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SIFC increases fees for CAPS to reflect increasing visits, new positions

Committee met last night and decreased student fees for several campus groups

By Eric Sepulveda
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Student Incidental Fee Committee met last night to hear budget proposals from the Auxiliary and Activities Business Center, Rec Sports, Counseling and Psychological Services and Student Health Services.

They began the meeting with a vote on reducing current contingency fees from \$2.25 to \$1.00 per term, SIFC administrative fees from 30 cents to 28 cents and setting the fee for bad debt at 25 cents per student per term.

The Auxiliary and Activities Business Center, which handles most of the business affairs of several buildings and organizations on campus, including all transactions such as hiring, bills, payments for purchased items and salaries, presented first.

Their base budget proposal was set at \$17.45 per student each term to cover expenses regarding \$60,000 rent within Poling Hall to cover necessary overtime invoices and general employee pay.

They also requested \$1.63 per student per term for a decision package, which would add two full-time employees and the additional hiring of student employees.

SIFC was concerned that the AABC was not fulfilling its original purpose of increasing effectiveness and efficiency of campus business activities, and bringing down labor costs by organizing the different business activities under a single entity.

Brad Denis, the Business Center manager, reassured that costs were due to an influx of new students and demands by different organizations and not by a decrease in work output by the AABC.

"We have changed previous regulations set by OSU which created unnecessary limitations," Denis said. "Other changes, like uploading files, reduces extra time required to check statuses and values, and implementing the most efficient methods in all facilities has helped to reduce waste as well."

The SIFC approved a base budget of \$19.02 per student for fall, winter and spring term, which would eliminate the fees to summer students, instead of shifting them to traditional school terms. The proposed decision package budget of \$1.63 was also passed.

Rec Sports had a budget of \$66.20 per student for fall through spring term approved, which is a decrease from last year's \$68.33 budget. The summer fee of \$55.75 from last year was increased to \$56.93.

The decrease in Rec Sports' budget was attributed to a decrease in membership sales by students, faculty and staff. It was also the result of hiring an Events Coordinator position,

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Second Glance makes chic looks affordable

With 27 years under her belt, owner Nancy Kneisel considers opening a third store for men

By Hannah Mahoney
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Nancy Kneisel sits inside Second Glance, located in downtown Corvallis, on a chic ruby red love seat, looking out onto Southwest Third Street. Kneisel's face lights up each time a customer comes in, as if everyone who enters is an old friend.

Kneisel officially unveiled the metamorphosis that her two businesses, Second Glance and Second Glance Annex, have recently undergone by throwing a re-launch party on Jan. 26.

"I was distracted at the start of the launch party trying to make everything perfect, but then it dawned on me that I had customers there that were not only shopping, but also standing around enjoying each other's company," Kneisel said. "It was so gratifying — it was like I had thrown a party at my own home."

Kneisel seems to have the right formula to run two small businesses, but she did not make it to where she is today without a struggle. She opened her business 26 years ago, and since then has continued to evolve with the changing times. Second Glance and the Annex have turned into shopping hotspots for OSU's female students and Corvallis residents.



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Nancy Kneisel, owner of Second Glance clothing consignment shop for 27 years, stands next to a remodeled sign that she says represents "new life" for the store.

"They always have really cute things that are in the perfect price range for a college student," said Allison Reaves, a sophomore double majoring in apparel design and merchandising management.

Both of Kneisel's shops are considered consignment stores, which

means that people can bring in clothing items to donate to the store and Kneisel and her staff pick and choose what they want to sell.

But the merchandise has to be of a certain standard to be sold in the store — if an item is ripped or stained, they won't sell it. Also, if an item

looks outdated or like it's more than two years old, they usually won't take it.

The first consignment store Kneisel visited was called Rags to Riches and was located in Eugene. It

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Short on cash for V Day? Free date ideas abound



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Whether packing a picnic or playing one-on-one, Corvallis holds many cheap date options

By Brittany Galindo
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Valentine's Day is a holiday that celebrates love and appreciation. However, it is also a holiday when people spend a great deal of money.

"I think it's a day to tell the people you care about that you love them," said Oregon State junior Natalie West. "Just because you're in a relationship doesn't mean you have to drop tons of money on the occasion. I personally think too much money is spent and expectations on this day are too great."

Flowers, candy and balloons are always thoughtful; however, these items can add up. Being a college student, everyone knows money is tight. But when holidays like this come around, people assume they have to buy the biggest and best things to express their love.

According to Marsha Carr, employee at Penguin Flowers, Valentine's Day is "the highest flower holiday. In Corvallis, Valentine's Day is bigger because we have college kids and our general population."

When it comes to pricing and Valentine's specials for flowers, there seems to be a noticeable lack of discounts.

"We don't have any reduced prices for Valentine's Day because we pay so much for them (flowers), so we don't have anything as far as specials," Carr

said. "Valentine's Day walk-ins are anywhere from average \$15-\$50 ... Delivery charge is \$7.95."

Although spending money on Valentine's Day is a generous gesture, it's not completely necessary. There are plenty of opportunities in Corvallis for free and memorable date ideas for Feb. 14.

In many relationships, certain songs can spark memories of good times a couple has spent together. Creating a playlist to share in person or making a CD to give to your partner that they can use in their car or at home is thoughtful, showing you put time and effort into the gift.

If you and your partner met in Corvallis or remember where you had your first kiss, you could revisit that spot and recreate that special moment.

If Valentine's Day falls on a mid-term week for you and your partner, you could always study together. Or if you and your partner are the athletic type or just like friendly competition, play a one-on-one game at Dixon.

If you both own a bike, map out a nice bike ride to get some exercise together. One nice bike trail in Corvallis winds up Bald Hill, an extension trail starting from the covered bridge on Northwest 35th Street.

If weather permits, pack a picnic full of stuff you already have in your refrigerator or pantry, and enjoy a nice lunch or dinner at Avery Park or the lawn by the waterfront in downtown Corvallis near Southwest Second Street.

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Countdown to Valentine's Day...

Only **3** days left! Don't forget to make sure your Sweetheart gets the perfect surprise — see pages 4 & 5.



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Competitive Sports Coordinator position, shifting the graduate student assistant position into a full-time coordinator and the increase in utility costs.

Josh Makepeace, the chairman and operation manager for Rec Sports, was proud that despite the increased costs and membership shortfall, Rec Sports was able to maintain student fees at their current level.

"As student enrollment begins to increase," Makepeace explained, "we hope to increase what we offer through the addition of our new coordinators and facilities like the McAlexander Field house. We are also keeping our costs down through the use of sustainability methods."

Counseling and Psychological Services had their base budget of \$33.24 per student per term all year decrease to \$31.61. They proposed an additional package of \$3.99 per student per term, which would cover the hiring of two 10-month counselors and an additional 12-month counselor.

CAPS has seen an increase of nearly 50 percent in student visits since last year, and they were planning to increase their services to better treat the mental health issues on campus as well as better prepare for the expected increase in student enrollment.

The original package proposal of \$2.66 was increased by the SIFC by an additional \$1.33 in order to add the additional 12-month counselor.

The CAPS board was gracious for the additional funds that the SIFC allotted to their budget, as they had expected the additional package to be shot down considering the current costs to students.

"A lot of students who have mental problems are also those who are unable to pay for mental services such as this," said CAPS board member Tara Widger. "SIFC granting these extra funds just shows their commitment to mental health and helping to treat students who are affected by mental strain and other psychological and mental health issues."

The meeting ended with Student Health Services proposing their budget change to \$100.53 per student per term, which is a decrease in 66 cents from last year's budget due to the shifting of financial services to the AABC budget.

All measures and budgets proposed are tentative and are nonbinding. SIFC will be holding an open hearing March 3 in MU 109 starting at 5 p.m.

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was 1976, and Kneisel's friend who worked there invited her down for a day to come see the store. Kneisel had no idea what a consignment store was at the time.

"I brought \$40 with me, and I didn't know if that was going to be too much money or not enough," she said. "When I arrived I discovered it was a secondhand store, but there was no shame in it. The store was being respectful of good quality clothes. I was like, 'Wow!'"

After Kneisel's initial glimpse of the consignment industry, she was intrigued and wanted to learn more about it. When her husband was relocated to "big city" Boise, Idaho, she would visit consignment shops in town to get a feel for the business. Even though she formed a picture in her mind of what her dream store would look like, she never planned on bringing the idea to life. That all changed when she and her family moved back to Corvallis.

Her business venture began in 1984 with \$2,500, a dilapidated business space and no employees, aside from herself. Kneisel said back then she had her moments of panic, but she was never afraid to seek help if she believed she needed it.

"It was difficult to stay positive, but somehow I did," Kneisel said. "If I had a question, I would search for an answer. I truly believe that all successful business owners seek help."

Kneisel's drive to constantly find answers led her to the annual Association of Resale Professionals conference during her first year of business. According to the NARTS website, the conference is a place where "Resale Professionals gather to get up-to-speed on industry trends and join forces for a successful resale future."

Since Kneisel attended

her first conference, she has risen from a "first-timer" to becoming a teacher at the conference and most recently, the conference's keynote speaker.

"The first time I attended the conference, I was so nervous. I thought I was the only one in my position and that there was nobody else," Kneisel said. "But when I arrived I met people who were very open and helpful. I learned how to actually make money!"

After Kneisel sought the help of other businesswomen, she realized she was not alone. Once she hired a couple more staff members, her business began to prosper.

During her 16th year of business, Kneisel was contemplating retiring from the store, but soon an innovation came along that changed the way she networked and ran her business: the Internet.

"My e-mailing list right now is 5,000 people," Kneisel said. "How would I ever send postcards to that many people? The Internet got the college students off of the campus and into my store. I was so excited."

Then in 2008, Kneisel decided to expand the business and open another store, which would eventually be named the Second Glance Annex. Her daughter, Jessica, who graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in merchandising management and had worked for Nordstrom for six years, would become the Annex's manager.

"The Annex is geared toward teens and college students, while the main shop is aimed at the more 'mature woman' or working girl," Jessica said. "At the Annex we commonly carry brands such as Forever 21, Abercrombie and Hollister, which are not found in the other store."

Kneisel was surprised at how much opening another store helped her identity in the industry. "All of a sudden with the new store it gave me

a respectability in the business; people saw that it was not just a hobby for me."

Now that both businesses continue to prosper even during the recession, Kneisel has been thinking about expanding once again and creating a men's store. This idea of a men's store made Kneisel realize that her brand needed to be "re-vamped" into a theme that was more versatile.

"It wasn't easy and it cost a lot of money, but we needed to do this," Kneisel said. "The store has had the same logo for the past 27 years."

Since the opening of the original store, the logo had been a young woman who is glancing over her right shoulder. Now the logo is a simple wing design. Kneisel chose this new design because of her love of crows.

"Crows have different meanings in every culture. Some people believe they are omens, but I think of them as guardians. If something bad is about to happen, they are aware of it and will be there to warn you. They also love to collect pretty shiny things, and that is what we love here," Kneisel said.

The current window display is composed of three birdcages, glittery branches, an opaque backdrop with trees and a nest with an egg that Kneisel explained as being a metaphor for the "hatching" of the new theme of the store.

"During the launch party I sold at least 15 of these earrings," she said, holding up a shiny silver pair of elegant feather earrings.

The logo is not the only thing that has changed — the store's overall vibe has changed as well, reflecting Kneisel's reverence of crows and her dedication to affordable fashions. The top of Second Glance's blog features the store's mantra: "We can live conscientiously while honoring our inner fashionista."

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CALENDAR**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 Trysting 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.

Speakers

MUPC, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. Sex educator Tristan Taormino will teach students about sexual empowerment, shedding sexual shame, and developing sexual confidence. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 16**Meetings**

The Pre-Law Society, 6:30pm, Kelley 1003. Weekly meetings followed by Mock Trial team practice.

ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109. ASOSU House of Representatives meets to discuss students' issues and concerns. Students are always welcome.

Speakers

Women's Center, 4-5:30pm, Women's Center. The Women's Leadership Initiative Speakers Series. The WLI engages students in conversation & action with women leaders from OSU and around the state.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUVie — Megamind.

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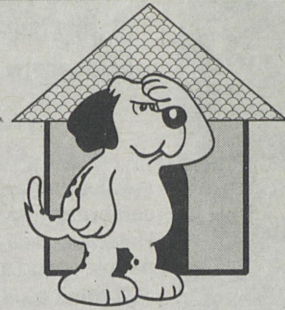
If a night in is all you and your partner want, maybe a movie and leftovers could do the job. It's nothing overly special, but it's quality time with the one you love with no distractions.

Another free, sensual idea is a back massage. No one needs to be a licensed masseuse to know how to give a good back rub. All you need is some lotion, maybe candles, and let the moment define your appreciation.

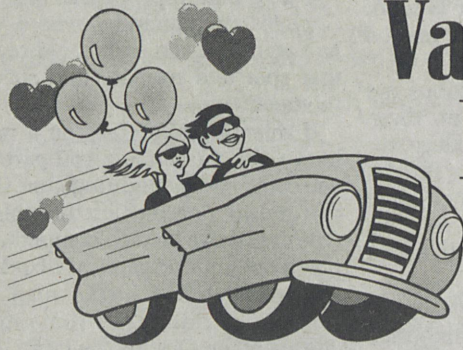
Finally, an idea for a free Valentine's Day gift would be to pick up some of the free condoms handed out by Student Health Services and put them to use.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the love of food. Nay to an obsession with food — fast food to be precise. According to a new report, Orlando is the “Fast Food Capital” of America. An impressive feat no doubt. On the bright side, the most prominent chain was Subway.

Yea to Matthew Perry’s return to television in “Mr. Sunshine” on ABC this week. Chandler was always our favorite “Friend” — well him and Phoebe.

Nay to “Mr. Sunshine” being a horrible, unfunny show. If the rest of the season is like the pilot, this show will soon join the ranks of “Joey,” “The Comeback,” and any other post “Friends” flops.

Yea to someone having a successful post “Friends” career: Courtney Cox (well minus the whole divorce thing). “Cougar Town” anyone? Check it out. Comes back in May.

Nay to someone who seems as though they have never stopped playing their “Friends” role. We’re talking to you, Jennifer Aniston. Pick more interesting movie roles, like anything that doesn’t involve artificial insemination or the title “Bounty Hunter.”

Yea to finding love, especially if that love happens to be over the Internet, and you find it through a Craigslist ad.

Nay, however, to finding love with someone who is not your wife. Former U.S. Rep. Christopher Lee, the married congressman who sent a shirtless picture of himself to a woman with an ad on Craigslist. In an email, Lee identified himself as a divorced 39-year-old lobbyist (he’s 46). Well at least the description will be half-true now.

Yea to creating the greatest “Family Feud” moment ever. When host Steve Harvey asked the contestants to “name something that gets passed around a lot,” one contestant, Chris, replied with “a joint.” The funny and really surprising part was that eight people responded with the same answer. The answer that was just below the joint was “a collection plate at church.” Go figure. The video has over a million views on YouTube.

Nay to the possibility that we could all be going to hell. And nay to the fact Family Feud only comes on now at like 2 a.m. Anyone with us on this one?

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Clarification

In Thursday’s article, “Women’s safety a major concern for Peace Corps” it was stated that the author was Virginia Martin. That is incorrect. The author of the article is Alea Payne, a senior in women’s studies.

We apologize to the author for not originally giving her the recognition she deserved. The Daily Barometer staff regrets any misunderstanding or inconveniences caused by this error.

Harassment has many shapes and forms

Patricia Lacy

ASOSU Office of Advocacy

Have you ever thought to yourself that the grade you got is not exactly rewarding your diligence? Have you ever thought you’d like to voice your grievances or concerns but cannot find an appropriate party with whom to speak? Have you ever been denied financial aid but you didn’t understand why? Have you ever been in trouble with your Resident Assistant or Resident Director? The Associated Students of Oregon State University Office of Advocacy is here to help you with your predicament.

Our services are intended to help you remediate your issues and to guide you toward a successful ending for both you and the other party. We will work for you. A frequent question we are asked is if we can help — that is exactly what we are here to do.

In a series of articles, we will address issues that students bring to our offices. You are welcome to submit a question, either with your name or anonymously. We will answer questions in the order received and reserve the right to refrain from answering if necessary. For the first article, we are reprinting a piece written by Patricia Lacy, J.D., Director of the ASOSU Office of Advocacy, for the Office of Advocacy Newsletter, April 2008 edition.

Harassment: Is there a line?

Harassment is defined in Oregon Administrative Rules 576-015-0020 as “... threatening actions which intentionally subject another person to offensive physical contact, physical injury or property damage, or which specifically and intentionally insult another person in his or her immediate presence with words or gestures when a reasonable person would expect that

such an act or actions would provoke a violent response. (These actions, when based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital status, sex or sexual orientation, are among the forms of prohibited behavior — See General University Policy on Discriminatory Conduct.)”

In The Law of Higher Education 4th Edition by Barbara Lee and William Kaplan, harassment is addressed more specifically as sexual harassment. They explain what types of behavior constitute sexual harassment. In guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Education, sexual harassment is defined as “unwelcome (verbal, non-verbal or physical) conduct of a sexual nature.” (“Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students or Third Parties,” Part II, (Jan. 19, 2001), available at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/archives/index.html>).

The legal test in an action to prove harassment as defined by Kaplan and Lee in The Law of Higher Education is two-pronged. First, the subjective prong asks, “Is the person receiving the conduct feeling intimidated?” Secondly, the objective prong determines, “Would a reasonable person of the victim’s race, gender, etc. feel offended?” The subjective test is the student’s guide. How do you feel?

If the behavior of a university employee makes you feel offended or intimidated or if it creates a hostile environment, you should talk to your advisor or to one of the many offices

on campus that respond to student concerns. For example, you may speak with the Office of Affirmative Action and/or a trusted faculty member. Please contact the Office of Advocacy at 541-737-9200 both for support and for additional referrals if needed.

Here are some examples of possible harassing behavior: A co-worker, campus boss or professor keeps asking you to go out with them. Someone in one of your classes or on-campus work compliments you on your clothing in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable. Someone makes comments about your religion or tells jokes that are demeaning to your gender.

Do not rationalize or ignore your own feelings. Surveys show that 95 percent of people who have been exposed to harassing behavior do not do anything about it. Sometimes people may not seek help because they wonder one of the following things: Is the harassment my fault? Will I suffer repercussions if I make this report? I do not want to get someone else (the harasser) in trouble. Is it worth my time and effort to report or is it just easier to brush off the behavior and ignore it?

A student can explore the possibility of remedies and receive counseling or referrals in the Office of Advocacy. If the student prefers not to take action, the student’s wishes will be respected.

The legal definition of harassment covers victims within certain protected classes, such as race, sex, religion and others. The harassing conduct must be directed toward the victim because of their race, sex, religion or other protected status.

The more common definition of

harassment is any offensive contact. The law also provides heightened protections for members of certain perceived classes. Sometimes you will not know if the conduct has to do with a protected status or whether you are a member of a protected class until you seek assistance. Nonetheless, if you are feeling offended, we recommend that you seek guidance on how to respond. Take action whether you think the behavior is based on a protected status or not. The determination of whether a harassing action is based on an individual’s protected status may not be clear until a discussion regarding the action takes place.

Harassment comes in many forms. If someone on campus is making you feel uncomfortable in any way, consider seeking guidance from one of the offices on campus who deals with harassment. There are no fine lines in defining harassment. There are merely certain elements to be considered.

Primary among those elements is how you, the victim, feel. We know from experience that a person who harasses and does not encounter consequences is likely to escalate their harassing behaviors. According to The Law of Higher Education, postsecondary institutions such as Oregon State University should give serious attention and sensitive treatment to harassment issues. You can help us to create a safer and more welcoming community.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the ASOSU Office of Advocacy at 133 Snell Hall, 541-737-9200.

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A microcosm of media’s unbalanced debate

For the second year in a row, Mother Nature serves it cold. With the majority of the nation blanketed in snow, the country once again faces an unusually vicious winter.

Yet, amazingly, this season the climate deniers haven’t been so outspoken. Granted, there are those who still continue to take day-by-day weather patterns as global and historical indicators, but the common “snow dismisses global warming” argument hasn’t been as prevalent.

Nevertheless, the debate is still out there.

Fortunately, as students we’re able to take courses and look into research relevant to the subject of climate change. But the ordinary citizen does not have this option. The public has the Internet, television, newspapers, blogs — mediums commonly based upon opinion and argument. Hence, the media aspect of the “debate” is crucial.

Unfortunately, a few personalities still subjectively rage against climate change, catering to their fan base and subconsciously pardoning their actions. Others take professionals’ conclusions as their own — appropriately following science by those who actually perform it — but choose to participate in the ongoing politicizing of the issue.

But what’s media without argument, right? Healthy disagreement and sharing personal opinion betters our country. But when the “voice” garners a

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large enough audience, opinion must be based upon fact, not conjecture. Lies only delay a positive response.

Which leads to today’s ongoing argument concerning the harsh winter: Do these snowstorms support or go against “climate change?”

You’ll hear arguments from both sides — one often louder than the other — but the answer is neither. There are far too many factors and indicators to make absolute conclusions; there is only consistency. Arctic oscillations, La Niña season and wind patterns — there is plenty of climate variation to support either side of the argument. And there are few in a position to clarify the reasons for such anomalies and occurrences of weather.

But among those “educated” individuals — those with degrees and experience within the field of climate-related subjects — there is an overwhelming majority that supports the notion of a “warming” trend and a minority that does not. Many could question how the statistics and scientific measurements allow such people to argue against the idea, but their status grants them such privilege — granted the sources of their funding do not conflict.

However, the answer truly doesn’t matter. The real question of this debate is: What gives an individual the credibility to provide a legitimate answer?

For example, does a lawyer have any place in diagnosing a patient with cancer? Does a doctor have the skills to successfully defend a criminal in court? The fine line between reality and perception mirrors the delineation of fact and opinion.

Personalities in the media have the right to make their own conclusions and spout it off as fact, but they have a duty, an obligation to report honestly and base conclusions upon “expert” knowledge, not personal grievance. One would hope Americans can sort through the conjecture, but the bombardment of opinions is troublesome.

Subsequently, like many other issues, such as the handling of the Egyptian revolution and Arizona shooting, the climate change debate has fallen upon political lines. More often than not, media personalities allow ideology to define their side of the argument and support it by exploring the political relevance of the issue.

Take, for example, Al Gore. While he brought much publicity to the subject, his standing as a liberal, his hypocritical actions — buying a home along the coasts and flying private jets — and history of donations during his political career have demeaned the given facts of climate change. Opponents of his ideology easily connect to their base by merely mentioning his name.

But most of these issues are not about politics — yet. Media often get antsy to stir up controversy and argument by exploring the political ramifications of every issue before the public has even found consensus on the significance of the issue at hand.

Society, both domestically and globally, cannot successfully address any issue — from climate change to the health care bill — until the public as a whole considers the issue in an unbiased, fair and objective view. No matter which side of the argument you’re on, don’t honesty and fact matter? Don’t you care to base your opinion on reality, not perception?

What better way to clean up misconceptions and lies than to allow those who are experienced in the field explain their observations. Just like the example of the doctor and the lawyer, conclusions should only be discussed by experts on the subject.

So should media personalities — whether it be an anchor, a journalist or radio host — state the reality of climate change without insight from the qualified “climate-related” scientist?

Science is true whether or not you believe in it. But science can never be true if you don’t understand it.

And that serves as a great analogy for the coverage of any social issue.

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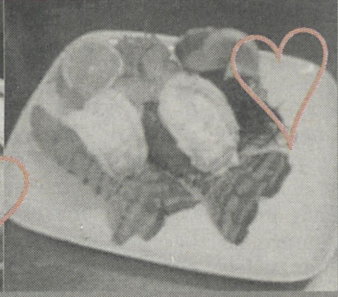
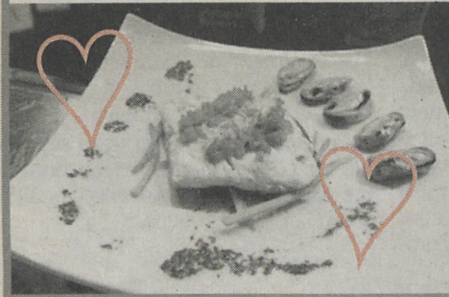
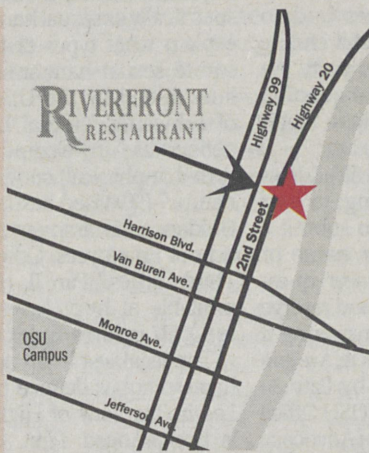
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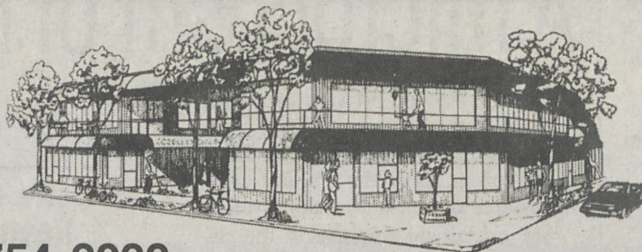
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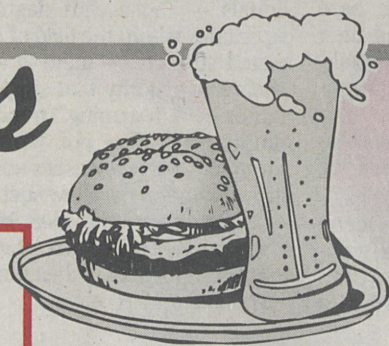
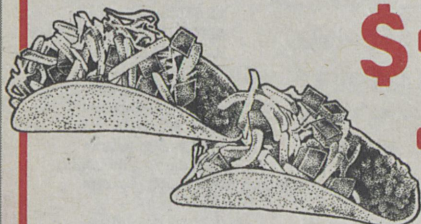
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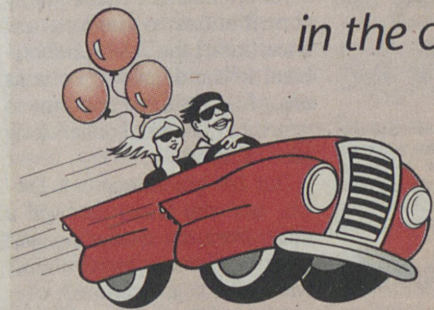
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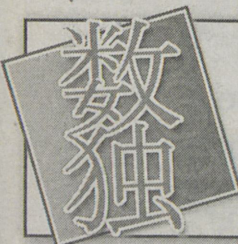
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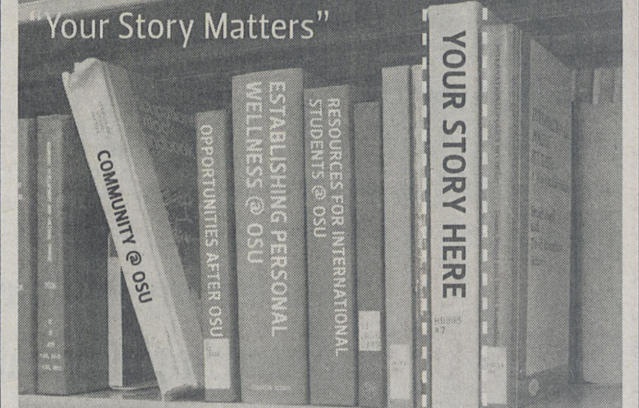
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the second half, and that was the game in my opinion. I thought the first half execution was a culmination of confidence and also just experience. It's the second time we've seen them and this is our 12th Pac-10 game, so we should be executing as well as we have all year."

Getting the Beavers on the scoreboard for the first time in the second half was Martin, who continued her hot streak from beyond the arc, hitting a 3 at the 18-minute mark, putting some room between Oregon State and the Trojans, 35-31.

With two points by Marchbanks combined with a free throw, the Beavers barely held the lead 37-33, with USC creeping up and taking advantage of every opportunity thrown their way. After an Oregon State turnover, the Trojans tied it up on a lay-in and capitalized on a scoreless possession by the Beavers, taking the lead for the first time in the second half, 42-

39 around the 15-minute mark.

Answering for Oregon State was Marchbanks, who hit a timely 3-pointer to tie the game. Not willing to throw in the towel, the Trojans hit on 10 unanswered points that put them up 52-42 with nine minutes of play to go.

"They are the athletes that can dictate tempo, can dictate things offensively and defensively," Rueck said. "They're the veterans, they're experienced. They came out and executed, and it was tough for us to respond."

After a free throw by senior forward El Sara Greer, the Beavers closed the gap within nine points, but Gilbreath spread the lead to 11 after a fast break bucket for the Trojans. Looking to run away with the game, the Women of Troy scored on another lay-in.

"Gilbreath was awesome tonight," Rueck said. "She was the one that came to play for them. She was the reason they were close at halftime, and her ability on the boards; she had 13 rebounds tonight. She is an

elite athlete and that was evident tonight."

With the game winding down, under three minutes left of play, the whistle announced a jump ball with the possession arrow in favor of USC. Oregon State battled, capitalizing on a scoreless possession by the Trojans by hitting on a 3-pointer from Martin for the Beavers. Coming with the answer, the Women of Troy hit on seven back-to-back points before sophomore guard Sage Indendi sank a 3 for Oregon State with less than a minute to play in the game. But Indendi's 3 wasn't enough to pull the Beavers back into reach, with USC leaving Gill Coliseum with a victory of 70-51.

Oregon State will be back in action Saturday at 12 p.m. against the No. 10 UCLA Bruins in their annual Pink Zone game. Fans who purchase a Pink Zone hat will receive free admission to the game, with all proceeds going to the Kay Yow Foundation.

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GYMNASTICS

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cool," she said.

With their energy and confidence at a season high, should the Beavers be wary of their excitement knocking their focus?

Complacency after a huge victory is a popular topic during football and basketball seasons, but associate head coach Michael Chaplin believes his athletes are on the right track and fans shouldn't worry.

"(At ASU) we talked about needing to stay together as a team and use our own energy," Chaplin said. "That is something they can always count on. I think it will be positive in terms of what we've done well and we just need to continue on that path."

Because the invitational is held in Chicago and the gym setup in something other than a basketball arena, the environment should even things out for the three Pac-10 schools. Club competitors

and fans will also comprise most of the support. It's likely to take the collegiate competitors down memory lane.

"These girls are used to that," Chaplin said. "They all came up through club situations where they competed in environments like this. I don't anticipate that being too hard for them to adjust. I hope there's a good crowd, because there's a big club meet going on; that will be good energy."

OSU is in a groove. The Beavers are ranked No. 2 on the bars, while Vivian holds the individual No. 2 for the apparatus; Mak continues to hold the No. 1 ranking on the beam and sits at a comfortable No. 14 in all-around — the team ranks No. 7 on beam.

Tonight's push will be the last until Feb. 25. OSU gets its first bye-week of the season after the weekend.

"Any team could win this one, but I think where we're at right now we can win it," Mak said. "I'm not intimidated at all by the other two teams."

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GOLF

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the last day."

Rachael Fischer, a transfer from the University of Portland, shot a 41-over par in her debut with the Beavers at the Wildcat Invitational. The first appearance for Fischer may not have been the first impression she wanted to leave, but the team knows she can bring a lot to the table.

"Rachael is going to add quite a bit this spring," Alexander said. "Within our own team itself, we will be more competitive and add more depth. She's very capable, she's got a great attitude and she will add that extra competition we need."

Preparation will be the most important goal for the team as they go forward. It was clear that the team's disappointing performance in Tucson had to do with lack of preparation.

"It sometimes surprises me when you get to the event and they have not prepared well, but you think they have on the day before the competition," said Alexander.

Telles reiterated that point: "We also need to be able to prepare better before the tournaments in our practicing, taking more time out of our lives to put quality into our practice, instead of just going out there and thinking we have done enough, when we could do more."

Oregon State is still a very young team. Two freshmen, a sophomore and two juniors in the starting lineup illuminate the fact that they still have big room for improvement. A young team will be more prone to mistakes than a veteran one. Not being well-prepared is one of those mistakes, but the team is quickly taking measures to prevent the same mistakes from repeating.

"Learning how to really evaluate the golf course and be prepared to play it the next day, and coming up with a game plan that will allow you to do that is

something we are going to work on for the next two and a half weeks in various situations in practice," Alexander said.

The next event will be the Bruin Wave Invitational on Feb. 28 in Santa Clarita, Calif. The team will look to take strides to improve their game both mentally and physically in the time leading up to the tournament. Getting the players healthy and

having better preparation will have short- and long-term benefits for this young team.

With all of that said, there are intangible elements that cannot be easily predicted in the sport of golf.

"Step it up, they have got to step it up," said Alexander.

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10). Oregon State's all-time record against Arizona State is 15-17 and 15-3 against Cal State Fullerton.

Last season against Arizona State, the Beavers pulled off a 35-5 win, then went on to beat Fullerton 33-6 and plan on a similar performance this week.

"These are two teams that we're a lot better than and we should blow them out of the water," Sakaguchi said.

The Sun Devils will bring with them second ranked Anthony Robles in the 125-pound weight class. Robles won the Pac-10 Championship in his weight class last year and went on to place seventh at the NCAA Championships.

In the 125-pound spot for the Beavers, Jason Lara will sit out for a third week, but will wrestle in the Pac-10 Championships in two weeks, said Oregon State head coach Jim Zalesky. Christian Strahl has wrestled in his spot for the last two meets and will likely do so again.

The 184-pound matches may also bring some excitement and a big weekend for Arand, Zalesky said. Arand faced Arizona State's Jake Meredith at the Las Vegas Invitational earlier this season and lost in a 3-2 decision. Then against Fullerton, he will face Todd Noel who has 22 wins this season, but has a 5-5 dual record.

"We're looking at going out and starting hard to set the tone," Zalesky said. "We're also looking at individual performances because we don't want to take any steps back this time of year."

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By Anthony Casson
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Three of the nation's top gymnastics programs, including No. 6 Oregon State, are set to compete at the IGI Chicago Style Invitational tonight at 7 p.m. in Chicago, Ill.

The meet is the world's largest women's gymnastics invitational, according to the official website. But

while the many club teams compete against one another, the Beavers will have their hands full with the collegiate competition — No. 10 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford. The Cardinal, Bruins and Beavers are ranked first, second and third in the Pac-10 Conference, respectively.

At the start of the 2011 season, the teams met at the Pac-10 Showcase in Los Angeles — OSU placed behind both of tonight's opponents. Three weeks ago, when UCLA came to Corvallis for the annual Pink Out, the Beavers fell to the Bruins by the smallest of points

margins (0.05). OSU has a chance for revenge, and put an eight-meet losing streak to UCLA and a two-meet losing streak to Stanford behind them.

"I'm excited to take on Stanford and UCLA; they're both amazing teams," senior Olivia Vivian said. "Stanford's been doing really well; the Pac-10 Showcase, they won (it). I have a huge drive to beat them both."

The past two competitions have gone extremely well for OSU. Against UCLA, they scored a season-high 196.625; a week later at Arizona State, they bettered the mark with a 196.950. The gymnasts have set the standard on the uneven bars and balance beam by scoring the highest team total of any program in the country. Last Sunday's performance in Tempe, Ariz., injected the team with a bigger boost of confidence.

"It was a great meet," Vivian said. "I know we went into it with a strong mentality; we didn't underestimate ASU. We thought about it like we're competing against the whole country, and we just took what we've learned and came together as a team."

Junior Leslie Mak matched her best beam routine of her career with a 9.925. Sophomores Kelsi Blalock and Melanie Jones had career-best scores on the beam. And for freshman Brittany Harris, who competed all-around for the second time this season, the ASU meet was a stunner; she had career-highs on vault, floor exercise and beam — each event coming after the other.

Harris said she walks around Corvallis — grocery store included — and people ask her for an autograph. She also has fans on Facebook; it's a leap from club competition in her native Oklahoma.

"I'm not used to it, but it's pretty

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Oregon State junior Leslie Mak performs her floor routine at the annual Pink Out at Gill Coliseum earlier this year.



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Oregon State senior El Sara Greer attempts a put-back against USC Thursday night. Despite a competitive first half, the Trojans defeated OSU 70-51.

Women stumbles late to USC

■ Despite Martin's six 3-pointers, Beavers can't ride first half momentum, fall 70-51

By Tori Hill
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After winning the tipoff in Thursday night's contest against the USC Women of Troy, the Oregon State women's basketball program didn't skip a step as they pushed ahead and grabbed the lead.

"I was so impressed with how we came out," said head coach Scott Rueck. "I thought we had great energy; we competed on the boards like crazy."

The first half of play started out with a battle of the two defenses, both teams going scoreless for the first two minutes of play, until a basket by junior forward Earlysia Marchbanks sparked the Oregon State offense.

Dominating the first half and stringing together four unanswered 3-pointers by sophomore guard Jenna Dixon and freshman guard Alyssa Martin, the Beavers went up by 11 points, building their biggest lead of the half with 10 minutes left to play.

"It got really loud, and it makes it even easier to knock down shots when you're that wide open and the crowd's super into it," Martin said.

"People come out because they want to see something special, and that stretch of the game was really special for us," Rueck said of Martin and Dixon's timely 3-pointers. "For me that's why we do this. For us, it's a great feeling cause we're doing our thing and it's working."

With the Women of Troy fighting to chip away at the Oregon State lead, junior guard Brianna Gilbreath recorded five of the Trojan's 16 points scored before the end of the half that brought USC within six points of the Beavers.

But before the halftime buzzer went off, the Oregon State women combined for 32 points while holding USC to 26, with Martin hitting four 3s in the first half, while Marchbanks recorded five and Dixon added six points coming off the bench for the Beavers.

With the first half coming to a close, Oregon State went into the locker room with a six-point lead, up on the USC Women of Troy 32-26. But to tip off the second, the Trojans came out hungry and went off for five unanswered points immediately.

"In the second half, things just changed," Rueck said. "They decided to be what they're capable of being. They were just dominant on the boards in

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Wrestlers to finish season in Corvallis

■ The Beavers host unranked Arizona State and Cal State Fullerton Friday and Sunday in final showdowns before Pac-10 Championships

By Anna Willard
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The Oregon State wrestling team will return to Gill Coliseum this weekend for their final Pac-10 regular-season matches of the season against two unranked teams.

Last week, the team traveled to Northern Colorado for their last away meet of the season. The Beavers won the match 35-9 with three decisions, two major decisions, one fall and two Northern Colorado forfeits.

Colby Covington tacked on another win and a pin to his record at Northern Colorado, bringing his winning streak to 12 in a row. He also moved up to No. 5 in

the national rankings for the 174-pound weight class, while the team's ranking remained in the No. 21 spot this week.

Scott Sakaguchi picked up his 20th win of the season and now leads the team in wins, while Brice Arand and Clayton Jack each racked up their 19th win of the season. Jack won by forfeit at Northern Colorado. "We all set goals for ourselves last weekend; I didn't reach mine because I wanted to get four takedowns and I didn't," Sakaguchi said. "But just about everybody reached theirs, and that should carry over into this weekend."

Friday evening, the Beavers (9-5-2, 2-2-1 Pac-10) will square off against the Arizona State Sun Devils (5-11, 1-2 Pac-10). Then, on Sunday, the team will wrap up the weekend against Cal State Fullerton (3-7, 0-4 Pac-

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Junior Whitney French lines up a putt at practice late last year. French shot a three-round total of 232 (low round of 74) in tough circumstances at this year's first spring tournament.

Wind, desert, flu limit Beavers in first spring event

■ Women's golf battles just about everything, finishes 15th in Arizona Wildcat Invitational

By Warner Strausbaugh
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If everything could go wrong for the Oregon State women's golf team in their first event of the spring, it did.

The first spring tournament of the season for the team was the Arizona Wildcat Invitational in Tucson, Ariz. The par 72 course at the Arizona National Golf Club and Vistoso Golf Club was the site for the 54 hole, two-day event on Monday and Tuesday.

As expected, the top finishers of the tournament were Pac-10 schools. No. 7 Arizona took first place in the event, followed by No. 9 California, Arizona State and Stanford. Oregon State, meanwhile, finished 15th out of 16.

This definitely was not the result the

team had hoped for, but if anyone has legitimate excuses for a subpar finish, it would be the Beavers.

"It definitely was disappointing," said coach Risé Alexander. "Before we left, I felt like they were prepared, and I anticipated a much better outcome than what we had. But then again, I didn't really expect my top three to be sick with flu-like symptoms. They're now being treated with antibiotics."

The three players who came down ill before going to Tucson were freshmen Seshia Telles and Lauren Sewell, and junior Whitney French. Even playing with flu-like symptoms, French led the team with a 16-over par, Sewell finished 17-over par and Telles shot a 26-over par. All scores are totals from three rounds.

"It was a hard week on all of us, and it being our first tournament (of the spring), I think everyone was a little bit nervous," said freshman golfer Seshia Telles. "We all wanted to do well and

probably just put too much pressure on ourselves."

Flu-like symptoms was not the only barrier the team was faced with in Tucson. The weather conditions were not the greatest either, with the wind blowing around 20-30 mph on Tuesday. Telles actually had her best performance of the tournament in the last round, shooting a 79, 7-over par in the inclement weather.

"Usually I tend to do better after the first two rounds, just because my demeanor changes," Telles said. "I'm more determined to beat my own score, and try to (do) better than I did before."

"I actually thought they handled (the weather conditions) pretty well," said coach Alexander. "You can look at the scores and see that there were a lot of teams that were playing really well until

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