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## Poetry inspired by adversity

■ Visiting Writers Series invites Jennifer Richter to read from her latest work, 'Threshold'

By Ashley Dahl  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jennifer Richter, a former Wallace Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer in poetry at Stanford University, read from her recently published compilation of poems, "Threshold," to an audience in the Valley Library on Friday. Standing in front of a crowd that poured over the balcony and flanked the windows of the library's main rotunda, Richter confidently read poems dealing with some of her greatest adversities in life.

"Jennifer is a professional and personable reader," said Karen Holmberg, assistant professor in the English department at OSU and long-term friend of Richter. "Her poems

speaking openly and frankly about life."

"Threshold" is a compilation of poems Richter wrote over the course of 10 years. Various forms of the manuscript have appeared in competitions, and the final version won the 2009 Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Open Competition.

Spanning a decade of Richter's life, "Threshold" tells the story of her illness and recovery, but also shares the joys of raising two children and of the love she and her husband share, she said.

"My constant inspirations are my two kids and my husband, Keith Scribner," said Richter.

Of all of her written works, Richter describes "Threshold" as her greatest accomplishment. She hopes readers can relate to the poems, and that the poems provide solace for people while they are dealing with their own hardships, she

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Jennifer Richter read poetry from "Threshold," a new compilation of poems that was recently published. "Threshold" took over 10 years for Richter to complete.

## India Night

Nilam Patel, a freshman in pre-nursing and Roopa Siram, a freshman in biology, prepare for this year's India Night. Both are members of the OSU Bhangra Team, which was formed earlier this year.

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## Gaming Club hosts 'Let There Be LAN' party

■ Gamers from across the state united in Arnold last weekend for a 24-hour video game fest

By Jeremy Hansen  
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Gunshots echo off the walls of the room as orders are shouted through the microphone attached to the nameless soldier's head. Suddenly, a tank rips apart the wall, and the soldier is dead before his body hits the opposite wall, as the rest of his squad takes cover. Is this war? No, this is the Arnold LAN party.

For those who don't know, a LAN party involves connecting computers to a server so a mass of participants can play video games together. "Let There Be LAN" took place in the Arnold dining center over a 24-hour period, from Friday at midnight to Saturday at midnight.

Charles Catino, the president of the OSU Gaming Club, had his work cut

out for him as he set up the event.

"It takes a lot of communication to set this thing up," Catino said. "We have to talk to the people who run Arnold, rent tables, get the servers set up and find sponsors, so we have to start months in advance."

The Gaming Club was able to find sponsors like Crucial, who provided memory sticks and other swag. Danger Den provided a tower for a prize as well as t-shirts, and www.newegg.com provided \$20 gift certificates to be raffled off. Chipotle, Domino's Pizza, and S2 Games donated funding for food.

"Most companies have a sponsorship page," said Catino. "We just fill it out and hope for the best. They like to know how many people are attending. S2 Games came out with 'Heroes of Newerth,' and we have been playing that a bunch today."

Ninety-six participants paid \$10 each to compete, which included space for their computer, as well as three meals

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## Second Amendment Week ends in draw

■ Lars Larson hosts radio show in quad to call attention to campus weapon policies

By Rebecca Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At a rally to raise awareness of Second Amendment rights on Friday, Lars Larson, a conservative radio talk show host, broadcasted from the MU quad while the OSU College Republicans raffled away an AR-15 assault rifle.

The purpose of the rally was to raise awareness of American citizens' rights to bear arms, set forth in the Second

Amendment of the Constitution, but the underlying debate was centered around the right of concealed weapon license holders to carry on campus.

"It is our final day of Second Amendment Week ... and we want to bring attention to gun rights," said R.J. Friedman, a senior in political science and former president of the OSU College Republicans.

The debate focuses on the legality of a public university to prohibiting concealed weapons on campus and also personal feelings about having those concealed weapons in classrooms. Firearms and other weapons are pro-

hibited on campus, with few exceptions, under Oregon Administrative Rule 576-065-000. However, those against this rule say it conflicts with Oregon Revised Statute 166-170, which puts authority to regulate firearms in the hands of state legislatures.

"The regulation of firearms lies solely with the legislation; the university cannot restrict someone from carrying a concealed weapon on campus," said Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul of the Oregon House of Representatives, who was in attendance for support of the rally.

The rally was held on the third anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, in which 32 people were killed by a single shooter. Virginia Tech prohibited firearms on campus, but both Larson and Friedman believe if someone was allowed to carry a concealed weapon that day, the situation may have ended differently.

"Some of us really felt if someone at Virginia Tech had a handgun, that not one person had to die that day," Friedman said.

Both supporters and opponents of the cause stopped to watch Larson, who was carrying a concealed firearm during the duration of his show, as he conducted The Lars Larson show live from the MU quad on NewsRadio KXL 750.

"Once you step on this campus, your rights don't go away," Larson said. "A state university cannot prohibit a licensed person of age from carrying a concealed weapon on campus."

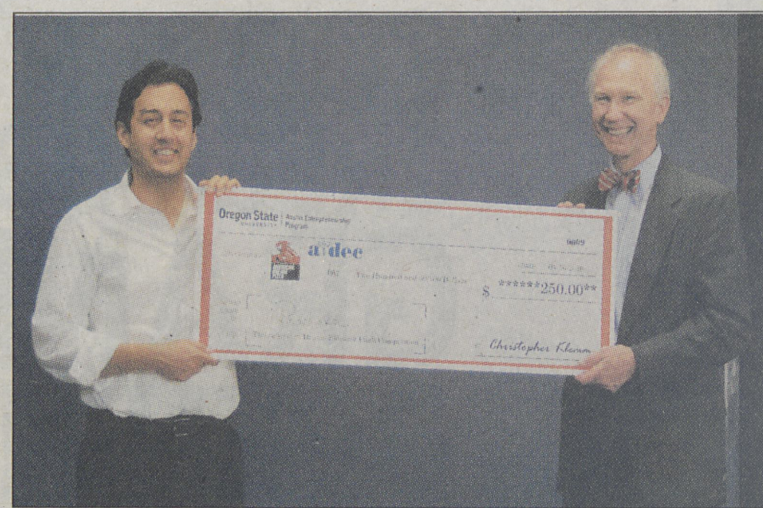
Larson said just the fact that universities label themselves as gun-free

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Conservative talk show host Lars Larson lent his support to Second Amendment Week by hosting his radio show live from the MU Quad on Friday.



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OSU student Sanjai Tripathi won first place at the American Dream Elevator Pitch Competition in the student division and second place overall on Friday for his idea of "Pharmakin."

## Elevator Pitches puts entrepreneurs to the test

■ Students, community members get 90-second chance to pitch business plans in competition

By Caitlin Cagle  
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Imagine being stuck in an elevator with the CEO of a major company with mere seconds to pitch the business plan you've spent your entire life dreaming up.

The American Dream Elevator Pitch Competition created this scenario on Friday, putting students and community members to the test. The compe-

tion highlighted entrepreneurs' abilities to sell their product and sell it fast. Competitors had exactly 90 seconds to pitch and appeal their business idea to a panel of judges who watched and timed their presentation.

"This was really exciting for me and a bit of a challenge," said Alexa Carey, a junior in marketing and communications. Carey's proposal, "A Streetcar Named Cupcake," involved selling healthy natural cupcakes via a street cart.

The 90-second cupcake pitch carried her to a 3rd place tie in the stu-

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**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, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.

**Events**  
**Student Events & Activities Center and MU**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pangea Cafe. MUVies - The Milagro Beanfield 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. 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. All welcome!  
**ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7pm, MU 109. 1st ASOSU House of Rep.  
**Pride Center**, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Volunteer Meetings. Informational meetings for prospective/current volunteers.  
**OSU Pre-Law Society**, 5pm, Kelley 1001. Meet other students interested in law and participate in opportunities that will help prepare you for law school.

**Speakers**  
**OSU Pre-Law Society**, 6pm, MU Journey Room. Come and listen to an open forum with current law students to get an idea of what law school would be like.

**Events**  
**Student Events & Activities Center and MU**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pangea Cafe. MUVies - The Milagro Beanfield 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.

## Ms. Magazine executive editor discusses educational equality

■ Kathy Spillar speaks at the Northwest Women's Studies Association conference

By Katherine Younger  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Northwest Women's Studies Association regional conference was held at OSU, with the keynote speaker, Kathy Spillar, opening the conference on Friday. Spillar is the executive editor of Ms. Magazine and the executive vice president of the Feminist Majority Foundation. In her speech, she addressed the topic "Ms. Magazine and Feminist Scholars: Expanding the Reach of Women's Studies," with a focus on the intersection of academics and activism.

"I really loved how she made connections between activism and academy,"

said Heather Montes Ireland, an OSU graduate student teaching assistant in the women's studies program.

Many interested in women's studies and Ms. Magazine attended, including students and workers from the women's center.

"I am interested in women's studies and how and what things are being taught," said Sarah Myers, a junior in history and new media communications.

During the speech, many books were on display, such as "The Mouse that Roared" by Henry Giroux and "Iran Awakening" by Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi, as well as copies of the most recent edition of Ms. Magazine. A display board with information about the Women's Center was also put up.

Susan Shaw, director of women's studies at OSU, discussed how, when

and why women's studies came into being. She then talked about meeting the keynote speaker.

"It was a serendipitous moment when I met Kathy at the National Women's Studies Association conference," Shaw said.

Spillar began her speech by addressing the work OSU has done with women's studies, saying how "pleased and proud" OSU should be. She then went into the theme of the conference: the intersection between academics and activism.

"We (Ms. Magazine) saw ourselves as a bridge between the two," Spillar said.

She discussed the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s, how feminism has grown and the importance of women being in college.

"Our very presence has changed what courses are taught and what col-

leges do," she said. "Everywhere you look, the role of women today is different than in the '60s."

She also discussed a brand-new program developed by Ms. Magazine called "Ms. in the Classroom," which acts as a contemporary device for teaching in subjects such as women's studies or ethnic studies.

In the final question-and-answer section following her speech, Spillar talked about the future for today's women in college.

"You have the whole world in front of you," she said. "I believe that in the lifetimes of those in college now, equality will be seen. There is the expectation of quality that your mothers might not have had."

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## Senate GOP leader says Wall Street reform bill will perpetuate government intervention

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The top Senate Republican said Sunday that a Democratic bill to reform the financial industry would continue the Obama administration's intervention in formerly private industries.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told CNN's "State of the Union" his party wants to renegotiate the bill instead of debating it on the Senate floor.

"I think we need to get back to the table and get it fixed," McConnell said. "We want to make sure that we don't

set up a system whereby we empower the government to continue doing what they've been doing."

President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders reject McConnell's characterization of the bill, saying the measure actually will prevent future taxpayer bailouts of failing industries. On Saturday, Obama said in his weekly Internet and radio address that McConnell was spreading disinformation.

McConnell "made the cynical and deceptive assertion that reform would somehow

enable future bailouts — when he knows that it would do just the opposite," Obama said.

The House has passed its version of a finance reform bill, and now Democrats seek to bring a Senate version up for chamber debate this week. The Senate bill, approved by Democrats on the Senate Banking Committee, would set up new regulatory oversight of financial industry practices with the goal of preventing another Wall Street meltdown like the one in 2008 that launched the U.S. recession.

It includes an "early warning" system intended to spot signs of another crisis, as well as a \$50 billion liquidation fund created with money from banks and other finance industry corporations to pay for the costs of closing down failing entities.

Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that the liquidation fund would mean Wall Street firms "have to write their own funeral plan" and put down money in advance to ensure an "orderly

process" to bankruptcy in the event of another crisis.

McConnell, however, said Republicans believe the fund would "perpetuate government intervention" in industries, similar to the bailouts or takeover of some aspects of the banking, automobile and other industries. "Regardless of ... how the money is produced, it is a bailout fund that sort of guarantees in perpetuity that we'll be intervening once again to bailout these big firms," he said.

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said. "My hope is that there is some lightbulb of recognition, a sense of intimacy that arises out of our shared concerns or struggles or joys," said Richter.

The title itself is expressive of the book's meaning in conveying the various thresholds of one's own life. In Richter's case, it was the line between sickness and health and "solitude and society," she said. "Threshold" also illustrates the limits for which people can feel pain until they break, she said.

As she read the poems, listeners found their own meanings for the title.

The threshold was the last line of a poem followed by the beginning of the next with hardly a pause, as if each were one movement into the next, said Vicki Tolar Burton, an English professor at OSU.

"The ending of each poem is like a threshold," said Burton.

Aside from creating her own poems, Richter has also taught the art of writing to a variety of students. One of her most rewarding experiences was teaching men and women who were overcoming addiction at the Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco, she said. Writing poetry gave them an outlet to express feelings they had bottled up for years, said Richter.

"They showed me that everyone deserves to be applauded after sharing their own poems, and that praise can teach as

much, or more than, criticism," said Richter.

Richter has taught various poets-in-the-schools programs and is currently teaching at the Corvallis Arts Center, as well as online courses for Stanford. She earned her master's of fine arts in poetry writing at Penn State before she went on to teach and write.

An encore was requested after Richter read the last of her selected poems for the presentation. She graciously accepted and later answered the audience's questions about her poems and the inspiration for them.

In response to a question about composing her work, Richter said poems rarely come in full form, and her ideas take awhile to translate into a poem, so she only works on one piece at a time.

"The poem I'm usually most excited about is the one I'm working on right now," Richter said.

After the question-and-answer period, the mass of seated fans flocked to the table where Richter signed copies of "Threshold."

"The reading went really well," said Holmberg. "It's not easy to share those poems since they are so personal, so this really illustrates her generosity."

Richter encourages aspiring writers to keep persevering, even in the face of rejection.

"To trust that what they're doing is essential to the world, no matter how many rejection letters pile up in their mailboxes and inboxes," Richter said.

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zones can make them more susceptible to becoming targets of violence.

"The place people die is gun-free zones," Larson said. "People don't generally go to police stations and start shooting, because they know it is a place full of guns."

Stephanie Painter, a freshman in business and philosophy, said she would feel safer being able to carry a firearm while on campus. She said she doesn't necessarily feel unsafe on campus, but would like to be able to protect herself should something happen.

"When I come of age, I definitely plan on getting (my CWL)," Painter said. "My dad was in the military for 24 years, and I was taught how to safely use firearms and (know) their consequences."

Ben Price, a junior in economics, said he doesn't believe putting guns in classrooms makes anybody better off.

"It is a bad idea," Price said. "If you're a professor, would you want to teach in a classroom where you know a student might be carrying a concealed weapon?"

Price does have a concealed weapons license, but says it is more for practical purposes than protection.

"The biggest plus to having

a CWL is to be able to transport a firearm in your vehicle; that's it," Price said.

Others don't believe increasing the presence of firearms on campus is the way to make it safer, and can actually end up causing more harm than good.

"A person doesn't know how they will react ... There could be an accident just because they misinterpret a situation," said Daniel Bleau, a junior in civil engineering.

Bleau said he doesn't really understand the concept of bringing a gun on campus, and even finds it laughable.

"I think it is outrageous," Bleau said. "Why would you need to carry a gun on campus? I have never felt unsafe on campus."

While many were clear on which side of the debate they stand, others were planted in the middle, seeing both the benefits and drawbacks of having concealed weapons on campus.

"I agree with it (concealed weapons on campus) in concept, but I also think it seems unnecessary," said Brad Ayers, a senior in food science and technology. Ayers said he doesn't believe in infringing on a person's Constitutional rights, but also feels that in this day and age, there may not be as much need to bear arms.

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and inclusion in all of the activities of the day, ranging from dodgeball to a Nerf gun quick draw tournament. Ben Hebert, treasurer for the club, plans on using this money for future events.

"We are going to get together in the next meetings and decide what to do with the money," Hebert said. "Generally, it goes to food, prizes, space and equipment for future LANs."

Besides Heroes of Newerth, Starcraft was one of Hebert's favorite games to watch.

"We have an ex-pro here, but the best part is watching the novices play," said Hebert. "The games are a lot closer and more intense, making them a lot more fun to watch."

The Gaming Club is also trying to reach out to console gamers more, and the LAN included Xbox 360s and Nintendo Wiis. The Wiis were used for Smash Fest 5, a Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournament, which gamer Erick Nefcy coordinated.

"It took some teamwork to set up the two events simulta-

neously," Nefcy said. "We had to share the venue, the time and the space, but it worked out well. We had a lot of help from the Gaming Club, and managed to get nine different stations set up."

The tournament was a double elimination bracket, with players coming from Portland and Eugene to participate.

"The caliber of player is the highest the state has to offer," said Nefcy. "My favorite part was seeing everyone in one place, because most of the time we only get to meet up at other tournaments. We are going to try to keep this event going every year."

"Super Smash Bros." and "Heroes of Newerth" were just a few of the games played at the LAN. "Call of Duty 4," "Battlefield" "Bad Company 2," "Team Fortress 2," and "Age of Empires 2" were among the more popular games played.

For more information on future LANs or to get involved with the OSU Gaming Club, visit their website at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/osugaming>.

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dent division of the competition.

The pitch competition was separated into two divisions, student entrepreneur and entrepreneur. The student division held prizes for the top five student pitches, and the entrepreneur division gave prizes for the top three.

The top three overall winners received \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$200 for third place.

First place in the student division was Sanjai Tripathi, a student in the masters of business program, who also placed second in the overall competition.

Sanjai's pitch, "Pharmakin," was a malaria treatment that was convenient and easy to

use for travelers going to tropical areas.

"It was actually part of my MBA thesis project," said Tripathi. "I'd hoped that I would make it pretty far in this competition. We just had our MBA competition, and I placed third, so second feels great."

The competition, which was hosted by the Austin Entrepreneurship Program on campus, also offered Corvallis community members their shot at the American dream.

Jeff Hamming lead the entrepreneur division with his pitch, "Rufus: The Timberland Watchdog," a software program that compiles data. Hamming's pitch also took first place in the overall competition, and Hamming left with a \$500 check.

Third place in the overall competition was awarded to student Mike Luecker, a junior in business and entrepreneur inno-

vation. Luecker's pitch, a precision oar that measures rowers' performance, impressed the judges and the crowd.

"It kind of dawned on me that coaches have no way of measuring their (rowing) athletes," Luecker said. "I started thinking about this the end of my freshman year, and by the end of my sophomore year I had a prototype ready."

The pitch competition was the first for the Austin Entrepreneurship Program and attracted students and community members who gathered to watch their peers, friends and family compete for the American dream.

"I think I did really well, and it was fun, too," Carey said.

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## Editorial

### 'Immediate family only,' no more

Last Thursday marked the end of an era of unnecessary and discriminatory policies restricting the rights of patients.

President Obama issued a statement ordering his Health and Human Services secretary to draft rules ordering any hospital that receives government funding to allow patients the right to choose who has visitation rights.

It's about time. This move has been heralded as a step towards fairness for same-sex couples, and it has been a long time coming.

Obama's instructions stated Medicare-Medicaid hospitals — which include most of the nation's facilities — may not deny visitation and consultation privileges on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

Patients will now be able to choose who can visit them when they are in the hospital, addressing the outdated "immediate family only" visitation restrictions.

The president stated, "Every day, all across America, patients are denied the kindnesses and caring of a loved one at their sides — whether in a sudden medical emergency or a prolonged hospital stay. Often, a widow or widower with no children is denied the support and comfort of a good friend."

Obama went on to address the LGBT community as being uniquely affected by the prior restrictions hospitals imposed on non-family members.

Being unable to see a loved one who is sick or injured in the hospital simply because of the limited definition of family was a policy that should have been ended years ago.

It is encouraging to see that meaningful changes expanding civil rights are indeed being made at the executive level of government.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi added, "This is a critical step in ending discrimination against LGBT families and ensuring that, in the event of a hospital stay, all Americans have the right to see their loved ones."

The cruelty of such discriminatory policies infringing one's civil liberties was without question.

Obama's directive came on the heels of an incident in Miami in which a lesbian couple was kept apart while one lay dying, even though they had an "advanced health care directive" asking for full visitation rights.

The Miami couple is just one example of the many injustices same-sex couples have suffered at the directive of unfair policies.

Equal rights for every person, no matter his or her differences, is a standard we all must work for, and we applaud the president for finally addressing such a basic affront to civil rights.

Let's keep the ball rolling.

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## Prove your point without putting someone down

Unfortunately, a scenario has happened to me, and to many others, that some of my fellow writers have wittily coined as "getting R.J.-ed."

Similar to something like "getting pantsed," it is a relatively immature act that, in simplest terms, makes someone look foolish for no real reason.

Getting R.J.-ed, of course, refers to R.J. Friedman's insatiable desire to construct what are usually somewhat valid points while making a spectacle of an individual.

In fact, the last time I checked, elementary school children do the same thing. As more mature adults, we call this "bullying." And bullying is exactly what R.J. is doing.

After years of being a writer, leader, tutor, etc., I have learned I



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can make a point without rubbing someone's face in his or her own mistake.

My main point is this: There are better ways to create an argument without putting someone down, and there are healthier ways of handling one's lack of confidence.

I am no psychologist, but if I had to guess, I would say writing these types of articles helps R.J. compensate for a lack of confidence and feeling socially inept. It gives

him a sense of authority in his argument and puts him "above" the opposition.

Imagine being in elementary, middle or high school around those kids who physically picked on one another. The bully of the situation had to show everyone that they had "won." That is what R.J. is doing.

What is of higher concern is the potential for the rise of negative social issues. Think about the way you handle problems; sometimes we talk to a friend or small group of friends to see if they can help us solve our predicament.

If R.J. has to publish what he is struggling with — so that everyone can see the trouble at hand — he is avoiding the social problem-solving strategies because

none of his readers can directly respond and help him come to a solution.

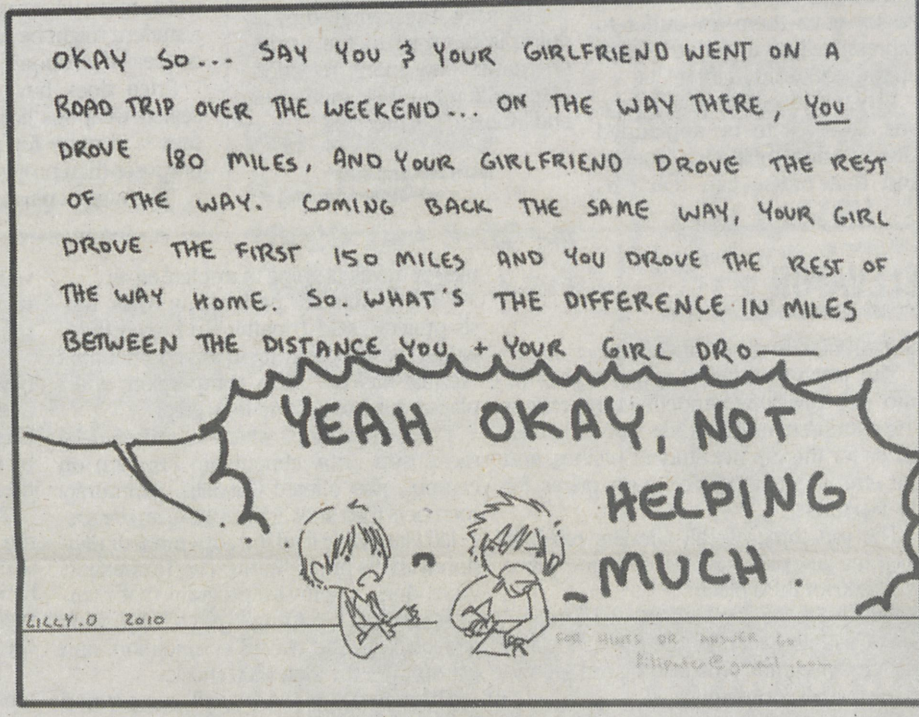
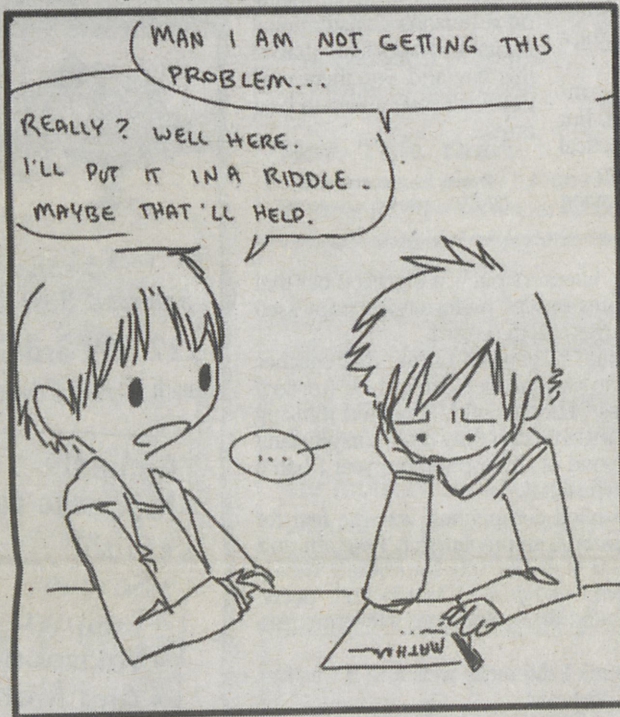
From a reader's point of view, we also suffer. When I get my morning coffee and sit down to read the paper, I want to read about real problems, not some little quarrel with a professor.

Unfortunately, I have had to use R.J.'s methods and make a spectacle of his actions in order to disprove that embarrassing someone is necessary to prove a point.

As a writer, I find it much more respectful to make a valid, interesting argument without publicizing ideas, errors, etc. in such a way that puts someone down. The goal of being a journalist is not

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### LIFE IS WEIRD



LILLY DOHERTY IS A FRESHMAN IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

## Basking in the glow of heat lamps and video menus

It was a Sunday, cold and damp. I'd just returned from some business up north when I got word that something was afoot at West Dining Center.

This wasn't the first I'd heard about the doings of West. A few days earlier, while considering ways to conceal the shadowy area 'neath the porch, I overheard some rather interesting scuttlebutt. West Dining Center, it seemed, was about to shake things up.

I met up with my roommate at the scene around 4 p.m., and we found what appeared to be a new restaurant in a familiar place.

We were an hour early, according to my sources. In my haste I'd forgotten my glasses, making the impressive video menu little more than a colorful, fuzzy blur.

While we waited, I sized up the situation. I wondered if the corner wall had always been prune-juice purple.

The site, Cooper's Creek BBQ, according to the sign, seemed



Scott Dennis

Fantasyland Logic

pleasant enough. Like Calaballo's down the way, Cooper's fills its district with a lively atmospheric sound supplied by the Ty Curtis Band.

Unable to make further progress in my investigation for the time being, I headed home. At eight minutes before 5 p.m., I returned, this time with glasses in hand.

The crowd had swelled in my absence to nearly six people. Standing in the glow of the heat lamps, each person gazed intently at the array of meats, bread and potatoes on display.

Anticipation ran like an electric current through the audience. Opinions, predictions and critiques were tossed about like fish

at a wharf. The sweet potatoes, unfamiliar to many of the spectators, were met with skepticism. The meat options, on the other hand, were eagerly awaited.

Turning away from the selection of succulent cuisine, I noted another addition besides the menu: The barbecue sauce bar, the rolls of paper towels on every table — it all spoke of the new eatery's tangy influence.

Is all this newfangled technology and aromatic fare a good direction for UHDS? My initial impression was, "Sure, why not?"

I'd been wanting some sort of spicy option at the dining centers for some time. But its sudden appearance got me wondering how the project came about, and whether or not it was my numerous comment cards covered in Felix the Cat doodles that got the ball rolling.

I had to find out more. No investigation can be content without delving into the past, so I followed

old Mama Odie's advice and did a little digging.

As it turns out, the Cooper's Creek BBQ concept has been in development for nearly a year and a half. Inspired by the popular "Soul Food Cafe" event, Cooper's replaces the venerable "Four Corners" concept, which had grown stale after years of monotonous menu items.

Once the barbecue theme was agreed upon, UHDS researched the culture of barbecue and its origins, as well as trends in the industry. In addition to the meat and potatoes items drawn from "Soul Food" and various cookbooks, specially made vegetarian options were also made available.

And golly whiz, what about them video menus? From what I hear tell, putting the menu on a TV screen is actually more cost-efficient than a traditional menu board. Besides the "Isn't that swell!" value, the screens make swapping out menu

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items infinitely easier and cheaper than having to do it the old fashioned way.

If all this wasn't just the bee's knees, Cooper's also plans on doing monthly specials like our good friend Calabaloo's does. I can't wait to see their equivalent of the Tsunami Chicken Sandwich.

All this year and a half of effort, research and barbecue sauce culminated in one cold, damp Sunday when I bore witness to the premiere of a bold new venture for UHDS and perhaps the world. It's the newest eatery on campus, the first at West Dining Center to use video menus and the first restaurant in the school's history to have "Cooper's" in the title (I presume).

After my experience at the premiere, I believe this is not only a financially logical move for UHDS, but also a great precursor for a slew of other campus improvements. The local atmospheric music is an inspired idea that sets the space apart and creates its own vibe.

This practice, along with the incorporation of video menus and area-specific tableware, could be the start of a swell new trend in campus dining. Head on over and check it out if you get the mind to.

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to make someone feel bad, but to share our experiences, perceptions and ideas.

Although I use R.J.'s methods as an example — hopefully what I have said will make an impression, urging him to keep publishing his ideas without ridiculing others — many people still take on the role of the bully. There are healthier ways to handle issues than in a public manner.

In fact, I have been led to believe that doing the exact opposite and addressing the problem in a casual, personal manner yields a more positive result and shows mature reasoning.

This is a problem many, many people deal with and have yet to figure out it is unproductive and harmful. Instead of telling someone

we do not agree with him or her and supporting our point logically, we tell everyone else why that person is terrible. This does not solve anything and even becomes the root of negative consequences, such as hurtful rumors.

We make a spectacle of this person within our social groups in the same way R.J. does through his writing.

R.J., you are an intelligent writer. Keep writing, but please, please stop making people look bad when you do.

As for those who do the same thing in their personal circle of friends: Realize what you are doing to that person. Talk to that person instead of to everyone else.

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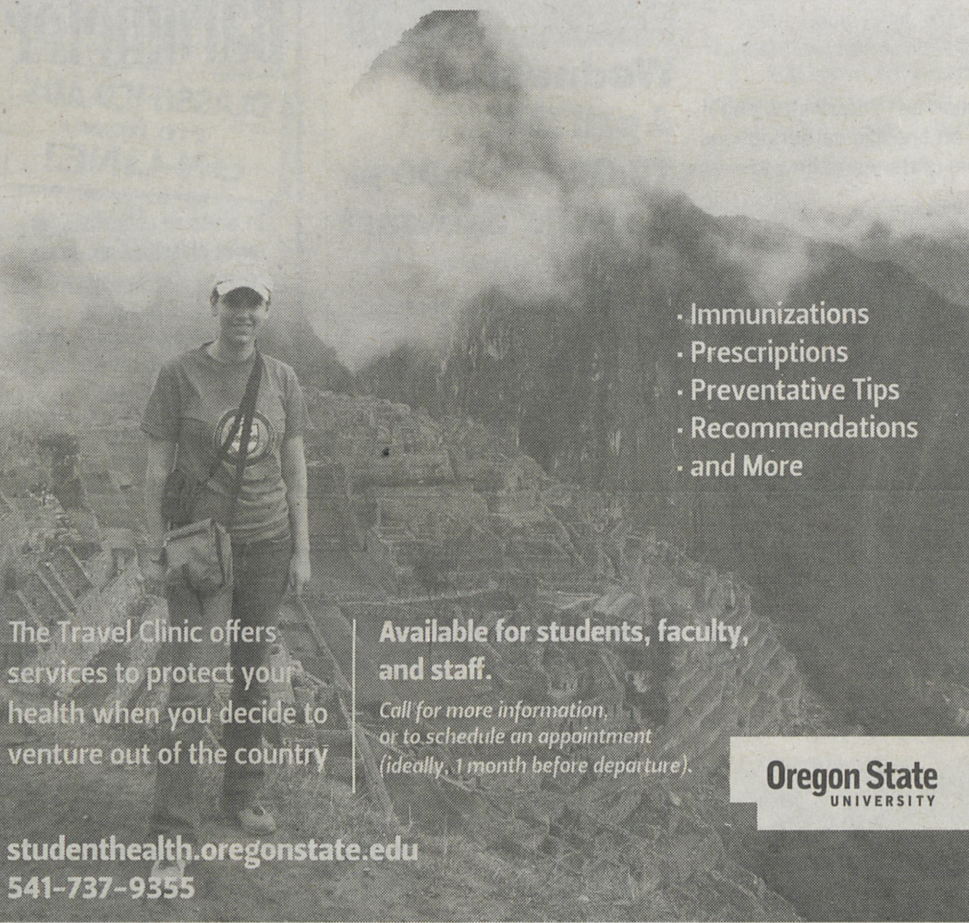
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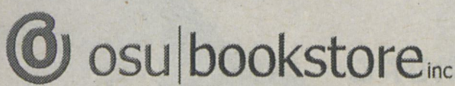


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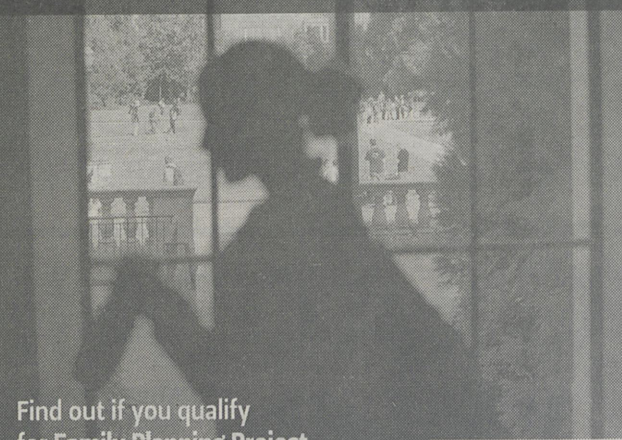
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But I have a few things to say about LeBron "I like to dance during games" James. There's a reason why he's hit just one playoff game winner. James isn't there yet as a player, mentally.

He settles for 3s when he knows he could go to the rim and draw a foul every single play. With the elevation ability he possesses, he needs to put the ball on the floor and set a beeline for the iron. It's a major flaw in his game.

I also have a problem with how LeBron handles himself. He's what I call a "glory player." A glory player is someone who bases his game on trying to impress fans. A glory player is loud and obnoxious and attention-driven.

Lebron visits his own bench at least three times a game, whether they are up or down, to chitchat or celebrate with his

teammates. If Lebron focused strictly on winning, instead of worrying about his image, he'd be a complete player.

Anyway, I like Dwight Howard. I like everything this side of his free-throw shooting. He's powerful, can leap, has great low post moves and eats up rebounds like Adam Richman of "Man vs. Food" eats up burritos.

But the key to the Magic's success will hinge on Vince Carter. Will he finally step up in a playoff series as "Vince from the Magic" and play like the All-Star he is, or will he go back to "Vince the Raptor" and lay an egg to the tune of 3-point bricks?

Now we get to our Portland Trailblazers. Talk about a pity party. One of my good friends and I always talk about this, and our running joke is, "Hey, come to Portland, where players' careers go to die."

It's so sad. Greg Oden is gone. Przybilla goes down. Webster, Fernandez, Batum and coach

McMillan sat out with injuries. For goodness sake, they were so beat up, Travis Diener saw minutes this year.

And just when we think it can't get any worse, All-Star Brandon Roy blows out part of his knee and undergoes surgery to miss what will most likely be the entire postseason — heartbreak city.

The one thing I like about the Blazers right now is that despite all the negative things that surround this team, they are still able to find a way to win. Credit McMillan.

Do I think the Blazers can get past Phoenix? My heart says yes, but my gut says no. There's just not enough talent on this team for them to run with a high scoring Suns team.

If Portland has any chance, it has to come from sheer heart, heart that roots in the staple of Blazer basketball: the fans.

As ESPN writer Bill Simmons

puts it, "(Portland is) the perfect blend of creepy intensity, genuine devotion and a massive inferiority complex. Only Portland fans can make a casual observer feel like the NBA officials are in actual danger."

I love every bit of that statement. We have the best arena and the best fans in the league, no doubt, and if there is anything that will make the Suns stumble, it's going to be the Rose Garden and Rip City.

For lack of space, I have to end this abruptly and give my final verdict.

I'll take the Lakers over the Cavs in six games for the world title. Bryant takes the finals' MVP and hits the game six winner, a 3-pointer over Antawn "They are seriously paying me \$11 million to be here" Jamison.

Let the playoffs begin.

Colin Huber, sports editor  
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ing maximum experience.

"Redzone practice went really well. There are things that we need to work on, but it's the first time out," Roberson said. "I thought we did really well, and the offense did really well too; we're just out there battling, and that's what we have to do every day."

Roberson launched towards the center and the edges during the runs and had some good tackles. The youngest members made equally impressive plays, including grayshirt freshman Michael Doctor.

"We have young guys coming up like Michael Doctor, and he's doing really well; he can help the defense really well," Roberson said.

Sophomore Zane Norris is battling with Doctor for the second spot behind Roberson.

"Zane Norris is another guy that's battling in there and doing a good job," Riley said. "So there's pretty good depth."

Come the annual spring game, held this year on May 1 at Reser Stadium, the linebackers are sure to be one of the most impressive squads to watch in preparation for fall.

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**RUNNING BACKS**

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healthy and ready to get his spot back, and Jenkins is impressing fans and coaches thus far.

"Ryan McCants is back; he's probably faster than he's ever been, and he's definitely improved his receiving skills," Riley said. "His off-season intentions were awesome. Jovan Stevenson is a little bit bigger and more experienced now, so he's doing a nice job. And Jordan Jenkins might be the most versatile of them all."

After three weeks of spring practice, the competitive group holds tight, but some signs of

separation are arriving.

During Friday's redzone scrimmage, including a full group of referees, McCants had a few touchdowns as he ran with the first-string offense.

Rodgers is being held out of full-contact scrimmaging for health precautions, giving the trio of backs plenty of playing time.

Jenkins, too, had impressive runs and catches. As Riley said, Jenkins has showcased his versatility, making difficult catches and picking through a stout defense on the run.

Ultimately, though, the field likely isn't going to be sorted out until fall.

"Competition is high.

Everybody is out there at every practice trying to put on their best performance," McCants said. "Small mistakes can put you in a bad light as far as our coaches' concerns, so we got to take care of the little things and just come out and perform."

McCants is back after a season-ruining knee injury last year, but he's confident about his health.

"My knee is just a little bit sore, but we're still working out these spring practices, and I'm still working out," he said. "The more I work out, and the more I continue to rehab my knee, the better I feel."

Jenkins, who is likely to

receive playing time this season because of his growth in skill, sounds determined to jump to the front.

"I definitely have a lot to work on — a lot of offense and being younger — I'm still learning all the time, but for the most part I feel better as spring goes along," Jenkins said. "I'm having a little chip on my shoulder, being a walk-on for sure; I just want to get out there and play."

Whatever pans out for the young, talented group, Beaver fans have plenty to feel excited about this fall.

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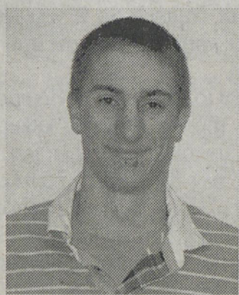
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**Andrea Alexander**

**Year:** Freshman **Major:** Elementary Education

During all four years of my high school experience I was involved in our student government and learned how to be a positive role model and how to advocate for students in our school. I would like to begin doing the same type of work on the Oregon State campus. As an advocate for the school and students here, I know I could offer a strong voice that would benefit them and this corporation.



**Trevor Carey**

**Year:** Sophomore **Major:** Civil Engineering

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**Dana Hergert**

**Year:** Freshman **Major:** Environmental Science

I have a lot of experience working at the MESD Outdoor School. It taught me valuable personal skills in regards to interacting with my peers, students, staff, and teachers and how to improve their experience successfully and efficiently. It also taught me how to facilitate and orderly organize events and different situations which I believe are essential to contributing to the success of the OSU Bookstore.



**Heather Lloyd**

**Year:** Sophomore **Major:** Pre Therapy Allied Health

As a high school student I was an active member of student government for three years, with the last serving as Associative Student Body Secretary. This experience allowed me to learn the immense reward of being the voice of your peers along with teaching me the value of being a good leader.



**LeAnn Quinlan**

**Year:** Freshman **Major:** Exercise & Sports Science

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## Women's golf readies for Pac-10 Championships



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Oregon State senior Lauren Archer takes a few swings on the practice green last week. Archer and the rest of the Beaver women are in full preparation for the Pac-10s.

■ Unranked Beavers set to take on some of the best players in the nation April 19-21

By Mackenzie Allen  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After an almost three-week break from tournament play, the Oregon State women's golf team must now be prepared to take on the best of the best in the Pac-10 Championships. The championships this year are being held at the Eugene Country Club in Eugene, Ore.

"Having two and a half weeks between events, which is not normal in the spring or normal going up to conference, has been good for them," head coach Rise Lakowske said. "They have gotten to work some on their games and prepare for Eugene."

The last match the team played in, the Anteater Invitational, saw the Beavers finish eighth overall, while sophomore Whitney French finished fifth, the highest individual score of her college career.

"The thing is to be able to put it all together like Whitney did," Lakowske said. "Once you can put it all together, it starts to happen again and again and again. I think we are at the point where that is going to start to happen."

The team will need to be playing at their best all three rounds in Eugene if they want to be successful this week. Of the 10 teams competing, eight are ranked in the top-40 nationally. "I think the biggest challenge for me will be not to have expectations," senior Lauren Archer said. "Finishing up my college career, it will difficult not to want to have an outcome-oriented goal to place in the top whatever number. Having no expectations is better for me to get rid of any unwanted pressure or anxiety."

This past week, the golfers have been

preparing for the Eugene course, thinking about their goals and the types of shots they are going to need.

"We are competing against the top ranked players in the nation this week, so it is important for me to stay patient and play my game," French said.

Although it was originally speculated that junior Cara Freeman, who has been out all season due to a wrist injury, would be able to play in the conference championships, it turns out she still has about five or six more weeks of rehabilitation before she is able to play — an unfortunate event for the Beavers.

"At this point, this is not the year that we thought it was going to be," Lakowske said. "So we just need to persist and keep working on the things that are going to make them better for the future. What I am looking for is not place finish; I am looking for performance."

Speaking on behalf of the team, Lakowske added that for some of the players, this year was a disappointment, because their level of play in matches was unable to match up with their level of talent.

That being said, Lakowske believes that the women on her team are talented enough to vie for top-20 individual scores.

In what could possibly be the last match for seniors Lauren Archer and Brittany Stewart, there is undoubtedly a lot of emotion going into this tournament.

"With the tournament destination being so close to home, it almost feels as if we are hosting," Archer said. "As for being a senior, its surreal thinking this could be potentially my last college tournament. My parents, my brothers and their families are coming to support me, which will make the tournament much more special."

With fast greens and more than 100 bunkers, the Eugene Country Club has become one of the top courses in the nation. This course was also the host of the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

"The most fun about Eugene is that the best player and the best team will win," Lakowske said. "You don't get lucky on this golf course; you have to be good."

Some of the older players have had previous experience with this course when the Oregon Invitational was held there two years ago, including senior Brittany Stewart and Archer, who were able to finish in the top-10.

"I would anticipate Lauren and Whitney really having a good performance," Lakowske said. "What has to happen other than that is two other people have to play well. Not everyone has to play well, but four people have to play well every round. That is what we are striving for, and I have all the confidence that they can do that."

This match will differ from previous matches the team has competed in, because this is the first time that the Beavers have teed off against all of the Pac-10 schools this year.

The lineup for the conference championships includes seniors Archer and Stewart, sophomores French and Elyse Okada, and freshman Chelsea Lind.

Competing in the Pac-10 Championship is No. 1 Arizona State, No. 2 UCLA, No. 5 USC, No. 6 Arizona, No. 13 Stanford, No. 17 California, No. 35 Oregon, No. 36 University of Washington, Oregon State, and Washington State.

"Our team has a lot of talent; we just need to believe and stay confident with ourselves," said French.

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## Running backs and linebackers heating up

■ Questions about linebacker depth extinguished as group impresses coaches, fans

By Anthony Casson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State football team has likely overcome potential disaster regarding the linebackers, as off-season losses of David Pa'aluhi and senior Keith Pankey have already been replenished during spring camp.

Starting middle linebacker Pa'aluhi left the team this past February for personal reasons, and outside linebacker Pankey was taken out of spring football with a torn Achilles tendon.

The result of the player loss made finding replacements a top priority. But the young players have been impressive the last three weeks, eliminating any doubts floating in people's minds.

"I think you really can't question us anymore," Pankey said. "I think people had questions about depth; we lost David (Pa'aluhi), you know, and myself for spring ball. I think right about now those questions have been answered. We've got great depth and great athletes and really smart kids."

The only real loss is Pa'aluhi, as Pankey is healing quickly and there is no doubt he'll be back for his final season.

That leaves the door wide open for a younger crowd to take hold of the middle. Redshirt sophomore Tony Wilson and sophomore Rueben Robinson are battling every day for the starting spot.

"We've got two middle lineback-

ers fighting for position: Tony (Wilson) and Rueben (Robinson)," senior outside linebacker Dwight Roberson said. "They're looking good right now; they're both different types of linebackers, but they both have something special."

As of last Friday, Roberson is the only regular starter in the group, but the spring positions are being filled quickly. Sophomore outside linebacker Devin Unga and senior Keo Camat have done well replacing Pankey this camp.

"Devin (Unga) is coming a long way, and Keo (Camat), too. They're competing right now, and good job for them, you know," Pankey said. "Me and Dwight did that for two years, and it kind of picked each of our games up, and I think Keo and Devin will be right next to anybody playing this year."

The new guys continue to boost confidence in the team, and Roberson is keeping things glued together. With both him and Pankey, the linebacker core lacks no skill.

"We miss Keith for sure, and we're looking for that new middle linebacker, and we're looking for more and more depth to develop," head coach Mike Riley said. "Dwight Roberson is having a terrific, terrific spring; (he's) doing an outstanding job, and I'm really proud of him. He's kind of the stable point there."

During last Friday's redzone scrimmage, the linebackers posed a fairly nice challenge for the quarterback race. Everyone's starting to mesh and schemes have been learned, so now it's down to gather-

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Sophomore running back Jovan Stevenson barrels into the Beaver defense during practice last week. Stevenson and junior Ryan McCants have had a great spring workout thus far.

■ Oregon State running backs are likely to be a concern for Beaver opposition this fall

By Anthony Casson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State football has many areas generating wild excitement in Beaver coaches and supporters, including the running back group, which continues to impress onlookers with its strength and ability in depth during spring camp.

Junior Jacquizz Rodgers, who is likely to appear on the preseason Heisman watch-list, leads the running core handily. With each practice, Rodgers gets quicker and more experienced.

His stopping and cutting skills look to have greatly improved — if that was possible in the first place — and the veteran consistently draws attention to himself, unin-

tionally of course.

Last season, the Texan ran for 1,440 yards and 21 touchdowns, which propelled him into the top-three backs in the Pacific-10 Conference.

But it's the group of backs behind him vying for the second spot that is generating the most attention.

"I'm really excited about that group," head coach Mike Riley said. "I think there are legitimately three guys that could be the backup, or share different roles as the backup."

The "three guys" Riley is talking about are junior Ryan McCants and sophomores Jordan Jenkins and Jovan Stevenson.

Stevenson replaced the injured McCants for the 2009 season and totaled 137 rushing yards and a touchdown over 26 attempts.

But this season, McCants is

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Colin Huber



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## NBA Picks

Great. No, not again — not another NBA column. What does this one make — four in the last week?

Yikes; that's too many, but it has to happen again. The playoffs have started, and I want to dish out a couple plates of bias and irrational opinions about my postseason favorites (and the Blazers, of course). So if you like the NBA, stick with me. Pass the gravy, please.

It's only right to start with the defending champs, the Los Angeles Lakers. Their loss of Trevor "I got my championship, now pay me" Ariza, coupled with the gain of Ron "My 3-point shots are worse looking than my hair styles" Artest, have proven to have a different impact on the team.

The Lakers aren't what they were last year, but that doesn't mean they are worse — they just play differently now. Every game is a grind-out-style slug fest. Their shooting percentages are down to 101.7 a game from 106.9, but more often than not, they come out with wins. With the Lakers, it's less about the numbers and more about the tradition of Lakers basketball. If you play in L.A., you are expected to win, even if it means winning ugly.

Plus, when you put Kobe "I always look angry these days" Bryant, the best finisher in the game, on a team with two 7-footers, you've got one hell of an arsenal.

And then there's the Cleveland Cavaliers, home of the Lebrons. The man they call LBJ is more than just a man, he's a monster. No one can dunk like him — no one in the world — ever.

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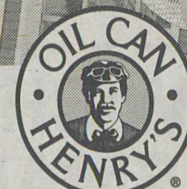
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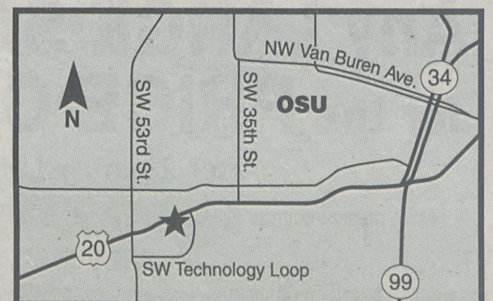
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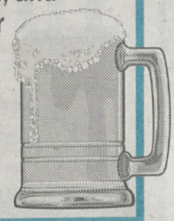
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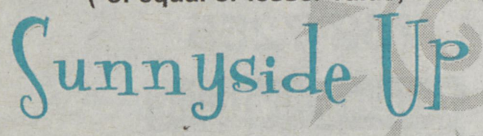
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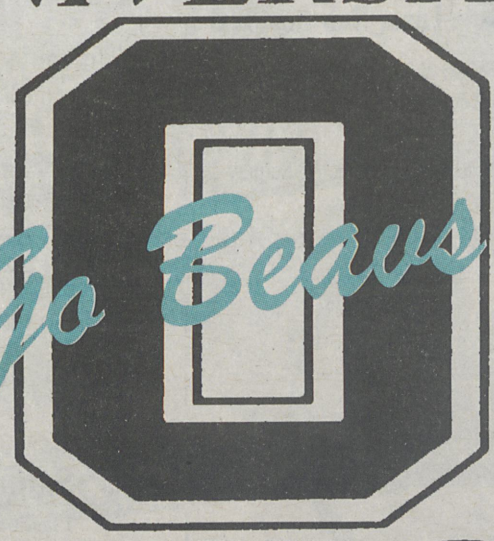
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