

Students front the bill for Taormino's appearance

ASOSU, MUPC pay \$4,000 to bring the speaker to campus after administration refuses

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THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sex educator and feminist pornographer Tristan Taormino, whose canceled appearance at Oregon State University's Modern Sex Conference raised controversy over the university's decision that funding Taormino would be an inappropriate use of general funds, will be speaking at LaSells Stewart Center Tuesday.

Taormino was invited in October to be the keynote speaker at the Modern Sex Conference, but university administration determined in January that it would be inappropriate to pay Taormino with general funds because of her work as a pornographer and content of her website, <http://www.puckerup.com>, and Taormino's appearance was subsequently canceled.

In response to calls from students to bring Taormino to campus using other funds, the Memorial Union Program Council and the Associated Students of Oregon State University are sponsoring Taormino's appearance. Taormino was given a contract last Thursday that she signed and returned Friday morning, said Rachel Ulrich, a public health student on the Modern Sex Conference planning committee.

"We're really happy," Ulrich said. "It's been a tremendous learning experience helping students organize through a controversy and achieve goals that we've set for ourselves. Students were approaching me and other community members about Tristan's cancellation and expressing

a desire to see her speak, and offering us support in any way we could use it, and that kept us going and organizing ourselves to ensure that she could be here."

Taormino will be speaking at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the LaSells Stewart Center. Though she is speaking at the same time she was originally scheduled to give her keynote speech, Taormino's appearance will not be considered part of the Modern Sex Conference. She plans to attend Modern Sex Conference events Wednesday before traveling to the University of Oregon, where she has been invited to speak about feminist pornography.

Taormino said she will deliver her talk, "Claiming Your Sexual Identity" as planned Tuesday. Though she will comment on the issue of her canceled appearance at the Modern Sex Conference, Taormino said she will not allow it to overshadow the issues she plans to discuss in her talk.

"I think I need to address it because it's been talked about so much and there's been so much dialogue about it, but I'm not going to derail what I originally planned to speak about, so I feel like the core of my talk is still the original talk that I put together for OSU, and it's really about sexual empowerment," Taormino said.

After receiving positive student response to an ASOSU statement asking for input regarding Taormino's canceled appearance and the possibility of bringing her to campus with student funds, MU President Craig Bidiman and ASOSU President Andrew Struthers decided to allocate funds from their program budgets to sponsor Taormino's appearance. The MUPC and ASOSU are covering



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Tristian Taormino poses in a picture from her website. The sex educator, feminist pornographer was invited back as the keynote speaker of OSU's Modern Sex Conference.

Taormino's honorarium, travel and lodging expenses, totaling around \$4,000.

"Ultimately, it came down to the fact that no one else was funding her,

and we saw a situation that could potentially wreak havoc on our community if it wasn't cleared up, namely because our friends in the Women's See **TAORMINO** | page 6

Cat Daddy hits Corvallis

Viral dance video spreads around the nation via YouTube, viewers perform it in local clubs

By Brittany Galindo
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Many dances like "the Jerk," "the Dougie," and now "the Cat Daddy" have become popular recently due to their exposure over YouTube.

Going out in Corvallis over the weekend, whether it's at Impulse, Peacock, or a house party, this YouTube phenomenon is taking over the dance floor.

Whenever the song "Cat Daddy" by The Rej3cts is played, everyone circles up and hits the "Cat Daddy" dance.

What is the Cat Daddy? According to the actual song lyrics you "move your arms like you're wheelchair stunt'n, drop low grab your shoulder."

Los Angeles rap group The Rej3cts is responsible for this new viral phenomenon.

After almost a year of promoting their single "Cat Daddy" from their 2010 mixtape *The FUNKtion*, this new dance craze has reached over five million views on YouTube.

"Being on the west coast a lot of guys introduced me to the song," Oregon State senior James Rodgers said. "At first I just used to watch a lot of guys do it on the football team... Then I finally watched the video, and my first time seeing it, I got a little better at it."

With this new dance, many YouTube viewers are trying to mimic

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Professor in OPB special on "pits of mystery"

On the Oregon Field Guide episode airing Thursday, Jay Noller explains unusual land formations in the university's Hyslop Field

By Amy Schneider
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Every land formation tells a story. The hills, valleys and rivers that fill out the Willamette Valley landscape are not random arrangements. Instead, they are clues left behind by major geological events of long ago.

This idea is touched on in an upcoming episode of Oregon Field Guide, in which Oregon State University crop and soil science professor Jay Noller comments on some unusual formations on OSU's Hyslop Field.

The episode includes a segment that discusses what Oregon Field Guide calls "pits of mystery." Noller provided some background to what these are and how they are studied.

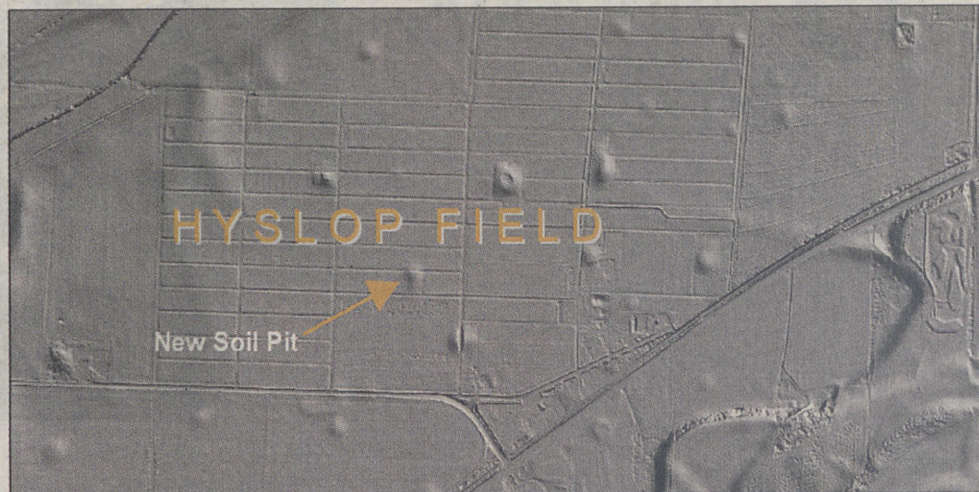
According to Noller, the pits are large, round holes in the ground that bear some resemblance to small craters. The holes themselves are not a curiosity, but their quantity is.

"Some are quite large and quite unusual in terms of density and the number of them on the Valley floor," Noller said. "There are others on the floor of the Willamette Valley, but this is an unusual concentration, which is probably what caught [Oregon Field Guide's] attention."

The formations can be found in abundance on OSU's Hyslop Field, a research field located between Corvallis and Albany. Alicia Leytem, a graduate student in crop and soil science, gave a detailed description of their appearance.

"It looks like someone came through with a trac-

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Above: The location of the soil pit, which is the subject of an episode of Oregon Field Guide, is depicted in an aerial image. Left: A soil pit, which is evidence of geological events from the past, protrudes above the earth at Hyslop Field.

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COURTESY OF JAY NOLLER

Countdown to Valentine's Day...

Only **4** days left! Don't forget to make sure your Sweetheart gets the perfect surprise — see pages 4 & 5.



Sustainable Cooking Series with Iris Briand

Sweet Potato Fries

Ingredients:

- 3 Sweet Potatoes (about 2 lbs)
- 1-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (just enough to evenly coat the fries)
- ½ teaspoon Garlic granules (or garlic powder)- optional
- ½ teaspoon Onion powder-optional
- "RealSalt" (unbleached salt) to taste (about 1 teaspoon)

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Line a sheet tray with non-bleached parchment paper, or coat it with a little oil.
3. Peel off any bad spots and cut off the ends. Cut the potatoes in half lengthwise. Cut each piece into thin fry-like pieces.
4. Put the sweet potatoes into a large

bowl and add the oil. Mix well to combine. Use your hands to mix well, so all pieces are coated with oil.

5. Spread the sweet potatoes on multiple glass or metal baking sheets, making sure they are in a single layer.

6. Bake in the oven on 425 degrees for 25-35 minutes (turn them every 12 or so minutes). About half way through sprinkle with salt, and spices of your choice. They're done when they are crispy.

7. Let cool for about 5 minutes before serving

Iris Briand, a senior studying nutrition, hosts a weekly cooking class on Wednesday nights in Snell Kitchen and today's recipe for sweet potato fries was passed down to Briand from her mother. All of the ingredients used in the recipes are organic, as many as possible are local and all gluten-free recipes will be noted. Briand composts cooking scraps, avoids paper products and recycles all packaging materials. For more information about the class, or to reserve a spot, contact Briand at briandi@onid.orst.edu.

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tor and dug up a big homemade pond, but of course nobody did," said Leytem who was involved in the filming of the Oregon Field Guide episode. "Some of them are really just sloping little divots. The largest one in the middle is pretty huge, and when you're standing in the bottom of it, you can't see the landscape around you."

In order to make an accurate map of the pits, scientists utilized Light Detection and Ranging technology, often referred to as LiDAR. Bearing some resemblance to radar, LiDAR uses light waves rather than radio waves to collect data about the specific contours of a landscape.

According to Noller, a clock installed within the data-collecting instrument times the exact instant that a light pulse is emitted. When the light pulse returns, the instrument can calculate the distance the light traveled by using the speed of sound in a given atmosphere density.

Depending on the distance traveled by the pulse and other factors, the height of the object hit by the pulse can be determined, allowing for topographical maps to be constructed. Noller mentioned that this data is often collected by planes or helicopters, but tripods and backpacks can also be used.

The LiDAR technology provided a clear view of the pits, showing their unusually dense dispersal in Hyslop Field. Noller and Leytem said Oregon Field Guide wanted to know why the holes were clustered in this particular area and how they were formed.

According to Oregon Field Guide Producer Vince Patton, a talk with Chief Scientist at Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Ian Madin sparked some interest in the mysterious pits.

"Madin had found these really weird looking formations on his

LiDAR maps, but had never had time to go out in the field and see them in person," Patton said. "I wanted to see what they look like to the naked eye, so I looked at the map, and the pits turned out to be near the highway between Albany and Corvallis."

When Patton realized that the field was associated with OSU, he gave the university a call, which led him to Noller's expertise. Patton was interested to find that Noller had been aware of the pits and already had a possible explanation as to why they were there.

"The valley's last flooding was about 12,500 years ago, and so that's when the Glacial Lake Missoula flooded repeatedly, resulting in flooding of the Willamette Valley," Noller said.

With the flooding came large chunks of ice, which settled on the Valley floor and left depressions in the mud. When the ice melted and mud hardened, only the pits were left behind as evidence. While this is just a hypothesis, it seems to be the most sensible.

It still fails to explain the high concentration of divots in Hyslop Field as opposed to elsewhere in the Valley. Leytem posed a possible reason for their abundance.

"This has probably been research land for a really long time, and the other surrounding lands are farms," Leytem said. "If you were a farmer and you had this big, annoying divot that filled up with water every time it rained and was always mucky, you would fill it in. People probably filled them in everywhere else, whereas on research land, we just work around them."

Further information on the pits will appear in the upcoming episode of Oregon Field Guide, which will air on OPB at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 10, followed by another showing at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 10

Meetings
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Join in our meeting where we discuss and debate hot topics in the news and grow in friendships.

Events
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trusting Tree Lounge. MUvie - For Colored Girls.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House. Q.U.E.S.T. - Simple supper, spiritual discussion.

Women's Center, 4-5pm, MU Lounge. Reception for "Find Your Voice, Speak Your Truth!" art show in the MU Concourse. All are invited.

Friday, Feb. 11

Meetings
Student Diversity Budgeting Board, 2-4pm, MU 213. Open budget hearing.

Events
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trusting Tree Lounge. MUvie - For Colored Girls.

OSU Music - Music à la Carte, Noon, MU Lounge. Free lunchtime concert - bring your lunch and enjoy! Featuring: The Portland Guitar Duo.

Monday, Feb. 14

Meetings
OSU College Democrats, 6pm, MU Council Room. Come meet fellow democrats as we talk and discuss the topics of the day.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Meetings
Chess Club, 4pm, MU Commons. Casual chess matches with everyone and all skill levels welcome.

ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109. ASOSU Senate meets to discuss students' issues and concerns. Students are welcome.

Events
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trusting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Megamind.

Women's Center, 9am, Women's Center. Finding Balance Through Yoga. Take advantage of this opportunity to come together, slow down and practice yoga. No experience necessary. Come as you are!

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

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the Cat Daddy, going as far as recording themselves to display their rendition of the dance on YouTube to tutorials teaching their Internet viewers how to do the dance.

"I do the Cat Daddy every now and then, I throw a little bit of Texas in it," Rogers said. "It wouldn't be a good dance if it didn't have a little bit of me in it."

The video is being watched at a steadily increasing rate and the dance is being learned and demonstrated nation wide. Although it's a West Coast dance, people from every coast are doing it.

The "Cat Daddy" music video has been viral for over a year, but is just recently receiving immense amounts of popularity. The song that shares the same name as the dance was named MTV's "Jam of the Week" for the week of Jan. 17, 2011.

Although a dance may seem like a

funny way to connect the nation, it is one way that viral videos are a key form of social media.

"Is the medium itself... It connects people and gives us ways to express culture," New Media Communications Professor Ron Seymour said. "It engages people."

A viral video of a dance is just one way to connect a nation. This goes for any subject, even the most bizarre or most educational videos shared via Internet can spark trends and spread information.

"The crazes are great when a bunch of videos get made," Seymour said. "We get pulled into it because it's interesting and the ones that really have a viral characteristic, everyone wants to respond to it."

To watch the "Cat Daddy" video, go to YouTube.com. and search "Cat Daddy."

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Editorial

TAPS not all that bad

While Egypt erupts into chaos and political upheaval, fighting for their rights as human beings against a government that admits to tyranny, students at Oregon State University took to the streets to complain about — parking.

Is parking really a problem at OSU? Should our parking system be reformed? Should Transit and Parking Services be eliminated and replaced with a “friendlier” system, as the protesters were promoting?

Here’s the skinny: Many of the protesters were in the “Associated Students of OSU Intern Class,” otherwise known as Christian Matheis’ course on “organizing for social change.”

Although the protest seemed like a big class assignment, it was clearly effective as people walking by were willing to sign petitions for reform.

It is not hard to find complaints about TAPS on our small — yet overpopulated — campus. Many complaints come from people who have recently been ticketed, usually shirking off blame to someone else, but inevitably admitting they were truly the ones at fault.

Yet TAPS equals “Totally Awful Parking System,” according to one protestor’s sign. Complaints about TAPS begin to sound like whining.

We [The Daily Barometer] ran a story earlier this year about parking options on campus. The research led to a story angle about alternative transportation.

Here’s what we found: Yes, parking is difficult in the center of campus, and it’s becoming more difficult as internal parking areas are being replaced with buildings.

But parking in the parking structure and near the perimeter of campus is being extremely underutilized.

The parking structure is about 60 percent utilized on a regular day. Translation: Despite what you think, there are plenty of spaces. They just aren’t next to your classroom.

Besides, how long does it really take to go from the parking structure to the center of campus? Ten minutes maybe? The shuttles runs often, every 15 minutes and it’s free.

The shuttle drivers will stop anywhere you wave them down, as long as it’s safe to do so.

TAPS tickets are cheap compared to off-campus fines. On Third street, you are looking at a bail of \$45 for a minor violation, while an expired meter on campus will cost you \$15.

Yes, we hate getting tickets too, but in defense of TAPS, they don’t make their income from tickets. According to TAPS, the amount of income from tickets is insignificant compared to the amount made from sales of parking passes.

We think students and staff have already figured out a solution to the problem: bike, walk or skateboard.

If there’s a better system than TAPS, let’s hear about it. But meanwhile, shouldn’t we be trying to drive less anyways? The vast majority of us can walk — let’s leave the parking to those who really need it and get some exercise in the meantime.

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Dissecting a little thing called “the look”

There comes an awareness that a person is either single or anything other than single as Valentine’s Day nears, whether dating, boyfriend/girlfriend, significant other, married — you get the idea. As some would like to call it — “Single’s Awareness Day.”

I’ll fully admit my dating life, or lack thereof, makes Valentine’s Day pretty bland. Although this is not something I have really put into practice, I thought this might be a wise time to fill you all in on the “look.”

A good friend and I were talking about dating one day and it led to a rather interesting topic. How do you meet someone, or show interest without it being too forward or scary? This is where she informed me of how attraction or interest can all be communicated by a simple glance.

Before I explain further of how this occurs, let me fill you in on a little of my bad luck with guys.

No matter where I go, I’ve somehow attracted the attention of many men that I never had any intention of getting to know beyond a polite acquaintance. You may think I’m shallow, but I am talking about guys who not just physically, but personality wise had VERY little in common



Shanna Woodruff

Keeping it real

with me. Although I was showing no real interest, or so I thought, somehow these determined men would not give up!

I will give you a specific example. One guy I worked with took the same bus as me. Usually the seat next to him was the only one open near the front. On occasion I would sit with him and sometimes we would have small conversations. Next thing I know he is everywhere I look! He asked me for my phone number, would come to talk to me while I was working, and simply had to be everywhere I was. I had no clue what I did, but I had assumed that I was just the first girl that had been nice to him or something.

So I gave him the silent treatment, avoided him like the plague, and he still couldn’t take the hint. Finally, he cornered me, and in the nicest way possible I told him I wasn’t really interested. Later, some other co-workers told me he was crying! Geez!

Now, this special look that I was told about suddenly provided an answer as to why I have attracted the attention of so many weird and unusual guys in my lifetime.

Here’s how it works: When you see someone you find attractive or interested in, you stare at them, right? Well, what happens when they suddenly look at you? Once you’re caught, what you’re supposed to do (this coming from a female’s point of view) is look down all embarrassed, then glance back up to see if they’re still looking. This is “the look.”

Somehow in this brief moment you have made a connection with that other person and through your sheepish look and second glance they have recognized you might be interested. Once they know that you’re interested, if they share that interest, it is likely they will “make contact,” pursue you or something of the like.

This is where I have been doing everything wrong, supposedly. Here’s my system: If I get caught looking at a guy I find attractive and get caught, I smile and wave. Don’t ask me why, but I think it’s because I’m already caught so I might as well do something about it. Occasionally I might look away, but if so, I would rarely look back. I’ve been told this makes

me intimidating or too forward.

Now this explains why I have attracted weird, unusual males. I’m a people watcher and occasionally I find someone so odd, unusual, even disgusting at times and I can’t help but stare. When I get caught I look away feeling bad I was staring at them, and then I look back to see if they are still looking. Hence, I have unwillingly emitted “the look.” These guys miraculously pick up on it as some sort of flirting and jump at the opportunity.

So I apparently make all the interesting guys run for their lives and the weird creepy ones attract to me like a magnet. Luckily, I no longer beat around the bush to tell someone I’m not interested, so as far as I know, no one has run home crying again.

Maybe this won’t help anyone with finding someone for Valentine’s Day, but it certainly is food for thought. Next time you see someone you’re interested in, give them “the look” and see if it works. I’ve had countless people tell me this works every time. Perhaps there is much more to a look than you think.

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Women’s safety a major concern for Peace Corps

Virginia Martin The Women’s Center

Peace Corps volunteer Kate Puzey was murdered in “Benin in 2009, shortly after she urged her country director to terminate the contract of a Peace Corps employee that she knew... had raped students at the school where she taught.” This information, including the stories of six former women volunteers who had been raped and/or sexually assaulted during their service with the Peace Corps, was aired on an ABC News 20/20 Investigation Jan. 14 of this year.

20/20’s Brian Ross sat down with six women who came forward to share their experiences of sexual violence during their service with the Peace Corps. Although the six women represent a small population of former volunteers, and their experiences of “stranger-rape” are uncommon within the organization and in comparison to current U.S. statistics of reported acts of sexual violence, their exposure to victim-blaming, shaming and silencing starkly resembles the reports of many women who have experienced various forms of gender violence within the United States today.

Among the six women, most of them revealed that the Peace Corps offered inadequate to no counseling. One woman reported being told she was a “risky person” and had in some way put herself in the situation to be raped.

Two of the other women described feeling blamed because they had a drink: “Just because someone has had a drink doesn’t give anyone the right to violate them and they need to stop telling survivors that.”

Another woman said the Peace

Corps blamed her because she was out too late (5 p.m.) and after she reported being gang raped, she was required to list all the things she had done wrong to cause the crime to happen and all the things that she would do differently when she returned as a volunteer in order to prevent it from happening again.

Unfortunately, stories of victim-blaming and shaming are common among women who have experienced sexual violence, and the shame often leads women to not report the crimes unjustly perpetrated against them. After reviewing the Peace Corps latest Annual Report of Volunteer Safety, I found several similarities between current national statistics and trends about sexual violence and the report produced by the Peace Corps.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 91 to 95 percent of rape victims are female, one in five women will experience rape or attempted rape during their college years, and less than 5 percent of these rapes will be reported. As reported by the National Institute of Justice, women age 24 and under suffer the highest rates of rape. In 2005, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics also found that 7 in 10 female rape or sexual assault victims knew their offender.

Not surprisingly, the Peace Corps’ Annual Report of Volunteer Safety published that victims of sexual assault are primarily female

Volunteers in their 20s, the offender in a sexual assault may be someone that the Volunteer knows, and in no other crime category are female Volunteers so exclusively targeted.

The report goes on to acknowledge that women are also more frequently victimized among the general U.S. population. Also similar to U.S. current statistics “is the degree to which the offender is known by the Volunteer.” According to the Peace Corps report, more than 56.8 percent of all reported rapes are committed by a friend or acquaintance of the volunteer (including host family, other volunteers and co-workers).

In response to the ABC News 20/20 Investigation, Aaron Williams, the director of the Peace Corps, said he was deeply troubled by the inaccurate reflection of the Peace Corps commitment to its volunteers. Is this accusation of inaccuracy true? Did ABC news present erroneous information?

According to a factsheet I found produced by the Peace Corps last month, between 1997 and 2009 there has been a 27 percent decline in the incidence of rape and attempted rape. ABC News never mentioned that. Then again, the Peace Corps has failed to openly present how underreported crimes of sexual violence are as well.

The 2009 Peace Corps Annual

Volunteer Survey reported that 243 women, or 54.9 percent of volunteer sexual assault victims, and 30 women, or 67 percent of volunteer rape victims said they did NOT report the crime to Peace Corps.

The most common reason cited for not reporting a sexual assault or rape to Peace Corps was that the volunteer felt it was too “common” to report or they felt the Peace Corps would not be able to help.

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Is the Peace Corps safe for women to join? Given the current pervasiveness of violence against women in the United States and worldwide, I think it is time to ask ourselves the more pressing question of how we can stop it.

If you would like the opportunity to speak out against violence, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance is hosting ‘Rise Up Speak Out: A Celebration of the Voice of Resistance Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence,’ an open-mic night meant to break the silence and bring a strong voice of awareness to the issues of violence at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Interzone.

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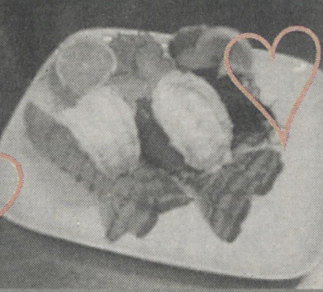
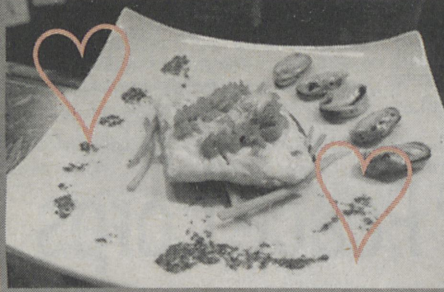
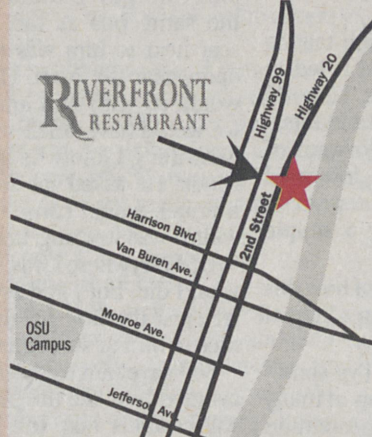
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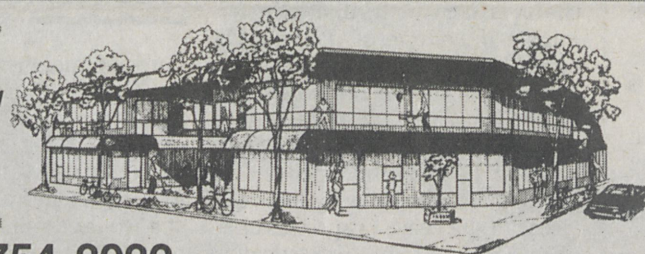
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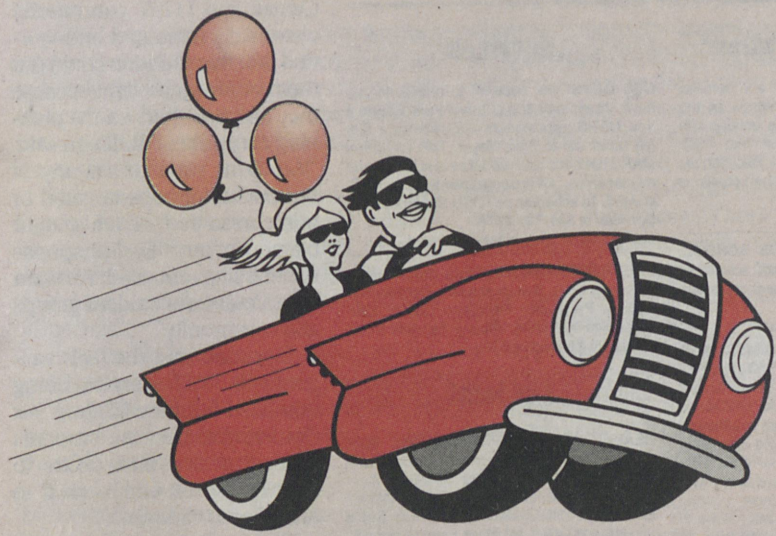
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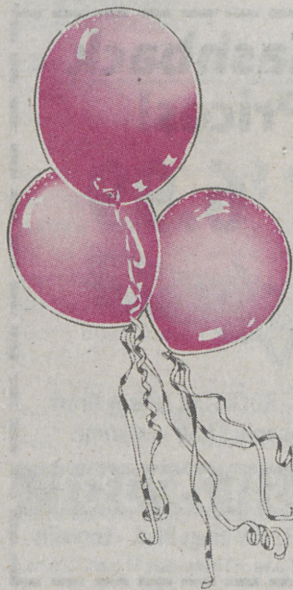
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Taormino said she feels welcome at OSU, despite being uninvited from the Modern Sex Conference, because students have expressed their desire to hear her speak and worked to bring her to campus.

"I'm really excited, I mean, I feel like it's absolutely a victory for the students and I feel humbled at the outpouring of support that came not just from Oregon, but from all over the world ... I feel ultimately positive and hopeful and excited to come to Oregon," Taormino said.

Todd Simmons, interim vice president for University Relations and Marketing, said university administration supports the students finding a solution to the funding conflict, as the administration's intention was not to prevent Taormino's appearance but to ensure that appropriate funding was being used.

"We support the right of student organizations and our student representatives to spend student-fee money as they feel is appropriate," Simmons said. "We stand by our decision though, as those who are responsible for overseeing expenditure of taxpayer dollars, and continue to feel that it was an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars to bring her to campus, but the students have decided to go in a different direction and we support their right to make those decisions for themselves."

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Beavers.

"We'll look at the tape from the last game, see what we did wrong and see what we can do better to not let him touch the ball as often ... because he can really hurt us," said OSU sophomore Angus Brandt.

Fellow sophomore big man Joe Burton agreed with Brandt, and added he relishes the competition of a player that may be better than he is, saying it's nice to try and "overcome a challenge. Good competition, I like that."

"I really like the way he plays, and he's going to be hard to adjust to, but in order for us to win on the road, we can't let him have the kind of game he had when he was here," Robinson said.

Recently, Oregon State hasn't shot the basketball well from distance (just 23.7 percent in the last five games). Teams have taken notice and are starting to pack in their defenses and encourage the Beavers to shoot from the perimeter. For the last five games, in the lone contest OSU won over Washington, they took just seven 3-pointers and did most of their damage inside the paint.

"I would think that anybody who's seen us play over the first half of the year would do that, but there are some teams who just - they are strictly man to man teams," Robinson said. "So we're preparing for both."

Saturday OSU meets UCLA in the historic Pauley Pavilion. The arena houses all 11 of the Bruins' national title banners.

"That's a legendary place. Last year when I played there, I was like, 'Wow, I'm actually playing in Pauley Pavilion.' John Wooden coached in that gym ... Bill Walton played

in that gym," Burton said. "A lot of greats played in that gym, so it's an honor to come back and play."

The Bruins have won five out of six Pac-10 games at home this season, losing only to University of Washington, and Robinson said he recognizes the historic home court advantage they impose on visiting teams.

"It's something that we haven't done since I've been here," Robinson said. "We haven't beaten UCLA and it's going to be tougher in their place. That's something that is out there, but really don't concern ourselves with it. We want to stick with our game plan, play hard and play well and then see what happens."

The last time the squads met, the Bruins prevailed 62-57 in Corvallis.

"They still have the same personnel," Robinson said. "We have the same personnel, but we're not the same team."

Burton said people from his Indian reservation, located in the Palm Springs area, will be in attendance for the Saturday game - about 200 of them.

"It's an honor for me and the team - my people coming down to watch us and support us," Burton said.

Sometimes it can be hard for a player to focus when under the possible pressure of having family in the same building.

"I'll just go out there and play hard," Burton said. "All I want is a win, and to help my team win is fine with me, so whatever happens, happens. I just go out there and play hard - play for God, my family and my reservation."

Robinson addressed the issue of focus and being able to start games fast, something that has been a struggle for Oregon State at times this season, especially on the road. They've lost eight of nine games away from Gill.

"The pressure for us when I first got here



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Calvin Haynes scraps for the basketball with Washington's Isaiah Thomas. The Beavers finished off the Huskies 68-56.

was at home and pleasing the home crowd, so we were much better on the road," Robinson said. "And now that we've gotten some experience under our belts, we are much better at home and have to get that road warrior mentality back."

For both USC and UCLA, Robinson talked about physicality, and said he believes if the Beavers can play a more physical game than the Trojans and Bruins, they will have a better chance to come out on top.

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offense ranks 34th nationally in the number of completed 3-pointers per game with an average of seven 3's in a contest. Indendi ranks 16th nationally for 3-point percentage, coming in with a 43 percent completion rate. In the games last weekend against the Washington schools, Indendi scored on 11 3's, completing five of seven in the win against the Huskies.

"We needed it," Rueck said of Indendi's big weekend. "She rose to the occasion, like she

does. And some of them were just so timely. She came to play, and not only did she but this whole team (did)."

After the Beavers face off against the Trojans at 7 p.m. Thursday they will play host to No. 10 UCLA on Saturday at 12 p.m. in their annual Pink Zone contest. Fans who purchase a pink hat at the door will receive free admission to the game with proceeds going to the Corvallis Clinic's Project H.E.R.

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SEVERSON

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talking with your friends and bragging how your team is on top of the mountain.

Neuberger needed the Green Bay Packers to win the Super Bowl. I mean, the human heart can only handle so much. Just a few days removed from being laid off, having her team win the Super Bowl meant a little bit more.

"It gave me a little hope, you know?" she said. "Nothing went right the whole week,

but now I have hope for the next week."

The win won't bring her job back. Aaron Rodgers' MVP performance isn't going to help put food on the table. That feeling of being able to close her eyes, take a deep breath and crack a smile of satisfaction isn't going to help pay the bills.

A week before being laid off, she was called in and told by her boss that she may be let go. She had to spend an entire week with a cloud of uncertainty hovering over her. Is she going to have a job a week

from now? And, maybe equally important, are her beloved Packers going to win the trophy named in honor of the team's legendary coach?

The first answer was no, but my goodness, how sweet it was to answer yes to the second.

"I said my prayers," Neuberger told me. "First, that I would be able to keep my job and if not, let the Packers win the Super Bowl. You know what? One out of two isn't bad."

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When sports really matter

Sometimes the Super Bowl means a little bit more than you think.

A week ago, a co-worker and friend of my mom's, Stephanie Neuberger, was laid off from her accounting job. It was a matter of a company losing an account and needing to make cuts, not that Neuberger was coming in three hours late with liquor on her breath. This was a matter of "This is the hardest decision we've had to make," not "Don't let the door hit you on the butt on the way out."

All the best wishes aside, Neuberger became yet another victim of a merciless economy. She woke up Friday morning and realized she had no place to go.

"My first thought was, 'I'm 62-years old, nobody's going to hire me,'" said Neuberger, who has a part-time job in the evenings doing inventory for different retail stores — something that won't pay the bills by itself.

After going to the same job and seeing the same people for five-and-a-half years, all that was gone — disappeared like dust in the wind.

Luckily, two days later, Neuberger had something waiting for her that she had wished for all year long: Super Bowl 45. Born in Wisconsin, Neuberger's fate as a sports fan was inescapable.

"Once you're born in Wisconsin, you're a Packer fan for life," she said.

That's why, despite losing her job and the fear that came with the uncertainty of whether or not she could eventually be hired back on or find another position, she used the biggest sporting event of the year as an escape from reality.

"Personal problems aside," Neuberger remembers telling herself, "We got a Super Bowl to win."

As any true Packer fan, she stood the whole game. She jumped and yelled and was decked out head to toe in Packer gear, including a traditional Cheesehead.

Try telling somebody like Stephanie Neuberger that this Super Bowl was just a game.

This game would determine if it would become a week from hell or whether or not the Packers could provide a light while Neuberger seemed trapped at the bottom of a well. With 49 seconds left in the game, Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's pass on fourth-and-five to Mike Wallace fell incomplete. It was now a near-certainty: The Green Bay Packers are going to win the Super Bowl.

"It was the most fantastic thing I have ever seen," said Neuberger, who has an entire room in her house dedicated to Green Bay memorabilia.

But compared to the other big Packer wins over the years, this one was a little different for her — and not totally in a good way. There would be no waking up Monday morning, going to work and, with a spring in her step, have everyone in the office congratulating her team for winning the big one.

"It was a funny day," she said. "I didn't get to go into the office. I didn't have anybody to rant and rave with."

Instead, she sat around the house. She cleaned the kitchen. She did some laundry. The day after the Packers won their first Super Bowl in 14 years, Neuberger didn't have anything to do. Winning the title is great, but ask any sports fan about the true joy that comes from walking around in your team's shirt. It's

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Beavers hit Los Angeles area

OSU will focus on shutting down USC's Vucevic, attempt to out-muscle UCLA Bruins

By Colin Huber
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team hits the hardwood once again for dates with the Los Angeles schools this week, away from legendary Gill Coliseum.

In what concluded as a split in the team's last meetings, the Beavers lost to UCLA before defeating USC. This time, they'd like to return with a sweep.

"This won't be the first weekend on the road, so this will be an opportunity to show that we can handle being on the road," said head coach Craig Robinson.

First OSU has to stop USC's Nikola Vucevic when they play the Trojans Thursday. The junior forward had 26 points and 14 rebounds at Gill a month ago in an 80-76 Beaver victory.

"We've been good in the past at adjusting to a player who has just absolutely torched us, and I'm hoping that we can repeat that in the SC game, because Vucevic just absolutely took us to the wood shed," Robinson said.

Vucevic, with his size at forward and versatility offensively (he shoot 3s, too), took 18 shots against the

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From left to right, Oregon State's Ahmad Starks, Calvin Haynes, Omari Johnson, Joe Burton and Devon Collier wait for a pair of technical free throws to be shot.

OSU women return home after victory away



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Beaver guard Sage Indendi pulls the trigger over the outstretched arms of a Stanford defender in a game at Gill Coliseum this year.

No. 10 UCLA, USC are in town, Oregon State hopes to build off first conference win

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The Oregon State women's basketball team returns home tonight to host the USC Women of Troy at Gill Coliseum, their second meeting this season.

"Now we've been in enough of these situations where we have had experience," said head coach Scott Rueck. "We do know where to go with the ball and we have had people come through now, and that's encouraging for the future."

Coming off their first conference victory over the University of Washington Huskies, the Beavers (8-14, 1-10 Pac-10) are looking to keep momentum rolling in their games this weekend against USC and No. 10 UCLA. In their last contest with the Women of Troy, Oregon State fell 53-45 at the Galen Center in Los Angeles. Pacing the Beavers against USC was senior forward El Sara Greer along with freshman guard Alyssa Martin who each recorded ten points in the loss. Greer added seven rebounds while Martin recorded two steals and four assists in the Beavers fight for victory in L.A.

"You can't predict a win, you can just predict playing great possessions," Rueck said. "These two teams are more talented than both Washington and Washington State. We know that. They're elite level talent, elite skill offensively. UCLA may be the best defense team in the conference, and USC has as much offensive talent as anybody, so we've got our hands full for sure. I just expect us to capitalize on this momentum and string more solid possessions together."

For the Women of Troy (13-8, 5-5 Pac-10), success came easy early on, but they've struggled winning only one of their last five games. Coming

off two back to back losses at home to No. 10 UCLA and Arizona State, USC will be looking to get back on track and get another win under their belt.

Pacing the Trojan offense is junior guard Briana Gilbreath who leads the talented squad with an average of 15 points and six rebounds per game. The USC offense currently averages 63.7 points per game, making them a tough match up for many defenses.

Leading the USC team with grab's off the glass is freshman forward Cassie Harberts, who averages seven rebounds per game while adding 10 points per game for the Women of Troy. Recently USC has struggled on the road, dropping three of their last five away games, so Oregon State will look to take advantage of their home territory.

"I don't anticipate them to overlook us at all and I don't think they did the first time. What I'm looking forward to this weekend is us to compete on the boards," Rueck said.

For the Beavers, Greer has been consistent both offensively and defensively and is now holding second place in the OSU record books for all-time blocks per season, with 75 blocks thus far. Greer is on pace to break the first place record of 85 blocks in a season, and is currently leading the Pac-10 in blocks per game as well as being ranked seventh nationally.

The Oregon State defense has been making noise all year long, holding teams like Stanford to season lows and are ranked 50th nationally for scoring defense, and third in the Pac-10. The Beavers are also making national rankings as a team in total blocked shots per game, where they rank 20th with an average of 5.1 blocks per game.

Offensively, Oregon State has been carried by various members, but particular consistency has been seen by sophomore guard Sage Indendi and teammate Martin. The Beavers'

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