



Morning classes canceled today

■ Campus reopens at 10 a.m. Friday, classes scheduled before that are canceled

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University announced that due to inclement weather the Corvallis campus will be opening two hours later on Friday, Feb. 25. All classes starting before 10 a.m. are canceled.

"The expected arrival of frigid temperatures tonight (Thursday), following the recent snowfall, may create unusually hazardous driving conditions early Friday morning," read a portion of the announcement posted on the OSU alert page. "As a result, Oregon State University will delay opening for two hours, with classes and other campus activities beginning at 10 a.m."

Classes that start at or after 10 a.m. will begin as normal. The library and 24-hour computer lab shut down early Thursday evening and will open back up at 10 a.m. on Friday. Essential services, such as dining halls, will operate as usual.

"This will give everything a chance to warm up a bit and make the commute a little easier," said Mark Floyd, assistant director of OSU News and Communication Services.

Weather services predicted overnight lows around 20 degrees and an 80 percent chance of snow overnight. The low temperatures and moisture on the ground left meteorologists expecting icy roads and dangerous driving conditions.

"It's not so much the snow, but all

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Duo fill void in Corvallis shopping scene



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Amanda Zea, apparel design sophomore, tries on clothes with the help of owners Kristen Cannity and Debra Hixson at Modern Avenue.

■ Modern Avenue offers contemporary clothing for women of all ages

By Hannah Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In a town where Nordstroms, Buckle, Hot Topic, Pac Sun and Forever 21 don't exist, a store by the name of Modern Avenue might cure the "shopping woes."

With clothes and accessories hand-picked for each season by a talented and bubbly mother-daughter duo, shoppers no longer have to leave Corvallis to find the trends of the season.

The store's slogan is "Shopping in your city," and that is exactly what Modern Avenue, located at 462 SW Madison Ave., has made possible for Oregon State students since opening its doors three months ago.

The story of this partnership between mother, Debra Hixson, and daughter, Kristen Cannity, who once attended Oregon State University, began four years ago when they both worked in a retail store downtown.

"We would constantly talk about what we would do if we had a boutique of our own," Hixson said. "But it just wasn't possible financially for us."

Eventually fate stepped in when Cannity moved on to work at Shoetini's, and the store closed shortly after she started.

"I always really wanted to open a store, but I never thought I would actually be able to do it," Cannity said. "When the opportunity introduced itself, my mom asked me if I wanted to go for it and I said, 'Oh, yeah!'"

The space where Shoetini's stood became the new location of their very own boutique.

With help from Hixson's fiancé and Cannity's boyfriend, the remodeling of the space began immediately. The duo decided to base the color scheme on the existing deep red, light tan, gold and brown flooring.

Now the space is modern and complete with new dressing rooms, white columns, beige paint, deep red wallpaper with hints of gold and a new white checkout counter with black granite on top.

"I like this space because it has an art deco feel," Hixson said. "The old architecture and the shapes of the walls makes it different and individual."

Modern Avenue's grand opening was celebrated with an evening party on Nov. 11, 2010.

"The first purchase was actually made by my friend, but we were shocked with how much we sold that night and the amount of people who came to support us; we had about 250 people come in the store," Cannity said.

That night, the pair learned they were in for an adventure.

"People always ask us, 'Do you still get along?' And yes, we sure do!" Cannity said.

Cannity and Hixson make it known that the items they select for the store are specifically for Corvallis.

"It is a really hard market here because there are the college students to tend to, but there are also the older working women," Cannity said. "It is difficult to cater to both at the same time."

Even though Corvallis is generally a

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Increased enrollment means more money for student groups

■ The budgets of four student organizations are passed by SIFC without fee increases

By Joce DeWitt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Student Incidental Fees Committee convened last night to vote on budget requests and decision packages of four different campus organizations: Student Sustainability Initiative, Student Diversity, Educational Activities and the Memorial Union.

Ten regular members of the board gathered for the discussion, including Chris Jordan from ASOSU Senate; Members At-Large Ryne Burgess, Kate Welter, Zach Olson, and Kevin Schock; Kevin Dunn of the House of Representatives; ASOSU President Andrew Struthers; SIFC Chair Matt Vogt; SIFC Assistant Austin Bouck and MU President Craig Bidiman.

SSI began the meeting with a presentation by representative Justin Russell, who gave an explanation on the organization's current activities.

According to Russell, SSI has 55 active volunteers and has provided more than 500 with sustainable services.

The presentation outlined SSI's participation in the Spring Creek Project and the Student Experience Center as well as expressed the need to deal with increasing enrollment.

"A key effort is reaching out to students," Russell said.

Russell also discussed the

Sustainable Energy Revolving Loan Fund, which provides OSU with low interest financing to promote sustainable energy projects.

"We are increasing awareness and demand for the Revolving Loan Fund," Russell said.

A major component of SSI is funding for grants, which have reportedly increased in amount and quality over the last year. SSI requested a budget increase for grants to \$26,795 from the current \$12,000.

In addition to grant funding, SSI sought a renewable energy budget increase to \$492,150 from \$459,000. They called for the addition of a Fee Board Chair stipend of \$2,400, equaling \$200 a month for 12 months, in order to create incentive for the requirements of the position.

The final request of \$10,000 was for a travel stipend that would pay for excursions taken by representatives of SSI.

However, due to current budget reductions that the SSI has been undergoing, including building maintenance and programming expenses, the base budget request came out to a zero percent budget increase.

SSI's request for a budget change from \$13.90 per student per term to \$11.86 per student per term was approved by the SIFC.

Gianluigi Benvenuto, chair of the Student Diversity Budgeting Board, which provides leadership for the

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Navajo Times publisher leads talk, dines at Longhouse

■ Tom Arviso, Jr., will discuss the importance of American Indian journalism, facing conflicts of interest in the workplace

By Madeline Hoag
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In a presentation titled "Native Americans: Past, Present and Future," Tom Arviso, Jr., the publisher of the Navajo Times, will talk to students about the field of Native American journalism and how to report about the people and institutions who financially support news organizations.

Arviso will be speaking at OSU at noon today in Memorial Union Room 109B, where he will delve into the possible solutions to problems facing Native American journalism.

In order to give students a better perspective of what Native American journalism is about, and explain its relevance to the Native people and society as a whole, Arviso hopes to enlighten both students and staff through conversation.

"I want to present the students and staff with some information and insight into the world of Native (American) journalism and its importance and relevance in today's world," Arviso said. "Hopefully something I say or share will give the students some material or subject for future thought and discussion."

Arviso was chosen to speak at OSU by Julia Sandidge, the director of student media, as part of the student media presentations. Arviso and Sandidge met through their participation in the Native



COURTESY OF TOM ARVISO JR.

Tom Arviso, publisher of the Navajo Times, will give a talk today at noon in MU 109B.

American Journalists Association.

Arviso had a wonderful experience speaking at Colorado State University, where Sandidge previously worked, and hopes to have a similar experience here at OSU.

"I think it is quite important that Native professional journalists take time to meet and speak with our younger generations when the opportunities arise," Arviso said. "We need to encourage and support our future storytellers."

Arviso has always enjoyed reading newspapers and magazines, especially the sports and comics. He worked on the school newspaper in high school and continued in college, although his major was not journalism at the time. Majoring

Tom Arviso Jr.

What: Native American Journalism
Where: MU 109B
When: Today at noon

in social work, he got a job at the Arizona Indian, a monthly publication, through a public employment training program.

Thoroughly enjoying his time as a staff writer and photographer, Arviso decided to go back to college to receive a journalism degree after the publication lost funding and stopped printing.

When Arviso began at the Navajo Times, the publication was a tribal department under the economic development division of the executive branch of the Navajo Nation government. He considers his transformation of the newspaper to a for-profit corporation, called the Navajo Times Publishing Company, which is independent of the tribal government, to be the most significant move of his career as a journalist.

"The next accomplishment is to have influenced, supported and witnessed the gradual growth of three young Navajo students as interested aspiring high school journalism students, to that of professional Native journalists today," Arviso said. "They are the next generation of Native journalists and modern storytellers."

Sandidge hopes that students will learn to not be afraid to cover the bodies that govern them or fear losing funding if they cover a contro-

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Saudi national arrested in Texas on alleged terror charges

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Saudi national living in Texas was arrested Wednesday for allegedly researching and acquiring chemicals to make a bomb, authorities said Thursday.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, 20, of Lubbock, Texas, allegedly researched several possible targets, including the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush along with nuclear power plants and hydroelectric dams.

Aldawsari was arrested in Lubbock on a federal charge of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction in connection with his alleged purchase of chemicals and equipment necessary to make an improvised explosive device, according to the Justice Department.

Aldawsari is expected to make his initial appearance in federal court in Lubbock Friday morning, the Department of Justice said.

Aldawsari, who was lawfully admitted into the United States in 2008 on a student visa and is enrolled at South Plains College near Lubbock, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, officials said.

According to court records, Aldawsari conducted online research into how to construct an improvised explosive device, or IED, using several chemicals as ingredients. He has also "acquired or taken a substantial step toward acquiring most of the ingredients and equipment" needed for the bomb, documents said.

Authorities said Aldawsari described his desire for violent jihad and martyrdom in blog postings and a personal journal.

Aldawsari conducted research on

various targets and e-mailed himself information on these locations and people, the Justice Department said.

On Feb. 6, the affidavit alleges, Aldawsari sent himself an email titled "Tyrant's House," in which he listed the Dallas address for former President George W. Bush, investigators said.

In a personal journal found in Aldawsari's apartment home, Aldawsari wrote the events of September 11, 2001, had produced a "big change" in his thinking and that he had been inspired by the speeches of Osama bin Laden, the affidavit said. He had excelled in high school in order to take advantage of scholarship opportunities offered by Saudi companies to get to the United States, he wrote, and had been planning to commit a terrorist attack in the United States for years, according to the affidavit.

Aldawsari allegedly wrote the scholarship "will help tremendously in providing me with the support I need for Jihad." The entry continued: "And now, after mastering the English language, learning how to build explosives and continuous planning to target the infidel Americans, it is time for Jihad," the affidavit says.

Aldawsari's alleged plan first came to the attention of authorities only three weeks ago, on Jan. 30, when Con-way Freight, a shipping company, became suspicious after Aldawsari allegedly called the company and asked it to hold a package for him. Con-way Freight company officials told police it had no relationship with Aldawsari that would have allowed him to use the company as a shipping location, officials said. Investigators learned the shipment involved the toxic chemical phenol, which can be used in mak-

ing the explosive trinitrophenol, also known as TNP or picric acid.

On Feb. 8, an FBI agent posing as an employee of the North Carolina supply company that sent the chemicals called Aldawsari and asked why he wished to purchase the phenol, according to the records. Aldawsari falsely told the supplier he was associated with a university and wanted the chemical for "off-campus, personal research," the affidavit says.

Frustrated by his inability to obtain the chemicals, Aldawsari canceled the order and later e-mailed himself instructions for producing phenol.

The affidavit alleges that Aldawsari also e-mailed himself instructions on how to convert a cellular phone into a remote detonator and how to prepare a booby-trapped vehicle using items available in every home. One e-mail allegedly contained a message stating that "one operation in the land of the infidels is equal to 10 operations against occupying forces in the land of the Muslims."

During December 2010 and January 2011, Aldawsari allegedly purchased many other items, including a gas mask, a hazardous materials suit, a soldering iron kit, glass beakers and flasks, wiring, a stun gun, clocks and a battery tester.

Authorities said Aldawsari described his desire for violent jihad and martyrdom in blog postings, using the online user name "fromfaraway90." He expressed dissatisfaction with the current condition of Muslims, lamenting what he viewed as their passivity and pacifism, according to the affidavit.

In another e-mail to himself, titled "NICE TARGETS," he listed two categories of targets: hydroelectric dams

and nuclear power plants, the affidavit said.

Other e-mails sent to himself, with the subject line "Targets," contained the names and home addresses of three people who had previously served in the U.S. military at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, authorities alleged.

"As alleged in the complaint, Aldawsari purchased ingredients to construct an explosive device and was actively researching potential targets in the United States. Thanks to the efforts of many agents, analysts and prosecutors, this plot was thwarted before it could advance further," said David Kris, who is assistant attorney general for national security. "This case serves as another reminder of the need for continued vigilance both at home and abroad."

A spokesman for former President Bush referred calls to the Secret Service.

President Barack Obama was informed about the operation before the arrest was made, White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said.

"The president thanks the FBI, Department of Justice, and the rest of our law enforcement, intelligence and Homeland Security professionals who continue to keep us safe and who once again have served with extraordinary skill and with the commitment that their enormous responsibilities demand," Shapiro said.

South Plains College said that it had been notified that one of its students had been detained, but didn't have further information on the arrest. A spokeswoman said that Aldawsari was a transfer student who had been at their college for only six weeks.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 25

Events

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

International Students of OSU (ISOSU) and Dixon Rec Center, 5-7pm, Langton Hall Room 13. Fitness space for women.

Monday, Feb. 28

Meetings

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

Events

Women's Center, 1-2pm, Women's Center. Women's Mental Health Series — Ups and Downs of Depression. Open discussion. Panel of women will share personal stories, as well as techniques for working through challenges of having depression, being a college student, and a woman.

Peace Corps, 2-3pm, Career Services. Application Workshop — Come find out how to be a more competitive applicant in the Peace Corps.

Tuesday, Mar. 1

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

Women's Center, 5:30-7pm, Willamette East & West Conference Rooms, Valley Library 2nd Floor. Women from around the globe will speak about international women's health and social justice issues. Q&A follows. Snacks & beverages served.

Events

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

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.

International Students of OSU (ISOSU) and Dixon Recreation Center, 5-8pm, Langton Hall Room 13. Fitness space for women.

Wednesday, Mar. 2

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 the state.

Events

Childcare and Family Resources, Noon-1pm, MU 213. Lunch and Learn: Talking to your Kids about Sex. Presented by Dr. Kathy Greaves.

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

List of Hollywood donations show strong tilt toward Democrats

As Hollywood prepares to give out the Oscars on Sunday honoring best performances in movies, a Washington watchdog group is getting in on the action — giving out its own awards based on which Academy Award nominees gave the most money to politicians and political groups.

For the second year in a row, OpenSecrets.org, part of the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics, is handing out its Money-in-Politics Oscars to a series of nominees as it tries to shed light on what it calls "the

cozy relationship between the cinematic and political elite." The center tracks the influence of money in politics and lobbying.

Jeff Bridges, up for a Best Actor in a Leading Role Oscar in "True Grit" wins this group's award. According to the center, he and his wife donated nearly \$68,000 in contributions to federal candidates, party committees and the political group MoveOn.Org.

Among the five nominees in the Best Actress category, Annette Bening, who is in "The

Kids Are All Right," is the winner. She has contributed more than \$26,600 to left-leaning politicians and Democratic party committees, the center says.

Of the various persons up for the top six Academy Awards, 19 contributed to politicians, political parties, political action committees or independent expenditure organizations since 1990.

The center finds that of the \$1.3 million donated by these individuals just to federal candidates, parties and PACS, more than \$1.24 million benefitted Democrats.

That doesn't count the money that went to independent expenditure groups, which can accept unlimited donations. The producer of "The Kids Are All Right," Jeffrey Levy-Hinte, and his wife gave more than \$3.6 million to so-called 527 organizations — and more than \$3.3 million went to ones identified with Democratic or liberal causes. The Levy-Hintes also contributed more than \$884,000 to federal candidates and party committees.

The center also came up with its own special categories.

Among them:

Most Popular Party Committee. The winner is the Democratic National Committee, which received nearly \$344,000 in donations from this year's nominees.

Outcast Award. This one goes to Michael De Luca, producer of "The Social Network," who gave one of only two contributions to a Republican group or individual. He gave \$7,500 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 2004 cycle.

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Army to probe psy-ops allegations in Rolling Stone

An military officer trained in using psychological tactics to influence the emotions and actions of enemy troops told CNN Thursday her unit was ordered to use those skills to manipulate visiting lawmakers into securing more troops and funding for the war in Afghanistan.

After a fellow officer questioned the legality of using "psychological operations" on elected U.S. officers, both received reprimands that could threaten their military careers, she said.

"We're not allowed to do that against any U.S. citizen, whether it is a congressman or my neighbor three doors down," said Texas National Guard Maj. Loral Levine. "That is the first thing you are taught — never target Americans, ever."

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, is ordering an investigation into allegations made by the leader of Levine's unit, Lt. Colonel Michael Holmes. The allegations are contained in a scathing Rolling Stone magazine report that was published Wednesday.

Pentagon spokesman Col. David Lapan did not offer an

outright denial of the story and said the probe would focus on "determining the facts and circumstances raised" in it.

Holmes told the magazine that a military team at Afghanistan's Camp Eggers was ordered by Gen. William Caldwell, a three-star general in charge of training Afghan troops, to perform psychological operations on visiting VIPs over a four-month period last year.

When the team devoted to what is known as information operations refused on grounds that it was illegal, it was subjected to a campaign of retaliation, the magazine said.

"My job in psy-ops is to play with people's heads, to get the enemy to behave the way we want them to behave," Holmes, the head of the "information operations" unit, told Rolling Stone reporter Michael Hastings, who also wrote an article last year that led to the dismissal of Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

"I'm prohibited from doing that to our own people," he said. "When you ask me to try to use these skills on senators and congressmen, you're crossing a line."

Caldwell said in a statement

to Rolling Stone that he "categorically denies the assertion that the command used an Information Operations Cell to influence distinguished visitors."

But Holmes told the magazine he was reprimanded for refusing to carry out orders.

Lapan, the Pentagon spokesman, said it was not necessarily improper for an information operations unit to create a dossier on visiting VIPs.

"It all depends on the circumstance and how it's done," he said. "It's the actions, not just the assignment."

He said the investigation will determine whether any of those actions were illegal.

The Department of Defense describes the role of psychological operations as the following: "Induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behavior favorable to the U.S. or friendly nation objectives by planning and conducting operations to convey information to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups and individuals."

Federal law delineates the boundaries of such operations

and states they "will not target U.S. citizens at any time, in any location globally, or under any circumstances."

Holmes told Rolling Stone that Caldwell wanted the information operations team to provide a "deeper analysis of pressure points we could use to leverage" visiting lawmakers for increased funding.

The magazine said that Caldwell's chief of staff also asked Holmes how the general could secretly manipulate the lawmakers without their knowledge. "How do we get these guys to give us more people? What do I have to plant inside their heads?" he said, according to Hastings' article.

The report said that among those singled out in the campaign were Sens. John McCain, Joe Lieberman, Jack Reed, Al Franken and Carl Levin and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services, said he was "confident the chain of command will review any allegation that information operations have been improperly used in Afghanistan."

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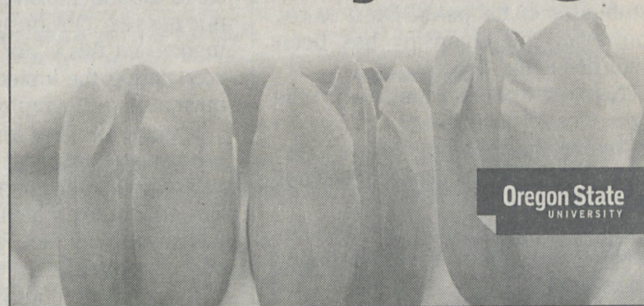
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cultural centers, the Pride Center and the Women's Center, took the floor next.

Also at the meeting supplying information on the status of funding for the four cultural centers was Director of Diversity Development Victoria Nguyen.

"Basically, funding for all four centers has been completed," Nguyen said.

According to Benvenuto, who answered specific and general questions asked by SIFC, the main concern of the Student Diversity Budgeting Board was to adjust all mid-level student leadership positions to reflect salary equity.

Benvenuto explained that the board wanted to alter salaries of every mid-level position within the centers to \$9.50 per student per hour. Other concerns included the addition of an AmeriCorps volunteer as an employee to the Women's Center.

From a total budget of \$784,619 per student per term, the Diversity Budgeting Board requested \$12.81 for fall, winter and spring term, \$0.39 for the Business Center and \$8.30 for summer term. The requests amounted to an overall budget increase of 1.35 percent, which was also approved by all SIFC members.

The third presentation was lead by Alexis Galvan, chair of Educational Activities, which oversees the budgets of several campus groups.

All members of the SIFC passed the overall request by Educational Activities committee for \$709,161, which is also a decrease from the current budget.

Student Media falls under the jurisdiction of Educational Activities. A budget for The Daily Barometer was therefore the chief subject of discussion among the SIFC for the third segment of the meeting.

After The Daily Barometer business manager, Levi Downey, spoke about intentions to increase

revenue and decrease the newspaper's expenses through different projects, SIFC members discussed whether or not the proposed budget of \$127,000, or \$0.64 per student per term would be enough funding for the paper.

"The main thing I'd be worried about is that they're not getting compensated for their work," Downey said.

Downey wasn't the only person advocating for more money for employees.

"They are working for more than they actually get," Bidiman said. "I know how overworked they are."

After several minutes of deliberation, the movement for a budget of \$0.64 per student per term for The Daily Barometer under the Educational Activities budget was approved.

"It's a good starting place," Burgess said. "So for next year if it comes up short, we can adjust. I have no problem with this decision."

The last presentation of the night was by Charlie McGowan, vice president of the Memorial Union.

The four topics discussed as part of the budget were the transition of ISOSU, Buenos Burritos, The Student Experience Center and the transition of the SSL.

The overall request by the MU was another zero percent increase for \$65.78 for fall, winter and spring term and \$59.80 for summer term.

As all four organizations sought a zero percent increase in their budgets, the meeting ended on a positive note.

According to Struthers, the reason that so many organizations requested a zero budget increase was due to growing student enrollment.

"I'm happy to see a variety of zero percent increases without impeding service," Schock said. "I don't think we've emptied students' wallets to do it."

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ARVISO

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versial story.

Sandidge looks forward to Arviso's talk and hearing what he has to teach the students at OSU.

"It is an honor for someone of this caliber to visit our campus," Sandidge said. "I look forward to learning from his wisdom and getting to see him again. He is very easy to be around and it is an honor that he is willing to travel to OSU."

Following Arviso's presentation, he will visit the Native American Longhouse for an invitation-only dinner Friday evening to engage in intimate conversation and give students an opportunity to learn from his experiences.

"The smaller group setting will allow for better one-on-one time," said Pepe Zamora, the Native American Longhouse activities coordinator. "It is one thing to read a story about someone in a book, but it is more powerful to see where the words are coming from."

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"jeans and T-shirt" kind of place, both Hixson and Cannity believe that everyone likes to get a little dressed up every now and then.

The duo will attend their second Northwest Market Association show March 5 to 7, which is held twice a year. Companies are to display their line for each upcoming season at the show, and Cannity and Hixson will use the opportunity to pick out clothes for both next summer and fall.

"The show is at Embassy Suites in Portland, and there are clothes floor-to-ceiling," Cannity said. "Each hotel room has a different vendor in it that is representing a brand, and you make an appointment to meet with them and see the line."

This is where the mother-daughter dynamic of the business comes in handy.

"When we go to the show together, it is really easy to choose things because she can choose things for the older woman while I can choose things for the younger," Cannity.

When choosing the clothes, the two women always keep in mind the size, hair color and style of their female customers. Hixson and

Cannity are also conscientious of the price point of the items.

"Price range for us is huge," Cannity said. "We have affordable earrings for \$12, but we also have a few things that are more expensive; we try to keep a good balance."

Hixson agreed the store should appeal to all wallets.

"I think anyone should be able to walk into a store and feel like they can actually walk out with a quality item," she said.

Cannity and Hixson have served everyone from 16-year-old girls to 93-year-old women and have faith in the idea that clothes can change people's lives.

"We have had customers who come into the store and we help them chose an outfit, and when they step out of the dressing room, they are so happy," Hixson said.

They both agree that it has been a very touching experience so far.

"We have so much fun doing this, I think we get our customers excited about shopping here as well," Hixson said. "We know that we are doing the right thing; it is the best thing that has ever happened to us."

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the water accumulated on the road that can freeze into ice," Floyd said. "That can make the commute a little hairy."

Driving conditions may still be hazardous when the university opens again, so commuters are advised to analyze their own situations before heading to campus.

"During this challenging weather, individuals are encouraged to use their best judgment to determine whether traveling to campus is safe, if they are in areas where road conditions or other circumstances make the commute hazardous."

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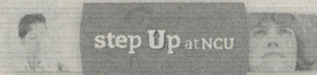
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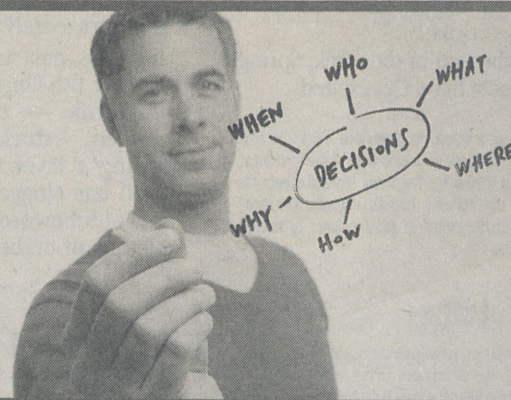


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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to Oregon weather. Where else can you get rain, snow, hail and sun all while sitting in your 8 a.m. class?

Nay to indecisiveness.

Yea to bravado. Anthony Black, a 21-year-old in Chickasha (what a great name for a city by the way), Okla. was taken into custody after allegedly trying to conceal a stolen chainsaw — by stuffing it in his pants! Don't worry, however, the chainsaw has been returned to the store.

Nay to the poor customer who now gets a "used" chainsaw.

Yea to the hilarious conversation we think happened between the cops and Mr. Black.

Cop One: Mr. Black, is that a chainsaw in your pants or are you just happy to see me?"

Cop Two: Damn it Flip! I told you not to crack that joke until after we take him in.

Mr. Black (embarrassed and probably uncomfortable): It's a chainsaw.

Cop One and Two: Come with us son. (Takes him in)

Store Owner, realizing they are taking the chainsaw: Hey! Can I have the chainsaw back?

Cops (confused): You want it back? Alright. (Hands over the chainsaw, remembering to never get chainsaws from the store again).

Nay to this not-so-smooth transition to the next Yea.

Yea to turning the big 2-1.

Nay to celebrating that birthday by getting completely wasted by 11 o'clock on a Monday and sitting on the curb in front of Pita Pit screaming about wanting your fiancé. And when he shows up to carry you home, you proceed to throw up all over his back.

Yea to true love.

Nay to being alone. So alone that all you do on your weekends is eat Häagen Dazs in your room while watching old '90s sitcoms like "Brotherly Love" and "Boy Meets World." And the entire time you're wondering, are you ever going to meet the Topanga in your life? Then you get even sadder and all of sudden your ice cream tastes a little saltier because of your tears. So anyway ...

Yea to '90s sitcoms. For those who don't recognize "Brotherly Love" — a great sitcom, starring the Lawrence brothers (Joey, Andrew, Matthew), who live in a garage and there is this tension between ... well now we're getting into details, so just go to YouTube.

Nay to the current batch of sitcoms populating television these days. When "Two and a Half Men" — a show where Charlie Sheen plays, well, Charlie Sheen — is the highest rated sitcom, you know things are bad.

Yea to the sitcom genre at least being in better shape than Charlie Sheen's own life.

Nay to the possibility of that last Yea offending someone. Too soon for a Charlie Sheen joke?

Yea for the end of the week, Spring term is almost here! Get excited.

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The home-wrecker known as pornography

Did you know that every second, \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography, 28,258 internet users are viewing pornography and, in that same second, 372 internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines such as Google. Additionally, every 39 minutes a new pornographic video is being created, according to statistics from Family Safe Media.

In the United States, pornography earns around \$13.33 billion in revenue per year. Obviously this is a huge market. Yet this is not a big surprise considering the incredibly addictive powers of pornography.

It starts out very innocent, I suppose. Just looking at other people having intercourse isn't a real problem. It's not like watching it is harming anyone. In fact, if anything it's educational, right?

These ideas couldn't be farther from the truth. What really happens is that this seemingly harmless act of watching pornography often leads to an obsession that affects everyday life and eventually harms not just the viewer, but others they interact with.

In the book called Pornified, the author Pamela Paul states that "People need to know that pornography is not harmless entertain-



Shanna Woodruff

Keeping it real

ment." She explains that the viewers have programmed themselves to only sexually cue to computerized, commercialized pornography. "With addicts, pornography often crosses over to their real lives ... seeking prostitutes."

Pornography is not just viewed by adults, but people of a wide variety of ages, backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses. According to Family Safe Media, nearly 90 percent of children ages 8-16 have viewed pornography online. Would you want your kids to watch?

For young viewers, it is much more likely they will become addicts later on in life. It becomes something that the person feels the need to watch every second of every day. In 2008, statistics showed that one-fourth of employees use the internet to visit porn sites during their workday.

"I can't refrain myself from watching porn; as long as I have access to the internet, I'll download it," admit-

ted an individual on www.porn-free.org. "The thing about porn is that it is never enough," another individual stated.

As you can imagine, it may be difficult to lead a regular life when constantly obsessed with watching porn. What often occurs is that watching porn leads to a strong desire to recreate what is seen.

If such a person is in a relationship, sexual intercourse with a significant other may not meet certain expectations constructed by viewing pornography. It is much easier for the pornography viewer to feel dissatisfied with their sexual relationship and seek other means for satisfying their desires. This could lead to an increased use of pornography, or as Paul states, they may seek out prostitutes and other partners to be able to reproduce the images they see in porn.

Another individual wrote on www.porn-free.org, "When I think back, all of my significant relationships were destroyed due to my addiction to porn. It would start out fine, I would lose interest in porn, and then over time I would be drawn back to it."

There are about 40 million U.S. adults who regularly visit pornography websites. This means there are

likely 40 million people in the U.S. that are destroying their own lives, and the lives of those around them, including family members, because of pornography.

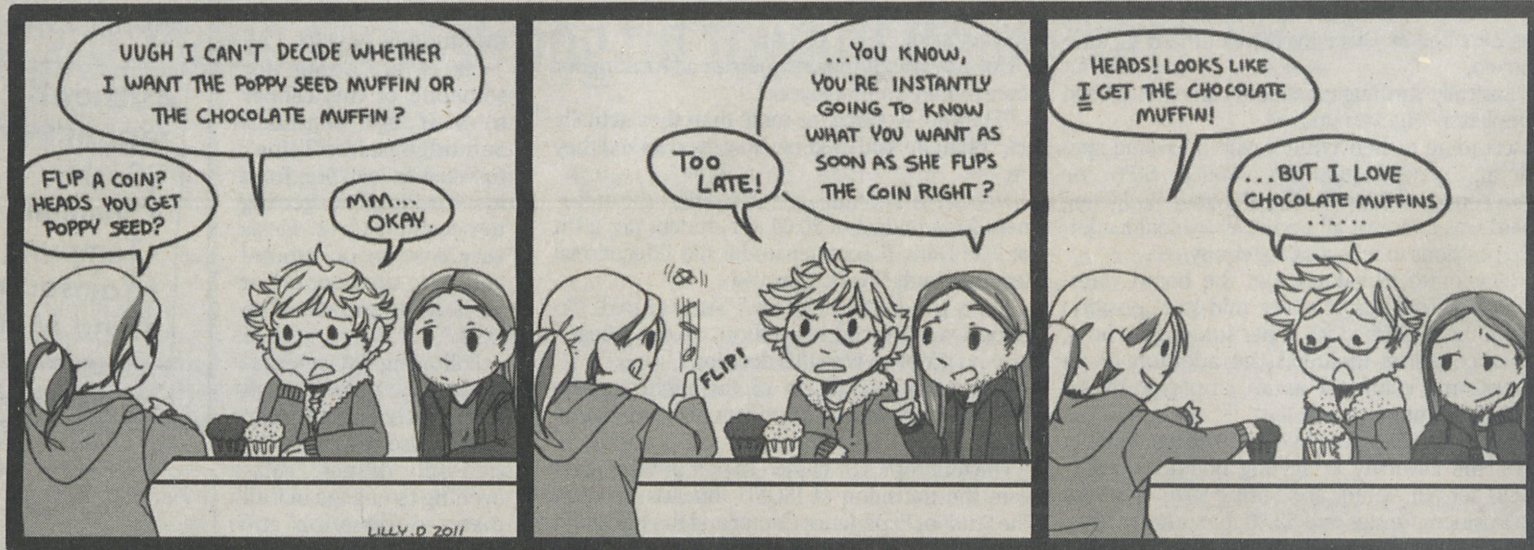
An article by Alysse M. ElHage titled "How Pornography Destroys the Family" discusses some very personal stories regarding porn and families. One woman recounts her story of how her husband's addiction to pornography began in college with magazines and escalated to X-rated movies, strip clubs and eventually hiring prostitutes. She mentions that throughout their marriage he was emotionally and mentally distant, frequently absent and neglectful of his wife and kids. "When she discovered why they were thousands of dollars in debt, she was also faced with the possibility that (her husband) had exposed them both to AIDS."

This is just one story among many. In a class I once took, a guest speaker with a Ph.D. in psychology said that if you want a good sex life, don't watch pornography. The reason for this, she explained, was because it creates unrealistic expectations.

And, sociologist Gail Dines insists

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LIFE IS WEIRD



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Unfortunate progression of BP's Gulf stain

During the 86-day leakage of the Macondo 252 well, the nation sat in dismay, sympathizing for those entangled within the Gulf disaster. The nation seemed to finally consider the extent of our oil madness.

But it all drifted away Sept. 19. The well was sealed from the waters and our minds. Let's continue on our merry ways, what's done is done! While the public may see it that way, it is unfortunately naive.

Just this past week, marine scientists at the University of Georgia found oil — expected to be degraded — stuck on the sea floor. Forming a layer of hydrocarbons, the oil has clogged the dead remnants of tubeworms and coated the skeletons of crabs and brittle stars.



Armand Resto

Considering the Horizon

Microbes, faced with the daunting task to degrade the oil in a matter of months, have failed. We just formed our own sediment layer for future study.

Undeservedly so, nature has taken its punches. However, impacts from the spill go beyond environmental and biological degradation. It begins to trickle down through our social and economic systems — both products of the natural resources we have been given. Now, it seems

the time has come for the public to understand the damage.

A recent report from the Institute for Southern Studies states that the Louisiana Environmental Action Network collected blood samples of 12 Gulf Coast residents (involved with cleanup, crabbing, locality) and found four of them had 11.9 to 35.8 times higher amounts of Benzene than the 95th percentile value of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey's results.

On top of that, subcontractors within the Gulf area claim they have not received any compensation for their cleanup work. The subcontractors took out loans without considering financial issue to pay their workers in contributing to cleanup efforts — since British Petroleum

was paying the "prime-contractors" to hire these lower groups. What a great way to support the locals and put some cash into the American pot. And, even though one of the prime-contractors claims that 90 percent of the bills have actually been paid, the other 10 percent accounts to nearly \$700 million.

Then, what happens when you combine BP's impeccable track record with our government's finance handling? BP recently wrote to Ken Feinberg, head of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, claiming "payouts to victims are too generous," and that "most claimants will not be losing money as a result of the spill."

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New McAlexander Fieldhouse not all improved

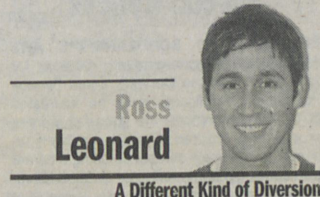
Renovations to McAlexander Fieldhouse are nearly complete and during my soccer class on Wednesday I got my first taste of the indoor soccer field it houses.

When I first heard that they were creating a new soccer field for the facility, I was pretty excited, since I try to play soccer as much as possible. But, after actually playing on it, that excitement kind of fizzled out.

While there is no doubt that the space as a whole has been drastically overhauled into a top-flight facility, the architects could have put a little more thought into some aspects.

As opposed to the previous indoor soccer field housed there, the floor is no longer an unflattened giant piece of green carpet — which is a good thing — and it has been replaced with a synthetic turf, similar to the one installed on the new intramural fields.

However, it is not exactly the same. The new McAlexander turf doesn't have a shredded rubber foundation like the out-



Ross Leonard

A Different Kind of Diversion

door field, so those pesky little rubber balls won't flood your shoes — also a good thing. But that eliminates some cushioning when you fall on it. My fellow classmates that lost their footing, for whatever reason, found their knees to be torn and bloodied from the stiff, new, wire-like turf.

Although the look of it is appealing and welcome, once you scrape your knees across it (which will probably happen often) you'll need to grab the antiseptic and a Band-Aid. I don't know if it will smooth out with time but, as of now, it's not the most fall-friendly surface.

Another concern about the new indoor field is its size. The length of the field has been substantially reduced from the previous one due to the addition of a gigantic rock wall.

The way they have the field set up makes it hard to get a good-sized game going. An awkward number of people would have to be playing to make the game both fun and competitive.

In my class, we moved the goals from the end lines to the centers of the sidelines to make the field as long as possible. But, despite that, it still wasn't very long even though the width of the field is unusually wide, relative to its length. There's just not a whole lot of space to run, which not only could put a damper in the game but also your amount of exercise.

Also, I'm not sure if the facility is 100 percent open to the public, seeing that during my class they were buffing the basketball floor and working on some other touch-ups around the building, but they had the heat on pretty high. This called for an uncomfortable workout and I hope it doesn't persist.

Since the renovation of the Fieldhouse began, some Physical Activity Courses like my soccer class have had to resort to playing in Langton's

upstairs gym, which can get pretty cold if the windows are left open. But I think it's better to start out cold and then warm yourself up by raising your heart rate and body temperature as you run.

If people are planning to work up a sweat while exercising, there's no reason to have them sweating as they swipe their card at the front counter. It's great that in a city of wetness we now have a brand-new athletic facility that we can control the climate in, but once the students start utilizing it, I hope they turn down the thermostat.

Visually, all aspects of McAlexander have been improved. The basketball courts have new and improved baskets as well as

floors, so we don't break our ankles like on the dusty sheet of ice it used to be. It's great that they also included a new, state-of-the-art rock wall, but with it, they neglected a feature of the building that has seniority; now those of you who want to play some soccer on one of those all-too-frequent rainy days will have to do so at the expense of their knees.

Since the reborn facility is in its infancy, I won't throw it to the wayside just yet, but the structure of the soccer field won't change, and that's a major bust in my book.

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"it's about the destruction of intimacy." Viewers of pornography become desensitized and have a constant need to "up the ante" in their sexual relationships, or even just in the type of pornography they view. "(Pornography) bleeds sex dry of intimacy, emotions and connection," says Dines.

The truth is, pornography can destroy people's lives. There is no real justification for the way it kills relationships or how it physically and emotionally harms others. Instead of searching for pornography, search for how destructive porn is and read about the countless number of lives it has changed for the worst.

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Hard to doubt this, as many irrelevant parties, such as bars, hotels and transportation businesses, are getting compensation. But the worst part is that Ken Feinberg says he "welcome(s) input from any and all interested parties."

The Department of Justice on the other hand, encourages him to "compensate those harmed ... in whatever amount ultimately is required," as the goal is "not to preserve the \$20 billion fund."

Somewhere in between BP's plea, the DOJ's civility and Feinberg's control, a measly \$3.5 billion of the \$20 billion

pot has been allocated. Justice is not swift.

Again, the immediate biological and ecological ramifications of the Gulf spill were made obvious, and future consequences will continue to be discovered, much like the Exxon-Valdez spill. But with the indirect impacts on the lives of Gulf residents specifically, do we now concede the fact that the oil spill could actually affect us?

Cetaceans can't complain, shrimp don't fight back and pelicans don't muddle in politics — but humans are a completely different story. Hopefully, this backlash of social nuisance provides enough reason to consider a serious shift in energy ide-

als. But it may take a nationwide slap in the face before America cares about the Gulf citizens. Or the environment for that matter.

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The comprehensive accreditation visit requires that the institution develop a University self-study and organize supporting data for the evaluation team. The self-study process is underway and many in the campus community have contributed to the document. Your input regarding the draft self-study is welcome: <http://oregonstate.edu/leadership/accreditation>.

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comfortable," Haynes said. "We know that we have the crowd behind us."

Stanford shot an whopping 52 percent from 3-point range, which was the second game in a row in which OSU gave up 13 from deep. Stanford hit eight of them in the first half, but a switch to man-to-man defense by Robinson — a scheme he rarely uses — subdued the hot-shooting Cardinal.

"I think it (man defense) helped a lot," Haynes said. "It changed the energy of the game. It changed the flow of the game for them. It disrupted their offense. They couldn't really get the ball up the floor."

Robinson had some help forming the strategy. "I talked to coach Robinson yesterday and today about us playing a little man — picking them up, and he agreed to it," Haynes said. "It looked good, so hopefully we can do it more often."

OSU's head coach was pleased with his team's effort in practice.

"Going to the man was good," Robinson said. "I thought that the guys did a great job with it, but I think the biggest thing to note is how hard these

guys have been able to work after having a tough road step."

The OSU scoring attack was fueled by sophomore guard and leading scorer Jared Cunningham, who tallied 21 points — 17 of them in the second half. Contrary to games in the past, Cunningham played under control when penetrating.

"This week I went in and watched some film and talked with the coaches about what I need to do to avoid that, and they were telling me to look for teammates," Cunningham said.

Cunningham also broke former Beaver great Gary Payton's sophomore steals record of 72. With three against Stanford, Cunningham, who credited his teammates, now has 74.

"I couldn't do it without my team," Cunningham said. "They help me a lot. They put me in the situations to anticipate the passes and get the steals, and we got the win tonight and I got the steal record, so that was great."

Oregon State looks to take momentum from Thursday and transition it into Saturday's 3 p.m. game against the University of California

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ing experience," Okada said. "Experience on that course definitely helps, because it's more of a thinking man's kind of course."

The Arizona Wildcat Invitational threw this young team into the fire with the amount of challenges presented. This time around, the team vows to be more prepared and ready for anything.

"After competing in Arizona, obviously we had some obstacles: kids being sick, the weather on the last day was horrific ... coming off that experience and recognizing that we had a lot of work to do," Alexander said.

As always, mental preparation is an integral part of preparing for any event in the sport of golf. The team spent its two weeks off focusing on being ready for the tournament and the rest of the spring.

"We've put them in situations where they are confronted with things that they aren't normally in practice," Alexander said. "Also, the weather itself presented the mental toughness effect that we've had lately. Using those things to our advantage will help us compete in the future weeks."

"This past weekend we did a lot of mental preparation for

competition," Okada said.

An advantage of practicing in Corvallis is being able to cope with any type of weather. While most students cannot stand the cold temperatures and violent wind gusts, the golf team wants to be out in the extremes to help them prepare for any conditions.

"Everybody else that is from California might always practice in nice weather," Okada said. "So when it comes to a difficult conditioned type of day, we might have the advantage. And if the weather is better, then it's better for us too."

The team has more motivation leading up to the Bruin Wave Invitational than it had previously.

"I think we've improved a lot compared to last tournament; we weren't really on our best game in Arizona," said freshman Seshia Telles. "Now that three of us are (healthier), and the fact that we have mentally prepared for this, we'll go into this with more positivity, and it probably will be a better outcome."

In the Arizona Wildcat Invitational, freshmen Lauren Sewell and Telles and junior Whitney French were all battling flu-like symptoms. All three have fully recovered.

"I expect to see a lot of improvement," Alexander said.

"I think attitude-wise, commitment-wise, the goals that they have going forward, they are in a much better place than they were three weeks ago."

The coaches and golfers are setting the bar much higher this time around. The poor performance in Tucson was not the start to the season they foresaw. Now, ground has to be made up and it starts with the Bruin Wave Invitational.

"We know what we have to do, we're committed to doing it, and we're going to get this done," Alexander said. "For me, I feel like they are more 'in,' so to speak, than they were. I think they are just in a more motivated spot right now."

Whether that motivation translates to the golf course remains to be seen. Improvement over the course of the season is necessary for the youthful team. They can only move up.

Follow the Bruin Wave Invitation live on golfstat.com.

The field: Arizona, Brigham Young, Cal-State Northridge, Long Beach State, New Mexico, New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Pepperdine, San Diego State, Stanford, Texas, UCLA, UNLV, Washington State.

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since the end of January due to an injury, will be back in action this weekend in the 125-pound weight class. Lara is the No. 3 seed in his weight class behind Arizona State's Anthony Robles — ranked No. 2 in the country — and sixth-ranked individual Ryan Mango from Stanford.

"If (the seeding) stays this way, it will help us because we'll have more opportunities to score bonus points," Roberts said. "We also like to have that first match and not a bye, because if you're the higher seed the first match shouldn't be tough. It also helps to build on that momentum." According to Roberts, the seeding will be finalized in the coaches' meeting before the tournament.

Since regular-season competition ended against Cal State Fullerton, the Beavers have spent

the last week really working on preparing mentally. The focus has been on the starting wrestlers by working one-on-one with the coaches, shorter practices and fine-tuning everything before the tournament, Hanke said.

"The guys have prepared well physically, and mental preparation is always a big part. Right now they seem to be relaxed," Roberts said. "We've been trying to be very positive and focus on little things. At this point in the season, they're going to wrestle their own style, so we'll focus on areas where they're really good."

Another part of the mental preparation is going into the tournament with the mentality that there will not be an easy win.

"They have to be ready for a fight," Roberts said.

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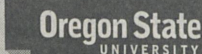
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to shed salary in light of a poor economic climate.

Fans will be sad to see Joel go. He has always been a fan favorite, establishing himself as a tireless worker on the boards and on defense. He was always the first guy to get in the opponent's face after a fellow Blazer suffered a cheap shot or a hard foul. He played hard through injury and his toughness, earning him the nickname "The Vanilla Gorilla."

I'd love to see him play a few more years in the league, but he has recently hinted that this would likely be his last year if traded. As he puts it, he is "playing on one foot" after battling multiple knee injuries in the last year.

A trade of this scale has been a long time coming for the Blazers. Many fans had started to become impatient with the stagnation of the team's development.

The Blazers had improved from 41 wins to 54 in 2009 when they made the playoffs for the first time in six years. They somehow salvaged a 50-win season the next year despite multiple injuries to key players. This year, the Blazers are on pace for 46 wins, and it's clear that a move needed to be made to keep the momentum going.

Fans had been hearing the same line from management since the 2009 season: "The championship window is now open"

Well the window has been open for the past few years, and the Blazers have not moved any closer to winning a title. Under then-general manager Kevin Pritchard, the Blazers had been stuck in a perpetual state of youth. Pritchard was exceptionally talented at scouting college players and making deals on

draft day, but he proved to be somewhat ineffective at the trade deadline.

I don't want to sound like I'm bashing Pritchard for his performance as general manager of the team. The Blazers improved drastically with the additions of Brandon Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge during Pritchard's tenure. Under his watch, the team made a midseason trade for Marcus Camby, signed veteran Andre Miller in the offseason, and stole the vastly underrated Wesley Matthews from division rival Utah by way of a restricted free agent offer sheet. The Blazers would not be where they are without him.

But the fact remains that, while Pritchard helped to open that championship window, the Blazers have not been able to make the moves that will help them pass through the threshold.

Some of the reasons for this are beyond anyone's control. Portland is a small market when compared to other NBA cities. It's difficult to lure a high-quality free agent to the Pacific Northwest when more lucrative markets like New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Chicago are also available. The weather sure doesn't help, either.

That's not to say that players don't want to be in Portland. Many of the players that have worn the black, red and white love the fans, the city and the culture of the Rose City. It's why so many past Blazers over the years, even those that ended their careers in different cities, have come back to live in Portland. But you can't know that about the city until you've experienced it firsthand, and it's hard to convince a highly pursued free agent to make the leap.

This is why it has been so important that the organization aggressively pursue trade options to improve the team,

and why it's been so frustrating for fans when they've failed to do so.

The Blazers have had assets in the past, but have consistently come up short at the deadline. They also have a huge advantage over other teams in owner Paul Allen's wealth and his willingness to use it. With other organizations trying to reduce total salaries and willing to give up quality players to do so, the Blazers have left Allen's money and their expiring contracts on the table.

When Cho took over for Pritchard as general manager last June, he had stated that the Blazers were still "a few moves away" from being title contenders. Many fans took this to mean that he would immediately jump into trade talks and start working to improve the team.

And then, silence. Eight months later, Cho had still not made any of the "few moves" he said were necessary. Fans were getting impatient. It seemed that the Blazers would be forever stuck as a first-round-exit playoff team.

Thursday's trade marks a departure from this trend. Portland has finally added a truly dynamic player to the roster, and made use of an expiring contract that was worth far more to the cash-strapped teams around the league than it was to the Blazers.


Wallace's aggressive — even reckless — style of play has earned him the nickname "Crash." He has suffered various injuries on the court, including a grade-three concussion, a collapsed lung and a fractured rib. This may be concerning to Blazers fans, but you can't fault a player for hard work and determination.

At least he hasn't had any knee injuries (knock on wood).

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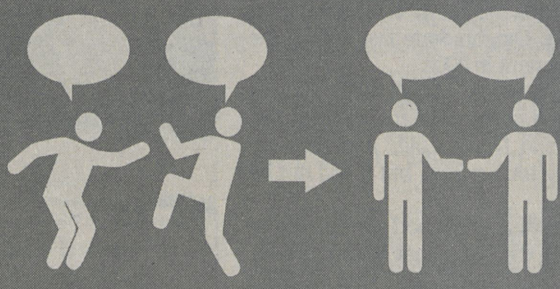
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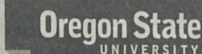



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Blazers' GM doing it big

The Blazers took a step forward in their bid for an NBA championship.

The team acquired the freakishly athletic-combo forward Gerald Wallace from the Charlotte Bobcats just before Thursday's trade deadline.

How much of an impact the trade will make remains to be seen, but it's definitely a step in the right direction. Not so much because of the specific player that was acquired, as good as Wallace is, but because new general manager Rich Cho finally pulled a trade-off. The Blazers' organization finally showed that it was capable of completing a deal at the deadline to improve the team.

Wallace, an athletic combo forward, is averaging 15.6 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 1.2 steals and 1.0 blocks a game this season. He was selected to the NBA All-Star game last season, the only Bobcats player to ever do so. His effectiveness and energy on both the offensive and defensive ends is sure to make an impact.

The Blazers shipped out center Joel Przybilla, forward Dante Cunningham, forward-center Sean Marks and two future first-round draft picks to Charlotte for Wallace. Przybilla's expiring \$7 million salary comes off the books when his contract expires at the end of the season. Expiring contracts like this are an appealing asset for teams like Charlotte who are trying

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Oregon State's Jared Cunningham avoids a Stanford defender just enough to draw a blocking foul on a made shot attempt. Cunningham, who led the Beavers with 21 points, broke Gary Payton's long-standing sophomore steals record Thursday night.

Beaver men chop down Cardinal

Robinson takes a sigh of relief — literally — as Oregon State uses patience, teamwork to dismantle hot-shooting Stanford team

By Colin Huber
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team spent the majority of the time in practices working on sharing the basketball leading up to Thursday night's game.

Nineteen assists later, they had a 87-80 victory over Stanford on a chilling winter night.

The Beavers put an exclamation point on their victory with two defining and game-ending dunks from Jared Cunningham and Calvin Haynes, and a crowd of 4,696 rose to their feet to congratulate an OSU job well done.

"It feels good to get a win," said senior Calvin Haynes, who scored 14 points for the Beavers.

OSU snapped a four-game losing streak with unselfish play and much improved execution on the offensive end of the floor. They were playing as a team.

"That's one of the things that we didn't do the last couple games," Haynes said. "Everybody was trying to do it on their own. You see, when we share the ball, it's kind of hard to guard each and every one of us."

The game wasn't without struggle for Oregon State, which once again had to fight back from an early opponent lead (Stanford got up by 13 in the first half).

But after a 17-6 Oregon State run that started with a Roberto Nelson three-pointer, ended with a Jared Cunningham lay-in, and had a three-pointer from big man Angus Brandt sandwiched in the middle, the Beavers got within two points.

"This is one of those where we're at home, we feel more

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Women's golf moves forward

Beavers find themselves more motivated, prepared for California tournament

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Early next week, the women's golf team heads south to Santa Clarita, Calif., for their second tournament of the spring season. The Bruin Wave Invitational at Robinson Ranch Golf Club will be the site Monday, Feb. 28., and will last until Wednesday, March 2. After finishing 15th out of 16 at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational two weeks ago, the golfers are coming into this tournament much more motivated to perform at a higher level.

The Bruin Wave Invitational will be dual-hosted by No. 4 Pac-10 rival University of California, Los Angeles, and Pepperdine University. Also joining the mix from the Pac-10 will be No. 9 Arizona, Stanford and Washington State. The par-72 course will be three rounds.

Unlike the Arizona Wildcat Invitational, Oregon State will have previous experience on the golf course on their side this time around. The team participated in the Bruin Wave Invitational last spring, finishing 13th of 18.

"The two juniors, Whitney (French) and Elyse (Okada), have played the golf course before," said head coach Risë Alexander. "Having them have had experience on the golf course, and then playing the practice round there will help the freshmen and Rachael (Fischer) who haven't played the golf course."

French and Okada are juniors now. "Last year was a really good learn-

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Conference Championships hit Gill Coliseum

Pac-10s will be in Corvallis as Beavers prepare for team, individual, personal showdowns

By Anna Willard
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The No. 20 Oregon State wrestling team will compete in Gill Coliseum for the last time this season when OSU hosts the Pac-10 Championships Sunday. Oregon State last hosted the tournament in 2002.

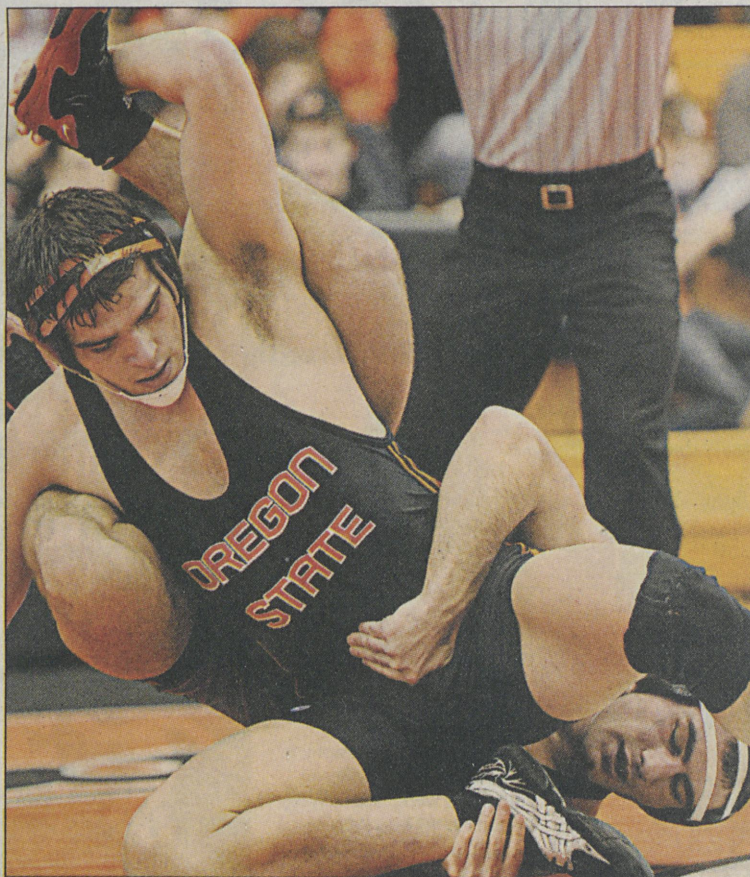
The Beavers (11-5-2, 4-2-1 Pac-10) won the conference tournament last season in Davis, Calif., and they are looking for a repeat, but it will not be easy.

"Each team has good guys, but Boise State is the team that is the favorite to win on paper," said Oregon State assistant coach Kevin Roberts. "We're going to have guys in the finals, but we'll need a couple upsets to win the tournament."

Top-seeded wrestlers will have a bye in the first round because there are only seven teams in the tournament, thus seven individuals in each weight class.

The Broncos will be bringing eight nationally ranked individuals to the tournament and have five No. 1 seeds out of 10 in the tournament, but Roberts says the Beavers have second- and third-seeded wrestlers that are capable of turning that around.

The Beavers will come into the tournament with one No. 1 seed, senior Colby Covington in the 174-pound weight class. Covington finished the regular season with a 17-1 record and



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OSU's Chad Hanke wrestles at a meet in Gill Coliseum this year. The Pac-10 Championships will be held in Corvallis, Ore., beginning Sunday.

14 straight wins and is the fifth-ranked individual in the nation. He will also be going for back-to-back Pac-10 Championships.

Covington could end up facing Stanford's sixth-ranked Nick Amuchastegui, who was also a 2010 Pac-10 champion in the 165-pound weight class. This year, he has been competing in the 174-pound weight class, and lost to Covington in a 3-2 decision earlier this season.

Most of the matches in the tournament will be repeats from earlier in the season and seasons past. Chad Hanke — a 197-pound Oregon State junior

— will face Cal Poly's Ryan Smith in his first match of the tournament. Hanke lost his match earlier this season against Smith in a 5-3 decision.

"This time I'm going to go out and wrestle; I've beat him before," Hanke said. Last season, Hanke beat Smith in their regular-season dual and at the Pac-10 Championships.

"It's kind of a bittersweet revenge," Hanke said. "We've got kind of a rivalry going on because we'll both be around next year, so I want to send him a message now."

Jason Lara, who has not competed

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No. 6 gymnastics back in action

Oregon State gets extra week to prepare, rest, fine-tune routines, implement new craft

By Anthony Casson
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Oregon State gymnasts haven't graced the floor of Gill Coliseum for weeks, but they're back in Corvallis and ready to play host to three programs, including Pac-10 foe University of Washington.

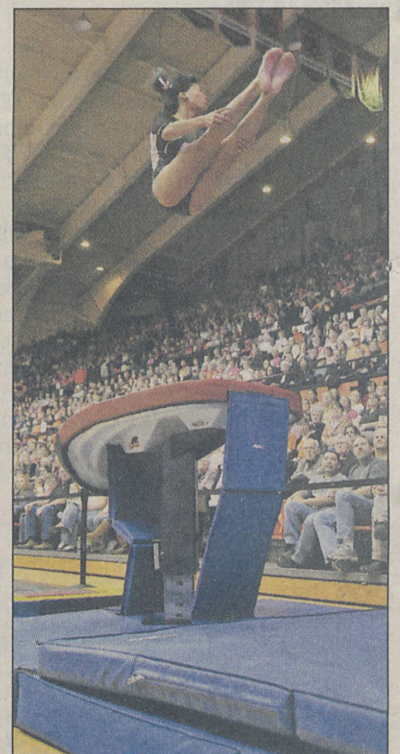
In addition to the No. 11 Huskies, the sixth-ranked Beavers will face San Jose State University and UC Davis at the 31st annual Salbasgeon Suites Invitational, Friday at 7 p.m. OSU has beaten Washington the last five meets; they haven't lost to SJSU since 1978 and have never lost to UC Davis.

The meet is the first in two weeks, as the Beavers are coming off their one and only bye-week of the season. Bye-weeks, for OSU usually mean intense practices in which coaches help their athletes install new skills into their routines — rest and relaxation is somewhat nonexistent. But the past week and a half have been slightly different. The gymnasts used the bye to focus on details.

"Because we've had a good season so far, and we know what we need to do to maintain, we needed more of a rest than to keep working on newer stuff," senior Jen Kesler said.

Reports from head coach Tanya Chaplin are good. Practices went as planned and the athletes escaped unscathed and ready for competition. Chaplin also believes the bye-week helped for what's ahead; OSU has one more bye following the Pac-10 Championships.

"This is a good opportunity for them to see what a bye-week is like," she said. "It's a good opportunity to go, 'What things worked? What things didn't work?' so that we're prepared instead of



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Sophomore Leilani Alferos competes on vault in Corvallis earlier this year.

having to do that for the first time right before postseason."

With team health as high as it has been all season, the Beavers have a wealth of skill in each event. Injury isn't determining the lineups as much as it has for most of the year.

As a single example of the team's depth, Makayla Stambaugh was a likely all-arounder at the start of the season. After weeks recovering from a back injury that prevented her from competing on balance beam, she is healthy and ready to go. But the lineup is competitive and her spot on the roster for the event isn't certain. In response to

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