



Protesters rally against Arizona immigration laws

Students, community members from all walks of life gather to march through campus

By **Yadira Gutierrez**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"When do we want it? Now! What do we want? Justice!"

More than 200 students, staff and community members chanted as they marched on campus in protest of the Arizona immigration law SB 1070 yesterday.

The controversial law, recently signed by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, adopts a federal law that considers illegal immigration a crime and requires undocumented immigrants to register and carry their documents with them.

Participants gathered at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center with signs in hand to kick off the protest, which ended at the MU Quad.

"I'm here to support and show solidarity," said Danielle Dyer, a senior in liberal studies, who joined the march. "We all deserve equal rights."

The rally began with an indigenous Aztec ceremony.

"The ceremony is seen as a blessing and a form of prayer for the event," said Blanca Cabrera, a senior in political science and internal coordinator of the CCC.

Following the ceremony, students performed a skit that would be perfectly legal under Arizona immigration laws. Students depicted a situation where a female American citizen rushes her daughter to the hospital and is stopped by a police officer because of the color of her skin. Because the woman was in a hurry and forgot her identification, the officer detains her regardless of the emergency at hand.

First to speak was Assistant Professor in Ethnic Studies, Norma Cardenas.

Cardenas wanted to thank the crowd for supporting and taking



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More than 200 protesters gathered, including students and community members, to protest the controversial immigration law recently passed by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer.

interest in the issue.

"I want to thank you for standing up for humanity and against measures that attack all minorities," Cardenas said.

Cardenas also addressed the bill that passed in Arizona today, HB 2281, which makes it against the law to teach any course or materials related to a specific ethnic group in the public school system in Arizona, thus banning all ethnic studies courses.

"Our programs will be hindered by

this," Cardenas said. "Ethnic studies doesn't promote separatism, but ethnic inquiry."

Even though she is far from Arizona, the issue hits close to home for Cabrera.

"I have immigrant parents who came to this country to provide a better opportunity for their family," Cabrera said. "I feel a sense of responsibility to not be silent and speak for those people afraid to do so."

The purpose of the march and rally was to bring awareness.

"People need to be aware of the legislation and how it's going to affect both immigrants and U.S. citizens," said Cristina Delgado, a senior in political science and external coordinator for CCC.

Delgado was also involved in the organizational process of the event.

For those who wanted to further their support in protest of the law, there was a booth where people

could write a small message and take a picture, which would be sent to the Arizona governor.

The march and rally drew a diverse crowd from all different walks of life, brought together for a united cause.

"This is the civil rights of our generation," Cabrera said during her speech. "What we do now will influence the life we live tomorrow."

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New \$50 million College of Business building by 2015

Thanks in part to large commitments from key donors, construction will begin in 2013

By **Kayla Harr**
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Oregon State University announced plans this week to construct a \$50 million facility in order

to accommodate its growing College of Business. The building will be funded by a combination of donations and state bonds, and will provide an innovative learning environment for business students.

The project was made possible through donation commitments from Joan and Ken Austin, Jr., and the late Al Reser and his family.

The Austin gift of \$10 million and the Reser gift of \$6 million collectively meet more than half of the \$30 million fundraising goal for the project, with the additional \$25 million planned to be supplied through state bonds, following the approval of the Oregon Legislature.

"As business people, Joan and I see very clearly the need for a great business school—one that is focused on the specific needs of Oregon businesses and their leaders," Ken Austin said. "Our family is glad to help OSU take the next big step forward."

Five million dollars will fund the start-up and ongoing progress of the project, while the remaining \$50 million will be used to create a state-of-the-art five-story building of 100,000 square feet.

"I think that it is part of a phase of creating a professional school for the college," said Ilene Kleinsorge, dean of the College of Business. "We've spent the last four years building dynamic programs and the building gives us a dynamic space to put those programs, and our excellent faculty and students. It will have multiple classrooms, a large amphitheater classroom, many team meeting spaces, spaces or rooms for collaborative work for our faculty for research, and different types of technology that business represents."



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Construction for the new College of Business building is expected to begin in 2013 and was made possible by donation commitments from both the Austin and Reser families.

Fate of OSU's Lane County Extension Service in voters' hands.

After losing government funding in 2008, volunteers ask Lane voters for support

By **Caitlin Cagle**
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The May 18th Oregon Primary Election is nearing, and with it comes a specific ballot measure for Lane County voters to approve or deny funding to OSU Extension Services in the region.

Measure 20-158 would provide the long-standing Extension Service program with funding through a five-year property tax increase.

The OSU Extension Service is dedicated to reaching out and providing to the Lane County community, as well as many other communities in the state, with several programs such as their Nutrition Education Program, Food Pantry and 4-H Youth Development, among others. The program's government funding was cut in July 2008, prompting volunteers and coordinators to seek funding through voters.

"Our mission at the university is tri-fold, it is not only the discovery of new information and the teaching of the next generation, but it's also taking that research and discovery out to communities around the state so that they have the advantage for improving their communities' eco-

nom, environmental and social well-being," said Deborah Maddy, the associate vice provost of university outreach & engagement, and associate director for the OSU Extension Service. "The quality of the community is increased by having the university be part of its life force."

According to a recent press release issued by OSU, the program has suffered since its funds were cut in 2008 and has been continuously looking for money through grants and fundraising.

"The volunteers are worn out; they are here to educate and not fundraise. They wanted to find a different solution to fund us, so they put this ballot onto the measure," said Steve Dodrill, the OSU Extension Service Lane County staff chair. According to Dodrill, only volunteers and Extension employees working during their time off have been campaigning for the measure to be passed.

"The staff isn't allowed to get involved while working," Dodrill said.

The measure, which was put together by volunteer citizens, would cost taxpayers five cents per \$1,000 of their assessed property value. The group supporting the measure, Save Lane Extension, is composed of volunteers and community members

TOP STORY

Kagan kicks off meetings with key senators

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan kicked off on Wednesday what has become a ritual for modern high court nominees — making the rounds of key senators' offices on Capitol Hill while saying little to a boisterous press corps in tow.

Kagan, who won confirmation as solicitor general a little more than a year ago, started her day meeting with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada. She then huddled with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, and Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the committee's top Republican.

Kagan also met with Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's number two Democrat.

Democrats offered overwhelming praise for the 50-year-old nominee, claiming she would be a fair, independent member of the high court and a worthy replacement for retiring Justice John Paul Stevens. Republicans questioned, among other things, Kagan's lack of experience on the federal bench and whether she would be willing to oppose President Barack Obama's agenda when necessary.

"There's nothing more exciting than the (confirmation process) we're about to undertake," Reid told Kagan. "The great country that we're in is ruled by law, and that's what you're going to make sure continues."

Reid later issued a statement noting that his meeting left him confident that Kagan "is the right choice to replace Justice Stevens on the Supreme Court. She has a strong belief that the Supreme Court should be a forum where the rule of law wins out and where people from every walk of life can receive a fair hearing."

McConnell said on the Senate floor that it's his "hope that the Obama administration doesn't think the ideal Supreme Court nominee is someone who would rubber-stamp its policies. But this nomination does raise the question. And it's a question that needs to be answered."

"Americans want to know that Ms. Kagan will be independent, that she won't prejudge cases based on her personal opinions (and) that she'll treat everyone equally, as the judicial oath requires." Kagan's "never had to develop a judicial habit of saying 'no' to an administration. And we can't simply assume that she would."

Welcoming Kagan to his office shortly thereafter, McConnell said he wanted to assure the public "that we intend to go through a thorough process." There will not be a "rush to judgment," he promised.

Sessions, however, told CNN that his meeting with Kagan failed to allay his concerns. "She does come out of a tradition of activist judges, as she clerked for two well-respected activist judges," he noted.

Kagan clerked for the late Justice Thurgood Marshall and former appeals court Judge Abner Mikva.

One GOP lawmaker has already declared that he will oppose her nomination — just as he did 15 months ago when she was nominated for solicitor general.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, estimated more than half of the Senate has already made up their minds on Kagan — even if they haven't said so publicly. "They just don't say it," he said earlier in the week. "I say it."

"We went through the confirmation process 15 months ago and nothing has changed since that time," he said.

Inhofe told CNN the main sticking point for him is Kagan's decision, while dean of Harvard Law School, to block military recruiters from the law school's campus in protest of the Pentagon's policies preventing gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

Other Republicans have also expressed concern about the issue. Sessions recently said that Kagan "made a big mistake. ... Was that disqualifying? I don't know. We'll see. But it's a significant issue."

Inhofe also pointed to Kagan's lack of judicial background, noting it has been 38 years since a

justice with no experience on the bench has been confirmed. He said that issue is not a "deal killer" for him, although he said that a nominee with prior judicial experience is preferable.

Asked whether Kagan's stance on campus military recruitment is rooted in opposition to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, and not an indictment on campus recruitment per se, Inhofe said he fails to see a connection. "My concern was, if you're recruiting, you ought to be able to recruit on campuses."

He accused Kagan of flip-flopping on "don't ask don't tell," pointing out she was an aide to former President Bill Clinton and at one time supported the policy. "She's changed her mind since then, apparently," he said.

Clinton picked her in 1999 for the powerful U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. But no Senate confirmation hearings were held, and the nomination lapsed. The seat was later filled by John Roberts, who quickly used the appointment as a springboard to chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Inhofe said if he opposes someone's nomination, he does not change his mind when that person is nominated for a higher position later. "If I believe someone is not qualified for a lower position, like a district level, how could that person be qualified for the United States Supreme Court? I don't think they could. The bar has to go up as you go up the courts."

Asked if there is anything Kagan could say to change his mind, he said that although he is not a member of the committee, "I would watch very carefully — I would say no."

Obama nominated Kagan on Monday to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. If confirmed, Kagan, 50, would become the 112th Supreme Court justice, the third woman on the current nine-member bench and the fourth woman in the court's history.

— CNN

Anti-gay rights activist resigns after trip with male escort

The anti-gay rights activist who recently toured Europe with a male escort has resigned from a group that promotes counseling for people who "struggle with unwanted homosexuality," though the man insists that he is not gay.

George Rekers resigned from the board of the National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality, the group's website said Tuesday.

"I am immediately resigning my membership in NARTH to allow myself the time necessary to fight the false media reports that have been made against me," Rekers said in a statement posted on the group's website. "With the assistance of a defamation attorney, I will fight these false reports because I have not engaged in any homosexual behavior whatsoever."

"I am not gay and never have been," the statement said.

The association accepted the resignation, saying on its website Tuesday

that it "would hope that the legal process will sufficiently clarify the questions that have arisen in this unfortunate situation."

The group has scrubbed Rekers' writings from its site, with a page that formerly featured his work now bearing the message, "Sorry, you've reached a page that doesn't exist."

Rekers, a Baptist minister, has been a prominent and effective foe of gay rights legislation across the country. He is a co-founder of the Family Research Council, one of Washington's most powerful conservative Christian advocacy groups, and has weighed in on anti-gay rights legislation across the country.

He received about \$120,000 to appear as an expert witness in a 2008 case challenging Florida's ban on gays and lesbians adopting.

Rekers has written that gays are a "deviant segment of society."

Revelations of Rekers' trip to Europe

with a male escort surfaced last week, shortly after he returned to the U.S.

The male escort who traveled with Rekers — who goes by the name Lucien, though that is not his given name — told CNN that he advertises his service exclusively on the website rentboy.com, where visitors can choose from hundreds of male escorts in suggestive and revealing poses.

Lucien says Rekers first contacted him through the site. He was hired to give Rekers daily "sexual massages" on the trip, which took them to London and Madrid, Lucien says.

"He got excited," Lucien said of the massages, adding that Rekers wanted Lucien to touch him, though Lucien said that he didn't have sex with Rekers and that Rekers didn't ask to have sex.

According to a contract Lucien showed CNN, he was hired to carry Rekers' bags and to provide at least one hour's worth of massage every

day in their shared room, at a cost of \$75 a day.

The contract also stipulated that Lucien spend at least eight hours a day with Rekers, including sharing two meals.

Rekers' website provided a different account of how he met Lucien and of the trip, saying he needed help carrying luggage because of an "ongoing condition following surgery."

The site said Rekers "found his recent travel assistant by interviewing different people who might be able to help, and did not even find out about his travel assistant's internet advertisements offering prostitution activity until after the trip was in progress. There was nothing inappropriate with this relationship."

Rekers' site said he "was not involved in any illegal or sexual behavior with his travel assistant."

— CNN

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 13

- Meetings**
ASOSU Judicial Council, 6pm, Snell 246. Regular meeting of the ASOSU Judicial Branch.
Educational Activities, 4pm, MU Council Room. Open House.
Freehold of Turriss Nimborum, 7pm, Women's Bldg 205. Dance practice and medieval shield design for SCA Combat.
- Speakers**
History Department, 4pm, MU Journey Room. Lecture: "The Future of Translation" by Burton Pike, City University of New York.
College of Science, 5:15pm, St. Ag. 310. Navy Dive Medical Officer Dr. Cory Hoffbuh and optometrist Dr. Lindsay Hoffbuh will speak about their careers. Both are OSU alums.

- Events**
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. MUVies — The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Quest — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
Education Students for Peace and Justice, 6-8pm, Multicultural Literacy Center. Join us at 128 SW 9th for a Multicultural Read Out Loud Event.

Sunday, May 16

- Events**
KBVR FM/TV, 7-11pm, Club Escape. Red Carpet Premiere! Formal black and white theme! Premiere of OSU's Student Media feature-length film "Johnny Easy and the Student Affair."

Monday, May 17

- Meetings**
Psychology Society, 5pm, Moreland 206. Come get connected with the Psychology Department and meet other students in your major.
OSU College Democrats, 6-8pm, MU 212. Join us as we plan events for the term and enjoy discussion of politics and current events!

Tuesday, May 18

- Meetings**
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 109A. 69th ASOSU Senate
Board of Recreational Sports, 7-8am, Dixon Rec Center conference room. Regular business meeting.
- Events**
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. MUVies — Sherlock Holmes.
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, May 19

- Meetings**
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 109. 1st ASOSU House of Representatives
Pride Center, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Volunteer Meetings. Informational meetings for prospective/current Pride Center volunteers.
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.
- Events**
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Pan-gea Cafe. MUVies — Sherlock Holmes.
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.
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Willamette Valley viticulture community meets to discuss pests

■ Experts from OSU, USDA tell Oregon wine makers how to protect their crops

By Katherine Younger
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Several speakers explained ways to scout vineyard pests to members of the community in a hands-on workshop held yesterday at OSU's Botany and Plant Pathology Experimental Farm.

Kathy Skinkis, a viticulture extension specialist, set up the event that offered two sessions that featured information about powdery mildew scouting, the Spotted Wing Drosophila, and beneficial bugs, invasive insects, viruses and nematodes.

Skinkis holds a workshop every May, and decided this year to focus on the subject of vineyard pests to provide the latest information on crop growth hindrances and promoters to people in the viticulture business.

"Now is the key time to get ready for vineyard season," Skinkis said.

Speakers included Andrew Albrecht, Tara Neill, Danielle Martin, Walt Mahaffee, Amy Dreves, Vaughn Walton, Bob Martin, and Inga Zasada, all of whom are either members of the USDA Agriculture Research Service or the OSU faculty. These particular speakers were selected because they are experts on the subject of pest control as it pertains to viticulture.

According to Amanda Vance, a graduate student in viticulture, about 40 people registered for each session, who were mostly vineyard owners, workers, managers and consultants.

"It is great to keep abreast of current research and keep up to date with what's happening," said Mark Nicholl, a wine maker for Sweet Cheeks Winery. "There's always something new to learn."

Each person that registered received a bag containing a folder filled with



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Walt Mahaffee (left), a courtesy professor with botany and plant pathology, explains to Patti Bjornson and Dan Marca how to identify powdery mildew on grapes, the no. 1 disease in Oregon Vineyards.

information on vineyard pests, and also a loupe, or field microscope, that could be used in the different modules to examine the plants and insects more closely.

Some participants were curious and concerned about a new pest: the Spotted Wing Drosophila.

Amy Dreves, an etymologist at OSU, spoke in the second module about the Spotted Wing Drosophila. According to Dreves, it is a small vinegar fly that drills its eggs into fruit, destroying it with its larvae. Dreves uses traps with apple cider vinegar to attract the fly to sticky paper in order to capture it. Since the

pest is new to the United States, she is trying to answer critical questions about the insect's habits, such as where the flies are coming from and how the populations move.

The Spotted Wing Drosophila came to the United States from Asia, and was first documented in the fall of

2009. According to Dreves, California, Washington and Oregon* received a large grant and emergency funding because of the potential damage the fly could impose on the food industry.

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BUILDING

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It's all there to enrich our programs and our research."

Construction on the new building will begin in spring 2013 and the project is expected to be completed in fall 2015. According to Kleinsorge, the College of Business' current building, Bexell Hall, will be used for general classroom space. The new building, which will be named for the Austins in honor of their donation, will be twice the size of Bexell and will feature modern design and resources.

"Bexell Hall is about 90 years old, and certainly was built when the business school was a much different place, with far fewer students and certainly not the need for technological proficiency and computer-aided learning that professional students require today," said Todd Simmons, assistant vice president of university advancement. "This facility, being better suited to meet those needs, will provide collaborative learning spaces and smaller group learning spaces that research has shown are more conducive to learning."

The facility will join other campus build-

ings like Weatherford Hall, Kearney Hall, and the Kelley Engineering Center in being environmentally conscious. According to Simmons, the construction of the building will follow some of the leading environmental practices.

"OSU is rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as one of the premier universities in the United States for our use of green sources of energy and the work we've done to reduce the carbon footprint of OSU," Simmons said. "We're very proud of that and we think it stands for the values of the students and the faculty, and the new building will be another illustration of that."

The improved business building is one goal of a larger fundraising effort; the Campaign for OSU. The Campaign has already made a number of investments with donated funds, including endowing professorships, supporting international exchange and business education, creating scholarships for business students and developing curriculum," Kleinsorge said.

As the business facility project progresses, officials will further the campaign's plans by investing in diversity scholarships and program and faculty support.

"It's been tremendously gratifying to everyone in the university that even in the midst of an economic recession, the Campaign for OSU has been so successful, now having raised more than \$575 million since its inception," Simmons said. "We have an astonishing number of people who have donated to the university. This is not just a campaign that revolves around a few major gifts, but one that has been supported by a huge breadth of people. More than 51,000 households have made commitments to the Campaign for OSU."

The construction of a larger, better equipped business facility is part of an effort to invest now in a strong environment for business students in order to yield exceptionally prepared graduates, improving OSU students' experiences and paving the way for a strong future.

"For the business school specifically, what we strive to do is to create graduates that are competitive around the world," Kleinsorge said. "We're looking for our facility to inspire our people, and this gives us the tool to do that."

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VOTERS

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who want to see the Extension program survive.

"We are trying to get more funding so we can offer more and better services to the public," said Gail Karlsen, co-chair for the Save Lane Extension group. "The money would not be going to administrative costs; it's for support staff only. All the administrative people are paid through tax dollars from OSU."

The measure has struck up some controversy; a recent OSU press release confronted misinformation that had been released earlier and outlined the facts of the ballot measure. According to the press release, OSU is not involved with the promotion of the measure in any way.

"We've been staying afloat by fundraising, cutting programs and positions, raising fees and going after grants and contracts," Dodrill said. "Essentially, we've had to move into a situation where we and our volunteers have to raise that money that was cut."

Funding for the program will be left up to Lane County voters.

"I feel that it's a very positive campaign; we do have opposition against us, but most everybody I've talked to has been very supportive," Karlsen said. "We are very optimistic that this is going to pass,"

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Editorial

Be safe, stay safe

Living in a relatively sheltered nook in the tepid Willamette Valley, we often take our safety for granted.

As college students out on our own, we typically feel comfortable walking to and from class, work, or the library early in the morning or late at night.

Many students who live near campus with multiple roommates leave their doors unlocked, or even partly open, out of habit.

Laptops and bikes get stolen regularly, but Corvallis, with its pedicabs and Saturday market, just doesn't seem like a violent or threatening place.

For us, the familiar blue lights on campus and the presence of four different types of police enforcement (that prowl around every square inch of Corvallis in their patrol cars) are reminders of the seemingly safe, happy bubble we live in.

Even if you're walking alone late at night, chances are, during most days of the week, the bars are still open and groups of people are stumbling in and out of them.

Between classes, coworkers, roommates and the overall population, it seems like you're never alone. This very idea lulls us into a false sense of security, even though we are not the most vulnerable population.

Violent crimes happen in Corvallis, though they often seem to fly under the radar of most OSU students. Many of the incidents we hear about result from one or more parties being intoxicated.

But when crime happens here, it shakes the entire community.

The following are just some of the recent examples of violence in our area.

In 2009, an elderly Corvallis woman was murdered in her home.

An OSU student was convicted of first-degree rape and first-degree sexual assault and sentenced to 100 months in prison.

Joel Courtney pleaded guilty to the 2004 rape and murder of Brooke Wilberger.

A Corvallis man was recently accused of giving drugs to a mentally disabled 14-year-old girl and then raping her at a Motel 6 in October 2009, according to the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

The recent case of sexual assault that occurred in one of the dormitories here on campus.

And robberies in Corvallis have been occurring at a surprisingly high rate this year.

The list goes on.

Corvallis is a beautiful city, and a great place to live, with many unique opportunities. But while it may seem that we live under a veil of security on our fairly insulated campus, be careful.

Don't be paranoid, but don't be stupid. Our right to safety is only ours until it's taken away from us, and that can happen in the blink of an eye.

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If you could be any animal, what would you be, and why?



"A sloth. I would just hang out all day..."

— Kevin Khlom

Senior in exercise and sports science



"I think I would be a bird, because I like to people watch."

— Kayla Kerr

Senior in human services



"A velociraptor. They're fast, they hunt in packs, and they eventually turned into birds."

— Spencer Lappi

Freshman in exploratory studies

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Salt-N-Pepa had it right: 'Let's talk about sex'

If any of you went to the Mom's Weekend comedy show, you will remember Tom Clark, the opening act, asking a wife of more than 20 years what the key to a lasting marriage was.

Her answer did not correlate with his act, but Clark made a point of saying how crucial communication can be in a relationship.

Although he was poking fun at the concept, I believe there is a valid point to maximizing communication in any relationship. However, there is one topic that always seems to make people uneasy: sex.

Of the three "taboo" topics in American culture — sex, drugs and alcohol — sex seems to be the least addressed. Even when it is discussed, it is usually done in a way that lacks seriousness or uses degrading language.

For instance, sex education in high school doesn't revolve around having sex as much as it does the proper use of contraception.

I can't count how many times I have overheard two guys saying, "I (insert crude word for having sex here)-ed that girl last night," or two girls commenting on size-related issues.

Whitney Hopple



A Little Bit of Wit

What I find most surprising is that, out of these three taboo topics, sex seems to be the most natural one. To compare a biological behavior with processed substances used for intoxication is entirely demeaning to our innate desire to pursue sexual pleasure.

When we address social attitudes, sex often remains a contradictory topic. We are pushed by one side to be fearful of unwanted pregnancies, STIs, and rape, while the other side condemns those who are still virgins in high school.

Still, the stigmas attached to sex vary from it being a "dirty" act, to a daring one-night-stand, to a romantic night with your significant other.

One of the most apparent solutions to eliminate such connotations and misleading information is education.

We have taken a step in the right direction toward com-

municating openly about sex in the right way. Lecture classes like the human sexuality class, HDFS 240, teach students in an atmosphere that attempts to accommodate those who would feel uncomfortable in a one-on-one or small classroom setting.

Some statistics show that students who have taken a human sexuality course in college are more likely to cultivate healthy sexual communication with their children in the future.

Any relationship depends on good communication to thrive. In some relationships, sexual communication is crucially important, yet is ineffectively addressed.

Unfortunately, there remains one fatal flaw: Students should not have to wait until they are 18, 19, 20, or older to even have the possibility of having a class that discusses sex in an educational setting.

And although Oregon State may offer a class that openly educates students about a topic not usually addressed, many other universities and colleges offer nothing like this.

Still, even with these types of opportunities, the social

connotations surrounding sex prevent anyone but liberal-minded students to attend one of these classes.

However, taking an educational course about sex may not be the answer for everyone. There are other things you can do about this, too.

Instead of objectifying people and judging them based on size or a one-night-stand, try removing the crudely worded medium in which you are discussing them. Be straightforward. Say you "had sex," not that you "got some" or "got laid."

Instead of being squeezed out by those who list the dangers of sex and denigrate the desire to have sex, find your own middle ground. Determine the level of morals that fit you and stick to them.

Finally, consider talking about sex with friends or a significant other, where you know a comfortable, open atmosphere is available.

There is no need for sex to remain "taboo," as it is now. Take a minute to talk about sex.

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Somersault surprise: What grad employees could learn from Pride Week

That's right. I said it: somersault. Now, I know you probably almost choked on your taco when you read that word, and the answer is "yes": Somersaults have been reclaimed as an acceptable mode of transportation.

The Valley Library and the MU Quad bear evidence of the undeniable, goofy wonderment that embodies our bodies these days.

Go ahead. Somersault.

Wear a helmet and pads, though. If you want, you can attach special centrifugal devices to your body that have rearview mirrors, which stay focused on necessary traffic and your line of sight as you tippy-turvy down Monroe. The amount of fun to be had is endless.

"What are these special centrifugal devices?" you ask. "And how can I get one?"

My answer is simple: I don't know. But there are certainly graduate research assistants who could make it happen.

What's more, graduate employees in various departments and offices could easily write policy and spearhead the campaign to make us safe on the road.

Plus, graduate teaching assistants could write layered poetry about the world's decision to roll around using our bodies in this way. Indeed, they already have.

I'm partial, but I think we grad employees are a pretty creative bunch. When we

Thomas Dieter



A Pride Center Perspective

form a consensus around an issue, it's amazing what we can and do accomplish.

Of course, the queers of us know by now that functional communities depend on contribution, collaboration, fun, and therefore, love.

This year's celebration, entitled 'Pride Week Queerology,' brings together our diverse community and celebrates its funkiness overtly and proudly.

The week not only promotes outlandish beauty, drag queens, and lube, but it also features programs ranging from the First Annual Queer Mind Spa to a discussion on sexual identity development in the queer community.

The Spring Drag Show, turning on the MU Ballroom this Friday at 8 p.m., will conclude the week's study of love, revolution, poly-culture, community and "fabulosity," just to get started.

So, go ahead. Somersault.

When I came to OSU in the fall, I immediately found the Pride Center. The next thing I did was join the Coalition of Graduate Employees, the union that represents many GTAs and RAs, and biannually negotiates with the uni-

versity over contracts.

If a business is working properly, then the bargaining table is where democracy is supposed to exist, right?

Last week, when I spoke to Rob Hess, VP for Collective Bargaining, and Michelle Zellers, VP for Organizing, about graduate employees, it seemed pretty clear that the members of the bargaining team thought so too.

I told them about my idea of having pillows available at the entrance of the MU (because sliding around on marble is fun), but Rob and Michelle had ideas of their own. Rob told me that GTAs account for 20 percent of the instructional full-time employment at OSU.

"That's a lot of friends," I thought.

But Michelle, who is a Writing 121 instructor like me, followed Rob with some disconcerting information: In addition to receiving small stipends compared to "peer institutions," many GTAs at OSU pay term fees of up to 25 percent of their take home pay.

When she told me this, I reflected on my experiences as an instructor. The conversation caused me to think about the contract I renewed today.

I wonder how closely the work I do relates to the "255 working hours per term" I am contracted for?

This year, the CGE has proposed changes to our con-

tracts, such as waiving term fees, to do its part working toward restoring equity to workers.

Next Monday at 1 p.m., the CGE and OSU's human resources will meet at the bargaining table to further their negotiations. The meeting is open and will take place at the Westminster House on Monroe, near the Brew Station.

Human resources should be reminded of how seriously students and graduate employees take their education and jobs. Go to the meeting, observe the discussion, and consider the arguments being made.

When we met, Rob and Michelle seemed genuinely interested in the improvement of OSU's ability to provide a quality education. If our long-range plans include constructing slides in the library to foster a community that loves to play around in books while doing research, then we could take a cue from the Queerologists.

The "we-can-do-it-if-we-put-our-heads-together" and "go-get-'em-men" mentalities that abound on the OSU campus make me wonder what's taking so long.

I can hardly wait for special centrifugal devices.

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White House proposes more funding to bolster oil spill relief

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama on Wednesday proposed a package of measures that would provide \$118 million in additional funding for oil spill relief efforts and raise the tax that oil companies pay to maintain an emergency fund.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi requesting congressional approval of the package, Obama said oil giant BP — which owns the leaking well at the source of the Gulf of Mexico spill — was responsible for all clean-up costs. In addition, Obama said, the government would seek full compensation for all damages from BP.

"We cannot allow the potentially protracted pursuit of claims to prevent us from swift action to help those harmed by this spill," Obama said in the letter.

Jeff Liebman, the acting deputy director of the Office

of Management and Budget, said the package called for an additional \$118 million in spending.

"We expect that the overall majority of that would end up being reimbursed by BP," Liebman said.

A statement posted on the White House website said the package included steps to bolster the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, an emergency fund created by money from oil companies. The proposals also would fund expanded relief efforts for the oil spill, according to the statement from White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs.

The proposals would increase by 1 cent the current tax of 8 cents a barrel that oil companies pay into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and also increase the amounts that could be spent from that fund on single incidents.

— CNN

Top senators introduce comprehensive energy bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two leading senators on Wednesday introduced a sweeping energy and climate change bill intended to cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while reshaping the energy sector for the 21st century.

Joined by leaders of industry, religion and conservation, Sens. John Kerry, D-Massachusetts, and Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut who sits with the Democratic caucus, told a news conference that the proposal offered a broad-based approach that would end the nation's dependence on foreign oil while keeping U.S. industry competitive.

Kerry cited the Gulf of Mexico oil spill as the latest example of "how urgently we need a new energy policy in this country." He called the support reflected by the coalition of leaders at the news conference unprecedented and a signal that the nation was ready to move forward now.

The House has passed its own energy bill, and President Barack Obama said Wednesday he backed the efforts by Kerry and Lieberman to move the issue forward in the Senate.

"Now is the time for America to take control of our energy future and jump-start American innovation in clean energy technology that will allow us

and to contributing to climate change.

Lieberman listed benefits such as ending dependence on foreign oil, creating jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saying the proposal "does all that without adding a dime to our deficit."

Jim Rogers, chairman and CEO of Duke Energy, a major coal-energy company, said, "This bill helps get the transition right to a low-carbon world." Rogers noted the legislation provides incentives for clean coal and nuclear energy, which he called "two key technologies that must be accelerated going forward in order to meet our national goals."

Reid's position caused a potential Republican co-sponsor, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, to drop out of the talks with Lieberman and Kerry on drafting the proposal.

"The problems created by the historic oil spill in the Gulf, along with the uncertainty of immigration politics, have made it extremely difficult for transformational legislation in the area of energy and climate to garner bipartisan support at this time," Graham said in a statement Wednesday.

At the news conference, Kerry, Lieberman and other speakers — including some traditional reform opponents such as energy and manufacturing companies — insisted that further delay would only worsen America's ability to compete in the growing alternative energy market while continuing to send money overseas to import oil

and to contributing to climate change.

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Responding to critics who claim energy reform means increased costs and taxes, Kerry and Lieberman said energy-bill discounts and direct rebates would give back to consumers two-thirds of the proposal's revenue that isn't dedicated to deficit reduction. Additional tax cuts and an energy-refund program would help Americans "who may be disproportionately affected by potential increases in energy prices," according to supporting documents Kerry and Lieberman supplied.

The proposal addresses a range of energy issues, including expanded nuclear power production, incentives for the

coal industry to seek cleaner methods, money to develop alternative energy sources and programs to help U.S. industry in the transition to a low-carbon system.

On climate change, the 987-page bill seeks escalating reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in coming decades that match the levels set as goals by the Obama administration and contained in a separate House energy bill passed last year. For example, the proposal calls for emissions reductions from 2005 levels of 17 percent by 2020, 42 percent by 2030 and 83 percent by 2050, the supporting documents said.

The proposal includes a tax on greenhouse gas emissions above allowable limits, but delays the charge on industrial emitters until 2016. In addition, it includes incentive programs for industries and sectors to shift away from fossil fuels and high emissions, including \$6 billion a year for transportation infrastructure to increase efficiency and decrease oil consumption.

By putting a fixed price on greenhouse gas emissions, the proposal would provide manufacturers, utilities and others certainty in assessing costs to invest in new technology, Lieberman said.

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throw, Rodgers strolls into the Dixon gym. He explains that he got back from class and fell asleep. Hey, it happens.

I toss him the ball so he can get a few warm-up shots up, and — with sweatshirt still on — he shoots two shots before saying he doesn't need to warm up. It's game time. Going to 15, ones and twos, and you make it, you take it.

Right from the start, the trash-talking picks up on both sides. After I jumped out to a 3-1 lead, I had him in the post and turned to my left and pump-faked. He soared through the air, and I stepped through and said, "Where you goin', 'Quizzz?'" and laid it up and in.

He missed a few two-pointers before he decided to finally take off his sweatshirt. "It's throwing off my shooting, man."

He played off and let me shoot, and I knocked down a few 2-pointers to build a nice little lead.

"I'm going on an 8-0 run," Rodgers said. I continued to build on my lead, so I said

with a smile, "When's that 8-0 run gonna come?"

After making it 13-6, I stepped back to the green line on the court and let it fly. Ballgame. Holy God Almighty, I just beat Jacquizz Rodgers in a game of one-on-one.

"Man, bring it back," he said.

"You're taking it easy on me," I said with a smile.

"I wanted to give you a good article."

"C'mon, give me all you got."

So he did.

He jumped out to a 9-3 lead, hitting outside jumpers with some of his favorite trash-talking lines.

"Wet," he'd say when he knew it was in.

"This is too easy," he'd say right before shooting.

"Man, you're wasting my time," he'd say while he was eyeing me up to decide where to take it.

That's when I got hot. Three straight two-pointers — boom, boom, boom — and the score was tied. I took the lead the next play, hitting a fall-away jumper. That'd be the last time the entire afternoon I would have the

lead.

He went on a 6-0 run and escaped with a win.

Before checking him the ball to start game three, I ask him what it's like seeing "Heisman hopeful" next to his name.

"It's crazy, just growing up and seeing all the guys who won it," he said, assuring me that he doesn't think about it much.

He had finally started to warm up by the third game, and he was hitting shots from the outside. And herein lies my dilemma: Do I just let him shoot or get up in him? Seeing as he makes Division-I defenses look silly with his speed, I'm sure he'd have no trouble just leaving me in the dust if I got up on him.

Late in the third game, with him leading by a few points, I decided to guard him as close as I could. Why not?

He bounced the ball behind my back, grabbed it on the other side as I was busy being an idiot spinning around looking for it, and he laid it up and in. Rodgers may be 5-foot-7, but right now I feel about six inches tall.

He won the third game 15-10 and started out the fourth on an 11-0 run. My feet, as well as my pride, were hurting. I managed to

get the game, which had become two guys chucking up outside shots, to 14-7 before Rodgers finally put me out of my misery with one final two-pointer.

No mas, I'm throwing in the towel.

We sat down and talked for a little while, about life as Jacquizz Rodgers ("I can tell some people are scared to approach me"), what high school football in Texas was like (he says the state championship he won his senior year was surprising, since they had more talent the previous year and lost in the semi-finals) and what he knew about Oregon State before his brother came here (that they beat USC in 2006 and that's about it).

I had just endured four games of pick-up basketball with Jacquizz Rodgers, the humble and playful trash-talker who may be one of the best Beaver football players

of all time. "Well, at least I won one game," I said to him, exhausted against the wall.

Rodgers couldn't help it. He had to get one more jab in.

"Man, that's a loser mentality," he said with a smile.

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(Being a Heisman hopeful) is crazy — just growing up and seeing all the guys who won it.

SOFTBALL

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Leading Cal at the plate is sophomore Jamia Reid, posting a .378 batting average with 68 hits. On the season, Reid has had three doubles and five triples. She has racked up 10 RBIs and has stolen 44 bases on 52 attempts.

Although Reid poses a threat to the Beaver defense, its junior Valerie Arioto that they need to watch out for. Arioto leads the team in home runs with 16 on the season, and has a .366 batting average.

Arioto doesn't just help lead Cal's offense, she's also the one who starts it all off when she steps into the pitching circle. Arioto has three complete game shutouts with 61 strikeouts. She holds her opponents at a .220 batting average while posting a 1.74 ERA.

"Were just going to base hit and move runners over," freshmen pitcher Marina Demore said. "Capitalize when we have base runners."

Oregon State needs to keep up their newfound winning momentum and make sure they're making the right plays to keep the Golden Bears off the scoreboard.

"We're just going to try to get them to ground out and keep them off balance with change ups," Hall said. "(Have to) keep the ball in the park."

Hall, who leads the conference in games, finished (13) and appearances (48), pitched one complete game against Arizona last weekend, and even hit herself a home-run over left field, helping the Beavers win the series.

It all starts in the pitching circle, and if Oregon State wants to sweep another series, they need to capitalize

on every opportunity.

"Our pitching has been phenomenal lately, as well as our hitting," Katz said. "It's just all pulling together for us."

Oregon State is 34-65 all-time against Cal, and 21-31 under the guidance of head coach Kirk Walker. The Beavers added two wins to their record last weekend and are determined to finish out the season strong and on a good note for the seniors.

"We are just going to play our game, and do the little things right: pitch, defense, and hitting," Demore said. "If we do that we shouldn't have a problem."

The three-game series begins today at 3 p.m. and at the same time on Friday. The first pitch will be thrown at noon on Saturday.

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the classroom."

The NCAA recognized more than 800 Division I sports teams for their exceptional work in the classroom as part of the NCAA's Academic Performance Program (APR). The awards are given annually to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in each sport with their APRs.

Oregon State's women's track and cross country teams received the Public Recognition Award in May of 2008.

Full APR scores for all Division I sports teams, including penalties for low-performing teams, will be released later this spring.

As APR scores improve, the threshold for teams to earn a place in the top 10 percent in their sport continues to rise.

"Most Division I student-athletes and teams take seriously their dual responsibilities in the classroom and on the court or field of play, but every year there is a special category of teams that perform exceptionally well and deserve this noteworthy recognition," NCAA Interim President Jim Isch said.

The APR provides a real-time view of a team's academic success by tracking the progress of each student-athlete during the school year. By measuring eligibility and retention each semester or quarter, the APR provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

An APR score of 925 is the minimum level of academic success; teams scoring below 925 can lose scholarships and face other sanctions over time, including bans on postseason play.

Correction

In the feature article "Flipping the switch" that ran Wednesday, May 12, there was an error in the amount of hours the men's row-

ing team spends practicing a week. Including competitions, the team practices about 18.5 hours a week, not the initial 26 we reported. The Daily Barometer expresses our deepest apologies to men's crew for the error.

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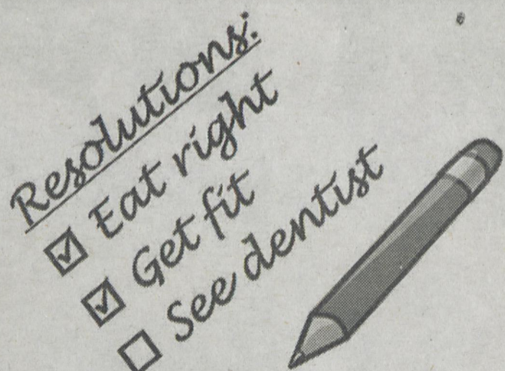
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Women prepare for the one that matters



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The women's rowing team looks forward to a Pac-10 Challenge on May 16

By Mackenzie Allen
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The last time the unranked women's rowing team hit the water for a race was almost two weeks ago, against the No. 11 Washington State Cougars, in some of the worst conditions they have seen all year.

"It was a tough race; the conditions were really bad and we had to delay the races," head coach Emily Ford said. "When we got there Friday, we couldn't practice Friday afternoon because of the conditions, we couldn't practice Saturday morning because of the conditions. We were set to race at 2 p.m., and we had to delay an hour. At that point, we just started putting boats on the water and trying to get them down the course."

The nasty weather made for problematic races, especially for the novice 4 boat, as the choppy waves and 14 mph headwind made the water close to un-rowable.

"Like I said before, with UCLA, we are really struggling with those conditions," Ford said. "Our technique is not where it should be, and we are

just inexperienced. So it shows up a lot on a day like that when we have to struggle in poor conditions."

Practicing on the fairly protected Willamette River keeps the team from having to deal with bad weather at home. Although they are able to feel strong winds, the water itself usually stays pretty calm.

The Beavers were unable to bring home any wins from that race, but are now focused on their next challenge, the Pac-10 Championship, this Sunday in Sacramento, Calif.

Last week, the team's biggest focus heading into the Pac-10's has been their precision and blade work, with Ford saying that the team "has developed a new dedication to improving."

The practices from last week, although no longer or more frequent than normal, required the women on the team to really raise their intensity levels.

"The practices have been more mentally taxing," Ford said. "It was like going to technical boot camp. We just said, 'we have to iron this out; we have to improve on this as much as we can before we get to the Pac-10s.' So in that sense it was more intense, but in terms of the training it was the same."

In their "boot camp," Ford was

The Oregon State women's crew team races under the sun earlier this year. Focused practices have instilled confidence in the lady rowers for the Pac-10 matchup.

able to see the team make progress with their technique. The team still needs to work on making individual changes, which has been the main area of focus for this week's practices. This week's practices will also be much lighter compared to the last.

"The team mentality is pretty focused right now," Ford said. "They have done a really nice job in the last two weeks; they know they have some changes to make, and they have been working diligently on making those changes. I am pretty pleased with the attitude and focus on the team."

This Sunday, the team will be rowing against No. 1 University of California-Berkeley, No. 5 Stanford, No. 7 University of Washington, No. 8 University of Southern California, No. 11 Washington State, and No. 12 UCLA in the Pac-10 Championship.

"It is going to be amazing racing," Ford said. "I think this is going to be the fastest Pac-10 Championship we have seen. It is a great opportunity for us, because if we can nudge our way in there, then we are racing against the best."

Unlike previous years, where the Pac-10's consisted of multiple races and included non-conference teams like Gonzaga, this year, there will be just a single race for each boat against only the seven rowing programs in the Pac-10.

"There will be just one race down the course Sunday morning," Ford said. "You have to be ready to execute that one race. I think that will be a challenge, but I have also seen a lot of stuff in practice that makes me confident."

The format change was made this year because nationally, the sport of rowing is heading toward automatic qualification out of the conferences to the IRA National Championship.

"What I hope is that every single boat has their fastest race of the season," Ford said. "That is what we are trying to aim for — just getting down the course as fast as we possibly can. We have had really good practices all season, and have yet to show the kind of speed on race day that we are capable of."

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We're Gonna Run the Picket Fence at 'Em

1-on-1 with Jacquizz

Yesterday, I played one-on-one with a Heisman Trophy candidate.

It's not exactly every day you can say that.

One game turned into a best-of-five between Jacquizz Rodgers and me. It would be a small fish going mano-a-mano against the big man on campus.

It was basketball between a guy with a body that looks like it was made up in a lab somewhere and a guy with a body that looks like he sits on the couch while wrist-deep in LAY'S potato chips.

Basically, it was the guy in the "after" picture playing the guy in the "before" picture.

Everyone I talked to before the big game told me the same thing: "Well, you have the height advantage."

Rodgers is 5-foot-7 but can still dunk (so I've heard), and I'm 5-foot-10 and can touch the net. His calves are as big as my waist. Any height advantage pretty much goes right out the window.

Regardless, I was there, nervously shooting at Dixon before 1 o'clock (designated tip-off), and one o'clock turned into 1:15. He's still not here. The minutes tick to 1:30 — still nothing. Looks like he forgot — until I hear from him at 1:41; he fell asleep. "Could we play at 3 o'clock?" he asked.

I'd have to stay and just shoot around for another hour and 20 minutes, but, c'mon, it's a chance to play one-on-one with Jacquizz Rodgers. Of course I can wait.

As I'm shooting my 1,000th free

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Women's golf receives NCAA Public Recognition Award

Classroom work pays off for women's golf as they are honored for scholastics

SPORTS INFORMATION

CORVALLIS — The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced Wednesday that the Oregon State University women's golf team has been honored as recipients of the organization's Public Recognition Awards for academic achievement.

Head coach Ris Lakowske's team has posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.15 through winter term of this academic year, and during the period of study for this Academic Performance Program (APR) cycle, the team has had a cumulative GPA of 3.04.

"It is a wonderful honor to be recognized for our program's prolonged success in the classroom," Lakowske said. "The sport of golf requires a high commitment to follow through, to finish things and to be mentally tough. I think this award is a great example of a lot of young women following through on their responsibilities to acquire their degrees and stay committed in

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Softball season comes to close at California

Coming off a weekend stunner over ASU, Oregon State takes momentum to Berkeley

By Stephany Tornincasa

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The key word: confidence. The Oregon State softball team should have no problem in that category as they end their season away, competing against the No. 12 California Golden Bears.

The Beavers (24-28, 4-14 Pac-10) go up against Cal (38-17, 7-11 Pac-10) with one thing on their mind: the series sweep to end the season right. This will be the last time that their five seniors will play in a Beaver uniform while competing in Pac-10 play.

It was the seniors who shined last weekend, keeping the fight alive throughout the three-game series. They were the ones who stepped up and led the team to their first series sweep of the season.

Their leadership can't stop now, as there is still one series left and the seniors need to demonstrate the same aggressive drive with Cal as they showed with Arizona State last weekend. The team is counting on it.

"The seniors will just keep us motivated," sophomore pitcher Paige Hall said. "We're just really going to have to rely on the seniors to get us through the series."

The Beavers approach this matchup a little differently than



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It was all smiles for the softball team last week as the team celebrated at the plate after a homerun. After taking two of three from ASU, Oregon State looks to keep things rolling as they head to California to finish up conference play.

in the past; they are no longer riding on a nine-game losing streak. Rather, they are alive with energy and are ready to cause yet another upset in the Pac-10 conference.

"(We need to) keep the same mental approach, and I think that's really going to help us push through," freshman Ally Kutz said.

"I feel like we were pretty solid all around, these days."

The Golden Bears are also riding on a series sweep after defeating UCLA last weekend. Cal has only won seven conference games this season and are 8-4 at home. The Golden Bears will not be silenced easily: Not only is this the last game

of the season for both teams, but it's Cal's senior game.

"We have to keep our defense strong," Kutz said. "Our pitching has been doing really well and the few grounders that we do get, we just need to take care of."

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