



Swiss needle cast infecting Douglas fir trees



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This slice of Douglas fir tree shows a clear drop in yearly growth where the rings of the tree become denser. Trees like these are infected with a fungus that plugs stomata and prevents water and gas flow, causing the needles to turn yellow and fall off.

■ Oregon State researchers worry the fungal infection is causing tress to lose needles

By Amy Schneider
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon's state tree, the Douglas fir, is suffering from the effects of a fungal infection called Swiss needle cast, which is growing increasingly rampant along the western slope of the Coast Range. Researchers think the increase in the disease might be due to climate change and conversion of forest land.

"This year it's really noticeable," said David Shaw, an assistant professor in forestry and director of the Swiss Needle Cast Cooperative. "It's worse than I've ever seen it."

Shaw described hundreds of thousands of acres of Douglas firs affected by the fungus, many riddled with yellowing needles and sparsely covered branches. The disease, first recognized in Europe but native to the American Pacific Northwest, became a more serious problem in recent decades.

While Swiss needle cast is a foliage disease specific to Douglas firs and does not typically kill its host tree, it does significantly impair growth and has been doing so with noticeable vigor over the past 25 years in particular.

"If you look at a Douglas fir branch,

starting from the outermost shoot, you can follow the shoot back to the first lateral shoots and that will be one year of foliage," said Jeffrey Stone, a leading expert on Swiss needle cast and professor of botany and plant pathology at OSU. "So with a healthy Douglas fir tree, you would typically find four to five years of healthy needles. What Swiss needle cast does is selectively remove the older needles."

According to Bryan Black, tree ring analyst and assistant professor of forestry at OSU, the spore-producing structures of the fungus, known as fruiting bodies, plug the gas exchange pores, called stomata, on the backside of the needle. By functioning as a kind of cork in the stomata, the fruiting bodies prevent the flow of carbon dioxide in and the flow of water out, which ultimately causes the needle to turn yellow and fall off.

As the tree loses needles, it exhibits smaller amounts of growth as evident in tree ring studies.

"These trees are competing with trees of other species," Stone said. "Douglas firs have been one of our fastest growing conifers and are great competitors under normal conditions, but because of areas severely impacted by Swiss needle cast, they have become one of the slower growing trees and other species are able to dominate them in terms

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Musicians remember their roots

■ The Amelia Trio returns to Corvallis to hold concert with high school students in LaSells

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Amelia Piano Trio performed at the LaSells Stewart Center last night with the Camerata high school quartet. The Trio practiced at Crescent Valley High School with the students for the last two days to prepare for the event.

"We're always happy to be invited to Corvallis," said Anthea Kreston, the violinist in the Trio. "Camerata got on stage and performed with us without a conductor. They're fantastic."

Kayla Reiman, high school representative to Chamber Music of Corvallis and a senior at Corvallis High School, enjoyed performing with the Amelia Piano Trio.

"They really give back to the orchestra program and have a really passionate way of making it fun," Reiman said. "You look at them when they're playing and you get energy."

The Amelia Piano Trio consists of local favorite Jason Duckles on the cello, Kreston on the violin and Rieko Aizawa

on the piano. The group formed in 1999 and last night's concert with Chamber Music of Corvallis was in celebration of their 10th anniversary.

The Trio also played for the middle school and high school earlier this week, said Charles Creighton, orchestra director for the Corvallis school district.

"When the Trio is on tour they still stop by and work with the kids," Creighton said. "This is probably the fifth or sixth time they've returned to the school. It's inspiring for the kids to see professionals working with them."

Duckles has seen improvements in the school program throughout the years.

"Every time I come back I see that the orchestra program has grown better and better and better," Duckles said. "Camerata is fantastic, and it was great to be able to perform one of Vivaldi's Four Seasons with them."

Return trips to Corvallis are frequent for the trio due to Duckles' ties to the orchestra program.

"I used to go to school at Corvallis High School, and I was in the orchestra program and the youth symphony, so

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Jason Duckles plays his cello during The Amelia Piano Trio performance last night in LaSells Stewart Center. The group has visited OSU numerous times in the past few years.

Website ranks Greek houses

■ USC student creates a site where users can assess sororities and fraternities

By Mackenzie Field
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Going Greek" is now easier, according to Sean Bandawat, a business student at the University of Southern California and founder of RateMySorority.com and RateMyFraternity.com.

The sites have the ability to list the difficulty level of the rush process within each different Greek house and describe the personalities of members by writing comments. The comments are posted verbatim and are made public on the site.

Anyone can search for sororities and fraternities within the numerous colleges in the U.S. listed on the site. Users can rank each fraternity or sorority, regardless if they are a member of the Greek system. The site also lists the top 20 most-reviewed fraternities and sororities on the homepage.

Bandawat, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, wanted to make the process of choosing a house easier for those going through recruitment, as well as allowing alumni to voice their opinions and share their experiences, according to the website.

Chapters that receive reviews have a summary page, complete with an overall letter grade and a break-down of rankings in areas such as social life, leadership, scholastic success and more. Reviews are categorized as positive, neutral or negative. Comments are further broken into pledge reviews, member reviews and alumni reviews.

According to a news release, Bandawat said, "During Rush, you only have a week or two to make a decision. A lot of students end up joining a fraternity or sorority that they wouldn't have if they'd had more information."

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CAPS provides confidential suicide prevention support

■ Suicide is the second leading cause of death on college campuses nationwide

By Ashley Dahl
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On college campuses nationwide, more students than one are affected by suicide: whether it is the loss of a close friend or festering thoughts of inflicting harm on oneself.

The prevalence of suicide is enough to rank it as the second leading cause of death on college campuses, according to the American Association of Suicidology.

The CAPS Center at OSU is collaborating with nine other universities to create a program designed to bring suicide awareness to the community.

The program is called the Oregon College and University Suicide Prevention Project and is co-directed by Ross Artwohl, a licensed clinical social

worker who counsels OSU students on suicide prevention.

Though Artwohl meets with students one-on-one, he believes in spreading awareness to "the community as a whole, rather than individual talking," he said.

The Center for Disease Control states that suicide accounts for nearly twice as many deaths as homicide.

Artwohl said that since citizens run a much higher risk of harming themselves rather than harming another human being, he believes in the importance of educating the community on the topic of suicide.

Joshua Du Chene, a graduate assistant at the CAPS Center, is working with Artwohl to spread awareness about the project.

Du Chene advises students not to be afraid of talking to friends who seem depressed. Often students are worried to bring the topic of suicide up for fear it will put ideas into the minds of their friends, Du

Chene said. But he describes that belief as the "myth that prevents one from intervening."

While it is important to let friends know you care, you cannot take on the role of counselor, Du Chene said.

"Support through referring, by giving staff and students resources for professional help."

Du Chene said don't simply suggest talking to a professional, but provide details. For example, the CAPS Center is located on the fifth floor of Snell, setting up an appointment can be done by telephone, the first five sessions are free and the entire process is safe and confidential.

A 2008 survey conducted by the American College Health Association revealed that nine percent of college students nationwide "seriously considered attempting suicide at least once," which shows that those with suicidal thoughts are not alone.

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TOP STORY

Apollo astronauts decry Obama space plans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Obama administration's vision for the future of manned space flight will bump the United States to "second — or even third-rate" status as a space-faring nation, the commanders of three U.S. moon missions warned Thursday.

The letter was signed by the first and last men to walk on the moon — Neil Armstrong from Apollo 11 and Eugene Cernan from Apollo 17 — and James Lovell, who commanded the heroic Apollo 13 flight.

"Without the skill and experience that actual spacecraft operation provides, the USA is far too likely to be on a long downhill slide to mediocrity," the letter said. "America must decide if it wishes to remain a leader in space. If it does, we should institute a program which will give us the very best chance of achieving that goal."

President Barack Obama is scheduled to announce his space plans Thursday during a visit to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the White House announced. The White House said the five-year strategy involves a \$6 billion increase in NASA's budget and additional support for new space technologies.

Armstrong, Lovell and Cernan praised Obama's increase in total funding for space exploration, which includes money for research, the International Space Station and a heavy lift rocket. But the astronauts said the decision to cancel the Constellation program for manned spaceflight "is devastating."

"America's only path to low Earth orbit and the International Space Station will now be subject to an agreement with Russia to purchase space on their Soyuz (at a price of over 50 million dollars per seat with significant increases expected in the near future) until we have the capacity to provide transportation for ourselves," they wrote.

NASA's space shuttle fleet will be retired at the end of this year, leaving the Russian Soyuz capsules as the only avenue into space until commercial ventures are ready to do the job, expected to be years away. Obama's proposal to use commercial transport to reach orbit "cannot be predicted with any certainty, but is likely to take substantially longer and be more expensive than we would hope," the astronauts said.

Cernan, Lovell and Armstrong said the more than \$10 billion spent so far on Constellation — including the Orion space capsule and the Ares rockets to boost it into space will be "wasted" by the cancellation "and, equally importantly, we will have lost the many years required to recreate the equivalent of what we will have discarded."

NASA's future, as outlined in the White House

documents, would include a multi-billion-dollar modernization of Kennedy Space Center, expansion of private-sector and commercial space industries, creation of thousands of jobs and eventually human travel to Mars.

But Allard Beutel, news chief at the Kennedy Space Center, told CNN that layoffs at the center will likely reach "the 7,000 range" with the end of the shuttle and the cancellation of the Constellation program.

The president's plans would shift some funding away from NASA's costly human spaceflight program to NASA's scientific programs, including robotic missions to other planets.

During a briefing in early April, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden praised the new future being charted for the agency.

"This budget provides an increase to NASA at a time when funding is scarce," Bolden said. "It will enable us to accomplish inspiring exploration, science and (research and development), the kinds of things the agency has been known for throughout its history."

— CNN

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Sex lawsuit halts Steven Seagal reality show

LOS ANGELES, — A Louisiana sheriff halted production of Steven Seagal's reality TV show because of allegations made against the action movie actor in a sex abuse lawsuit.

A former model accused Seagal of using her as his "sex toy" after she was hired to be his assistant, a lawsuit filed this week said.

Seagal's lawyer called the sexual harassment suit "a complete fabrication" and said the woman was fired for using illegal drugs.

The civil suit put Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand in an awkward position, since the A&E reality series "Steven Seagal: Lawman" is based on his department, where the actor is also a reserve sheriff's deputy.

"I informed them today that I did not think it would be in our best interest to continue filming at the present time," Normand said Wednesday.

The sheriff said he has reviewed the lawsuit and he will "take the allegations very seriously."

"I will treat Mr. Seagal no different than any other employee of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office," he said. "I am not moved one iota by virtue of his being a movie star or the fact that the national media has an interest in this case."

Normand, who previously described his relationship with Seagal as "very close," suggested there were questions about the alleged victim.

"I don't know if these allegations

are true," he said. "I mean, as of yesterday, I think there's been revelations about the alleged victim." He did not elaborate on what those questions were.

Seagal will remain a reserve deputy chief, and no criminal probe will be conducted unless the woman makes a statement with sheriff's investigators or the FBI, he said.

Her lawyer told CNN she did not contact local law enforcement agencies "in light of the fact that he'd been down there all that week shooting the TV show riding in a cop car with them."

"He is the sheriff's department," attorney William Waldo said.

Kayden Nguyen, 23, answered an online Craigslist ad for an executive assistant job at Seagal's production company in February and was soon on his private jet taking off from Los Angeles bound for New Orleans, the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court said.

"As the jet taxied down the runway, Mr. Seagal turned to Ms. Nguyen and said 'I'm a family man, and I live with my wife, but she wouldn't care if you were my lover,'" the suit said. "Ms. Nguyen decided to take a wait-and-

see attitude."

After Nguyen arrived in New Orleans "she learned that the job she was expected to perform had nothing to do with being an 'executive assistant,'" it said.

Over the next five days, she was sexually assaulted three times by Seagal at a house "many miles from New Orleans in a remote rural area of Jefferson Parish," the suit said.

Seagal also kept "two young Russian 'attendants' on staff who were available for his sexual needs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," it said.

During Nguyen's first night on the job, Seagal demanded a "massage," it said.

"He then proceeded to treat Ms. Nguyen as his sex toy."

The suit gives graphic details of Seagal's alleged groping and fondling of Nguyen.

Seagal responded to "Nguyen's terror with the order to 'relax,' 'we won't do anything special tonight. I'll save that for another night,'" the suit said.

The suit alleged that Seagal and his co-workers with the production company ignored her repeated complaints and the assaults continued, including a "vicious sexual attack" on the second night.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Apr. 15

Speakers

Holocaust Memorial Week Committee, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium. Eline Hoelestra Dresden, a survivor of Westerbøe 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 Pangea 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.

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

OSU Food Group, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Film: Sustainable Table.

Friday, Apr. 16

Events

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Saturday, Apr. 17

Events

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

Monday, Apr. 19

Meetings

Psychology Society, 5pm, Moreland 206. We will be watching the show Lie to Me, eating good food and discussing the science behind nonverbal behavior.

Events

Pride Center, 3-5pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: A Day in the Life of a GenderQueer. This workshop will discuss ways you can be an ally.

Tuesday, Apr. 20

Meetings

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

Speakers

History Department, 4pm, MU Main Lounge. Author Rebecca Skloot will discuss her book, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pangea Cafe. **MUvies** — The Milagro Bearfield War.

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

OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU 207. Join us for chess games! Free and open to all skill levels.

Wednesday, Apr. 21

Meetings

OSU Relay for Life, 6-7pm, StAg 109. Team Captain meeting.

OSU Relay for Life, 7:30-8:30pm, StAg 109. Committee meeting. Everyone welcome!

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 109. 1st ASOSU House of Representatives

Pride Center, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Volunteer Meetings. Informational meetings for prospective/current Pride Center volunteers.

Events

Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pangea Cafe. **MUvies** — The Milagro Bearfield War.

OSU Food Group, 5-9pm, International Forum Room, Snell Hall/MU East. OSU Emergency Food Pantry: 3-5 days of food provided to low income individuals. Enter near Goss Stadium and Waldo Hall.

Pride Center, 4-6pm, Pride Center. Queer Health Awareness Month: Queer Sex 101. Learn the ins and outs of Queer sex with sex educator Angie Tissi.

Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, Marketplace West. Sign language social hour, all skill levels welcome. Look for reserved table near windows facing 30th St.

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it's fantastic to work with them again," Duckles said.

Community work is also a priority for the Trio.

"We work with the community for probably about five percent of our concerts," Kreston said. "When we tour the country and play concerts sometimes it's possible to work at universities and other places."

The Trio comes back to help the young musicians and sometimes perform with them, like last night.

"Jason comes back for workshops," said Justin Chi, OSU liaison for Chamber Music of Corvallis and a sophomore in environmental engineering. "They performed with the Corvallis Youth Symphony two years ago. My senior year we went to Italy to perform and they came to Corvallis and helped us prepare before we left."

The workshops are enjoyable to the Trio and high school

students.

"The students are quick learners, flexible and easy to work with," Kreston said. "They're like sponges so it's easy to load them up with ideas."

Apart from volunteering with young musicians, the Amelia Piano Trio's extensive career includes touring throughout the United States, France, Italy, Panama and the Caribbean, according to their profiles at Connecticut College, where they are adjunct assistant professors of music. They are also professors at the Hartt School of Music.

No matter how prestigious the Amelia Piano Trio's career has become, they still enjoy going back to their roots.

"Jason and Anthea came once to the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival in 2003," Chi said. "The festival recruits back local musicians."

Kreston performed as a guest artist at the festival in 2005 as well.

"Me and Jason will be at

Chintimini again in June," Kreston said. "Corvallis is one of our favorite places to come."

Creighton is thankful to Chamber Music of Corvallis for supporting the community by bringing in groups like the Amelia Piano Trio.

"What needs to be recognized is the Chamber Music of Corvallis because they bring the artists here," Creighton said. "We're happy the Trio is here and for what Chamber Music does in the community."

Chi enjoyed the energy the Trio brings to the Chamber Music of Corvallis concert series.

"They're a crowd favorite at the Chamber Music of Corvallis, and they're the most exciting classical music ensemble I've ever seen," Chi said. "They're super-energetic."

The Amelia Piano Trio performed in 2003, 2006 and 2010 for Chamber Music of Corvallis.

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Zach Baker, a junior in liberal studies with an option in new media communications and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at OSU, believes the website can have positive or negative results.

"The site gives people the option to express their opinions, but this could go either way," Baker said. "The info may not be accurate, so that would be up to the administrators to monitor this."

Katie Sherpe, a freshman studying pre-apparel and member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, said she's seen more interest in the RateMyFraternity site.

"The fraternities seem to have more reviews up than the sororities," Sherpe said. "If there were more content available I think the site could be helpful to people wanting to know more about the Greek system."

Others are skeptical, however.

"There are too many stereotypes within the Greek community for a site like this to stay neutral," said Hannah Page, a junior in business and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. "The best way to see if you will fit in a house is to get to know the members."

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Even if thoughts were not of physically harming themselves, a staggering 43 percent of that same group experienced depression severe enough to effect performance in their daily lives.

Artwohl said that if you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts, do not be afraid to talk to someone. Too often people avoid seeking help because of the stigma attached to it, he noted.

"The false idea is that counseling is for crazy people," Artwohl said.

He laments the media's portrayal of those seeking counseling and wants students to realize that the reality is much different.

While television can depict patients as in need of institutionalization, Artwohl states that only in rare cases would he even "talk with someone about going to the hospital." Instead, he discusses the student's feelings and how they relate to the bigger picture of their lives.

"Certain ways of talking tend to alienate people, while other ways help to support them," Artwohl said.

Together, based on a per-

sonal assessment, counselors and students formulate a plan with solid strategies for keeping the students safe from harming themselves. The entire process is confidential and no one ever has to know anyone sought help, he said.

As Sylvia Plath explains in her novel "The Bell Jar," there are times when depression can be as stifling as a jar, inescapably encompassing all aspects of life. In its airtight confinements, feelings of sinking inside your own skin may arise, while leaden limb exhaustion weighs you down.

But remember, depression doesn't have to dominate one's life.

"Two important things about major depression is that it is temporary and treatment is effective," Artwohl said.

For those who would like to learn more about mental health issues and suicide risk reduction, call CAPS at 541-737-2131 or send an e-mail to caps@oregonstate.edu. Ask about a 'Student Gatekeeper Training' session, which will be held near the end of April.

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Editorial

Conan goes to TBS

As many of you may already know, Conan O'Brien is set to make his long-awaited return to television next fall — but not on network television.

The red-haired funnyman known as “Coco” by his biggest fans has found a new home on TBS as a lead-in for Lopez Tonight.

This seems great for the majority of the population that is actually able to watch TBS, but the most devoted fans of Conan, in our opinion, are college students. And as most college students are strapped for cash, one of the first things to be downsized is cable.

Cutting back on your amount of viewable channels is an easy way to save some cash, but you miss out on a lot of good programming.

This factor is inevitably going to cut the number of viewers watching Conan, and thus force poor college students to watch unfunny Jay Leno jokes if they want to watch a late-night talk show.

For Conan to thrive we feel it is vital for him to find his way back to network television, not cable.

Fox seemed so fitting, so inviting: A station with no previous record of a late-night talk show, and a place he could have gone head-to-head with the chin that trumped him.

Fox's hesitation to sign him and Time Warner's deep pockets led to TBS as the victor.

Yes, fans who get TBS will certainly watch Conan, but until that station becomes available to everyone, he's probably going to see a large drop in his initial numbers.

This will also be due in part to getting into the routine of watching TBS if you don't already do so.

Conan is going to be the big deal at TBS next year, but people who don't watch the channel on a regular basis they probably aren't going to know that, and it's going to be up to the viewers to remember to change the channel once Conan comes on.

With network TV, most people watch the news before The Tonight Show, but now with this move we may be forced to watch a Tyler Perry power hour before getting to see our beloved Conan, which doesn't sound too great to us.

In fact, it sounds outright torturous.

Of course, you can always just watch something else until Conan comes on, but then you might forget about it all together.

As long as TBS has something good to watch leading into Conan, it should work out fine. Let's just hope this won't be the death of his career.

The reasons that Conan made the deal with TBS are still a bit of a mystery. But, whatever the case may be, we will adapt, because we're with Coco.

LIFE IS COOL

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LILLY DOHERTY IS A FRESHMAN IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

High on 'Life,' and Oprah's voice

“Life” is awesome. It has nonstop excitement, heart-wrenching drama and lovable exploits. If only real life were more like the Discovery Channel.

Two bullfrogs body-slaming each other was one of the most hardcore things I have ever seen. And I don't recall ever being happier than when those adorable baby meerkats kept falling asleep at their post. Just precious.

Yep, I am high on “Life.” I didn't think it could get any better than “Planet Earth,” but throw in some cute baby animals, postage stamp-sized lizards and the silky smooth voice of Oprah and you've got yourself some addictive television.

But the inevitable question arises when watching such a show: What would the episode on humans look like?

Say a little gopher is given a camera and told by his gopher elders to make an episode of “Life” — which is a big hit among the gopher demographic — on humans. Where would he start?

What themes of human existence would our little filmmaker portray?

It seems the natural place to start would be our habitat. A great way to understand someone or something is to look at where and how it lives.

So the adorable gopher camera crew would probably pick out a student on campus, stalk it for several hours, then follow it home where it could be viewed in its natural sur-

roundings. Prepare to be bored, gopher viewers.

People don't have to chase down a gazelle or dig up ants for dinner. All we do for food is stare blankly into the refrigerator for several minutes before deciding that it is perfectly acceptable to have macaroni and cheese four nights in a row. There are no frills in the art of human meal consumption.

OK, so how about recreation? Surely life in the human habitat must yield some entertaining form of recreation. But no, we spend our free time watching other animals on TV, which is still pretty fun.

So far, a lot of viewers have most likely changed the channel (or stopped reading this stupid article). I know I would have.

But when the folks behind “Life” need something to really draw the viewers in, they turn to the bizarre mating rituals of the animal kingdom.

For all you weirdos out there who think this will take a turn to the pornographic, you are mistaken. If that's what you're into, the Discovery Channel probably isn't the right place for you. Unless you're really weird. What the average gopher viewer

would be interested in are the practices of courtship. Even gophers know the basic biological actions, if you know what I mean.

So the intrepid camera crew should capture young Winston as he slathers on the pomade, puts on his best cardigan and takes Shirley down to the corner drug store for a so-dep pop. They order root beer floats, split the bill and share a sturdy handshake to cap off the evening. Now that's educational.

I'm not saying that human existence is boring, I'm just saying that there is a reason reality shows are scripted. Compared to the Komodo dragon or bottlenose dolphin, our lives are just anticlimactic.

There are no daily wildebeest hunts — at least for most of us — but that doesn't mean we have to be boring.

It's easy to get stuck in a routine of monotony; I'm sure even a Komodo dragon can feel like that.

Branching out of your paradigm can make you happier, healthier and more interesting. Go for a walk instead of watching TV. Go into a building on campus you've never been in before.

Call your friends instead of texting them. Just the small things can make a big difference. Because you never know who might be watching, and you don't want them to change the channel.

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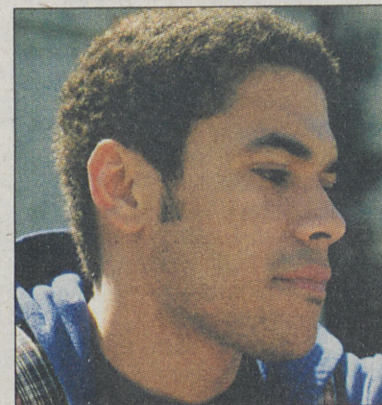
BEAVER BEAT

Should students be allowed to carry concealed firearms on campus?



“I think that as long as they are legally registered... I feel like it's a constitutional right to carry them.”

— Annie Bollard,
Freshman in animal science



“I'd say no. They feel like they are making themselves safe and the people around them, but at the same time just because you have a gun doesn't make you safe. It's a symbol of violence. That's what I see the gun as.”

— Joseph Weldon,
Junior in fish and wildlife science



“If we are allowed to carry guns, I want to be allowed to carry a sword. If that were the case, then I'd say yes.”

— Jacques Uber,
Sophomore in computer science

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The nature of money, part 1: Productivity and the value of cash

In the world today, everyone talks about money. Whether it is the dish washer at the local restaurant, or a venture capitalist sitting in a cozy office, money frequently sits in the minds of modern citizens.

Curiously, despite its appeal and universality in the capitalist markets, it is frequently misunderstood by those who use it. This lack of knowledge may explain why monetary systems are currently poorly regarded and distrusted by many people.

There are numerous definitions of money. Dictionary.com defines money as "a commodity or asset, such as gold, an officially issued currency, coin or paper note, that can be legally exchanged for something equivalent, such as goods or services."

Money may also be defined in terms of productivity. One such definition would be that money is simply the total productivity of a sovereign economic unit in a given unit of time, divided by the total currency available for general consumption.

This would capture the immediate



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value of a currency. In this case, a sovereign economic unit is an autonomous nation-state or country.

Unfortunately, this definition, while fairly accurate, may also be incomplete. This is because not all productivity produced in an economy is immediately consumed.

Examples include clothing and durable household items; many such items are sold at garage sales, secondary stores and on Craigslist between people all over the country.

Thus, manufactured goods can be resold to new buyers. These goods, which are usually purchased with cash, are recycled in terms of productivity.

This is due to the fact that the new buyers usually have a productive purpose for such goods, which effectively

creates new productivity with existing products. Eventually such products will become waste or junk, but in the meantime other consumers will use them productively.

Therefore, it would be more accurate to state that money is the total productivity of a sovereign economic unit in a given period of time plus the residual productivity of previous years, which is then divided by the total currency available for general consumption.

Of course, this also means that manufacturing economies, especially those with high levels of resources and human capital, tend to be less affected by downturns in productivity. This is because such societies often produce a surplus of goods, which can be resold in an economy in order to create new productive output.

So not only can consumer goods be resold, but clearly business and industrial goods as well. The ability to trade these goods tends to stabilize and bolster one's currency and economy, as the residual productiv-

ity from past years remains in the economy for some time.

On the flipside, services-based economies may be more sensitive to shifts in productivity. Services, by definition, are entirely consumed when utilized, which limits the productive output to the time period in which the activity occurs.

In other words, if a service center changes your tire, the changing of the tire cannot be directly traded to someone else. While the tire itself could be traded, the actual service is not reusable in its original form.

Since productivity is just people doing things in the process of seeking individual gain, money is just an economic unit of current and accumulated past productivity.

There is no particular magic behind it — it is just a useful placeholder so people can better share their productivity, i.e., exchange their goods and services between one another.

It should then be understood that money has no inherent value in and of itself. Despite the fact that money

has specific and useful functions, if no productivity occurs in an economy, your money is as good as wadded paper. Money basically allows us to trade our productivity between others in a relatively efficient process in order to avoid economic waste. It permits us to circumvent a barter system and hold productivity captive in a widely accepted form that can be easily traded between different groups.

Without money, it would be impossible to realize the full value of our efforts, but without those efforts, the money is without value.

Therefore, while money is important to manage in an economic sense, it should be understood that money is really denominated productivity, and without that productivity, your money is worth no more than the paper towels and toilet paper sitting in your closet.

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Letters to the Editor

Laptops in the classroom

I teach Geo 300 "Sustainability for the Common Good," and when open laptops became a distraction/disruption in my classes, I instituted a policy that works quite well.

Any student that wants to have a laptop open must sit in the first three rows and sign a statement that they are using it ONLY for taking notes.

As to wayward student focus being the responsibility of the instructor, my lectures are so scintillating that everyone pays rapt attention; well actually, not everyone, because I've structured the course in such a way that even the slackers are in class most of the time, and these drones still disrupt students around them with endless texting — which is a problem that I've not decided whether I want to address directly or not.

Perhaps this issue is being addressed by their inability to respond to even simple questions on the daily quizzes.

I do agree very much that lectures should draw students in, and unfortunately achieving this is certainly a mixed bag at OSU.

STEVE COOK
senior instructor
of geosciences.

Closure of Hovland lab

I want to respond to the Thursday, April 8 article concerning the closure of the Hovland Computer Lab and to help students find the same resources that Hovland offered, especially the art and new media communication students that feel displaced by the closure.

The Milne Computer Lab, located in the basement of

Milne Computer Center, has over 20 Mac computers with virtually the same software as the Hovland Computer Lab. That includes Final Cut Pro, Motion, iLife, iWork and most of the Adobe products.

We have video decks available, as well as scanners, including slide and large format. Three of our Mac computers in Milne have a high-speed fiber connection to the files server that many art and new media communication students use for their classwork and projects.

With Hovland's abrupt closure, the Student Computing Facilities staff have been working hard to meet the needs of the students displaced by the closure. Last week we installed eight more video decks in the Milne Computer Lab, which brings the total number of video edit stations installed to 10.

We are expanding the number of Macs as well and should have them available this week.

The Milne Computer Lab's hours for the rest of the term are: Sunday 11 a.m. — Friday 9 p.m. (24 hours) and Saturday 11 a.m. — 9 p.m.

As always, the Student Computing Facilities are here to support students. We have been meeting the computer needs of OSU's students since before the beginning of the Technology Resource Fee and plan on being here for many years to come.

For more information about the Student Computing Facilities, see <http://scf.oregonstate.edu>

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IT consultant for Student
Computing Facilities

Hey parents: Grow up and get off my profile!

Oh, the joys of Facebook.

Where else can we join silly and pointless groups like "I Don't Sleep Enough Because I Stay Up for No Reason"? How else can we stay in touch so easily with old friends? And what better way is there to see if that cute guy who sits next to you in lecture is single than by doing a little Facebook stalking?

Not like I've ever done that, of course.

Facebook plays a pivotal role in our generation's social lives. Twenty years ago, we depended upon snail mail and — gasp! — landline telephones to stay in contact with others.

But, thanks to this little gem of a website, the updates, pictures and profiles of thousands of others are just a mouse click away.

Despite the wonders of Facebook, we need to be careful — there are predators out there. And I don't mean creepy old men who pretend to be 15-year-old boys, either. I'm talking about parents.

Facebook may be emblematic of the college scene, but that image is changing. Facebook isn't just for the young twenty-



Sarah Paeth

On the Bright Side

some things anymore, but for the young at heart, as well. And that sometimes includes dear old Mom and Dad.

Thankfully, my parents are both computer illiterate and do not have Facebook accounts. However, that doesn't mean that I'm free from prying eyes.

For example, my mother mentioned that one of her work colleagues liked my profile picture that she had seen on my Facebook page. My old high school teacher will also occasionally send me Farmville requests.

I logged on to my Facebook recently only to discover that my 84-year-old great uncle had posted an update about his colonoscopy on my wall. Talk about a bummer ... no pun intended.

Don't get me wrong: I love my family, and I enjoy sharing information with them. I just

figured that once I left the nest I could keep them updated on my own terms. How very wrong I was.

In defense of all the moms and dads with Facebook accounts out there, I can see your reasoning for getting your own Facebook. Not only can you keep tabs on your kids, but you can also reconnect with old college buddies of your own. Facebook is free, and if you're computer-savvy, it proves relatively easy to use. And heck, this is America, land of the free! Why shouldn't you have your own profile page?

The problem isn't parents posting an occasional wall post or commenting on a profile picture every now and then. The issue arises when moms and dads turn from interested parents into nosy Facebook stalkers.

For example, parents that get Facebook with the sole intention of monitoring their child's every move are invading the privacy of their kids.

Sifting through every picture and trying to decipher every update won't make parents closer to their kids — it will only

push them away.

Sometimes parents try so hard to be a part of their child's life after they have moved away they don't realize they can break the trust and ruin the communication necessary for a healthy relationship.

Not to mention that if you're perusing your child's Facebook page, you may not like everything you see. We don't know everything about our parents, and they don't need to know everything about us, either.

If parents want to stay in touch with their children they should send a card, pick up the phone, or better yet, come visit. When it comes to Facebook, we don't need Mom and Dad to be our "friends," we want them to be our parents.

When it comes to Facebook, I can only offer a few words of advice to moms and dads that monitor their child's every move: Cut it out.

Hey parents, we've grown up. Why don't you?

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In Observance of Holocaust Memorial Week at OSU...



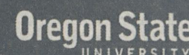
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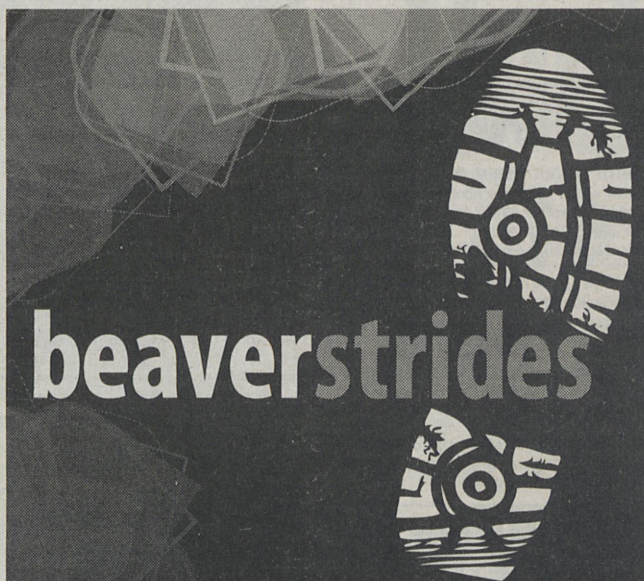
Eline Hoekstra Dresden is the author of *Wishing Upon a Star*, a memoir that focuses on her wartime experiences. At OSU, she will speak of her experiences growing up as a Jew in the Netherlands before and during World War II, and focus on her three years' internment at Westerbork, the camp that for thousands of Dutch Jews was the last stop before Auschwitz.

Appearing with Eline will be her daughter, Deborah Mrowka, who will discuss what it is like to grow up as the child of a Holocaust survivor.

All Holocaust Memorial Week events on campus are free and open to the public.



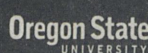
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589 killed, thousands injured in China quake

BEIJING, — A rapid series of strong earthquakes hit a mountainous and impoverished area of China's Qinghai province early Wednesday, killing 589 people, state-run media reported, quoting local quake-relief headquarters.

At least 10,000 others were injured, the Xinhua news agency reported, and many victims, including schoolchildren, were buried under debris. Rescuers were struggling to clear debris with their hands and save those trapped below.

Nearly 60 of the dead were students at several schools in the province, authorities told Xinhua, and more than 50 are trapped in the debris with little chance of rescue.

Xinhua reported that 25 students were rescued from a vocational school, and another 23 from a primary school.

A 6.9-magnitude earthquake, as measured by the U.S. Geological Survey, struck at 7:49 a.m. local time (7:49 p.m. ET Tuesday), when many residents were still at home and schools were beginning. The USGS also recorded several strong aftershocks — one of magnitude 5.8 — all within hours of the initial quake.

The tremors “have toppled houses, temples, gas stations and electric poles, triggered landslides, damaged roads, cut power supplies and disrupted telecommunications,” Xinhua said. “A reservoir was also cracked, where workers are try-

ing to prevent the outflow of water.”

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao ordered local authorities to “go all-out to save the disaster-stricken people,” Xinhua said. Vice Premier Hui Liangyu was dispatched to the region.

About 700 soldiers were working to clear rubble and rescue buried quake victims, according to Xinhua. More than 5,000 others, including soldiers and medical workers, were sent to the area, the Qinghai provincial government told reporters in a news conference, Xinhua said.

About 1,000 people have been pulled out alive, China's state-run CCTV reported more than 12 hours after the earthquake. They were taken to one of several locations, chosen based on low probability of aftershocks.

Xinhua reported panic on the streets as crews launched rescue efforts in the collapsed buildings.

“We have to mainly rely on our hands to clear away the debris as we have no large excavating machines,” police officer Shi Huajie said. “We have no medical equipment, either.”

A Chinese military official told Xinhua that the death toll was expected to rise, given the damage to homes.

He said soldiers were setting up tents and transporting oxygen for the injured, but affected roads leading to the airport could hamper relief efforts.

Many bridges are near col-

lapse, CCTV reported, and nearly all the roads in the area were damaged.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs plans to distribute 5,000 tents, 50,000 coats and 50,000 quilts to the earthquake zone, Xinhua said. The Hong Kong Red Cross said it had mobilized 200,000 Hong Kong dollars (about \$27,700) to support the relief operation through providing tents, quilts, clothes and food to victims. The headquarters of the Red Cross Society of China was also sending relief supplies and had dispatched a team to the area for assessment, the organization said in a statement.

“Our top priority is to save students,” Kang Zifu, an army officer in the town of Gyegu, told Xinhua. “Schools are always places that have many people.”

Eight people were trapped in a building that caught fire after the quake in the town of Gyegu, CCTV said. One man was pulled out alive.

Other nations have offered funding, condolences or both in the aftermath of the quake, Xinhua reported. They included the European Union, Japan, France, Chad and Algeria.

The quake's epicenter was in remote and rugged terrain, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northwest of Qamdo, Tibet. Qinghai borders the autonomous regions of Tibet and Xingjiang and the provinces of Gansu and Sichuan.

Gyegu is the seat of government in the Yushu prefecture, a Tibetan region of Qinghai, the news agency said, and has a population of about 100,000.

Many ethnic Tibetans live in Gyegu, said CNN's John Vause. He said one resident told CNN that when his house began to shake, he grabbed his family and ran outside. There was another quake, and his house collapsed, he said. His family was currently housed outside in tents, he said, but he had managed to buy water. He said they had seen no government assistance.

People were living in fear, the man said, and some were headed up into the mountains to escape the threat of flooding should the reservoir break.

More than 85 percent of the houses in Gyegu had collapsed, a prefecture official told Xinhua. Its Tibetan spelling is Gyegu,

while its Mandarin spelling is Jiegu.

The region is relatively poor and located in the foothills of the Himalayas at a relatively high altitude, Vause said. Many buildings are not well-constructed and unlikely to hold up well in a quake.

Given the landscape, rescue efforts are sure to be challenging, said Francis Markus of the International Federation of the Red Cross. He spoke with CNN from Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan, which experienced its own tragedy in May 2008, when a magnitude-7.9 earthquake killed roughly 70,000 people.

“But China does have a lot of experience and a lot of resources,” he said. “The capability is there. It's just a question of getting it to this remote spot.”

“Many are buried in the collapsed houses, and there are still lots of others who are injured and being treated at local hospitals,” he said.

In Yushu County, 90 percent of the houses collapsed, leaving many homeless, the Hong Kong Red Cross said. Temperatures in the area are forecast to be around the freezing mark at

night, the Red Cross said, so “provision of emergency shelters for the victims remains a high priority.”

Xinhua said residents near the epicenter also reported casualties and collapsed buildings.

Karsum Nyima, deputy director of news at local Yushu TV, told Xinhua that most of the houses in the area were made of wood with earthen walls. He said some had come tumbling down, including a Buddhist pagoda in a park.

Forecasters said Yushu would see strong winds and sleet in the coming days, which will hamper rescue efforts, Xinhua said.

Some Twitter users were outraged that CCTV did not feature the quake as its top story, instead headlining the U.S. nuclear summit in Washington that Hu is attending. Others blamed officials for failing to predict the quake.

“Of course this earthquake has been the headline for all the Chinese media,” CCTV correspondent Fung Jinchao said. He said his network had sent a large group of reporters to the region.

— CNN

TREES

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of growth.”

Slower growth of Douglas fir trees has a number of implications for the timber industry, which many of the trees were planted for in the first place after the original, diverse forests were initially harvested. The transition of forests from a variety of trees to mostly Douglas fir could be contributing to the spread of Swiss needle cast.

“This spike in severity might be the result of plantation of Douglas firs along the western Coast Range, especially in areas where Douglas firs did not originally grow and were brought in from other locations,” Black said. “What we've seen is a real conversion of the forest.”

Stone says that historically, the Douglas fir wasn't the dominant tree species in affected areas. But since the 1970s, large-scale planting of commercial forests consisting primarily of Douglas firs has taken place.

“One of the major reasons for the disease being noticed now is basically a change in forests from naturally occurring species like hemlock to plantations of Douglas fir,” Stone said. “But in addition to that, the other

reason is that environmental conditions in the western Coast Range are perfect for this native pathogen to grow and reproduce and cause disease.”

In a recent study published in the journal “Forest Ecology and Management,” Stone, Shaw and Black put forth a new idea that warmer temperatures most likely stimulate the severity of Swiss needle cast.

“There's a clear link between warmer temperatures and greater infection,” Shaw said. “Some greenhouse and field studies have shown that warmer winter temperature is the key element in determining the intensity of the disease. That, combined with the fact that the same areas have high humidity in the summer along with drizzle and fog that allows the spores to survive in needles, creates a sort of ‘perfect storm’ for a good infection.”

Stone said that the fungus seems to be concentrated primarily along the western Coast Range in Oregon and with particular intensity around the Tillamook County area, which provides the disease with an ideal climate to spread its spores. Warmer winters and moist springs are being observed with greater frequency in affected areas in the Pacific Northwest.

“The conditions favoring disease devel-

opment have been increasing, perhaps due to climate change,” Stone said.

So far, options are limited when it comes to fighting Swiss needle cast. Several different approaches have been tried, but none seem to hold the power necessary to truly reverse the growing trend.

“It's been very difficult,” Black said. “Fungicides could be applied but it's not practical when dealing with such huge amounts of acreage, and maybe in the future there will be efforts to try to breed genetically variant trees that would be more resistant. Right now there's not much that can be done in trying to prevent the spread.”

The best solution seems to be restoring the natural balance of tree species in the forest, and while this is a long-term commitment, it might hold the most promise, Stone said.

“This increased planting of Douglas fir trees didn't occur naturally, and it has been a sort of unintentional experiment,” Stone said. “If anything it's revealed why Douglas fir wasn't historically a dominant species in the coastal part of the forest, and the disease seems to be telling us to start growing alternative species.”

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Greg Peavey named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week for second time

SPORTS INFORMATION

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Oregon State right-handed pitcher Greg Peavey has been named the Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season, league commissioner Larry Scott announced on Monday.

Peavey spun a masterful two-hit performance Friday night against No. 3 UCLA, limiting the Bruins to just a run and three walks while striking out six. UCLA came into the series batting .347 as a team and managed a single through the left side in the fourth on a hit-and-run and a soft, knuckling liner in the seventh.

Only three batters got into scoring position against Peavey, and none after the fourth. His only run allowed came on a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Peavey retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced and 16 of the last 17 to come to the plate. Four of the last six outs he recorded came via strikeout.

With the honor, Peavey becomes the first Pac-10 Pitcher to earn the award twice this season. He was named the league's Pitcher of the Week on March 1

after throwing a three-hit shutout against Tennessee.

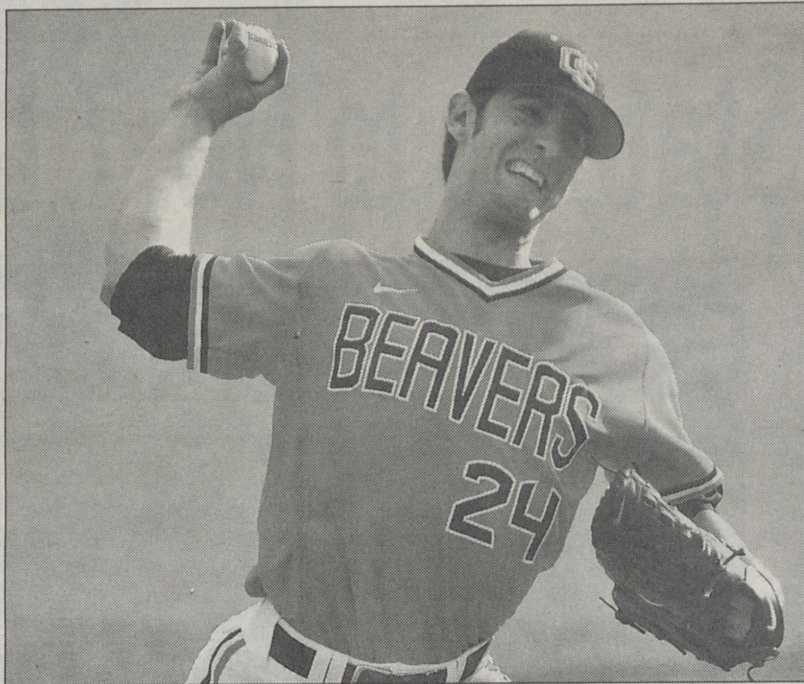
The right-hander has been superb overall this season, going 3-0 with a 1.91 earned run average, which places him second in the conference. His .167 batting average against is also good for second.

Meanwhile, in Pac-10 games, Peavey is fourth with an ERA of 1.12 and second with a batting average against of .098. He has struck out 16 in 16 innings in two combined starts against USC and UCLA.

The honor is the third of the season for the Beavers. Tanner Robles was also named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week on March 22. Oregon State has earned 61 Pitcher of the Week awards all-time.

The Beavers have remained relatively steady in the polls after going 2-2 last week and 1-2 against the third-ranked Bruins. Oregon State is ranked 18th by both Baseball America and Rivals.com, 14th by Collegiate Baseball, and 17th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

Oregon State next opens its series with Stanford Friday at Goss Stadium. First pitch is 5:30 p.m.



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Junior pitcher Greg Peavey has been quite a force for the Beavers this year, and has made himself coach Pat Casey's coveted Friday starter.

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Roderfeld hit her second homerun of the series. It was her 13th home run of the season so far, making her RBI count 42.

Oregon State was able to score two more runs off of freshmen utility Lea Cavestany's second home run of the game. Cavestany went 3 for 4 with six RBIs.

The Cardinals were unable to score after that, bringing the final score to 10-8, OSU.

"The last game we had a lot more confidence in our defense, and I think we need to carry that over against UCLA," sophomore short stop/2nd base player Nikki Chandler said.

The first pitch will be thrown Friday at 3 p.m., then Saturday at 12 p.m., and at 11 a.m. Sunday at the OSU Softball Complex.

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The final commercial was a spoof of Kobe Bryant jumping over a moving car, but the players know that doing something that dangerous is not a good idea, so freshman point guard Jared Cunningham jumped over a moving bicycle. I was glad to see the players' comedic side, something rarely visible on a basketball court.

The moment of the night that produced the most laughs was the wrestling team's comedy routine.

We've all seen the Saturday Night Live skit with Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley as Chippendale dancers. The wrestlers attempted the same routine, Beaver-style, complete with fake judges and lots of dancing. I had a hard time taking notes, I was laughing so hard. In my opinion it was the highlight

of the night.

Women's golf also showed a video that inspired many laughs. The video showed the team trying out for other sports and failing miserably. It concluded with highlights of them sinking putts and driving balls along the fairway. After seeing that, most people agreed they should stick to what they do best.

One of the more original acts of the night was performed by the gymnastics team. They selected members of the crowd to participate in their game-show-style competition, which highlighted many of their unique talents.

One was entitled "Junk in the Trunk," where a tissue box with eight Ping-Pong balls was taped to the contestant's rear end. The goal was to get all eight balls out of the box by shaking their booty. Just like in the gym,

the athlete prevailed over the challenger, and also got the audience laughing so hard you could hardly hear the moans and grunts from the contestants.

The final act of the night was provided by members of the football team. A traditional Polynesian dance was performed with some singing provided by the players.

I now know how nimble you have to be to protect the quarterback on the field, because the moves performed by the players were impressive, to say the least. Their unique display of athleticism combined with clever choreography earned them a perfect score. However, with more than \$1,200 raised, I feel the real winners were the people in attendance and the children supported by OSU Impact.

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The game stayed tied 1-1 for what seemed like an eternity, and inning by inning the student section became smaller and smaller. It became a competition of who was man enough to stay the entire game.

My thoughts as the innings continued to drag on were: "I've invested this much time, there's no way I'm leaving."

I figured the second I left, something spectacular would happen, and the hours I spent there would be for nothing.

Finally, in the top of the 16th, UCLA roped a single off Ryan Gorton that scored a pair of runs that essentially ended the game.

A few years ago, I ran in the Portland Marathon. I bring this up because the similarities between the race and this "marathon" game are actually pretty close. Both start out fun for the first half or so, then slowly but surely it becomes less and less enjoyable.

By the end, you are on the brink of misery and just want it to be over, but you can't stop or leave because, well, I ran 22 miles/watched 13 innings. I'm not just going to throw that away. So you just keep going and going and going.

On Sunday, my dad came down from Portland and we sat together down the first base side.

There's just something about watching a game with your dad and shooting the breeze about sports that feels so American.

However, no inning summed up the entire series better than the bottom of the fifth in the final game.

The Beavers found themselves with runners on second and third with nobody out, trailing 2-1 with the number nine hitter Keith Jennette up to bat. All the ingredients for a breakout inning were tossed into the cauldron — except one: a clutch hit.

Jennette struck out on a ball in the dirt. Leadoff hitter Adalberto Santos struck out on a ball in the dirt.

Danny Hayes struck out. Inning over. Zero runs.

It was blown opportunities like this that plagued the Beavers for the entire series, which they could have swept had they taken advantage of their chances. Instead, they sit in a tie for fourth place at 3-3 with the upcoming series against Stanford this weekend.

Other than the two losses to the Bruins, there wasn't a thing I would change about my first weekend at Goss. Well, maybe one.

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Oregon State up to No. 7 UCLA task

■ After a strong outing but a tough series loss, the Beavers take on a star pitcher at home

By **Stephany Tornincasa**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team welcomes the No. 7 UCLA Bruins to Corvallis this weekend as they host their fourth-week homestand.

This weekend also marks the Beavers' annual Strike Out Cancer for Project H.E.R.

This program is designed to provide women with information about breast cancer. Fans will receive pink pompoms as they enter and are encouraged to wear pink.

The Bruins (27-9, 1-5 Pac-10) come to Corvallis on a five-game losing streak.

Last weekend, the Arizona State Sun Devils swept the Bruins in a three-game series and pushed what was then the No. 4-ranked team to the seventh spot in this week's poll. The Beavers are 10-78 all-time against the Bruins.

Senior pitcher Megan Langenfeld from UCLA was named a Top 25 finalist for the 2010 USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year Award, announced by the Amateur Softball Association last Wednesday. This award is considered the most prestigious honor in Division I softball.

Langenfeld leads the Bruins in on-base percentage (.659) and walks (15), home runs (9), batting average (.533) and slugging (1.083).

Last week, Oregon State (21-18, 2-4 Pac-10) lost a three-game



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Junior Audrey Roderfeld takes a crack at a pitch last weekend against Stanford. Roderfeld turned out to be a major contributor for the Beavers. After a solid game one (1-3, 1 HR), she cooled off a bit in game two and then bounced back for the finale, going 2-4 with another homer.

series against the No. 8 Stanford Cardinal.

"From the Stanford series, we lost some really close games," said sophomore outfielder Mary Claire Brenner. "We're really trying to do whatever we can to get us pumped up and to get us ready to not be losing those games by one, but rather to be winning them by one."

During the first game, the score remained 0-0 until the top of the fourth. It was there that Stanford

took the lead by two after an error by Oregon State. The Cardinal then added two more runs in the top of the fifth, bringing the score to 4-0.

Junior catcher Audrey Roderfeld and freshmen catcher Ally Kutz each hit a home run in bottom of the sixth, giving Stanford the 4-3 game one win.

The Beavers then lost in a 1-0 decision during game two. It wasn't until Sunday, game three, that Oregon State found their

momentum.

"We've been working on being a little more aggressive defensively and playing our game," head coach Kirk Walker said.

During the third game, Stanford held the lead until the fifth inning when Oregon State batted in six runs, bringing the score to a tie, 8-8.

During the six-run rally,

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Talent show a success

■ Student athletes showcase their out-of-sports talents to raise money for charity

By **Rory Waite**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tuesday at the LaSells Stewart Center, many people, including students, staff and family, gathered to see the other side of student athletes.

"The Other Side" talent show gave student-athletes a chance to show off their talents in the entertainment field. Athletes representing most of Oregon State's sports teams danced, sang and showed their comedic skills in front of a packed LaSells Stewart Center.

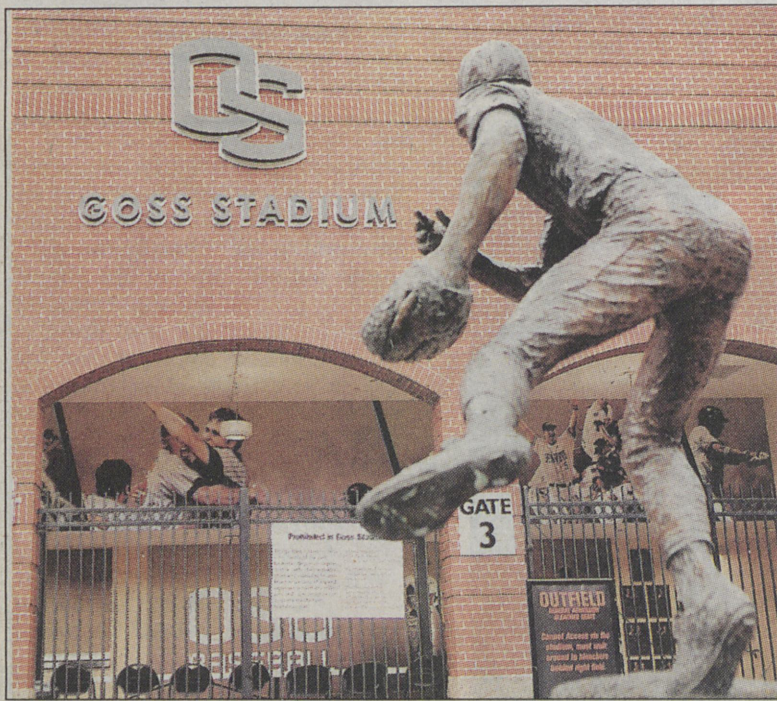
Oregon State memorabilia was also up for grabs during a silent auction, with all proceeds going to OSU Impact, which helps children with physical challenges enjoy athletics.

The performances by each team were judged by Gabe Winkler, Dana Sorenson and John Carney, who are all assistant coaches on OSU teams.

The winners of the show were women's crew and football, both scoring a perfect 30. Other teams participating included men's and women's basketball, track and cross country, volleyball, wrestling, women's and men's golf, men's crew, softball, swimming, gymnastics and women's soccer.

Many students only know the men's basketball team for their terrorizing defense and 3-point shots, but they also may have a future in the comedy business. A video was shown that contained three real commercials and three fake commercials starring the Beaver basketball squad.

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Most Oregon State fans stayed through the long games and enjoyed the biggest home series yet this weekend at Goss Stadium, including Jesse Severson, who made his first trip to the ballpark.

My weekend at Goss Stadium

I love baseball as much as the next guy, if not more.

But this past weekend, I got the equivalent of a Thanksgiving dinner-sized portion of it. Three games. Thirty-six innings — thirty-five of which were entertaining — over thirteen hours. That, my friends, is a lot of baseball.

It also marked my first games ever at Goss Stadium, because this is my first year at Oregon State, and weather issues and other plans have postponed my inaugural game until Friday.

Over the first weekend, I already learned a few things: Goss is much smaller than I thought.

It really needs a speedometer to show how fast the pitches are coming.

And this team lacks the swagger and timely hitting to make a serious run at a third national championship in five years.

After covering the spring practice

for football on Friday, I went on a near-dead sprint to Goss and managed to find a seat just as Greg Peavey was delivering the opening pitch.

After settling in, I came to a stark realization, one that plagued me during the entire three-game series: there are tons of empty seats.

This was the Pac-10 opener between the (then) No. 17 Beavers and the (then) No. 3 UCLA Bruins and the small Goss Stadium was filled with empty orange seats.

If the Beavers have a hard time trying to draw people to a game like

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this, one that Peavey dominated so thoroughly with his two-hit complete game that he was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week for the second time, then what will it take?

Then came Saturday's game.

Sixteen innings. Six hours, 23 minutes. I could have watched 13 episodes of "3rd Rock from the Sun." I could have listened to "Tik Tok" nearly 104 times. I could have listened to my grandpa tell me a story that should have taken 20 minutes.

Instead, I stayed at Goss from the opening pitch to the final out — starting out as a beautiful, sunny weekend afternoon and finishing as a cold Saturday night.

It seemed like every inning the Beavers had a chance to win it, but just couldn't come through with the big hit.

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Men's golf seeks consistency to finish off regular season

■ Each player has scored low at some point this year, but for OSU it's about everyone going low in the same tourney

By **Evan Schaye**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For the last tournament of their regular season, the Oregon State men's golf team will head down to luscious Santa Cruz, Calif. this weekend to compete in the 64th annual Western Intercollegiate tournament hosted by San Jose State at the famed Pasatiempo Golf Course.

The Beavers have picked up momentum in the home stretch of their season, posting top scores the second and third days in the U.S. Intercollegiate tournament last weekend, finishing fourth overall.

Despite their phenomenal second and third rounds, the team could not overcome the deficit created by a 20-over-par 300 first round and failed to reach a podium place.

On a better note, the Western Intercollegiate has proved fruitful for many of Oregon State's golfers, as senior Diego Velasquez took first place in the tournament last year, finishing three strokes ahead of second place at an even 210.

"Diego is looking forward to the opportunity to defend his title from last year, but more importantly, it is an opportunity for us to compete one last time prior to the Pac-10 Championships in April," said coach Brian Watts.

Despite the thunderous finish by Velasquez last year, Oregon State only held onto a sixth-place finish, finishing with a 48-over 848 in a

field of 18 teams. The University of Oregon took first place last year.

Oregon State will definitely need this tournament to get things in order, as they have been unable to consistently score well individually every day of the tournament in their last four tournaments, which has dragged down the overall team score.

Competing in this year's field are only two other Pac-10 teams besides Oregon State: UCLA and Oregon.

The rest of the field includes Boise State, the University of California at Irvine, Hawaii, the University of Idaho, Michigan State University, New Mexico State, University of the Pacific and the University of Tulsa.

Pasatiempo Golf Course is a prestigious course with plenty of history and has been

graced by the presence of pro golfers, including Tiger Woods.

The Western Intercollegiate will be played on the championship tees, a 6,500-yard par 70, which has proved challenging in the past.

"The Western is a prestigious event and a very difficult golf course," Watts said. "Our players are looking forward to the challenge of competing on the historic Allister MacKenzie design."

Following the Western Intercollegiate, Oregon State heads to Tempe, Ariz., to compete in the Pac-10 championships beginning April 26.

Live scores for both tournaments can be found on www.golfstat.com.

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