer labs is an issue that was brought up last fall and was left without conclusive decisions.

During the week prior to spring break, Sabah Randhawa, OSU provost and executive vice president, made the decision to close the Hovland labs after spring term.

The closure was due to a lack of adequate usage, but throughout the last two weeks of winter term, new media communications students practically slept there.

Without word to the students on campus — or even to the provost himself — who collectively pay \$300,000 a year in technology resource fees to ensure that the 113 computers in Hovland are equipped with the latest software necessary to complete projects and assignments, computers were removed during spring break at the bequest of some mythical figure.

By “mythical figure,” we mean a person who university officials have yet to pinpoint or name.

Randhawa returned from spring break and discovered that the computers were being removed from Hovland without his consent.

On Tuesday, March 30, a meeting was held with ASOSU President, Chris Van Drimmelen, and a decision was made to move forward with the removal process, which was already in place.

Out of the 113 computers made available to students in Hovland, 25 are now available in Milne. Plans are in the works to move all but 16 of the other computers to labs on campus, but not until after the end of spring term.

When finals approach in June, don't be surprised to find students waiting in line to have access to the programs necessary to complete their projects, such as FinalCut Pro, Adobe PhotoShop, Apple Motion and many more.

And if students are new to the programs and professors don't have extra time, they'll have to figure it out on their own.

As Jim Buckley, former manager of Hovland's computer lab pointed out, the lab staff also provided the training needed to use those programs.

Let us hope that, when fall term rolls around this situation will be corrected and the same level of computer access will be restored.

And, in the future, maybe we will be given greater insight into the decision making process of the university.

Good luck and plan ahead until then.

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Leaky oil reserves in the US need to be tapped

It is interesting how certain things that seem perfectly simple and logical to children can become more convoluted when viewed by adults.

For example, a child wouldn't pay money to use another child's play area if he already had one at his own house.

It may seem silly, but then again, a similar thing is happening today that concerns our natural resources.

The prospect of paying for something you already own isn't logical, and yet the U.S. is choosing to do business this way.

One example is the United States' usage of its natural oil reservoirs and how one, in particular, is being neglected.

The Santa Barbara Channel is a part of the Pacific Ocean that separates the mainland of California from the northern Channel Islands.

Located inside the channel is Coal Oil Point, site of the second largest natural offshore oil seepage in the world.

The amount of oil that has leaked over the centuries is staggering.

In 2009, a study conducted by researchers from Woods Hole



Jonathan Pettinger

Covering All Sides

Oceanographic Institution and UC Santa Barbara found that 20 to 25 tons of oil leak out of the seafloor every day, and have done so for thousands of years.

Remember the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill where 10.8 million tons of oil were spilled off the coast of Alaska and covered a total area of 11,000 square miles of ocean?

The same study concluded that oil residue in the Santa Barbara Channel's seafloor sediment is anywhere from eight to 80 times as much as that caused by the Exxon Valdez spill.

The researchers are confident these findings are the result of the reservoir and not of accidental spillage caused by humans.

If so much oil is leaking out of the ocean on its own, why aren't efforts made to take advantage of this natural

resource?

For decades now, a federal moratorium has prevented the area from being leased to businesses for drilling.

One argument for supporting the moratorium is that of environmental protection and concern, namely that drilling will upset the purportedly delicate area.

It turns out, according to physicist Bruce Allen, the leakage resulting from Santa Barbara drilling platforms is miniscule compared to the reservoir.

In the years since the moratorium was enacted, an estimated 900 barrels of oil have leaked from the Santa Barbara production platforms, in comparison to the estimated two million barrels that have leaked naturally.

If anything, drilling will reduce the amount of leakage as oil is pumped out of the seafloor, thus reducing overall environmental harm.

Using American oil would require less freighters transporting foreign oil across the ocean, which means there is less chance an accidental spill could occur like the Exxon Valdez incident — or more recently, the one involving the Shen Neng 1, a Chinese ship that

struck the Great Barrier Reef.

Another concern is that the government should be seeking alternative energy sources rather than propagating the use of the fossil fuels.

However, the United States already spends millions every year on foreign oil. Let's face it, we aren't giving up fossil fuels anytime soon.

Now, I'm not saying we should ignore alternative energy options — by all means pursue them — but consider the fact that, in light of our dependence on fossil fuels, it would be more economical, especially in a recession, to rescind the moratorium and allow drilling to occur.

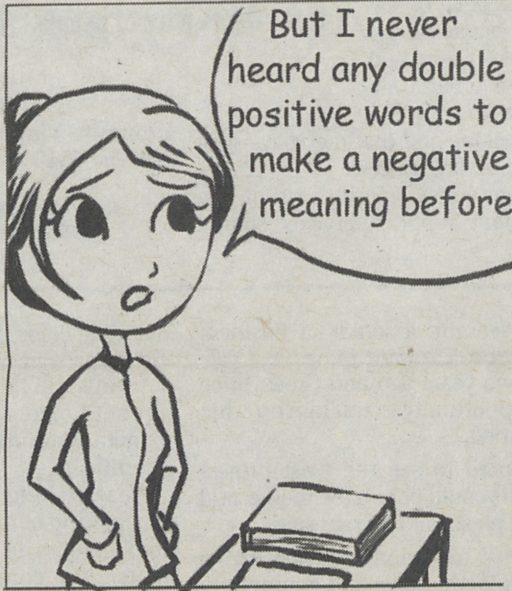
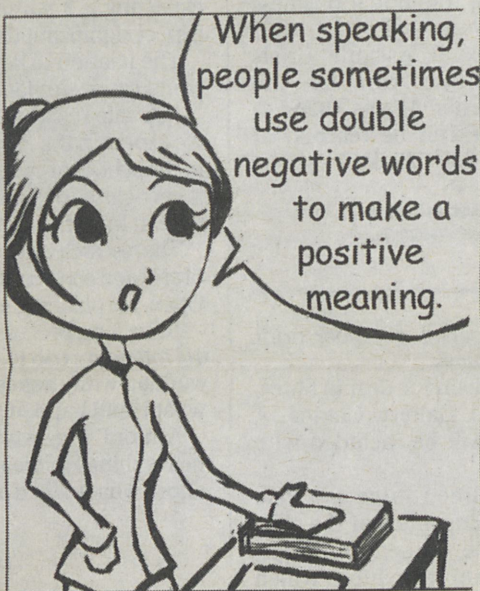
President Obama recently announced a controversial plan to begin offshore drilling near the Atlantic and Alaskan coastlines.

The shores of California, Oregon, and Washington were not included in the plan.

This moratorium is a mistake. As evidence and common sense conclude, we are wasting an opportunity to tap into a reservoir that is leaking

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Fari Tales: Double Positives



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FARI NGUYEN IS A FRESHMAN IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Is the iPad the sexy savior of traditional media?

The iPad made its national debut last Saturday, and yes, there were long waiting lines, excitement and a general hullabaloo over the release of this incredibly over-hyped technology.

At least, over-hyped was my first “educated diagnosis,” ahem, of this technology, but I'm not so sure about that now.

On the Huffington Post news blog on Saturday afternoon I pulled up the cover story entitled, “Will the iPad Save Print Media?”

This intrigued me, since, as a new media communications student, last term we were discussing these topics in depth, and we both tried to “predict” how the iPad would be received by the public, and talked about the imminent “death” of print journalism.

General class consensus seemed to be that the iPad wouldn't really catch on, that it was basically an over-hyped and over-sized piece of technology.

Amanda Rappe The Daily Barometer

Well, this Huffington Post article presented a very different point of view on this topic — one that I can't help but wonder about.

Now, first let me assure you I am by no means a technology junkie. In fact, I am perfectly happy and content to keep using my tiny 2nd generation iPod Nano. Yeah, yeah, so I'm behind the times. Whatever; who cares?

But, as a media student and a growing consumer and hopeful creator of all things media, there is a certain need to be aware of new technology — a call to be an informed global citizen — and so I should care.

And this is a reasonable expectation not just for NMC students, but for all students.

In my quest to become more globally aware, I have begun following a

number of online news sources, one of which is the Huffington Post — where I found myself last Saturday afternoon.

As I continued to read the Huffington Post's article about salvation for print media, I watched a video clip from WIRED magazine that presented their vision for the magazine as an iPad application, which, honestly, was fascinating.

I think that if people can just get past the awkward sizing of the iPad — which looks rather like an overgrown remote control or an iTouch on steroids — then maybe the iPad will catch on.

“This is what we have been waiting for (now) for 15 years,” said Chris Anderson, editor-in-chief of WIRED magazine.

And actually, I am now a little unsure about my strong stance on the imminent failure of the iPad. The size of the iPad may be large, but I can completely understand why magazines such as

WIRED are getting so excited about it.

They are able to create magazines of the future, where, in our increasingly interactive society, consumers are able to see — via the large touch screen and vivid graphics — and experience the magazine in an easy, handheld format that has never before been possible.

It's pretty cool! You can scroll through the articles, watch an imbedded video, then view an advertiser's 360 degree shot of a snazzy new car — because we all know magazines are made with 50 percent (or less) their own content, and 50 percent ads.

And because advertisements are a huge part of the funding behind newspapers and magazines, maybe this will succeed.

Anyway, I'm not so sure I'm going to be hating on the iPad anymore. I actually think it has more of a chance than I at first thought.

But then, who really knows. Maybe

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ISOSU needs help to better serve international students

As an organization that strives to be a home away from home for over 1,000 international students at OSU, the International Students of Oregon State University (ISOSU) aims to promote international students by serving as an outlet to voice their opinions and views.

As the number of international students increases on campus, we believe we need to understand the experiences of international students, what the climate is for them on OSU campus, and to assess their life experiences outside of their academics — especially focusing on their extracurricular involvement.

International students come to OSU from all corners of the world and bring with them their own unique set of cultures, values and experiences.

Stepping into an entirely different environment, it is often difficult for them to find an outlet or avenue to share their culture or get involved with the broader community.

Historically, ISOSU has always been seen as a programming body supporting its 15 affiliate organizations, including the European Student Association (ESA), the Japanese Student Association (JSA) and the Indian Student Association (ISA).

Acting as a spokesperson for its affiliates, ISOSU provided funding for and helped organize collective events, and supported cultural nights on campus.

Beyond the affiliates, however, ISOSU has not reached a significant number of the international student community, who make up approximately 5 percent of the student population.

ISOSU would like to be able to represent them, but believes that stronger relationships need

Dipanker Tamang
ISOSU

to be developed first. ISOSU strives to bring awareness of international culture and issues to the forefront of the community through involvement.

In addition to supporting various cultural events on campus with their affiliate organizations, such as the recently-held Winter Festival and Vietnamese Night at the MU ballroom, ISOSU has also set its goals to bringing people from all over the world together in an effort to educate students and the community about international issues.

This has compelled ISOSU to incorporate international student relations as part of its mission this year, in addition to its traditional role of serving as a programming and event-organizing program.

To embark on this new vision, ISOSU is spearheading, as part of its major objective this year, an assessment of the international student climate on the OSU campus with regard to their extracurricular involvement.

The intention of this assessment is to find and evaluate how international students spend their time outside the classroom for non-academic purposes. Basically, we would like to find out what it is that they currently do for extra-curricular activities, and what they would like to do or see happen on campus to help them spend their time getting involved or having fun.

To measure this, ISOSU is facilitating focus group discussion sessions where international students are welcome and invited to participate to share their valuable experience, input and opinions.

The focus group sessions will last roughly an hour and take place every Friday afternoon from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. during the 2010 spring term.

Light refreshments will be provided during the sessions. To augment the assessment and for greater outreach, we will be using web-based surveys to gauge the international students' responses.

In general, information gathered will help ISOSU understand how international students can increase engagement with ISOSU activities and programs, and how ISOSU can increase engagement of international students.

Specifically, this could include providing involvement opportunities and representing their voice in the community.

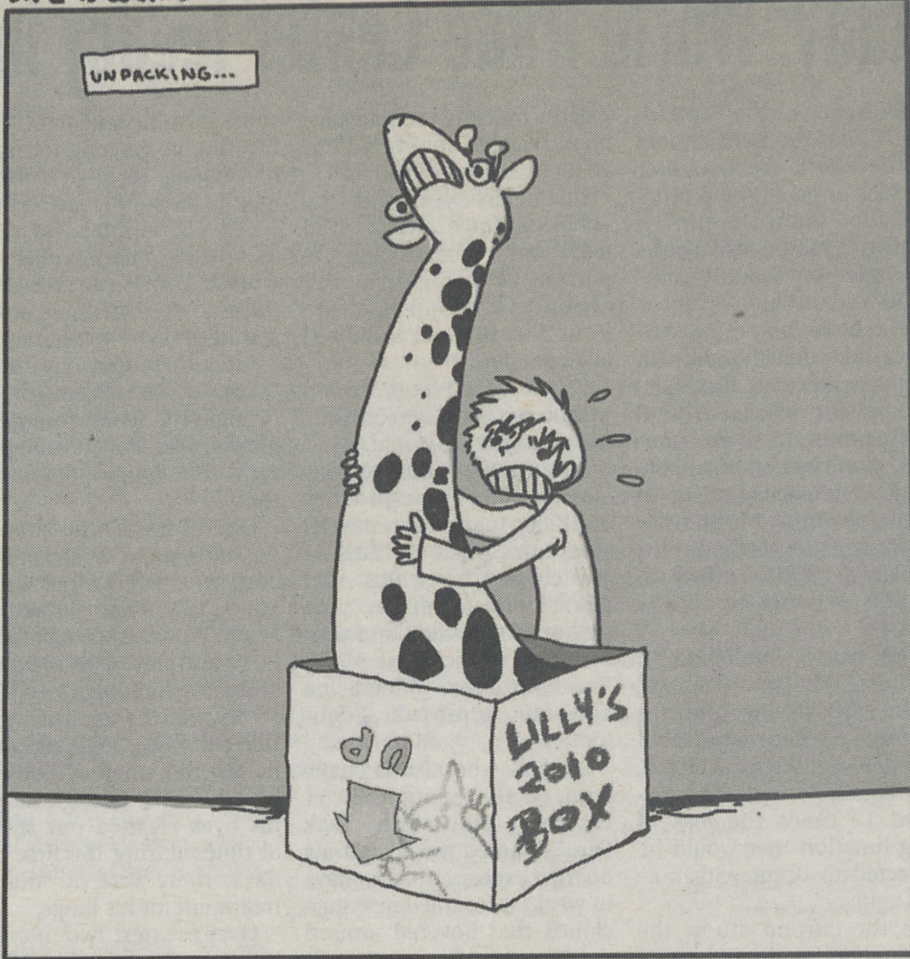
In addition, the data will help influence the ISOSU organization in terms of staffing structure, programming structure, and to determine the future of ISOSU. Our ultimate aim is to build relationships with international students.

It is especially critical for ISOSU to reach out and engage this underrepresented population on campus, given the significant increase of international students as a result of the INTO program.

It is of paramount importance that ISOSU use the data from the assessment to drive us to improve our organization, while making plans to increase visibility, foster relationships and increase involvement in extra-curricular activities within the international community.

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massive amounts of oil daily.

California could lease the land to businesses that want to drill and begin paying off the outrageous debt it has accumulated.

New jobs could be created as businesses seek employees to work on the drilling platforms.

We could stimulate our own economy by purchasing American oil and reduce our dependency on foreign nations.

The correct way to handle this natural resource seems clear to me, and in conclusion, I suggest the Daniel Plainview method: Let's drink the milkshake.

I'm sure children would agree, milkshakes are meant to be drunk, so let's not make things convoluted. Leaky oil reserves are meant to be drilled.

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the iPad is just a last-ditch effort to save the traditional media industry that we all know is slowly dying.

As I have heard from multiple NMC professors: Media students are "being prepared for jobs that don't even exist yet," that are a departure from the traditional structure of the newsroom.

Ink and paper journalism may be dying, but that doesn't mean news reporting and storytelling is. As Marshall McLuhan famously said regarding media and our reception and perception of it, "The medium is the message."

So, in that case, the iPad — as a very fancy medium — just might succeed after all.

But honestly, I am just waiting for some techie to proudly whip it out in class so I can alternate between amusement and jealousy. Yes, please.

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Study: World Trade Center legacy includes failure to regain lung capacity

The legacy of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center includes impaired lung function that hadn't improved seven years later, researchers concluded in a study published Wednesday.

"We have objective evidence now that this drop in lung function was dramatic, was real and persisted," said study author Dr. David Prezant, professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, and chief medical officer of the Fire Department of New York.

The study, published in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine, confirms Prezant's previous report that found, a year after the attack, that rescue workers had suffered 12 times the loss of lung function that would be expected to occur with normal aging.

In the current study, the researchers evaluated nearly 92 percent of the 13,954 FDNY firefighters and emergency medical workers who were at the trade center site between September 11 and September 24, 2001.

Key to the researchers' ability to carry out the study was the fact that the 12,781 individuals had undergone lung function tests — which measured how much air they could exhale in a single breath prior to the attacks. Those measurements provided a baseline for measurements carried out every 12 to 18 months after the attacks.

In the first year after the attacks, average lung function fell about 8 percent, and the percent of firefighters with abnormal lung function rose from 3 to 18, then stabilized at 13 percent.

Seven years later, "there was no meaningful recovery," the pulmonologist said.

About 1,000 of the firefighters now are on respiratory disability, many of them with symptoms such as asthma and chronic bronchitis, said Dr. Thomas Aldrich, lead author of the study and professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center.

Aldrich, who also is chairman of the September 11 Workers Protection Task Force, blamed the symptoms on their exposure — over days to weeks — to the dense dust clouds that hovered around the site after the towers collapsed. The clouds contained a toxic mix of fine particles of concrete, glass, asbestos, steel and any number of other substances, the researchers said.

In 2001, New York's firefighters had state-of-the-art respiratory protection — a self-contained breathing apparatus that delivered fresh air from a tank and used a mask with positive pressure to keep smoke from being inhaled, Aldrich said.

But it was designed for the

short-term task of fighting a fire, not for the long-term job of digging through rubble, and its air supply lasted only 12 to 15 minutes, he said. As a result, many firefighters worked without masks amid the smoldering rubble at the southern tip of Manhattan.

After their first day there, "close to 100 percent" of the firefighters were coughing, Aldrich said. For 30 to 40 percent, that cough persists, he said.

One of those who showed up at the site was Martin Fulam, who left Ladder 87 in Staten Island and showed up at the World Trade Center at noon and stayed for 12 hours, searching Buildings 4 and 5.

"You had the smell of everything burning and, unfortunately, the smell of bodies," he told CNN. Though he got his eyes cleaned out several times during the first few days, there was no similar treatment for his lungs.

Over the next two months, he spent two to three days per week on "the pile," as he calls it.

"There was a lot of dust in the air and a lot of debris around," he said in a tele-

phone interview. "Then, gradually, it settled down and it wasn't so bad."

In 2005, weak and routinely short of breath, he left his job of 27 years and began using supplemental oxygen. Last year, he underwent a lung transplant.

Now 54, his life has improved.

"I can go out, I can drive a car and I can get around," he said, but he remains on disability. "I'll probably never work again."

Why was his reaction so severe?

"My genetic switch was thrown by what was in the air," he said. "That's what my doctor told me."

But such examples are extreme, said Dr. Neil Schluger, chief of the division of pulmonary, allergy, and critical care medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, who was not involved in the firefighters study.

"All of us are aware of individual firefighters who really had terrible damage, but as a group I would say they lost a lot of lung function and now they've more or less stabilized," Schluger said.

Still, a glance at the data doesn't reveal the human face to the story.

"This was 11,000 firefighters and a couple of thousand EMS workers who were trying their hardest to rescue the injured and to recover the bodies of the dead down there and suffered as a result of the inhalation of all this toxic material," Aldrich said.

"And now many of them are unable to do the job that they love to do, and I think that's kind of a tragic situation that nobody expected."

"It's bad enough that 343 FDNY personnel died there and another 2,400 other individuals, but now we have this legacy of lung damage, and it's unfortunate."

But he said the study also contains good news for many of those who now have cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing.

"There is effective treatment for this," he said. "Perhaps not to restore normal lung function, but at least to make them more functional and able to be productive citizens, if not firefighters."

The researchers will continue to follow the firefighters in the study, which was funded by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

But Aldrich said he would be surprised to see a major turnaround. The study contains "somewhat good news" in that the firefighters' lung function was not getting worse.

"They took a hit, moved to the new baseline and now are losing lung function at the normal rate of aging," he told CNN in a telephone interview.

Most still have chronic cough, which manifests as chronic asthma or chronic bronchitis, he said.

Schluger, who has treated victims of the disaster, lauded the study.

"To be a fireman, you have to have normal lungs, so they know that all these guys started out with normal lungs," he said. "That's what gives this study so much power. It's a very good study. These firemen are heroes. These are people who really gave of themselves physically and suffered because of it."

—CNN

Ex-foreign minister says she's Kyrgyzstan's interim leader

A former foreign minister claimed to be in control of an interim government in Kyrgyzstan early Thursday after a wave of protests that left at least 40 dead and appeared to have driven President Kurmanbek Bakiyev from office.

"I hope we have control of the whole situation, but at the same time I must tell you that there is a lot of work," Roza Otunbayeva, who called herself the country's interim leader, told CNN.

No independent confirmation of the claim was immediately available. The U.S. State Department said earlier that it believed Bakiyev remained in power, but Otunbayeva said he had fled Bishkek, the capital, and his government had resigned after a day of clashes between anti-government protesters and police.

Kyrgyzstan's Health Ministry told CNN that 40 people had been killed and 400 wounded in the clashes, and that the toll was expected to rise.

Bishkek resident Munarbek Kuldambaev told CNN that opposition leaders went on the state television network and called for calm, but clashes between opposition supporters and police continued into Wednesday night. Another Bishkek resident, who asked to remain anonymous because of security concerns, said there was machine-gun fire around the city and blood stained the streets in front of the presidential palace.

The country's major television networks showed images of riot police turning water cannons on demonstrators and asked people to donate blood,

but no statements from the government were airing.

Nejat Akcal, the Turkish ambassador in Bishkek, said the protests began Tuesday in the northern city Talas over increases in fuel and electricity prices. They spread to Bishkek on Wednesday, he said.

"There is a lot of frustration," Akcal said.

Bakiyev has led the former Soviet republic since 2005, after a similar upheaval led to the ousting of then-President Askar Akayev. He won a new term in July 2009 in a vote the United States said "was marred by significant obstacles for opposition parties, intimidation, voting irregularities and the use of government resources to benefit specific political interests."

There have been reports of restrictions on the freedom of expression and the media in the country, including the recent closure of an opposition newspaper and other media outlets, the United Nations said.

In Washington, a senior Pentagon official told CNN the turmoil has interrupted flights into and out of Kyrgyzstan's Manas Air Base, an important link in the supply line for U.S. and NATO forces in nearby Afghanistan. It was unclear when those flights would resume, the official said, but the U.S. military has contingency plans to deal

with the situation.

The Russian independent news agency Interfax reported that fighting erupted in Bishkek, Talas and a third city, Naryn, after opposition leaders were arrested in Talas. Protesters demanded that the opposition leaders be released, and Interfax reported that the demonstrators had seized control of Naryn, Talas and other towns.


Russia called on Kyrgyz authorities and the opposition to settle all disputes without force and with a democratic process. It also stepped up security at its air base in Kant.

"On the assumption of our interests to secure political stability in a country that is friendly to ours, we believe it is important that all issues in the given situation be resolved within the legal framework. At the same time, we would like to strongly appeal to the opposing forces to refrain from the use of force, to avoid bloodshed in any case," the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who had visited Kyrgyzstan on Saturday, said Wednesday he was "shocked" by the reports of violence and urged all sides to show restraint, engage in dialogue and promote calm.

"While freedom of assembly is an essential element of any democratic society, the rule of law must be respected," he said.

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Volleyball prepares for spring season

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Oregon State volleyball team is preparing for a pair of spring tournaments and a couple of exhibition matches, kicking off on Saturday, April 10, at the Portland State Tournament held at the Multnomah Athletic Club at 2:00 p.m.

Oregon State will compete against Western Washington, Portland and Portland State in the first tournament.

The Beavers then travel back to Portland for another tournament, hosted by the University of Portland, on Saturday, April 24.

The two single matches will be against Western Oregon on Saturday, May 1, in conjunction with the Spring Football Game. The Beavers will take on the Wolves at 10:00 a.m. in legendary Gill Coliseum before kickoff of the football game at 12:15 p.m. in Reser Stadium.

The team will wrap up its spring schedule against Western Washington in Gill Coliseum on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Willamette Volleyball Classic. Admission is free to all of the matches.

The Beavers return four starters from last season in

seniors Kiersten Sambrailo (Watsonville, Calif.) and Jill Sawatzky (St. Andrews, Manitoba) and sophomores Ashley Eneliko (Seattle, Wash.) and Alyssa O'Neil (West Linn, Ore.).

Also returning are senior Kaitlan Locke (West Linn, Ore.), sophomores Tami Brown (Eugene, Ore.), Dianni Freeman (Tigard, Ore.), Megan McBride (Auburn, Wash.) and Camille Saxton (Balzac, Alberta).

Fans will also have their first chance to see greenshirt freshmen Kelsey Zimmerman (Bend, Ore.) and Becky Defoe (Bend, Ore.).



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Senior centerfielder Adalberto Santos celebrates with junior first baseman Stefan Romero, who had just crossed homeplate to score for the Beavers. OSU will need more moments like this to take down a scary-good UCLA squad.

BASEBALL

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knows very well that the hill that is UCLA will be a tough one to climb.

"I'm going to be real honest with you," Casey said. "UCLA's going to be everything we can handle. We're not a great offensive club — their pitching is lights out. If we don't come out and play well, then we're going to have a long weekend."

Oregon State is coming off a solid midweek 9-2 win over Portland, a game that showed small flashes of what their offense was capable of. They hit three doubles and three triples Tuesday.

"Hopefully our guys can

sleep under that pixie dust a little bit, get a little magic going, and we can find some ways to get it going," Casey said.

The Bruins were a perfect 22-0 in games this season, but as of late, they have stumbled a bit, losing two of their last three.

Romero mentioned that now it is midseason and scouting reports have built up, teams know each other better, and it gets harder to win games, but as for how Oregon State (19-6, 2-1 Pac-10) sees UCLA, nothing changes.

"We just have to go out there with the same mentality as if they were 20-0 or 30-0,

and no matter what happens, we know we're going to have to be well-prepared," Romero said.

Both Romero and senior center fielder Adalberto Santos have used the word "Christmas" to describe the anticipation and energy the team has this week.

"It's a big, big weekend, and these few practices are crucial," Romero said. "They will have their number one (pitcher) come out and compete, and then our number one will come out and compete."

"We'll be ready for Christmas Day on Friday."

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GOLF

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well," head coach Brian Watts said. "Our biggest problem this year has been getting everybody to play well on the same day, which is a hard thing to do, since golf is such an individual sport."

This indeed was the problem again last weekend, as senior Diego Velasquez, who has been hot all year and won the Pac-10 golfer of the month in October, failed to break into the top-10, while his teammate, Barry, had a fantastic weekend.

"My goal every day is to just contribute my best score individually," Barry said. "If I do the best I can and support my teammates, our team score will just take care of itself and we'll have a good day."

April is shaping up to be a long month for Beaver golf, as the team has four tournaments in four weeks, including the Pac-10 championships at the end of the month.

In the weeks to follow, the team heads down to Stanford, followed by San Jose and finally back to Tempe to finish the regular season.

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WRESTLING

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to seeing the team progress.

"All of them are hard workers, and all have goals," Davis said. "This team is the team that turned OSU wrestling around."

Sophomore Kelly Kubec was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic wrestling team. Kubec made his second appearance at the NAAs this year and finished his season with a 38-10 record.

Redshirt freshmen Mike Mangrum was named Pac-10 Freshmen/Newcomer of the Year. Mangrum was just one

win away from earning an All-American status. He finished the season 16-5.

Head coach Jim Zalesky was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year, commissioner Larry Scott announced.

This is Zalesky's fifth career conference title and first Pac-10 Coach of the Year honor.

Junior Colby Covington, at 174 pounds, was Zalesky's 25th conference champion and fifth Pac-10 conference individual champion.

During the awards banquet, Covington received three awards from the coaching staff, including most pins, leadership and most out-

standing wrestler. He led the Beavers in both falls and wins this season.

"I'm happy about the awards, but I have to start building for next year," Covington said. "There's no shortcuts in the offseason, and I'm going to be in the room and putting in the time to be NCAA champ and win the Dan Hodge trophy."

The Beavers have come a long way this season and are already doing workouts at the gym in preparation to hopefully repeat as Pac-10 champions next year.

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SOFTBALL

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Center fielder Ashley Sanchez built on this momentum by making a spectacular catch over the fence, robbing a Duck of a home run in the top of the fourth in game two.

Not only did Sanchez show hard work and dedication in the outfield, but she also batted in a run in the bottom of the fifth, helping the Beavers secure game two's victory.

Oregon then beat Oregon State by one in the third game with a final score of 6-5.

This week, Oregon State welcomes Stanford to Corvallis as they play in their second series of the Pac-10 conference.

The Cardinal won their Pac-10 opener against the No. 14 California Golden Bears last weekend and come to Corvallis with momentum and a winning streak.

During Stanford's first game against Cal, the score remained 0-0 until the 12th inning, when freshman pitcher Teagan Gerhart scored the winning run.

Gerhart pitched all 12 innings and struck out 10 batters. She had five walks and only gave up three hits.

This was Gerhart's 10th complete-game shut-out so far this season, and it improved her record to 19-3.

The Cardinal continued to dominate in the

second game and beat the Golden Bears 5-1.

However, Cal answered back in the third game and got their first conference game of the season.

Stanford also played UC Davis earlier this week and conquered them 17-0.

Commissioner Larry Scott announced Monday that Stanford senior outfielder Alissa Haber was selected as the Pac-10 Player of the Week for March 29 to April 4. Haber had two RBIs, two doubles and five hits during the game against Cal. She also leads Stanford with a .455 batting average.

OSU sophomore pitcher Paige Hall improved her season record to 14-13 after the UO game. She pitched 5.2 innings, scattered five hits and had five strikeouts.

This will be a tough weekend for the Beavers.

Oregon State needs to come out with high energy and to focus on making solid plays in order to beat the Cardinal.

Gerhart and Haber pose a major threat to the Beavers, so the Beavers need to shut the duo down fast.

The first pitch of each game is set for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, respectively, at the OSU Softball Complex.

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SEVERSON

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championship.

Is my superstition ridiculous? Ridiculous doesn't even begin to describe it.

Maybe it comes from a life spent playing baseball, where superstitions are everywhere: You never step on the chalk line, you never talk to a pitcher when he's in the middle of a no-hitter and you always keep your glove in the same spot when your team is hitting.

This past Sunday, when the Red Sox opened up the baseball season against the Yankees, it took me a few innings to find the right combination for success: wear my Red Sox hat while Boston is batting and put the hat on the table when they are pitching.

Did my stupid routine help the Red Sox beat the hated Yankees 9-7? Well, there's no way to prove it didn't.

This sort of far-fetched (and even I know it doesn't affect anything, but I do it anyway) behavior has become a necessity for watching games, especially the important ones like playoffs.

I've stood in positions that look like they're from "Yoga for Dummies" just to give my team an edge.

For me, superstition even transcends the baseball diamond.

Last week, while playing a pickup game of

basketball at Dixon, my team won the first game that we played. When the next game finally rolled around, the guys on my team headed down to the other hoop.

"Whoa," I told them. "We have to shoot at this basket. We won last game shooting at this hoop."

They looked at me like I needed guys in white coming at me with a straightjacket.

Result of the second game? We lost.

That's the beauty of superstition: No matter how many times reality spits in its face, it always gets the best of me.

In fact, superstition has infiltrated my everyday life. I have my lucky Texas Longhorns pencil that I take my tests with, and I've yet to fail a class, so that looks like it's working.

Superstition is something only the superstitious can understand and appreciate. I'm about this close to having an Alex Rodriguez voodoo doll, but on Monday I broke my most important rule in the sports fan book.

So, if you were pulling for Butler to finish off their tournament run by winning the game in dramatic fashion, let me quote the last words of Joe Mentalino, the hitman in "Dumb and Dumber" — you know, if you don't include the gurgling sound.

"Blame me."

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We're Gonna Run the Picket Fence at 'Em

Very superstitious

I'm to blame for Butler's loss to Duke. It's my fault Gordon Hayward's fadeaway jumper and his half-court Hail Mary didn't swish through the net to finish off the comeback and possibly greatest NCAA title game in history.

I had broken my number-one rule when it comes to watching sports, and the Butler Bulldogs were caught in the crossfire of it.

Let me explain.

I believe in Crash Davis' (Kevin Costner's character in "Bull Durham") philosophy about sports: never mess with a winning streak.

If something is going well, you keep everything exactly the same, whether you're playing, or just watching your favorite team.

The fancy carriage looked like it was about to turn into a pumpkin for the Cinderella Butler team when Duke led 60-55 with time running out in a hurry.

That's when I laid down on the couch, and Butler's Matt Howard came up with a pair of layups to make it a one-point game.

After Duke's Kyle Singler missed a shot from the elbow, Butler got the ball back with a chance to win it. When the Bulldogs ended up calling timeout in the far corner with only seconds on the clock, I did the unthinkable.

I sat up.

The excitement was just too great, and I wanted to get a better look if Butler pulled it out. I changed how I was positioned. I messed with a winning streak.

Rookie mistake.

As it played out, both of Hayward's shots were inches off, and the hated Duke celebrated yet another national

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Freshman Tyler Smith avoids the sliding cleats of a runner to turn two earlier this year. Defense has been key for OSU, as the team is second in the Pac-10 in fielding percentage (.970).

Clash in rankings: OSU hosts red-hot UCLA club

■ Ranked teams collide on OSU's turf for 3-game weekend series; elite pitching will be on display

By Colin Huber
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The No. 17 Oregon State baseball team will face their biggest task of the season when No. 3 UCLA comes to Corvallis this Friday.

Head coach Pat Casey has mentioned the Bruins as "the best team in the country" a couple times in the last week.

With stats like UCLA's, he just might be right.

They have a team batting average of .347 and have hit 24 homeruns, scoring 180 RBIs. They have outscored their opponents 201 to 78 this season.

Although their offensive numbers are decent, the secret to UCLA baseball (23-2, 2-1 Pac-10) is in their veteran pitching staff.

They have one of the top team ERAs in the country at 2.43, and

blow through just over 11 batters a game in strikeouts.

"I think they've got a couple guys that could be on a major league staff right now," Casey said.

The Bruins' Garrit Cole, a first-round draft pick two years ago to the Yankees, is still around and is sure to give some OSU batters fits.

According to OSU junior first baseman Stefen Romero, UCLA's Friday pitcher throws "upper 90s and touches 100."

That's MLB status, for those of you who were wondering — a real challenge for Romero and his boys.

"We haven't seen that this season yet, but some of the guys that have returned from last season have, and they give (younger) guys some advice on how to approach each pitcher," Romero said. "We're preparing with what we have and are incorporating it into BP (batting practice)."

Casey was very honest in the days leading up to this weekend and

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No. 22 men's golf struggles first day in Arizona, finish 6th

■ Beaver golfers can't put together string of solid individual scores; finish in back half of a star-studded conference preview

By Evan Schaye
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State men's golf had one of their biggest tests in the last stretch of the season, as they flew down to Tempe, Ariz., last weekend to face a very strong field in the Thunderbird Invitational.

The event featured nine ranked teams in the Golf World Top 25, including the No. 22 Beavers, who ended the weekend with a 1-under-par (292-280-279) 851, putting them in seventh place.

The Beavers managed to finish ahead of three

of the nine ranked teams: No. 9 UNLV, No. 11 Arizona State and No. 24 California. Washington, ranked sixth, won the tournament with a 13-under-par (287-284-268) 839.

The Beavers started the tournament slowly, but came out strong the final day, moving up the leader board two spots.

Senior Mike Barry led the onslaught the final day, carding a 6-under-par 65, finishing the weekend with 5-under-par 208 to put him in a tie for eighth place.

"The last round I was just hitting the ball really well," Barry said. "I had a decent second round with a few mistakes, and just managed to keep it all together the final day. Everything was clicking."

Seniors Paul Peterson and Diego Velasquez also managed to card strong final rounds, both finishing with 1-under-par 70.

Velasquez and Peterson finished the weekend tied for sixteenth and forty-fifth, respectively.

The Thunderbird Invitational was held at the prestigious Karsten Golf Course, a 7,002 yard course given four and a half stars by Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play." Oregon State will have a second chance at the course later in the season, as they head back to Tempe to play at Karsten for the Pac-10 championships that start April 26.

"This was a preview for the Pac-10 championships, so of course we wanted everybody to play

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Sophomore pitcher Paige Hall is snapped here under a peaking sun in mid-windup. Paige will lead Oregon State softball against Stanford at the Softball Complex this Friday.

Beavers host No. 8 Stanford this weekend

■ Oregon State comes off tough Civil War series loss to face daunting task against a powerhouse Stanford team this weekend in Corvallis, OSU has won seven of their last nine

By Stephany Tornincasa
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team (20-16, 1-2 Pac-10) will host the No. 8 Stanford Cardinal (28-5, 2-1 Pac-10) this weekend at the OSU Softball Complex.

Looking back at last week, Oregon State fell to the No. 21 Oregon Ducks after a late rally in the final inning of game three.

It was not an easy win for the Ducks by any means; the Beavers fought hard and remained focused until the very end of the game.

OSU junior catcher Audrey Roderfeld had an amazing game against the Ducks. Not only did Roderfeld have two doubles in a single game, tying the school record, but she also hit a home run over left field with the bases loaded.

Roderfeld is hitting .343 on the season so far. She has 40 RBIs, 11 doubles and 11 home runs, and gave her team the momentum they needed to win game two in last Saturday's doubleheader.

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Wrestling team ends season with Pac-10 honors

■ Many honors given at banquet after a fantastic season for the Oregon State wrestlers

By Stephany Tornincasa
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State wrestling team finishes their season with Pac-10 honors and an 18-3 dual meet record under head coach Jim Zalesky.

The Beavers finished as the Pac-10 conference champions and had six men wrestle in the NAAs.

Last Saturday, they celebrated their accomplishments at their annual wrestling banquet.

Each wrestler welcomed their friends and family to help bring their season to a close with an awards ceremony. The Booster club, alumni and business members also joined in on the season celebration.

It was there that the three seniors on the team, Ryan Harold, Daniel Brascetta and Keegan Davis, gave their final speeches to the team and said their goodbyes.

Harold was up first, and thanked the coaches and talked about his experience on the team. He plans to go to graduate school to become a teacher and thanked his mom and dad for all their love and support.

"I've learned how to work hard and how to dedicate myself," Harold said.

After Harold finished, Brascetta stepped up to say a few words.

He jokingly began his speech by saying, "First off, I'm extremely

happy to leave my brother here," prompting the crowd to crack smiles and laugh.

He then thanked everyone for the love and support shown to him over the five years he wrestled at OSU.

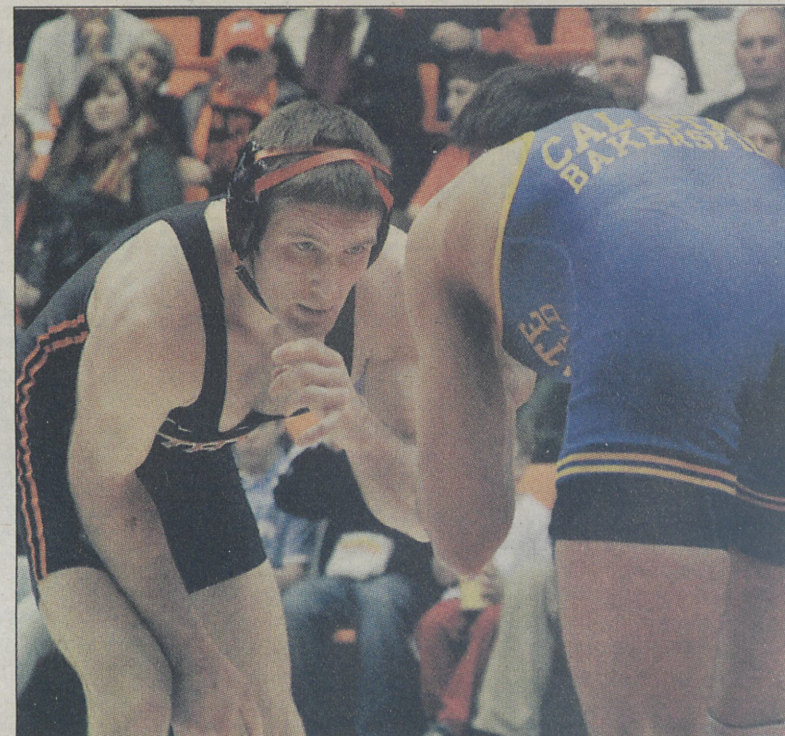
Davis was the last to speak to the audience, talking about the coaches' generosity with their time. He was extremely grateful for all the experiences and opportunities he got while

being on the OSU wrestling team.

"It's been a privilege wrestling here with these coaches," Davis said. "These are some of the best men I've ever been around."

Davis finished his career at OSU with 92 wins and a 36-12 record for this season. He has made a lasting impression on the younger members of the team, and looks forward

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Senior 157-pounder Keegan Davis has seen his last days as an OSU wrestler and has felt blessed by the people around him. He looks forward to watching the team improve in years to come.