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Construction set for new international facility

■ INTO OSU's \$52.4 million facility will provide resident rooms and classrooms

By Nick Taylor
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Groundbreaking will start soon for a new residence hall meant to internationalize the OSU campus community. The project is a collaboration between University Housing and Dining Services and a relatively new partnership called INTO OSU.

"This is definitely not an international dorm," said Chris Bell, INTO OSU interim academic programs director and former associate dean of engineering. "It is a Living Learning Center."

INTO is a company based in the United Kingdom that recruits international students to universities in over 50 different countries. INTO OSU is the first partnership between the company and a university in the United States.

The \$52 million Living Learning Center will house approximately 350 residents, 70 percent of which will be international students and 30 percent domestic students.

"We are excited about bringing a new residence hall to internationalize the campus," said UHDS associate director of operations and facilities, Dan Larson, about the new building.

The new 148,000 square-foot facility will be located between SW Western Boulevard and A Street, next to Bloss and Halsell halls. Included in the design are faculty offices, classrooms, an auditorium and a multi-faith room,



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The new facility will include classrooms, an auditorium, a multi-faith room, an area for retail services and faculty offices.

as well as an area for retail services.

The offices will be home to INTO OSU faculty, including around 60 teachers, along with some faculty from international programs. The auditorium will be similar to the recently renovated large classrooms in Weniger, with swiveling seats to allow students to turn and

work together in small groups.

Many of the classrooms will have movable partitions, which can be pulled aside to join two rooms and accommodate larger class sizes. Most resident rooms will be suite style: one bathroom shared by two adjacent rooms, with additional single options.

Rooms will be on either end of the roughly s-shaped facility and will be accessible by key card at a hallway entry point. Between these ends will be the classrooms and study spaces for students — residents and non-

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Instructor evaluations to go online next fall

■ After a mediocre test-run, students will be given incentives to participate

By Kayla Harr
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Students interact with each other and the outside world through a multitude of online systems. Paying bills, turning in assignments, and even ordering take-out can all be done instantly using the Internet. Beginning in fall term, course evaluations will be another process that will be completed online, as part of a budget reduction effort at OSU.

"This is both a cost-saving measure that is part of the budget cuts. And student groups for some time have been pressing the university to be greener in its methods, so there was consideration of that as well," said Susie Leslie, director of academic planning and assessment.

Moving the evaluations online will eliminate the large amount of paper needed to complete evaluations and will provide professors with evaluation feedback instantly, once final grades

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Legends of China welcomes OSU

■ In contrast to studying abroad, program takes participants on a field trip through China

By Yadira Gutierrez
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OSU and the Legends of China Foundation are offering students, staff and faculty members the chance to expand their horizons by participating in an educational travel opportunity to China this summer.

The program, called "The Silk Road to the Future," is government-sponsored and based in Los Angeles. Previously the opportunity was extended to California universities, and this is the first year that it is offered at OSU. According to the Legends of China website, the program has been around for nearly ten years.

"This program is a collaborative learning experience," said Michele Ribeiro, staff psychologist for counseling and psychological services. "It will provide participants with the opportunity to go to another area of the world and get to experience a very different culture."

There are four options that participants can choose from, varying in price-range and trip-length.

Trip A welcomes participants to China's capital, Beijing, for a total of seven days at a cost of \$1368 and is the shortest option. The longest stay, Trip D, immerses participants in five Chinese cities for 12 days in China and costs \$2750.

"This trip will showcase Chinese history, but participants will also get to see first-hand how higher education in a different country works," said Mariette Brouwers, a psychologist and professional counselor at CAPS.

The Silk Road to the Future program

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Online students can view the cell-phone recycling leader board at plantmyphone.com.

PlantMyPhone project challenges OSU campus

■ Goal is to plant 1 million trees, 66,000 of those bought from profits of 4,400 cell phones donated by students and staff

By Katherine Younger
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OSU students will compete to donate the most used cell phones out of eleven universities in the PlantMyPhone Campus Challenge. Phones can be sent in for free, and, depending on the economic value of each phone, a number of trees will be planted.

The goal is to plant 1 million trees, with approximately 66,000 of those coming from OSU cell phone profits. The goal number is based on an average of fifteen trees per phone with 4,400 cell phones being sent in by OSU students.

According to Krates Ng, co-founder of the Challenge, the donation of 66,000 cell phones will not only keep half a ton of toxin-laden materials out of landfills, but will also fund the planting of enough trees to absorb approximately 3.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide each year.

The number of trees planted per phone donated

depends on the phone's condition. If it can be refurbished, more trees can be planted than if it is recycled. If not, the phone is recycled responsibly with a minimum of one tree being planted. If an old Motorola Razor is donated, for example, anywhere from 1 to 15 trees can be planted, depending on its condition. A broken iPhone can be worth 25 trees or more, while one in good condition can plant up to 79.

The PlantMyPhone project was founded by Ng and Hans Chung, who also co-founded moku.gif.com, a website where customers can send a virtual tree to a friend and have a tree planted for a dollar. The website officially partners with the United Nations Environment Programme's Billion Tree Campaign, with the goal of planting one billion trees worldwide every year.

One year after being started, the website had many corporate clients, and one of its biggest customers was a cell phone recycling business. However, the business only recycled low value phones and wasn't interested in expanding to accept ones of higher value, which gave Chung and Ng the idea to create their own program accepting all used cell phones. The project was started about a month ago and will



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There will be a random prize of \$1000 for every 1 in 500 students who participate, in order to encourage students to join the cause.

be ongoing until next year's Earth Day.

Universities were selected according to how well-known they are for being environmental, such as OSU, which is one of the top 25 "green colleges" based on the Kaplan College Guide.

There will also be a random prize of \$1000 for every 1 in 500 students who participate, to encourage students to join the cause.

"The sad reality is that not everyone cares about the environment," Chung said.

While some recycling companies charge a fee, the PlantMyPhone project is completely free. Students can go online and request mailer bags to send their phones in, and print off free shipping labels, or find postage-paid bags on campus at West, McNary, and Arnold Dining Centers, JavaStop, Java II or Kelley Engineering's E-Cafe.

Online students can view the university cell-phone recycling leader board at plantmyphone.com, and student organizations can register under OSU to have their recycling be displayed on OSU's Campus Challenge page, <http://plantmyphone.com/school/oregon-state-university>, to add to the total score for

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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.
OSU Humans vs. Zombies Group, all day, throughout campus. Ongoing game of tag. Participants will be identified with blue bandanas.
Women's Center, 6pm, Women's Center. This is a presentation on Xicana feminism, feminist leaders within the Xicana Movement.
OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU 207. Join us for chess games! Free and open to all skill levels.

Wednesday, Apr. 14

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.
Active Minds, 6pm, 5th Floor of Snell Hall. Join us for our meeting and actively discuss different ways to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. MUVies – Walkout. Come enjoy the movie and some snacks.
OSU Humans vs. Zombies Group, all day, throughout campus. Ongoing game of tag. Participants will be identified with blue bandanas.
Cultural Centers, 6-8pm, all cultural centers. Calling All Community! Community Progressive Dinner – rotate to the different cultural centers to explore the centers, eat yummy food and do fun activities.
Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 7:30pm, Withycombe Hall, OSU Lab Theatre. Play – "A Bright Room Called Day" by Tony Kushner. Show will be preceded by a Nazism panel discussion at 6:30pm.
Pride Center, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: A Closer Look at Sexual Violence in the LGBTQIA Community.
Pride Center, 6-8pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: A Queer look at Christianity.
Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, Marketplace West. Sign language social hour, all skill levels welcome. Look for reserved table near windows facing 30th St.
OSU Food Group, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Film: Sustainable Table.

Thursday, Apr. 15

Speakers
Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium. Eline Hoelestra Dresden, a survivor of Westoeboele internment camp – last stop before Auschwitz, will speak to her experience. Her daughter will also speak to growing up the child of a survivor.

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, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Quest – Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
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Friday, Apr. 16

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TOP STORY

Weekend violence in northeastern Mexico kills at least 9

MEXICO CITY, — At least nine people died in shootouts over the weekend in northeastern Mexico, an area where two drug cartels have been waging a bloody war since January.

Eight people were killed early Sunday in the municipality of Miguel Aleman in Tamaulipas state, the state government said on its website. Five died inside a bar and three others were killed in a motor vehicle, the government said.

One gang-related death was recorded in the municipality Saturday during a firefight between soldiers and a group of armed men, the government's information center said.

The area, which borders Texas, has seen ferocious fighting between the Zetas and Gulf cartels after a recent gangland slaying. Hours-long gun battles are common, and U.S. officials were recently forced to temporarily close the consulate in Reynosa, another city in Tamaulipas state.

The trouble started Jan. 18 when Gulf cartel members killed top Zeta lieutenant Victor Mendoza. The Zetas demanded that the Gulf cartel turn over the killers, but the narco group refused.

The Zetas, composed mostly of former elite military troops, had been the armed enforcers for the Gulf cartel since 2001. The Zetas have become more independent in recent years, and the all-out war between the two cartels indicates the split is apparently permanent.

Mexican authorities said Monday that the Gulf cartel has reached an alliance with the Familia Michoacana drug organization to fight the Zetas.

Federal police made the observation in an announcement about the arrest of a top Familia Michoacana lieutenant and two other suspects.

Cartel suspect Jose Manuel Cuevas Arias, known as "El Borrego," was the Michoacan organization's leader in the state of Guanajuato, the federal police agency said on its website.

The other two suspects were identified as Rafael Rosales Cuevas, 32, alias ;El Aguacate,; and Luis Alberto Farias Ruiz, 22, known as "La Lore."

The states of Michoacan and Guanajuato border each other in southern Mexico.

Cuevas Arias, 31, is accused in the deaths of four federal police officers, the agency said.

He was incarcerated twice in the United States, sentenced in Moreno Valle, Cali. in 2000 for the production of amphetamine and later for illegal entry into the country, Mexican federal police said. He was sentenced to two years for the illegal entry and was released in 2007, the federal police said.

The weekend violence in Tamaulipas was the latest in a string of bloody killings in the state. Earlier this month, five men and two women were killed in the city of Tampico.

The most violent day this year occurred March 30, when 18 people died in drug-related violence, the state government said.

No official figures are available, but media tallies this year say more than 17,000 people have been killed nationwide since Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared war on the drug cartels shortly after taking office in December 2006.

Ciudad Juarez, in northern Mexico, is the most violent city in the nation, with more than 2,600 drug-related deaths in 2009. No official numbers are available, but more than 400 killings have been reported by local

media this year.

The city, long the focal point of Calderon's battle against cartels, came to renewed prominence after the Jan. 31 killings of 15 people, most of them students with no links to organized crime. The massacre sparked outrage throughout Mexico and drew worldwide attention.

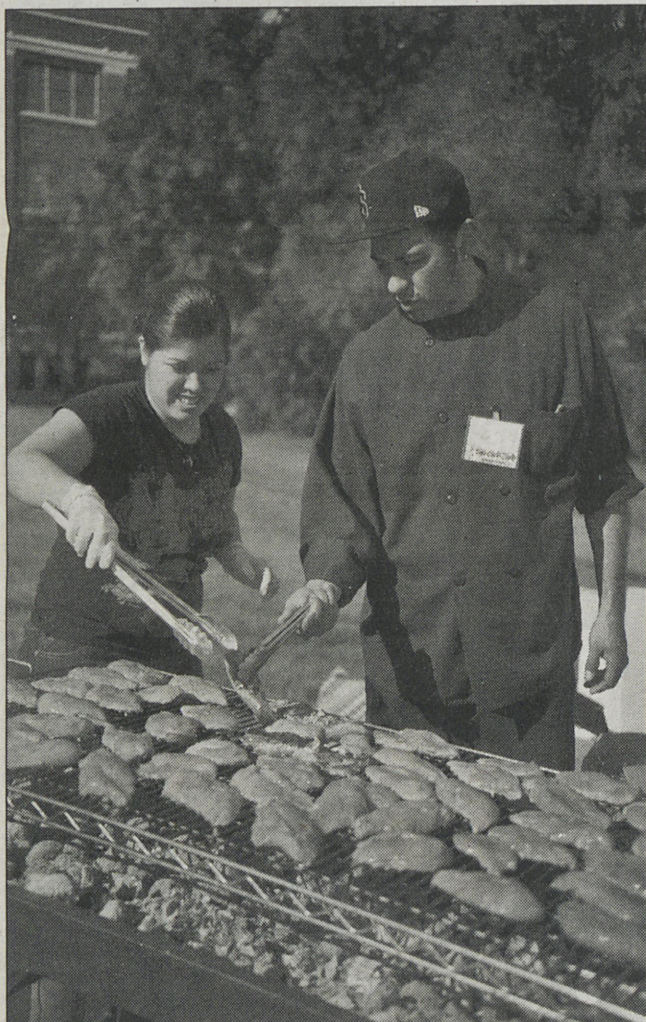
In another incident that drew widespread attention, three people associated with the U.S. Consulate in Juarez were gunned down in two shootings last month. Two of the victims, including a pregnant woman, were U.S. citizens living in El Paso, Texas.

Two graduate students apparently killed in crossfire between Mexican military and drug gang members seeking refuge on a university campus in Nuevo Leon state also garnered much attention last month. Nuevo Leon borders Tamaulipas and also has seen widespread violence due to the battle between the Gulf and Zetas cartels.

The Mexican government apologized to the families of the two students and promised an investigation into how they were killed.

— CNN

Campus Rush



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 OSU fraternities gathered in the MU Quad as part of a rush week. Hundreds of students showed up to partake in the festivities.



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have been submitted. The evaluations will be collected and processed through the use of software specifically designed for this purpose purchased from Collegenet, a web-based service company for universities.

The forms will be completed online, but the website will also include an option allowing students to decline to fill out the form. Either choice will result in a student being recorded as having completed the evaluation. There will be no alterations to the evaluation process or to the forms themselves at this time, as such changes can only be made through a vote of the Faculty Senate.

"No change has been made in any policy regarding access to information or confidentiality or forcing students to do it," Leslie said. "Nothing has changed about the policy; it's purely a change in delivery. I think students are geared into electronic media, and they can adjust easily."

The implementation of online evaluations was planned for spring term, but following a test-run during winter term, it was decided to postpone the change. Bill Loges, associate professor of new media communications and Sociology, was one of the faculty members who participated in the test-run and said that while he usually receives evaluations from 80 percent of his students, he only received evaluations from about 25 percent of his students using the online system.

"I know one thing we did not do in the winter tests that we've all been committed to doing when we make this implementation campus-wide is to have some kind of incentive built into the system," Loges said.

At University of Oregon, evaluations are administered online, and student grades are

withheld until the beginning of the following term if students do not visit the website and either complete or opt out of the evaluation.

"Regardless of whether you opt out or actually complete them, as long as you click the button you get to see your grades," said Ryan Riches, a sophomore at U of O. "I don't really think it's unfair. If you care about your grades, you can take literally two minutes to click on a website, especially when you have to go on that website to register for classes anyway."

Though incentives such as grades being withheld or a random scholarship drawing being held for those who participate are currently being considered, a decision has not yet been made as to what form an incentive will take for OSU's evaluations.

"If we had moved forward with spring term there wouldn't have been any incentive. It just felt rushed," Leslie said. "We didn't want to rush into something where there were so many questions from so many people. I believe that the implementation will run a lot more smoothly if we give it a little more time."

Before the university committed to moving evaluations online, the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force was formed, which is a separate committee currently exploring alternative means of student evaluation. As a member of this committee, Loges hopes to take advantage of the online evaluation software to provide professors with the opportunity to run evaluations at key points throughout the term, rather than merely at the conclusion of the course.

"We want to look for ways to give students the opportunity during the term to give feedback on particular aspects of the course that are an issue, so that professors can get an

idea of what is going wrong," Loges said. "Just after a test or after finishing a certain subject, those are moments when it would be nice to know if things are going well or if something should be changed."

Eventually, Loges hopes to see improvements in the evaluations themselves. The current forms ask students to rate classes using words, but results are converted into number ratings, which Loges feels skews the results, as a rating of "good" translates to a four on a six point scale and may be considered a lower average when compared to the overall ratings; though "good," as selected by the student, was likely not intended to imply a below average experience.

"I've never been impressed by the nature and quality of the questions that are on the evaluation form," Loges said. "We all know how to fill out a questionnaire, so it seems so natural and easy, so a lot of people without training say 'yeah I can do it.' But they created a form that isn't up to industry standards and didn't know it. What we're drifting towards in our task force is to provide a scale of 'agree and disagree' and provide numbers on the form, and then the numbers reported really correspond to numbers that you chose."

Before the implementation of online evaluations in fall term, those involved hope to clear up any confusion regarding the changes in order to secure an increase in student participation and constructive contributions, rather than a decline.

"We will continue to test along the way too, we want it all just right before we launch it. We want the student body to expect it, the faculty to be comfortable using it, and ample time to answer questions about it," Leslie said.

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INTO

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residents alike.

"To our knowledge, this has not yet been done in the U.S.," Bell said.

The renovation of Weatherford utilized a similar idea of combining living and learning space, adding a classroom to one end.

But with over 20 classrooms integrated into the new facility in such close proximity to student rooms, there is the distinct possibility of students waking up, wandering down the hallway to make breakfast in the kitchen and running into students going to class.

"One of the critical elements of the program is integration," said Larson about the design of the new building.

Informally referred to as the "mixing chamber," the central hallway of classrooms will be just that, a place for social interaction and community "mixing," bringing students together from all over the world.

"Getting people matched is quite an art," Bell added.

Although the plan is to have a 70-30 percent split between international and domestic residents, Bell is very aware of the need to keep as close to 50-50 as possible.

INTO OSU will be looking to pair international students with domestic roommates to facilitate more intercultural sharing, but, according to Bell, not all students are comfortable sharing rooms with students not familiar with their culture.

The commitment to increase the international student population at OSU is not a secret. "We would like to see OSU branded as international," said OSU Vice President and Provost Sabah Randhawa. "We expect to have about 100

new students each year through [the INTO OSU] initiative."

Funds for the \$52 million center will come from XI-F bonds, state revenue bonds sold in the spring. Student payments for living in the facility will pay for the bonds over the next 30 years, and it will be owned by OSU, under UHDS, just like other residence halls on campus.

INTO OSU will be renting the office spaces from the university and sharing the classrooms with general OSU departments.

Costs for living in the new facility are not yet projected.

"We don't want to build something people cannot afford," Larson said. "It will be priced appropriately for the amenities, while [being] reasonably affordable for OSU students."

The building is not the only new plan to house international students and students in general on the OSU campus. According to Bell, the ultimate plan is to have about 800 INTO OSU students in the coming years.

"We [already] have more students than anticipated," he said, also adding that there are plans for an additional building near the current project site.

Official plans for the five-story structure will be finalized within the next two weeks, according to Randhawa, with groundbreaking beginning before June 2010 and a completion date of September 2011.

There will be ongoing progress reports and updates on the project website, along with a live webcam view of current progress. Anyone interested in these updates can visit <http://oregonstate.edu/uahds/lc/>

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the school. The current leader is Tufts University, with 30 phones donated and 99 trees planted.

"I think it's a great way to engage students in recycling in a way that's fun and different," said Andrea Norris, recycling

program assistant at OSU. "It's also a great opportunity to engage students in recycling, by raising awareness and the motivation to recycle — not just of phones, but in general."

According to Norris, the PlantMyPhone Campus Challenge will help OSU to expand its current efforts in preventing waste, helping to

combat climate change. And because sending in phones is free, recycling is easier and expected to be more utilized by students.

"We are very excited to get this project off the ground and watch OSU's stats climb!" Norris said.

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CHINA

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is a small travel abroad opportunity, but it has a slightly different twist.

Instead of going to a country and sitting in a classroom learning about grammar and history, participants will learn through seeing the history with their own eyes and interacting with the people.

"Depending on which trip option is chosen, there are different excursions participants will be able to see which include the Great Wall of China and the terra cotta soldiers," Brouwers said.

Joshua Du Chene, a graduate student in the college of student services administration and a graduate assistant, will be participating in the trip this summer.

Suggested to him by fellow colleagues Ribeiro and Brouwers, Du Chene decided to take the plunge and go on his first trip outside of the country.

"I'm looking forward to being completely immersed in an unfamiliar culture and expanding my cultural competency," Du Chene said. "I also look forward to seeing how higher education operates in a different culture, and being able to bring some of those strengths back home."

One of the advantages of the program is its organization. The price includes the plane ticket, four-star hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals and travel insurance, among other things.

"For my first major trip, I like that it's so well organized and that you really don't have to worry about anything," Du Chene said.

A course for the trip is still in the works and might become a reality next year.

For those interested in applicable cultural learning, the trip offers that opportunity.

"This program is for those who have an interest beyond vacation," Ribeiro said. "We want this trip to fit with what students are doing professionally and to figure out how they can incorporate what they learn here at OSU and in the future."

There will be an informational meeting on April 21st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at CAPS, located in the fifth floor of Snell Hall.

For those interested in participating, the application can be accessed online at www.legendsofchina.com. The deadline to turn in the signed application to Brouwers is May 1st.

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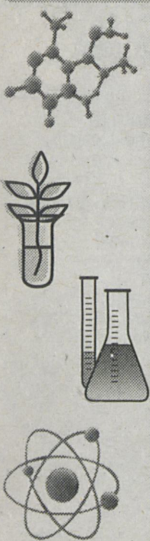
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Editorial

'Joint' decisions

The nearly 700,000 Californians who signed the "Regulate, Control, and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010" may have a rare cause for celebration this fall, as the proposal has qualified for November's ballot.

The measure, if passed, would make it legal for adults 21 and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana.

This would make California the first state in the nation to end the prohibition of marijuana, and if successful, would be an example for other states to follow.

With the dramatic increase of alcohol abuse among college-age students, abolishing or even lessening the harsh penalties for marijuana possession would allow students to make the choice between which recreational activity they want to be involved in, if any at all.

As it stands, students who are caught in possession of marijuana could face 10 or more years in prison, whereas a minor in possession of alcohol — the all too common MIP — faces a fine of around \$300 and a six-month suspension of their driver's license.

This imbalance in punishments has spurred many college campuses across the nation to create and propose the Emerald Initiative, a response to the Amethyst Initiatives' call for school officials to support lowering of the drinking age in order to reduce alcohol abuse.

The Emerald Initiative calls on college presidents — among others — to support "informed and dispassionate public debate" on whether lessening the penalties associated with marijuana possession would decrease the problem of alcohol abuse among students.

Alcohol abuse among college students contributes to thousands of deaths, millions of accidents and assaults, and over 97,000 sexual assaults a year.

On the other hand, almost every objective study on marijuana has shown that it does not contribute to any of these issues that are adversely affecting students.

So let us also join in this "dispassionate public debate" on the issue of marijuana and alcohol abuse.

As is any issue pertaining to students' rights and safety, this is deserving of a campus-wide discussion. Students should make their collective voice known to President Ray and the administrators.

Whether you support marijuana reform or not, students' lives are at stake; therefore students should have a say in the matter.

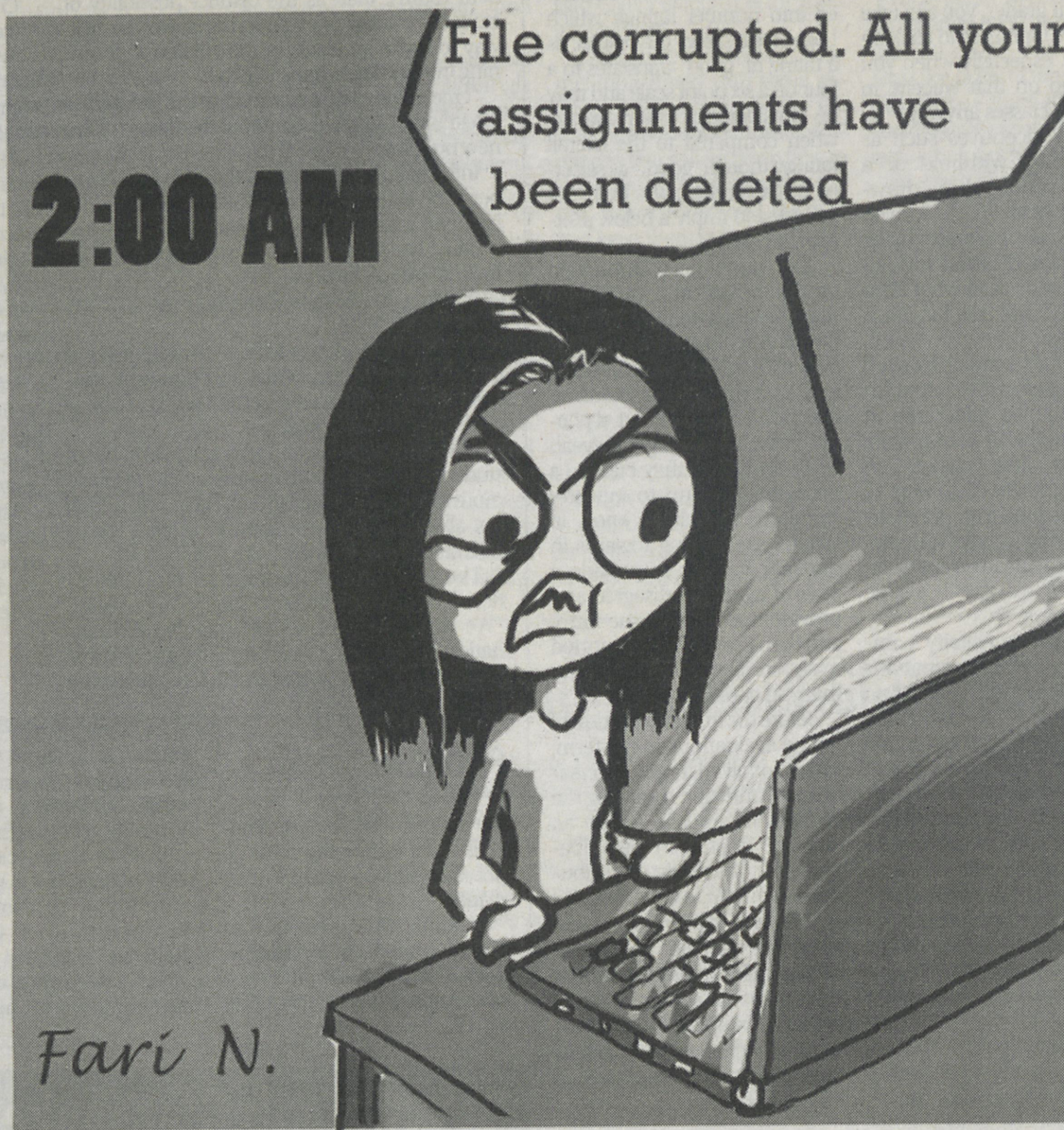
And quite frankly, any action taken that could potentially save the lives of college students should be given serious consideration.

Marijuana reform should move past being a matter of political maneuvering and ideological squabbling.

It should be recognized — as many Americans already see it — as a safe and economically advantageous alternative that could potentially curb alcohol abuse and save lives.

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Fari Tales: Laptop Issues



FARI NGUYEN IS A FRESHMAN IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Words with weekends: Whose identity is it anyway?

At OSU, April is Queer Health Awareness Month, and with it comes a chance to pause and consider how our identities affect us and our relationships.

Daily and simultaneously, we move through a variety of contexts. We differ from others; we differ from ourselves.

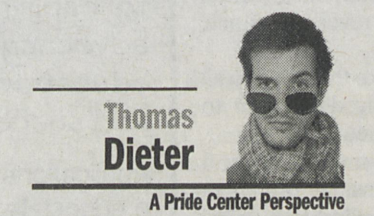
Take the weekends, for instance. Sometimes and often, these days represent a convergence of identities and roles, assumptions and expectations. On the weekends the scheduled workweek becomes an ambiguous, scriptless adventure.

Perhaps here I should admit Friday's relationship to the concept of "weekend" is ambiguous and perhaps even touchy.

All the same, if the definition of our unit of measure is "the 24-hour period known as the day," then I would argue that the amount of weekendening one does qua unit bears some significance in the conversation.

Anyhow, as I understand it, Thursdays have been sneaking into the concept of weekend lately. If Thursday can enter the conversation, then Friday becomes part of "weekend" by default.

"Weekend is any time I'm not working," said Spanky Matthews, an undecided third-year student who, apparently unaware that I'm a



teacher, bragged about weekendening between classes from time to time.

Ethical questions aside, we can agree we clearly lack consensus on the weekend issue. Let's consider Friday a compromise.

Play along at home as we go. Take a look back to Friday and make a list of the identities you embodied throughout the day, working chronologically. What one-word definitions would you give yourself?

Let your mind go and re-envision your experience, starting with your opening engagement with the world.

When I jotted my list, Friday's chronology looked like this: From stretch to teacher; from teacher to student; student to singer to partner to friend; friend to queer.

Reflecting, I wonder why my race and gender identities aren't visible here, and, moreover, I begin to wonder what's chronological about this list. Was teacher also queer?

Would others have identified me differently as the day went on? If the activity was reversed, and we gave one-word definitions to other

people, how would our identities change?

What questions did your list raise?

Of course, healthy living relies on an acknowledgment and inclusion of our often divergent identities.

At OSU, events on campus like "A Queer Look at Christianity" and "Calling All Community" show that student groups are aware that the sustainability of our identities and values relies on collaboration and open dialogue.

The former event, a discussion hosted by SOL about the relationships between Queer and Trans communities and Christianity, aims to create a productive space for discussing what often appear as conflicting identities. The conversation begins tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. in the Pride Center.

Also tomorrow at 6 p.m., "Calling All Community," a progressive feast sponsored by all of the cultural and resource centers here at OSU, welcomes students and community members to express their culture and learn about others. We'll gather at the Native American Longhouse.

Looking over Friday's list again, I notice how my one-word definitions often conflate my personhood with the action I was performing at the time: Stretching, teaching,

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Who really owns our technology?

The other day I finally got around to jailbreaking my iPhone. The technology has been available for some time, but I was unsuccessful while using my old laptop.

I eventually financed the purchase of a new computer after selling my laptop and receiving a small tax refund.

This time the hack was successful, and rightfully so: I can now install useful, legal applications that Apple, for some reason, decided I shouldn't be able to have.

Jailbreaking is a form of software privilege escalation, an act that unlocks resources and abilities which were previously made unavailable by the developers.

The term is typically used to describe the process of unlocking the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch, allowing users to run code that was not intended by Apple.

Once the device is unlocked, users can install applications that have not been approved by Apple, and in the case of the iPhone, even use the device on a different cellular network, like T-Mobile.

The first iteration of the jailbreak process was released in 2007. Since then, Apple and various hacking groups have engaged in a subtle battle of software sparring which goes something like this: Hackers update their code to unlock the device, Apple then updates their code to negate the hack and the process repeats.

Another company that has followed this pattern is Nintendo. Using a special application, users can unlock their Nintendo Wii and install the Homebrew Channel, which allows the installation of applications that have not been approved by Nintendo. Similarly, Nintendo and the hackers have engaged in a coding battle for control of the console.

So who really owns the technology? Do companies really have the right to tell consumers what they can do with their product? At what point does the consumer cease to own the product, or have they ever owned it at all?

The truth is precedents for these kind of predicaments have not been set, and the legality behind software modification is usually unclear.

Like all technological innovations, privilege escalation can be used for good and bad. I'm sure everybody would agree that modding your Wii console to play DVDs is a good thing; the law does not disallow it, and copyrights are not infringed.

However, the same process can also allow users to copy rented games from Blockbuster, which is a clearly defined illegal activity.

Technological innovation is a lot like guns — they are neutral inanimate

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Get ready students, it's time to lock and load for 'gun' week

Welcome everyone to another annual installment of "Caring about Guns" on campus. The theatricality of the upcoming Second Amendment week would only need some clowns to make good billing.

As many of you know, it's almost that time of the year again: when we all get subjected to pronouncements of OSU as an unsafe campus.

Not because there isn't enough lighting in some locations, or some of the doors on campus are not really locked, nope, OSU's qualification as unsafe is merely due to a lack of firepower.

The thick irony belies a great amount of frustration. This is just like Bill Murray's Groundhog Day, except it lasts a week, it's really about taxes, not guns (always the week containing April 15th for a reason, folks), and the only redeeming thing about it is the consistent failure of anyone to really care.

If guns on campus were a high-priority item, we'd all know about it. Nobody would have to spend a week trying to talk us into it. We'd talk about it over lunch, it would permeate classroom discussion and it would last more than one week.

Temporarily ignoring philosophy or debates about whether it's legal to carry a gun on campus at all, let's look at this issue just in light of current policies in other states.

First off, the Texas legislature — a bastion of leftist, communist, pinkos, to be sure! — actually took up this debate for a while last year. And those dirty liberals, the Republican Party, didn't pass the bill in either house. Liberty University, the private Jerry Falwell-founded institution, also does not allow firearms on campus. The NRA's standard argument for allowing students to carry guns on campus for self-defense was illustrated during the Appalachian State shootings in 2002. Appalachian State

Ben Price Guest Column

is one of only 11 universities in the nation that allow concealed firearms.

The funny part? The shooter was tackled by an unarmed man while some guys were running to their cars to get their guns. Sure they were ... After all, nobody with a gun is a coward on the inside.

As for the legal problems of allowing guns on campus, let's start with residence halls. The halls (except Finley) currently allow alcohol (21 and over of course), which may cause a problem.

At game preserves in Pennsylvania and Ohio for example, they ask guests to secure their weapons in an on-site safe. This occurs because of numerous instances where a guest shot someone at the on-site bar.

The victim sued both the reserve and the perpetrator, winning a sizeable chunk of

money from both. This kind of liability (e.g. expectations of safe living and work environments) could prove costly and necessitate an either/or choice for the halls. Bullets or beer?

How about university employees insisting on higher wages due to "unsafe" working conditions? Is this really worth accommodating? Just on the practical, pragmatic level ask yourself: Is this a quality use of funds? Should your tuition funds be used for this?

Guns don't make you safer. A weapon is only as good as its user. Guns will make some people safer — the people that have spent sizeable portions of their time training on how to use them.

It will also allow for overconfident, inexperienced amateurs to put people at risk. These people are the problem; they're the reason why gun owners get such a bad rap.

They carry guns into bars, conceal them poorly and may as well be advertising they

think they're cowboys and they can do whatever they want.

As for the stringent standards necessary to qualify for a concealed carry permit? The prerequisite for a concealed carry permit in Benton County and most of Oregon is only a sanctioned safety class of varying duration.

You may not even own a gun, but as long as you're over 21, pass a background check and safety class, and pay some money then voila, you have yourself a Benton County concealed carry permit.

First, let me welcome you to the club. Second, you may have never even used any type of firearm outside of that one training class, but you can carry a loaded gun into class?

Does this seem smart?

Seriously, does this pass the common sense test?

Scream Second Amendment all you want, this isn't even about the Bill of Rights. Nope, this is about the very discretely titled "Follow the Rules Act."

Well, to the entire OSU campus let me be the first to invite you to come to MU room 109A Tuesday, Apr. 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. Talk to your ASOSU Senators and let them know where you stand on this.

As I understand it, there are many "yes" votes from our ASOSU Senators, and for some reason I don't think they're representing our majority interest.

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Ricky Egger

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Get down, and stay down

Why, when criminals are asked to lie down on the ground do they kick and scream like a child having a temper tantrum?

That is one thing I have not, nor will ever understand. It's not like once the copper has pinned you to the ground he is going to tickle you until you cry uncle or pee.

Oh no, no, my friend. He is going to position himself and taser you until your nipples fall off. If cooperation had occurred, you would still have your ego. But since that usually does not happen, the handcuffs come out, and it is off to the big house in a hurry.

That is not to be confused with the mansion you would have been able to afford if you hadn't been caught for smuggling drugs in the first place.

So to all of you future fugitives out there, make it easy on yourself and just hit the deck when the cops ask you to.

Otherwise you could be looking at some time in the slammer, and they will be looking at you because you have no nipples.

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objects that can't perform an activity without input provided from an individual.

Guns can liberate countries and stop tyranny from spreading, but can also be used for opposite ends: To enslave countries and tyrannize people. It all depends on the hand that grasps it.

I could argue the same thing about any inanimate object. Thus, I can say with confidence that privilege escalation, or any kind of software modification for that matter, is not the problem; it is human morality.

The real problem I see is one of Orwellian proportions. Once I have purchased a product, I don't want any company hindering my ability to use it, nor do I want them telling me what I can or can't do with it.

Companies use a variety of tactics to argue against the concept of software modification, varying from fear, uncertainty and doubt (FUD) rhetoric à la "software modification opens your device to malicious attacks," to software agreements à la "the customer agreed to certain terms of use when they bought the device."

The FUD issue is easily brushed aside; it is my device and my risk. In reality, software modification can sometimes make a device safer — in the case of a jailbroken iPhone, an unauthorized app can be installed that blocks potentially harmful advertisements and pop-ups.

Regarding software agreements, there are cases where the customer has no control in the matter. Suppose there is a real threat of software

vulnerability or a major glitch in your device, and you need to update the software.

Upon downloading the update it is not uncommon for the consumer to be forced to accept a new software agreement before they can use their device again.

This agreement could easily include new restrictions for your device. For example, in the case of an unlocked device, the hack is reverted and the software agreement is subsequently used as justification.

I would like to conclude that I do not wish to propagate FUD rhetoric myself by creating illogical fears of corporations and their actions. After all, this is a capitalist system, and companies have the right to protect their investments.

However, we should also remember that consumers have the right to own their purchases. Part of that right is the ability to legally modify them for our own uses without meddling from developers and manufacturers.

The next time I purchase a phone, I believe it will be one with the Android operating system. The code is open-source, meaning anybody can view it and make helpful modifications.

This type of mentality fosters innovation and allows the user to retain some power, because they are helping code the device.

There are a lot of things I like about the iPhone, but the underlying principle that users should actually be allowed to own their products is worth more to me.

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learning, singing, collaborating, playing and dancing to Prince.

However, even heteros understand that the infinitely mysterious inner workings of people cannot be reduced to their physical activities. The identities that we claim for ourselves are only part of the equation.

And who says which definitions dominate?

Which items on your list are institutionally determined? Teacher, student, (queer).

How do different people understand these terms, and how do our various expectations and desires translate into the flesh-and-blood world?

Enter the conversation.

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Public divided on eliminating all nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Americans are split on President Barack Obama's goal of eliminating all of the world's nuclear weapons, according to a new CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll released Monday.

But the survey also indicates the public overwhelmingly agrees with the mission of the president's nuclear summit this week to keep those weapons out of the hands of terrorists.

Seventy-seven percent of people questioned in the poll say preventing terrorists from getting nuclear weapons is more important than reducing the number of nuclear weapons controlled by governments that are unfriendly to the United States. According to the survey, 55 percent say it is likely that terrorists will attack the United States within the next decade, but less than four in ten think that an all-out

nuclear war is likely.

"Most Americans are worried about terrorists with nuclear weapons, and they see 'loose nukes' as the top priority for the government's nuclear policy," said CNN Polling Director Keating Holland.

The survey comes as Obama met individually with some visiting foreign leaders before the start of a two-day summit of 47 nations that will focus on how to better safeguard nuclear weapons materials, both old and new, and keep them out of the hands of terrorists.

The poll indicates Americans are divided on Obama's long-term goals, with half saying eliminating all nuclear arms is most desirable, and 49 percent saying that a few major countries, including the United States, should have enough nuclear weapons to prevent an attack from another nation. According to the survey, there's a generational

divide and a gender gap on this question.

"Fifty-eight percent of women favor the elimination of all nuclear weapons, but most men don't share that view," said Holland. "People under 50 also call for the elimination of all nuclear weapons, but people over 50 — who are more likely to remember the Cold War — think that the U.S. and a few other countries should retain their nuclear arms."

In 1988, the same question produced a 56 percent to 41 percent margin in favor of eliminating all nuclear weapons. According to that poll, only a quarter of Americans think it is possible to get rid of nuclear weapons worldwide. That is also a change from the late 1980s, when more than a third of all Americans said that it was possible to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

The poll indicates the vast majority of Americans say the Senate should ratify a nuclear arms treaty the president

recently signed with Russia. Seven in ten say the pact, which would reduce both countries' nuclear stockpiles, should be approved by senators. But the survey suggests a partisan divide on the question. The Constitution requires a two-thirds Senate majority to ratify treaties.

"Eighty-seven percent of Democrats and 68 percent of Independents call for Senate ratification of the treaty," said Holland. "But Republicans are split right down the middle — 49 percent to 49 percent — on the treaty, and that may be crucial since ratification will require a 'yes' vote from at least eight GOP Senators."

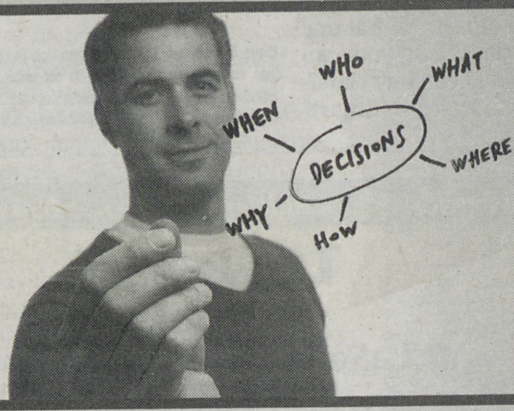
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Jobless benefits extension advances in Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate Democrats managed to get enough Republican support to take up a proposed extension of unemployment benefits Monday evening, but whether they have the votes to get past further GOP opposition remained uncertain, Democratic aides said.

Republicans, led by fiscal hawk Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, say they don't oppose extending unemployment benefits — they want Democrats to find a way to offset the nearly \$10 billion price tag for the one-month extension. Democrats argue that cutting spending to pay for the jobless benefits, which average about \$300 a week, would diminish the money's stimulative effect on the still-sagging economy.

"Do we have the presence of mind to do this in a way that doesn't hurt our children?" Coburn asked during a floor speech. "We're debating whether to take from those who come after us and give to those today."

But four Republicans — Scott Brown of Massachusetts; Susan Collins and Olympia Snow, of Maine and George Voinovich of Ohio — joined 56 Democrats in voting to bring up the bill. But Democrats are less confident they will get the 60 votes

they need to get the bill through the Senate later this week, two Democratic leadership aides told CNN.

Brown, the Senate's newest member, told CNN he wanted to "help move things forward" but wanted Democrats to find a way to pay for the benefits before he decides how to vote on the final bill.

"Make no mistake, while people are hurting, people paying their bills are also hurting. We need to find a way to pay for this," Brown said.

Benefits for about 200,000 of the roughly 15 million unemployed U.S. workers expired April 5. Another 1 million could see their unemployment checks stop at the end of the month unless Congress acts, Democrats said.

"These are not deadbeats. These are not bums," Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. said on the Senate floor Monday. "These are people who are out of work, have been out of work a long time and struggled to find a job."

The bill is the first order of business following the congressional recess, and aides predict the debate will dominate Senate action this week, with a final vote coming Thursday or Friday.

Lawmakers left town two weeks ago

without approving the extension after Coburn blocked quick passage. It is the second time Congress is moving a short-term extension of benefits because House and Senate Democrats can't agree on how to pay for a larger, longer-term bill.

While Democrats believe the Republicans will appear as obstructionists, Republicans think their argument is actually tapping into voters' frustration that Washington, controlled by Democrats, is out of control on spending.

"Democrats can no longer hide behind the argument of good intentions when the results threaten our very stability as a nation. We must get a handle on the deficit and the debt," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky. "This is the issue we will focus our attention on in the weeks and months ahead."

But Sen. Dick Durbin, the Democratic whip, accused Republicans of being hypocritical. The GOP supported deficit spending for bank bailouts, war costs and other priorities of the Bush administration, but now are insisting on paying for unemployment benefits, the Illinois senator said.

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Taliban militants threaten to kill kidnapped journalists

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In a video posted online, the journalists — kidnapped in December — are shown in separate clips.

Speaking in English

and French, one reads a lengthy statement saying if the full video is not aired on French TV, the journalists will be killed, along with their translator and driver.

"The French president, Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, must understand that we are now in danger of death. I repeat: The French president much negotiate very

quickly — otherwise we will be executed soon," he says.

The two men, seated and wearing casual clothes, read calmly from what appear to be prepared notes on a pad of paper. Each has a beard.

Thursday marked their 100th day of their captivity.

France 3 Television

— which had not previously identified its two missing journalists — identified them Monday as Herve Ghesquiere and Stephane Taponnier. The network did not run the full video, but, as part of a report, it did show images from the video with the two men's faces digitally blurred.

In a written statement,

the Taliban said they have submitted a list of detainees to the government of France "for release as an exchange for the two Frenchmen and their Algerian colleague." It added, "There is no other option for the release of the said detainees except the option of detainees exchange."

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Softball to Strike Out Cancer against UCLA

■ Decker out in pink, softball encourages cancer awareness

SPORTS INFORMATION

Corvallis, Ore. — The Oregon State softball team will host the annual Strike Out Cancer series sponsored by the Corvallis Clinic's Project H.E.R. this weekend, as they face the No. 4 UCLA Bruins.

The series begins on Friday, April 16 at 3 p.m., and continues on Saturday at 12 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m. Admission is free to all of the games. Fans are encouraged to help bring awareness to the need to find a cure for breast cancer.

Fans will also receive pink pompoms as they enter the OSU Softball Complex, and

pink OS eye stickers will also be given out to kids 12 and under, while supplies last.

On Saturday, the Beaver softball team will be signing autographs on the field after the game. And on Sunday, kids 12 and under will be invited onto the field to run around the bases after the game.

Project H.E.R. is a comprehensive breast health services program available to women in Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties. The program provides awareness, education and support for all women, from the time of a breast cancer diagnosis through survivorship.

The Project H.E.R. team consists of a nurse navigator, a clinical social worker, MammaCare Specialists and many volunteers who are breast cancer survivors.



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Oregon State sophomore Mary Claire Brenner is solo at bat for the Beavers, but, like sports fans know, softball isn't just an individual game. It's all about what you do as a team, and that includes paying attention! That's no problem for the OSU women. Everyone seen here seems to be locked in.

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Unfortunately, their sixth inning rally did not run into the seventh. Neither team could score in the final inning (the seventh), giving Stanford the one-run victory.

Saturday's game saw neither team excel at bat, with the single run of the game scored by Gerhart off of an Oregon State error.

"It is hard when you feel like you have to play perfect defense, but that is what it takes in the Pac-10," head coach Kirk Walker said.

Oregon State put up a stronger front on offense, becoming more consistent in the outfield. Sophomore pitcher Paige Hall also played well, allowing only five hits while striking out three Stanford players.

"I think I kept the ball down more this game and kept them off balance with my change-up and threw a lot more off-speed drop balls and just kind of kept them off balance," Hall said of Saturday's game. "They can just ride my fast balls as much as they want, but if I throw my change-up it will

keep them honest."

The Beavers needed to come out swinging on Sunday if they wanted to take home a win, according to Hall.

Senior catcher Tarah Black agreed with Hall after Saturday's game, saying that if they wanted success in Sunday's game, they needed to take advantage of the runners that got on base, and not end an inning with the bases loaded.

Although the losses in the previous two games meant that a series win was out of the question, the Beavers came out on Sunday with confidence, just as Hall said they would need to.

Stanford took an early lead, scoring three runs in the first inning off of hits from sophomore Maya Burns and senior Rosey Neil.

The Cardinal increased their lead to six in the top of the third inning, again off of hits from Burns and Neil.

It was in the bottom of the third that the Beavers really came out and started to fight back.

With two outs, freshman Lea Cavestany hit a home run with fellow freshman Maggie

Doremus on third base, making it 6-2.

Stanford's Sarah Hassman scored another run for the Cardinal in the fourth inning, but Oregon State quickly responded with two more runs of their own.

The hit from Cavestany in the fourth allowed senior Dani Chisholm her first score of the game and Doremus her second.

"In the other games I think we were all just pressing (Gerhart). We knew we could hit her, we knew that we could do what we did today, and today everyone just relaxed, took a step back and did what they did instead of trying to push and trying to do more than they can," Cavestany said.

Stanford scored one more time in the game, bringing junior Autumn Albers home off of a hit by Hassman. Stanford still had the advantage with eight runs to OSU's four.

The Beavers exploded in the fifth inning, scoring six runs.

Junior Audrey Roderfelder scored her 13th home run of the season, followed up by a hit from Doremus that brought Kutz home. A hit from fresh-

man Marina Demore brought in a score from Doremus. Demore then scored off of a hit by Chisholm.

The last two runs of the game were scored by Chisholm and Cavestany, after Cavestany hit her second home-run of the game.

"In our team huddle before the six-run inning, one of our seniors, Kelly Dryer said, 'We always play best when we are behind,' and I think it's true," Roderfelder said. "Any team plays great with a lead, but you want to fight and play harder. That really lit a fire in everybody, and we just needed some offensive momentum, and we got it."

The Cardinal were unable to respond in the seventh, and the game ended in a 10-8 win for OSU.

This brought the series to a close, giving Stanford the win 2-1.

"We know that offensively we can score runs, but we need to make sure we improve our defense and keep our pitchers on top of their game," Walker said.

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was of us, and that she couldn't have asked any more of us," Vivian said. "It was kind of bittersweet. Yes, we did everything we could, but it almost wasn't enough. It would have been heart breaking."

In addition to the stress it caused, the tie provided a valuable coaching lesson for Chaplin's bunch. Chaplin had been stressing

all season how important it is that everyone hits their routine, and that they shouldn't be satisfied if just their top five scores on each event are good.

"Every routine counts, and ultimately that's what it came down to," Chong said. "It puts it into perspective for the underclassman that every tenth counts, and every routine counts no matter what happens."

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erhouse like Dwight Howard dominating the inside, Orlando will have a great shot at a championship game this postseason.

Lastly, the Los Angeles Lakers hold it down for the West Coast.

Kobe Bryant has been no less than spectacular this year, continuing to come through in the clutch for the Lakers. But the returning National Champs are ranked surprisingly low after holding the number one spot eight different times throughout this season.

The Lakers are 56-24, but, as always, with Bryant on the floor they're sure to make a splash in the postseason and are the favorite in the western conference.

Right behind the Lakers, the Phoenix Suns sit at fourth in the league. The Suns are 52-28 on the season and have continued to battle quietly into this position.

Led by point guard Steve Nash and a dominant inside man in Amare Stoudemire,

the Suns could surprise opponents in the postseason. Stoudemire currently leads the team, averaging 23 points per game, and has become an extremely successful leader on the floor.

Phoenix is my upset pick; I think they're going to surprise the rest of the league in this year's postseason.

And of course there is the age-old question of the Blazers.

They have continued to fight through injury after injury, but have shocked a lot of people in their fairly consistent ability to win games.

With a record of 49-31, Portland just has to pray Brandon Roy can fight through his knee injury in order to stay alive in the postseason.

Roy currently leads the Blazers, averaging 21 points per game and has proved to be the key to Portland's success this year. Without Roy, it's going to be a rocky road for the Blazers in the playoffs.

Staying on the cuff of play-off eligibility, along with the Blazers, are the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs are usually a

consistent threat in the West conference playoff bracket, but have suffered numerous injuries that have hurt their record. However, with their last win on the road, the Spurs solidified an NBA record with 13-straight winning road records. Led by Tim Duncan, San Antonio is sure to fight for every win in the postseason.

Whoever your team is, this NBA playoff season is sure to be just as exciting, if not more so, than last season.

With the Lakers lying lower on the polls than expected, I'm sure they will come out with their eyes on another championship, but in order to do that, they're going to have to go through a seemingly unstoppable LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

For a team that was expected to struggle this season, the Cavs have proved they're tough enough to hang with the big dogs, and I expect they won't step down from their number one spot without a fight.

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Just in the 'hit' of time

OSU gymnastics knocks out 5-time defending champion Georgia in tie-breaking shocker to advance to NCAA championships

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It's a rarity in gymnastics that a tie-breaker is needed to determine a meet.

Tanya Chaplin, Oregon State's head coach of 13 years, had never seen one of her teams' postseason fates determined by a tie-breaker — until Saturday night.

In Columbia, Mo., No. 8 Oregon State didn't win their regional.

That honor belonged to the No. 15 Missouri Tigers, the region's No. 3 seed, who posted a somewhat surprising 196.500.

But Oregon State did manage a 196.275; the exact same score that No. 5 Georgia, the region's top seed, produced.

Because six teams compete on four apparatuses, each team sits out two rotations.

For Oregon State, their last event, beam, came in the meet's fifth rotation, meaning they had to sit out the final rotation and watch Georgia and Missouri compete, know-

ing exactly what those two teams needed to score to advance.

After it became apparent that Missouri had pulled away, the attention turned to Georgia, who was competing on beam.

"Going into that last rotation, sitting on a bye, was so stressful," sophomore Olivia Vivian said. "Just watching Georgia on beam and they were just nailing their routines, and after every routine we started feeling more and more nervous.

"It was a matter of watching them and secretly hoping they would mess up; it was a matter of hoping and praying."

Senior Laura-Ann Chong, who won the regional's title on beam, agreed the tension was particularly thick.

"The whole time that we were waiting for Georgia to finish up on beam, me and Mandi (Rodriguez) held hands, hoping for the best," Chong said.

As Georgia's Courtney McCool, their anchor

on beam, prepared for her routine, Chaplin alerted the OSU gymnasts that McCool and Georgia needed a 9.900 to tie the Beavers. And that's exactly what McCool ended up getting.

"We were doing the math in our heads, and when we saw that 9.900 go up, we didn't know what to think," Chong said.

The tie-breaker uses all 24 scores. Normally, teams get to drop four scores: their lowest on each apparatus.

"Everyone was grabbing calculators, frantically trying to add in that sixth score," Chaplin said. "I was looking up at our SID Jason (Amberg) and our administrator to get the thumbs-up sign, but they didn't want to give me that until they knew for sure."

Fortunately for Oregon State, they conveniently chose the right time to "hit" on all 24 of their routines.

It was the first time all year they had done so. Georgia, on the other hand, suffered a fall on bars. In the end, it was determined

that Oregon State had defeated Georgia, 235.200-234.800.

"I gave the thumbs-up to our athletes and fans, and just an emotional outburst of tears and happiness and joy ensued," Chaplin said.

The result ended Georgia's reign as the five-time defending national champions, and also prevented them from reaching the NCAA Championships for the first time in 26 years. Oregon State, on the other hand, will compete in nationals, taking place April 22-24 in Gainesville, Fla. for the fifth consecutive season.

"It was great being able to put (Georgia's streak) to an end," Chong said. "It kind of shocked the whole nation, and the fact that we did that was kind of a goal. It's like, 'don't underestimate Oregon State, this is what we can do.'"

"Tanya told us afterwards how proud she

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Tori Hill

No excuses, play like a champion

Playoffs in sight

As any devoted NBA fan knows, it's playoff time. Whether you're a Blazer fan or find yourself rooting for the Orlando Magic, everyone is getting anxious to find out what the matchups will be for the first round of regional playoffs.

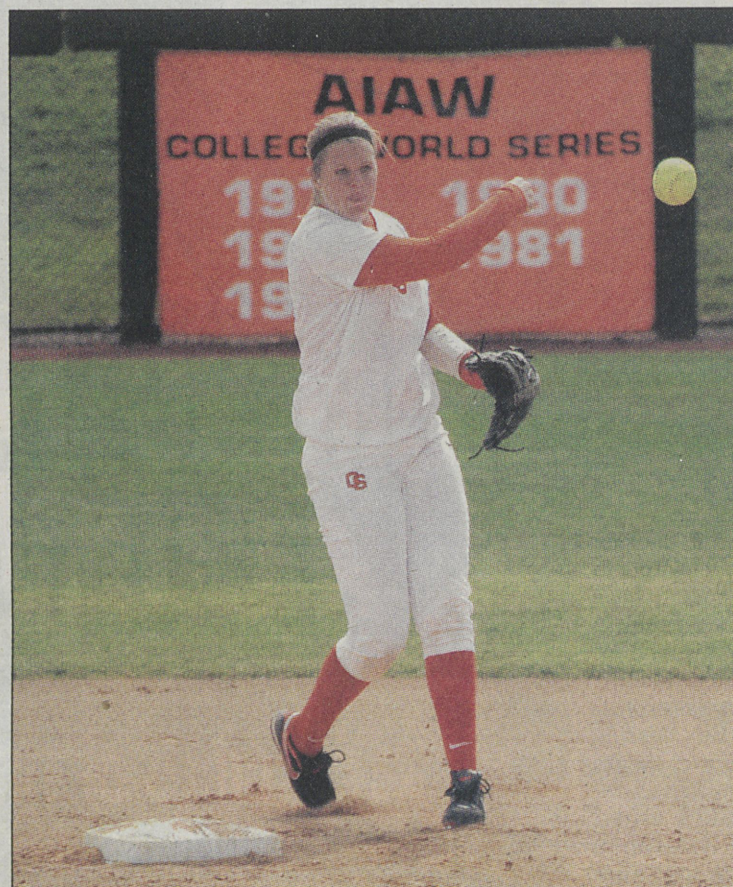
Overall, the Cleveland Cavaliers and LeBron James are leading the league, having gone 61-20 this season. Although the Cavs have lost their last three games without King James at the reins, they still have one more game left in the regular season tomorrow night against the Atlanta Hawks.

There's not a doubt in my mind that Cleveland will come out fighting in the playoffs, after making a good choice in resting LeBron in hopes of having him 100 percent for the postseason.

Holding on to the overall second place in the NBA is the Orlando Magic. The Magic are 57-23 overall and have successfully beaten every team in the league. With a pow-

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Softball struggles at home against Stanford



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Sophomore infielder Nikki Chandler whips a ball to first in OSU's matchup against Stanford on Saturday. The Beavers played well at times, but could not get a weekend series victory.

No. 8 Stanford takes first two games of series, OSU makes comeback in the third contest

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The Oregon State softball team (21-18, 2-4 Pac-10) played well this weekend, but was unable to come out with a series win against the No. 8 Stanford Cardinal (30-6, 4-2 Pac-10).

Freshman pitcher Tegan Gerhart, the sister of Stanford running back and Heisman Finalist Toby Gerhart, entered the series credited with 20 wins and only four losses.

The first game of the series on Friday stayed scoreless until the top of the fourth inning when Stanford was able to capitalize on Oregon State errors and take the lead 0-2. Stanford followed up with another two runs in the fifth inning, making it 4-0.

The Beavers were able to retaliate in the sixth inning with three scores off of two homeruns, one from junior Audrey Roderfeld, and the other from freshman Ally Kutz.

This was Roderfeld's 12th, and Kutz's sixth home-run of the season. Going into the final inning, the Beavers were down just a run, with the score at 4-3.

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Sawatzky leads Beavers to sweep Portland State Tournament

Veteren leads the way as Oregon State volleyball smokes Portland State squad

SPORTS INFORMATION

Corvallis, Ore. — Senior Jill Sawatzky (St. Andrews, Manitoba) had 30 kills to lead the Oregon State volleyball team at the Portland State Spring Tournament as it swept Western Washington, Portland and Portland State on Saturday, Apr. 10.

"It was a good day, overall," associate head coach Mark Barnard said. "It was good especially for the current freshmen class to get some time playing someone other than ourselves. That was the best thing about the day and watching how they improved and got better during the day."

The Beavers defeated Western Washington, 2-0, in scores of 34-32, 25-17. Sawatzky had 10 kills, while

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