

Small change makes big impression



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Members of the Taiwanese Students Association pose with the Taiwanese flag in the MU Concorde after the flag's nameplate was changed Feb. 25..

Change to Taiwan flag's nameplate in MU carries deep significance to the Twainese Student Association

By Ana Bienvenida
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Those who passed through the Memorial Union on Feb. 25 may have noticed a large group of Taiwanese individuals cheering as a girl changed a nameplate under the Taiwan flag. No official ceremony. No cutting of a red bow. Just a girl in the process of switching a nameplate that for many of the individuals present meant so much more than a simple misstatement.

The original plate read "The Republic of China" in a larger font and said "Taiwan" underneath in a smaller font. The new plate that was put in place on Feb. 25 had essentially switched the order of the names, now reading first and foremost "Taiwan" and in smaller font "The Republic of China."

Ever since the Chinese Revolution in 1949, when nationalist leader Chiang Kai Shek withdrew two million of his followers to the island of Taiwan after communist leader Mao Tse-tung took control of the mainland, the two governments have been steeped in conflict.

Thus, there has been a discord in the collective identity of the governments, as China views Taiwan as a renegade province. Historically, the issue of identity has been ingrained

in China-Taiwan relations and has affected the governmental structure of the two parties.

Many Taiwanese view themselves as independent from China, and therefore the stereotype of shared identity between Taiwan and China is seen as reducing their culture.

In this context, the nameplate change serves as a confirmation and recognition of their culture.

"We get a lot of students who are frustrated and upset when their flags are not represented," said Mike Mayers, operation supervisor at the MU.

The tradition of displaying flags in the MU started after World War II when the flags honored Oregon State students for their military service and the allied nations during the war. The flag presentation then grew to include countries that are members of the United Nations.

Today the flags include break-away republics and flags that are no longer representative of governments or their countries.

"Each flag is a representative of an OSU student's life at the university, so even if they don't exist anymore, the legacy of that student is recognized," Mayers said.

Jordan Snyder, a 31-year-old history major at Oregon State, approached Mayers about the misstatement of the placard when it was brought to his wife's attention, a Taiwanese Oregon State alumnus.

"We wanted to approach the name change in a way that recognized the Taiwanese culture rather

than take a political standpoint," Snyder said.

Snyder also works for the Student Events and Activities Center, an office that supports the interests and cultures of students on campus. The Taiwanese Student Association was notified about the idea of the name change and they worked with Mayer and Snyder to change the placard.

Kenneth Huang, a 20-year-old sophomore in bioengineering and co-president of TWSA, described the event as touching.

"We have a desire for respect, and the placard is an expression of mutual respect between the two governments," Huang said.

Chia-Ling Chang, a 19-year-old sophomore and co-president of TWSA, expressed his surprise at the turnout of the event.

"I was surprised to see so many Taiwanese students together, so united."

Around 30 Taiwanese students and non-students gathered at the MU for the plate change. Carol Ann Shu was the candidate to change it. Amid the chorus of the Taiwanese national anthem, a small but significant change had been made.

"It was about wanting to represent Taiwanese culture and who we think we are as a whole," Huang said. "We are Taiwan as a culture. That's our flag up there."

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25 Influential People at OSU

Part 2: Campus Connectors

By The Daily Barometer News Team

The five-part "25 Influential People at OSU" series highlights students, faculty and administrators with power and influence on campus and in the community.

Part 2: Campus Connectors profiles three faculty members and two administrators whose positions require them to work across disciplines with members of many people, departments and organizations both on campus and beyond the Corvallis community.

Victoria Nguyen, Director of Diversity Development

Victoria Nguyen has the responsibility of representing the historically underrepresented on campus.

Nguyen's main responsibility is overseeing the four cultural centers on campus, including the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center and the Native American Longhouse.

The Office of Diversity Development looks to promote retention of underrepresented students through the services they provide.

"However, the one responsibility that I take seriously, primarily focus on and have passion for is the leadership development of historically underrepresented students," Nguyen said.

Nguyen is originally from DaNang, Vietnam and came to the United States with the rest of her family as "boat refugees." She and all five of her siblings graduated from OSU; however, she was the only one to go on to get her master's in interna-



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Victoria Nguyen poses in her office.

tional studies.

After college, she went on to work for the nonprofit organization The Community Alliance for Diversity before eventually coming back to OSU in 2008.

"I was introduced to the Student

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Jack Higginbotham, Professor of Engineering, President of Faculty Senate, Director of the NASA Space Grant Program

Jack Higginbotham is a busy man. He juggles three key roles and can't take any of them lightly.

The position that gives Higginbotham the most satisfaction is the NASA Space Grant Program. The program provides opportunities for students to engage in math and science education.

"As early as middle school we can begin to grow students' interests for the future," Higginbotham said. "Then we provide them



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Higginbotham has been at Oregon State University since 1987.

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New travel services contract terminated

Travel Solutions didn't comply with contract agreements made with OSU last October

By Kayla Harr
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University officials decided to terminate the university's contract with Travel Solutions last month through a mutual agreement between OSU and Travel Solutions.

The decision was made after Travel Solution's service failed to meet the guarantees that led the administration to enter a contract with the company.

The university's relationship with Travel Solutions began only a few months before in October when the Office of Business Affairs decided to reexamine the university's travel arrangements, said Brian Thorsness, director of Business Services Administration.

When OSU is contracted with a travel services provider, the company arranges air travel, hotel stays and auto rental

for those traveling on university business. The travel provider is expected to provide these services with a high level of convenience for the traveler and competitive pricing for the university.

According to Vice President of Finance and Administration Mark McCambridge, the university's major contracts are all bid on a semi-regular basis to ensure that the most beneficial services available are being utilized.

McCambridge said several organizations were asked to bid on the travel contract and that the committee examining the travel organizations determined that the pricing and resources offered by Travel Solutions merited a switch, though the university had been working with its previous travel providers, Azumano Travel Services and Teel's Travel Planners, for 10 years.

McCambridge agreed to make the change based on the recommendation of the committee, but said it soon became clear that Travel Solutions was not prepared to fulfill the com-

mitments it had made to provide better resources, pricing and convenience than the travel organizations OSU had been contracted with previously.

According to Thorsness, travelers from OSU faced long waits on hold with Travel Solutions, problems with the company's website and some were even stranded at the airport without tickets because Travel Solutions failed to issue them.

Associate professor of English and creative writing Keith Scribner, who traveled to Washington D.C. in February for a conference while a snowstorm was pounding the area, said his experience with Travel Solutions was less than satisfactory.

"I called Travel Solutions the night before my flight to see if it was cancelled and they didn't know it was cancelled, and then I called United right after that and I found out that it was cancelled, and then the administration department told me that they (Travel

Ron Adams, Dean of College of Engineering

Containing 20 percent of the undergraduate students at Oregon State University, the College of Engineering has more undergrads than any other college in the university. Leading the group is Ron Adams, the dean of the College of Engineering, who has held the position since 1998.

Adams, 62, graduated from OSU in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Continuing on to MIT, Adams attained a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics, after which he entered the Air Force through the ROTC. Having served active duty with the Air Force, Adams then returned to OSU to earn his Ph.D. in 1977.

"It was personally a wonderful experience to be commissioned as an Air Force officer," Adams said. "I learned a lot about leadership roles."

Adams plays a key role in keeping the OSU College of Engineering at its best. While helping the col-



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Ron Adams, the Dean of Engineering, talks about his responsibilities..

lege develop strategies that draw in a greater number of top students, he also makes an effort to increase the college's impact locally and globally.

According to Adams, the College of Engineering is in the forefront in terms of education and assis-

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Obama orders resumption of military commissions at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama announced Monday that the United States will resume using military commissions to prosecute alleged terrorists held at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility.

In the announcement, the president said his administration remains committed to closing the controversial detention facility but will rescind its previous suspension on bringing new charges before military commissions. The commissions are military proceedings rather than trials in civilian courts.

Obama also called for prosecuting Guantanamo detainees in U.S. criminal courts when appropriate, and issued an executive order calling for periodic reviews of suspects held under indefinite detention.

The steps followed through on Obama's previous call to reform the process of prosecuting or holding Guantanamo detainees to make it more in line with international laws and standards, according to senior administration officials who briefed reporters on condition of not being identified by name.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for Constitutional Rights both criticized the administration for what they called institutionalizing indefinite detention of terrorism suspects who have yet to be formally charged or designated for transfer to another country, but are considered too dangerous to set free.

"The creation of a review process that will take up to a year — designed to be repeated every four years — is a tacit acknowledgment that the Obama administration intends to leave Guantanamo as a scheme for unlawful detention without charge

and trial for future presidents to clean up, despite the fact that senior officials acknowledged today that keeping the prison open continues to hinder our national security in the long run," the constitutional rights center said in a statement.

Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York also called the administration's announcement disappointing, saying the Guantanamo facility is a "blot" on U.S. national honor.

Noting that Congress passed a law prohibiting the transfer of Guantanamo detainees for trial in the United States, Nadler said that "as a result, the administration has turned to the legally dubious military commissions to try these suspects."

Established in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks on the United States, the Guantanamo Bay facility has been a lightning rod for criticism of the U.S. handling of terrorism suspects.

Under the Bush administration, allegations of mistreatment of detainees, including harsh living conditions and denying them full U.S. legal rights, led to the facility becoming a recruiting tool for terrorist groups such as al Qaeda, U.S. officials say.

Obama previously pledged to close the Guantanamo Bay facility within a year of taking office in January 2009, prompting criticism from conservatives. In addition, his administration has sought to prosecute some high-profile detainees — such as alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh

Mohammed — in civilian courts on the U.S. mainland, which drew widespread opposition that crossed traditional party lines.

The Guantanamo facility remains open today due to legal complexities involving the status of some detainees and congressional opposition to holding trials for high-profile suspects in U.S. criminal courts.

Shortly after Obama's announcement Monday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced the withdrawal of his prior suspension of new charges before military commissions.

Gates cited reforms of the military commissions under a 2009 law, and he and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen both expressed support for also using civilian courts to prosecute terrorism suspects.

"For reasons of national security, we must have available to us all the tools that exist for preventing and combating international terrorist activity, and protecting our nation," Gates' statement said. "For years, our federal courts have proven to be a secure and effective means for bringing terrorists to justice. To completely foreclose this option is unwise and unnecessary."

Congressional Republicans — including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith of Texas, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon of California and House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King of New York — welcomed the renewal of military

commissions.

However, McKeon and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers of Michigan criticized Obama for acting on his own instead of working out a policy with Congress.

Rogers said he was "disappointed the White House chose to put another Band-Aid on this problem, rather than working with Congress to develop the comprehensive and long-term legislative framework we need."

McKeon also questioned what the steps announced Monday mean for high-profile detainees such as Mohammed and other Sept. 11 conspirators.

The senior administration officials refused to comment on any individual cases. They said they expected new charges against Guantanamo detainees to be filed with military commissions soon, perhaps within days or weeks, and noted that the Obama administration had transferred 67 detainees to third countries so far, leaving a total of 172 in the facility.

In addition, the senior administration officials said they would try to repeal the law that prevents the transfer of Guantanamo detainees for trial in the United States.

"Military commissions should proceed in cases where it has been determined appropriate to do so," the administration said in an information sheet issued Monday. "Because there are situations, however, in which our federal courts are a more appropriate forum for trying particular individuals, we will seek repeal of the restrictions imposed by Congress, so that we can move forward in the forum that is, in our judgment, most in line with our national security interests and the interests of justice."

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, Mar. 8

- Meetings**
ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109. ASOSU Senate meets to discuss students' issues and concerns. Students are welcome.
- Events**
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUVie — Tron.
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. 9

- 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, Noon-1pm, Women's Center. Drink coffee, tea and listen to international women student speakers give presentations on their cultures and various other topics, followed by a casual discussion.
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 — Tron.
Active Minds, 6pm, MU Basement Bowling Alley. Social Night! Enjoy free food and bowling while meeting new people and discussing mental health events for spring!

Thursday, Mar. 10

- Meetings**
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Join in our meeting where we discuss and debate hot topics in the news and grow in friendships.
- Events**
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUVie — Tron.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House. Q.U.E.S.T. — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
International Students of OSU (ISOSU) and Dixon Recreation Center, 5-8pm, Langton Hall Room 13. Fitness space for women.
OSU Student Sustainability Initiative, 11am-3pm, MU Quad. Start your favorite plants from seed and learn how to care for them at home. Listen to live music while planting.

Friday, Mar. 11

- Events**
Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUVie — Tron.
International Students of OSU (ISOSU) and Dixon Recreation Center, 5-7pm, Langton Hall Room 13. Fitness space for women.
Tuesday, Mar. 15
Events

Why makers of Facebook games don't get any respect

In the world of gaming, money doesn't necessarily buy respect.

Online games designed to be played on Facebook, called "social games" in industry jargon, have multiplied in the last few years, since the world's largest social network introduced a Web platform for friend-enhanced applications.

But even at a time when Zynga Game Network, which makes the wildly popular "FarmVille," is valued higher than software giant Electronic Arts, social games don't have much street cred among hard-core gamers or industry veterans.

A clearer picture of these dynamics emerged at last week's Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, where CNN attended panels and interviewed designers and programmers.

In the natural pecking order of game-making, visionaries like Nintendo's Shigeru Miyamoto can attract followers that hang on his every word. But at the opposite end, creators of social games struggle to legitimize their work among their peers.

This theme was pervasive enough to warrant its own panel at GDC. The hour-plus discussion was titled "No Freaking Respect! Social Game Developers Rant Back," and it attracted a large audience.

Scott Jon Siegel, a lead designer for Playdom, Disney's social-game division, spent his time onstage feeding many of the stereotypes. Something changed two years ago that formed a storm cloud over the land of Facebook games, he said.

"One game changed the entire games industry,"

Siegel said, standing in front of a silhouette of a cartoon farmer. "And this game is 'Farm Town.'"

"Farm Town" was a precursor to the more popular "FarmVille" from Zynga. These games earn revenue by encouraging players to click on advertisements, or through micro-payments, in which players cough up real money in exchange for virtual goods, such as barns or livestock.

"This formula instills bad habits," Siegel said. "You're doing 'making lots of money' right. You're doing 'engaging lots of users' right," he said, addressing developers. "You're not making good games."

Playdom introduced two new Facebook games during GDC. The company plans to release "Deep Realms" — a story-driven, role-playing game set in a medieval town — on March 21.

About a week later, Playdom intends to debut a puzzle game called "Gardens of Time." One part is a "hidden object" scavenger hunt, and another is a new take on those popular games in magazines or on bar machines that present two seemingly identical pictures and ask people to spot the differences between them.

Eric Todd, the game's creative director, said he put a lot of thought into themes for his game's story, which involves members of an organization tasked with protecting the flow of time. Before Playdom, Todd worked on the complex computer game "Spore," in which players populate a new world with creatures they create.

Mark Pincus, Zynga's CEO and therefore the veritable king of social gaming, didn't attend his company's GDC party or appear on any panels. Instead he dispatched chief designer Brian Reynolds, who defended his company's work, saying that Zynga's games — most recently, "FarmVille" spinoffs such as "FrontierVille" and "CityVille" — help people keep in touch with friends.

But that didn't stop other GDC attendees from criticizing the social-games' trend. Nintendo President Satoru Iwata, in his keynote speech, commended competitors in the console arena but had no kind words for gaming on smartphones or social networks.

Even so, rival Konami, a major Japanese console game company, is moving quickly to add social networking features. And two news media empires are making aggressive plays in the social-game space. News Corp., which owns Fox, and DMGT, which owns several big UK sites, recently created divisions for publishing Facebook games.

Gaming has outpaced other categories in its successful adoption of social networks, said Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg during an October announcement of his support for a venture capital fund dedicated to social apps.

"The games and stuff that have happened on this platform are just amazing. Zynga is a great example of this," Zuckerberg said. "Five years out, I think the world is going to look a lot more like Zynga."

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Stephen Brandt, Director of the Oregon Sea Grant Program.

In his office on the third floor of Kerr Administration Building, Stephen Brandt's walls are covered with scenic pictures of the ocean. It's appropriate, considering the fact that he is director of the Oregon Sea Grant Program.

Brandt, 60, started his work as director in January of 2009. According to Brandt, Oregon Sea Grant is a combined state federal program and is funded jointly by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and OSU.

Oregon Sea Grant is involved in many aspects of Oregon marine research.

"Our moniker is basically 'coastal science serving Oregon,'" Brandt said. "We fund research that people care about, making sure that the research gets to the hands of stakeholders and coastal users."

Brandt oversees numerous responsibilities of the Oregon Sea Grant, including running the Hatfield Marine Science Visitor's Center that brings in 150,000 visitors per year. Oregon Sea Grant supports research in invasive species, fisheries and tsunami forecasting, to name a few.

As one of the original four Sea Grant programs in the United States, Oregon Sea Grant is approaching its 40th anniversary and is considered one of the strongest programs in the country.

Through a competitive program, Oregon Sea Grant funds \$2 million in grants every two years.

Brandt also initiated and chairs the OSU Marine Council, whose purpose is to integrate OSU marine science programs that collectively bring in \$100 million in research each year.

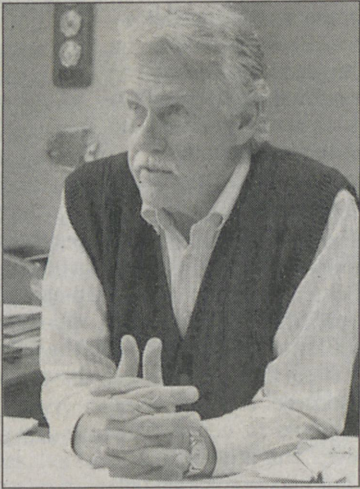
On top of everything else, Brandt continues to conduct scientific research and was involved in a research mission to the Gulf of Mexico, helping to collect data on changes caused by the oil spill.

With two bachelor's degrees in mathematics and zoology and a master's and Ph.D. in oceanography and limnology, all earned at University of Wisconsin, Brandt has worked all over the world, including Australia, Chesapeake Bay and the Adriatic Sea.

Brandt was funded by Sea Grant as a graduate student, which familiarized him with the program's principles.

"I have always believed in the interface between science and communities that use science, where results can be implemented to help people," Brandt said. "That philosophy has stayed with me throughout my career."

-Amy Schneider, staff writer



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Stephen Brandt discusses his work at OSU in his office.

Tom Scheuermann, Director of University Housing and Dining Services

With 14 residence halls, four co-ops, and 107 family apartments, which all comprise 1.3 million square feet, UHDS seeks to provide an "opportunity to meet people from different places, and to have a home away from home."

Tom Scheuermann is the person who makes sure that statement rings true.

With a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in student services and higher education from Ohio State University, Scheuermann joined the UHDS staff in 1990 as a resident assistant and quickly moved up the ranks to resident director by 1992.

He describes his management philosophy as "turning the chart sideways, so that I'm not on the top but the side," referring to the organizational system with him as its head.

Scheuermann said listening is a key aspect of his work.

"It's not just about what I think, but whatever helps the students to be successful, no matter who contributes the idea," he said. "The amount of creativity I have seen in this office is amazing."

Scheuermann spends much of his time keeping up with email and participating in staff meetings, but he also enjoys taking walks around campus and speaking with a variety of people to get a large range of perspectives at OSU.

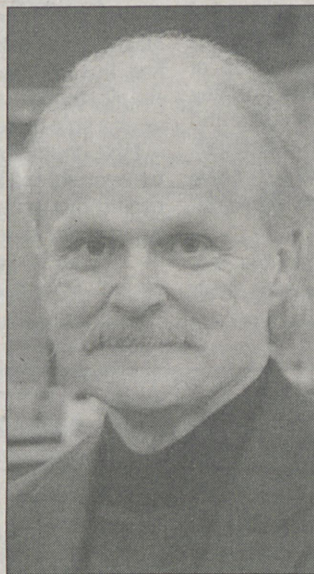
His favorite part of the job is the enthusiasm he sees from his coworkers, and the enjoyment they have in doing their work.

With student enrollment increasing rapidly, Scheuermann described his biggest challenge as maintaining the spirit and friendly feel at OSU while it grows into a larger university.

"The growth we have at OSU is better than decline, but that doesn't mean growing is easy," Scheuermann said. "OSU is a great place to live and learn and eat and get connected."

As a man who stands behind his product, Scheuermann eats almost all his lunches in the dining centers on campus.

-Kim Kenny, staff writer



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Tom Scheuermann has held the position of UHDS Director since 1992.

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opportunities when they get into high school to be recruited by different colleges to do research."

With a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from Kansas State University, Higginbotham has been at Oregon State University since 1987. In January, Higginbotham was elected by his peers to lead the Faculty Senate.

"Oregon State University is governed by an administration line, which is led by President Ray, that is in full partnership with the faculty," Higginbotham said. "The faculty owns the curriculum and the degrees."

The faculty senate is in charge of reviewing new courses and new degree programs, as well as the restructuring that is currently taking

place in many of the colleges on campus.

"All of these changes need to be reviewed because of their direct impact on both the educational and research mission of this university," Higginbotham said.

Higginbotham explained that the biggest strength of the lead position he holds in the Faculty Senate is the fact that he can align his personal beliefs that the educational function of a university is their core mission.

"Undergraduate and graduate education is first and foremost what we do," Higginbotham said. "The other components, like research and service, are important, but it is important to keep our eye in what we are here for, and that is the students."

-Hannah Mahoney, staff writer

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Affairs profession at OSU and it's only fitting that I was given the opportunity to come back and foster the next generation of SA professionals," Nguyen said. "This is best fit out of all professional positions I had."

Nguyen said she enjoys seeing students live up to the potential many weren't even aware they had.

"Many students that I work with don't see themselves as leaders in a traditional sense," Nguyen said. "Their involvement with leadership is to better serve their communities. It's rewarding to see these students work toward an inclusive campus climate and yet during the process develop into confident

and strong leaders who want to give back."

Nguyen knows she has a large responsibility, but believes the difficult nature of her job only enhances her ability to help others.

"Just like any other position, there are unique challenges that come with my work," Nguyen said. "I have learned that without challenges we're limited in how to better support students. Challenges help us do our work better by forcing us to reexamine our current practices so we can modify to better meet the needs of our ever-changing student demographics. Challenges yield opportunities to have authentic dialogue."

-Rebecca Johnson, staff writer

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Solutions) charged the department \$20 for that phone call," Scribner said.

Scribner said he was able to change his flight through United rather than attempt to resolve the issue with Travel Solutions, and that days after he returned home he received an e-mail from Travel Solutions alerting him about the cancelled flight and the email also listed future flights that Scribner had supposedly booked to travel to Ohio in the summer, though he had no intentions of doing so.

"In the end we got there and got back and it was fine, but it wasn't a fantastic experience overall," Scribner said. "I also have heard just anecdotally from colleagues of other bad experiences, reservations that supposedly

had been made that the airline didn't know anything about."

Thorsness spoke with Travel Solutions representatives and said they made an effort to improve their service following a discussion, but were unable to fulfill the needs of the campus community. The contract was then terminated on April 1.

"We got to the point where they just couldn't fulfill what was promised, so we made the decision to terminate the arrangement and we're going back to the two agencies that we've used in the past," McCambridge said.

McCambridge said it was emphasized to both Azumano Travel Services and Teel's Travel Planners when the switch was made that it was not based on an issue of quality, but price, and thus the return to Azumano Travel Services and Teel's Travel Planners has

gone smoothly.

Azumano Travel Services is currently providing services to OSU travelers and Teel's Travel Planners will be operating for the university again soon, Thorsness said.

Following the return to the previous companies, McCambridge said he received around 40 e-mails from faculty, most of which expressed support for the decision to move back to using Azumano Travel Services and Teel's Travel Planners.

"I think it's unfortunate that we made the change but sometimes companies can make a great sales pitch and then not necessarily always fulfill what they commit to in that sales pitch, and I think that's what happened in this case," McCambridge said.

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ADAMS

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tance to other countries. In November, Adams and a colleague traveled to Iraq and met with the governor and his staff while signing an agreement with the minister of education.

One goal – to become one of the nation's top 25 engineering schools – has influenced Adams' drive to see his college succeed.

In the Campaign for OSU, a fundraising initiative throughout the university, the College of Engineering has raised \$160 million, exceeding their original goal

by \$25 million. Some of those funds have contributed to buildings, student scholarships and fellowships.

Adams pointed out that raising money requires a great deal of effort, which means that some of his time is devoted to fundraising. Additionally, he focuses on leadership and teamwork, trying to create opportunities for engineering students to succeed.

"I'm really proud of what our students do," Adams said. "In a team-based competition, we almost always walk away with a trophy."

-Amy Schneider, staff writer

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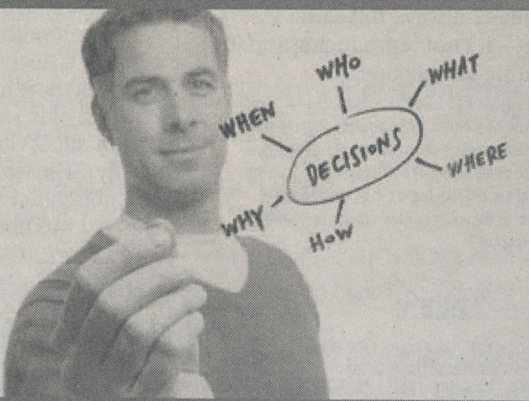
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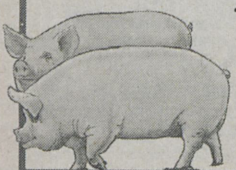
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Editorial

Gas prices continue to soar

Who would have thought that a revolution some 6,500 miles away would be affecting our wallets? If you haven't made a trip to the gas station recently, you're lucky, but for those of us who have, the past couple of weeks have welcomed us with ever-soaring gas prices. Will it ever stop? No, not yet at least.

According to CNN, the national average for gas prices is at a whopping \$3.51, which is an increase of 32.7 cents from just two weeks ago. The spike in price is due in large part to the uprising in Libya. The United States uses 3 percent of Libya's oil and we are facing the same kind of economic setback caused by Hurricane Katrina. The natural disaster put gas prices on a "38-cent hike between August and September 2005."

Only this time, it could end up being much worse. Hurricane Katrina was an isolated event that we saw coming — to some extent. Revolutions seem to be a sudden speed bump in the oil industry and there's no telling when these will stop or when more will spring up. In the past months, we've already seen three major uprisings in the oil-rich countries of the Middle East.

As uprisings in the Middle East continue to brew, gas prices will only go up. But with such a high dependency on gas-powered vehicles we can do nothing but adjust to the changes, which we always have. With Moammar Gadhafi's country itching toward civil war, we should plan for the worst and hope for the best.

However, despite the extremely high gas prices, people will continue to drive because they simply have no choice. Many people commute long distances to work and/or school, meaning a motorized vehicle is essential.

Even though this is affecting the whole country, Oregon currently ranks eighth on the list of highest average gas prices, with California taking the number one spot at \$3.83 — Washington landed at number nine, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report.

Might we suggest going out of your way to search for and locate a carpool or some form of alternate transportation. Although it may not be the most comfortable way to get around, it sure beats having to set aside a different savings account designated for the Shell station.

As gas prices near — and probably eclipse — the \$4 mark, unfortunately, drivers can do nothing but sit and wait it out as we have done in years past. There's always the same story with oil — it's not reproducing and it isn't getting any cheaper.

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Things to remember as finals week approaches

As the winter quarter draws to a close, we can all taste the freedom of Spring Break. But all of us students have one major obstacle blocking us from easily sliding into our weeklong hiatus — finals week. Yes, you have to pay the price to kick back and relax.

It is for this reason I am deviating from my typical fitness advice. Instead, I want to focus on something familiar to all of us: stress. During finals, students become balls of tension and worry. Walking into the library you can feel the pressure of hundreds of students furiously packing a term's worth of information into their brains. Running on minimal sleep, fueled by coffee and Red Bull, the week can go by in a haze. For those of you beginning to stress already, I have some advice. Close your eyes and just breathe.

Yes, I know it sounds crazy, but people forget to slow down during finals

week. Students become so obsessed with cramming that they neglect themselves. Now I'm not going to preach to you about getting eight hours of sleep or not drinking four Red Bulls in order to pull an all-nighter. I know that in reality, that is going to happen regardless. But I do want to highlight some simple strategies that might make your week a little more pleasant.

First, do not forget to eat healthy. By now you should know the benefits of a healthy diet (remember HHS231?), but when you're stressed the least you can do for your body is give it some quality fuel. I promise that you will think

clearer and feel better. No one wants a stomach ache when you are trying to study all day. So instead of munching on chips or pizza during your study group, have some fresh fruit.

In addition to better eating habits, some of these simple psychological techniques can help reduce the stress. Practice positive thinking. Try to stop those negative thoughts like, "I'm going to fail this test" or "There's no way I'll be able to remember this."

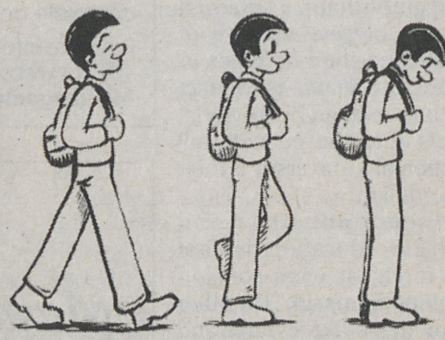
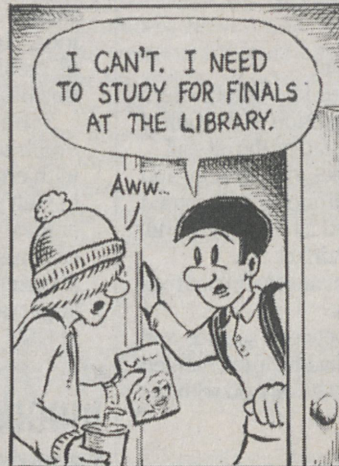
If you keep telling yourself something, soon enough you will end up believing it. If you catch yourself being negative, just replace it with a positive statement. Do not interpret this as trying to pretend that finals are easy or you do not have to study. Admit that it is difficult but that you have the capability to succeed. Here are some positive statements to counter the examples above, "This is going to be a difficult test, but I know the material"

or "This is a hard concept to grasp, but I know that if I work at it, I'll remember it."

Similar to positive thinking, another principle to help ease the stress is to focus on the present. Now hear me out before you disregard this as too abstract or ridiculous. A lot of the stress caused by finals is self-imposed. People stress for all sorts of personal reasons: You want to get into medical school, you failed the midterm, or the final is at 8 a.m. While these statements may be true, it does no good to dwell on them and let them disrupt your studying. Do not focus on the past, just prepare for the future. Accept the conditions for what they are and move on. The only thing you can change now is how much you study.

Finally, recognize that there is a limit to how long your brain can effec-

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DANIEL HAWKINS IS A SENIOR IN APPLIED VISUAL ARTS

Masterminds behind the country's largest girl-led business

Don't let their adorable faces fool you; the Girl Scouts are a bunch of little masterminds.

In my opinion, Girl Scout Cookie Season is the most wonderful time of the year. Even though last week was the busiest I've had all term, my mind remained focused on one consuming need: I had to get my hands on a box of Thin Mints that I wouldn't have to share with anyone. After a week of yearning for some crunchy, chocolaty-mint goodness, no sight could have made me happier than the pack of 10-year-olds standing outside Fred Meyer with a wagon full of Girl Scout goodies. I gladly handed over my \$4 in exchange for the distinctive green box emblazoned with photos of happy, helmeted children. I was not a tough sell.

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Corruption, Nike dependency fuels campus privatization

At this point in time, I can say with confidence that our University of Oregon is headed toward murky waters.

Over the past month, University President Richard Lariviere has become increasingly clandestine in divulging information. First, he denied an interview to Alex Tomchak Scott of the Oregon Commentator, citing vulgarity in the publication's previous issue as the reason for denial. Then Lariviere proceeded to call the publication "sophomoric, and a waste of his time."

When a magazine puts genitalia on the front of its cover, one could argue that it severed its own access.

Yet within a week, Lariviere denied Stefan Verbano, former news reporter and current news editor for the Emerald, an interview. His secretary said he had "no further comment on the issue." This refusal made it clear that the president does not care what type of publication is requesting information, even if it is from his institution's daily student newspaper.

If it is transparency the students want, the president cannot give it.

In only his second year as the chief public figure, administrator and fundraiser for this university, it is becoming increasingly evident that he will operate behind closed doors. This week, his New Partnership for funding was taken to the state capital. The proposal would effectively privatize our university, creating a public-private \$1.6 billion endowment made up of private donations and state-backed bonds. The state bonds would be paid off after 30 years, which would then make our university entirely private.

The only body holding our university financially accountable would be a 15-member appointed board in charge of overseeing our operations.

In theory, the proposal is excellent. It comes at a time when state funding is below 8 percent and continues to decrease. It could potentially generate operating revenue in the multi-millions in its first year. But the issue is not with the money.

The issue is with who is giving the money and why.

If our university is already becoming less transparent while it is still "public," who

Mark Costigan The Daily Emerald

says it will be transparent when it is essentially "private" and autonomous? During my freshman year at this institution, I saw firsthand how any threat to private donors could be easily silenced.

I was working for the Annual Giving Program, a student-fundraising program within the Department of Development.

Each day I would report to work and make phone calls to alumni, some of them fresh out of college with thousands of dollars of student loans to pay. Following a carefully constructed script, I was encouraged to guilt-trip former students into giving more money to the university, even after they had graduated.

As callers, we would present an entirely biased funding dilemma to alumni.

We would talk about the cuts to our state funding, and how our expensive tuition only funded a fraction of our education. We would romanticize about how much we love studying at UO, and how it is the responsibility of our alumni to help us continue enjoying that privilege. If they mentioned the financial success of athletics, we were instructed to divert the conversation, saying, "Athletics are their own thing."

I was an extremely successful student-caller. On a few occasions I raised more than \$2,000 in one week, and I even had days where every alumnus I called gave the university money. At the beginning of each week, we would divide into groups with our supervisor and discuss the past week's successes. Quite frequently, I raised more money than the rest of my entire group combined.

It seemed as though I was an irreplaceable asset to the AGP. However, that all changed when I wrote a guest column entitled "Knight Owns Majority Share" in the very paper I work for today.

The column talked about our funding model, the process of giving within development, and a case where a multi-day student protest against sweatshop labor was rendered pointless after former University President Dave Frohnmayer was left with

no choice but to take back Knight's money. Most of the information in the column I had learned while working for the AGP.

A week later, I was fired.

They cited "attendance reasons," though I had been no more than two minutes late a week before.

"When I worked there, people with little productivity had large attendance problems," said University student Ryan Buckley, a former employee of the AGP. "People often made up excuses to skip work."

Buckley said he felt that working at the AGP gave him a much more accurate picture of our funding situation.

"We would try to get people to give us money while giving them a truly disingenuous picture of what's going on here," he said. "If we were really trying to tighten our belts, then how have we in the past year and a half added four major construction projects on this campus?"

Right now the proposal and an alternative, Senate Bill 242, are moving through our legislature. It risks changing this university from a quasi-corporation to a full-fledged degree mill. While Phil Knight has already set aside money for yet another new athletic facility, Prince Lucien Campbell Hall remains an eyesore for prospective and current students, faculty and community members alike.

"Their justification for all these new developments is that it helps attract more funding," Buckley said. "That excuse really only goes so far. There is obviously money somewhere, and on the other hand you're telling people there isn't money. I know it's compartmentalized, athletics and academics. But that argument wears kind of thin. The two things don't match up."

Transparency has been a problem in political and educational administrations nationwide, but Lariviere has demonstrated he has little to no intentions of changing that trend. As we move out of the public sector, this could pose a serious threat to the academic freedom and equality this establishment was founded on.

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Cookies?" she asked sweetly.

Game over. He bought two.

I'm not sure who trains these kids. All I know is that they are some of the most brilliant little salespeople I have ever seen. They utilize every competitive edge to make a sale, and they know what works. They are not afraid to use their adorable smiles and charm to rope in unsuspecting customers.

One of my old roommates told me a story about how an 8-year-old Girl Scout convinced her to buy four more boxes than she intended simply because the little girl was too cute not to be believed. She asked how much a box of cookies cost and, holding up two boxes of cookies and beaming, the child replied that she could buy one box for \$4 or five for \$20.

"I thought, 'What a deal! I'll take five!'" my roommate recalled. It wasn't until she was out of the parking lot that she realized that each box cost \$4 either way.

"That is simple math," she added. "I felt

jipped and stupid. I should have expected it, and I totally got fooled. There was a mom watching over her, but it was the girl doing all the selling. They definitely use their cute looks and smiles to get customers, and it totally works."

They may just be selling cookies, but the Scouts are an army of tiny selling machines.

According to girlscouts.org, "The \$700 million Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country."

So it's not completely a bad thing that we are being outsmarted, guilt-tripped or otherwise suckered into buying boxes and boxes of tasty treats. These little girls have clearly gained some brilliant business sense at an early age, which will probably help them to one day become incredibly successful and powerful women.

Besides, the cookies are delicious. And, like the Cookie Monster himself would say, that's good enough for me.

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tively function. After so many hours you may not be able to retain much more information. Take breaks and refresh yourself. Go outside. Go for a jog. Watch a movie. Just do something that will take your mind off studying — at least for a little bit. Everyone is different; some people can go for hours on end, while others need more frequent breaks. The point is to do what works for you.

As finals week approaches, remember to take care of you. The best way to avoid stress is to start preparing early. But regardless, as a test approaches, stress levels will rise. I hope that some of these tips will help you succeed. Remember that your hard work is rewarded with a week of no academic responsibility.

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Surging oil prices causes stock panic

Surging oil prices continued to rain on the stock market's parade at the start of the week. Add a lagging tech sector and Greece's latest debt woes to the mix, and Monday was a downer to say the least.

The Dow Jones industrial average sank 83 points, or 0.7 percent; the S&P 500 fell 11 points, or 0.9 percent; and the tech-heavy Nasdaq shed 40 points, or 1.4 percent.

"It's pretty clear that we're dealing with international and Middle East tensions here," said Jason Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede. "The reality is, oil is getting into the price range now where people are going to start questioning its impact on the broader economy."

Investors are keeping a close eye on commodities, after crude oil rose to more than \$106 a barrel early Monday on continued tensions in Libya. Oil finished the day at about \$105.44, an increase of more than a dollar.

"The stock market wants to bask in the recent slew of good economic data, but its Achilles' heel is this oil market right now," said Phil Flynn, senior market analyst with PFG Best. "This is really a situation that we're going to have to monitor every day."

Meanwhile, gold set a new intraday record in early trading, rising to \$1,445 an ounce, as investors sought safety in the precious metal.

It pared back those gains later in the day though, settling at \$1,434.50 an ounce on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

U.S. stocks managed to claw out gains last week, despite a sharp sell-off on Friday.

Companies: Tech stocks dragged on the entire market after Wells Fargo downgraded the semiconductor sector Monday. Intel fell 1.6 percent and the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index dropped 2.33 percent.

Western Digital's stock climbed 15.5 percent, after the company agreed to acquire Hitachi's hard disk drive business. The stock and cash transaction is valued at \$4.3 billion.

Western Digital's top rival, Seagate Technology, rose 9 percent on the news.

Starbucks stock rose 1.5 percent, after Morgan Stanley analysts upgraded the company's price target and CEO Howard Schultz told the Wall Street Journal the coffee company is planning several acquisitions over the next 12 to 18 months to bolster its consumer products division.

Starbucks is kicking off a campaign celebrating its 40th anniversary this week, starting with newspaper articles Monday and rolling out with television ads and in-store promotions Tuesday.

— CNN

Gadhafi launches airstrikes as civil war rages on

TRIPOLI — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi took aim at the rebel-controlled town of Ras Lanuf Monday, launching aerial strikes as part of an assault aimed at crushing the uprising against him.

At the end of the third week of unrest — protests began Feb. 15 — Gadhafi's aerial forces targeted the main road heading into the oil town after launching another air strike earlier, five kilometers southeast of the city.

In what has turned into a civil war, members of the opposition fired anti-aircraft guns toward Gadhafi's planes.

Some families fled Ras Lanuf, hoping to escape the violence that has engulfed some of the country's most populous areas.

Meanwhile, U.K. Foreign Secretary William Hague said "there are credible reports of the use of helicopter gunships against civilians by government forces."

Three members of the U.N. Security Council — France, Britain and the United States — were working Monday on a possible resolution that would include language on a no-fly zone over Libya, diplomatic sources at the United Nations said.

But any kind of military intervention could face sharp criticism from Russia and China, two permanent members of the council that wield veto power.

U.S. President Barack Obama said Monday he had a "very clear message to those who are around Col. Gadhafi: It is their choice to make how they operate moving forward and they will be held accountable for whatever violence continues to take place there."

"We've got NATO as we speak consulting in Brussels around a wide range of potential options, including potential military options, in response to the violence that continues to take place inside Libya," he said.

In a statement, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said NATO did not intend to intervene in Libya, but "as a defence Alliance and a security organization, it is our job to conduct prudent planning for any eventuality."

NATO has begun around-the-clock surveillance flights of Libya, as it considers options for dealing with the Libyan violence, U.S. Ambassador to NATO Ivo Daalder told reporters Monday.

While the opposition has managed to fight off onslaughts by Gadhafi's forces in some places — including what a witness described as an "amazing" victory against Gadhafi's heavy artillery Sunday in the town of Misrata — the regime has advanced as well. Gadhafi's forces seemed to make headway in the city of Bin Jawad, where the Libyan army appeared to have control Monday after fighting over the weekend.

But in Zawiya — a city that the government insisted it had retaken — the opposition still appeared to control the city center, and fighting was under way Monday. CNN saw pro-Gadhafi forces moving through the city, small arms fire, anti-aircraft gunfire and artillery.

As the Libyan military brought in reinforcements, CNN could see about 150 troops moving into the city.

Anti-government protesters are seeking the ouster of the 68-year-old Gadhafi after nearly 42 years of ruling the country — the kind of revolution that was seen in neighboring Tunisia and Egypt. But unlike in those countries, the Libyan uprising has turned into warfare.

Libya's foreign minister dug in Monday, saying the international community does not understand what is happening in Libya and accusing certain Western countries of helping divide the African nation.

"It is clear now the U.K. and the U.S. are getting in touch with the defected (people) in the East," Foreign Minister Musa Kasa told reporters. "This means a conspiracy to divide, partition the country."

"It is clear these super powers are undertaking a plot against Libya," he added.

Though rebel groups are long on passion, many are short on military training.

CNN's Ben Wedeman, just outside Ras Lanouf, heard someone say, "We'll capture (Gadhafi), put him on top of this car and drive all around Libya. Every Libyan will get one shot."

A special forces captain told Wedeman he is trying to teach volunteers "it's impossible to attack artillery with a Kalashnikov" rifle.

Foreign Secretary Hague, speaking to Britain's Parliament, said that in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, "there have been disturbing reports of hostage taking and large military deployments around the city designed to consolidate Gadhafi's position and intimidate his opponents. His forces remain in control of Tripoli, Sebha and Sirte; but his authority is contested in large swathes of the country where local tribes have withdrawn their support. There is a clear risk of protracted conflict and an extremely dangerous and volatile situation in large parts of the country."

With no clear end to the deadly clashes in sight, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed a new special envoy to Libya to discuss the crisis with officials in Tripoli, the United Nations said in a statement Monday.

"The secretary-general is deeply concerned about the fighting in western Libya, which is claiming large numbers of lives and threatens even more carnage in the days ahead," read the U.N. statement. "He notes that civilians are bearing the brunt of the violence, and calls for an immediate halt to the government's disproportionate use of force and indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets."

Death toll estimates have ranged from more than 1,000 to as many as 2,000, and the international community has been pondering strategies on how to end the violence and remove the Gadhafi regime.

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one week all of a sudden, it will be more what you're used to, but this was definitely two week-ends in a row of tight judging ... Both times, they were consistent, and that's the one thing you can at least live with, because it's not like they're judging one team one way and one team another way."

As is constantly emphasized by the athletes and coaches, hard judging is part of the postseason, and it's a good opportunity to prepare for what's guaranteed in Pac-10, West Regionals and National Championships. The team's mediocre 48.900 wasn't testament to what they're capable of, but more fuel for their fire.

"It drives us to aim for perfection even more," Vivian said.

The quad meet also marked the first time in weeks that sophomore, and 2010 All-American, Makayla Stambaugh returned to all-around. After weeks recovering from a nagging back injury, Stambaugh was able to compete on beam. Coach Tanya Chaplin made the decision to replace sophomore Melanie Jones after she struggled during preparation.

Stambaugh finished the day with a first-place in all-around — a career-high-tying 39.525. She also tied for first on beam (9.825) with senior Jen Kesler, and placed second on bars (9.900) and

floor (9.925).

"It was exciting," Stambaugh said. "I'm not going to say that I wasn't nervous, but I tried to keep calm and collected."

Her teammates also performed well, hitting 24 of 24 routines. Vivian, now ranked No. 1 on the uneven bars, won the bars title (9.950); she received a perfect 10 from one of the judges.

"It didn't feel like a normal competition to me," Vivian said. "This time I just relaxed; I focused on the technique, and I just let it happen. It paid off, and the score was just a bonus."

Other individual title winners included Kesler on beam and freshman Britney Ranzy on vault. Ranzy scored a career-high-tying 9.925 and was the final Beaver to perform Sunday — the final piece in the 197-scoring puzzle.

This week the Beavers prepare for their final home meet of the season this Saturday against No. 6 Utah, multi-time National Champions. Leading into Senior Night, OSU gymnasts will have a hefty week of practices as usual, but they'll be full of confidence.

"This is a strange way to describe it, but it's like an injection of confidence straight into the veins; that's what it feels like," Vivian said. "And I know the whole team is feeling that confidence."

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"No one has a real sense of where they are at this time of the year," Casey continued. "We're a long way from being the club we need to be to do some things in conference."

Oregon, picked to finish fourth in the Pac-10, could relate.

After beginning the year ranked as high as No. 14, the Ducks have lost six of their first 11 and fallen off the national radar.

All six of their losses have come to unranked teams.

Oregon's early struggles can be attributed to their inept offense, which hit just .139 (14-for-101) in its three-game series at Long Beach State this past weekend and is hitting a conference-worst .216 on the season.

Oregon's performance thus far figures to play right into Oregon State's hands, considering their pitching staff sports the conference's third-best

team earned run average at 2.45. But after playing four games in two days this past weekend, the Beavers won't have a full complement of arms.

"It's going to have to be a little bit unconventional," Casey said.

Freshman Cam Booser, "if he's ready to go," will be an option to start, according to Casey.

Booser, who did not pitch over the weekend, is 0-1 in two starts. His earned run average is respectable (3.52), but opponents have hit him at a .321 clip — the second highest average against any one pitcher on the Oregon State staff.

The only other healthy Beaver pitcher not to take the mound against Hartford was freshman right-hander Scott Schultz.

Oregon, who likely won't be sending its best to the mound either, has a quality staff with a 2.94 team earned run average.

But Duck pitchers will have to face an Oregon State offense that has caught fire of late.

Oregon State was 47 for 135 (.348) in their four-game sweep

of Hartford — who, by Casey's own admission did not possess a staff capable of competing with a Pac-10 team.

Sophomore catcher Andrew Susac is batting .538 (14-for-26) and has driven in 13 runs during a current eight-game hit streak. For the season, Susac leads the Beavers with a .441 average.

Susac was also one of the Beavers to sit before the media Feb. 1 and say Oregon State would surprise people this year. He said seven Pac-10 teams, including the Ducks, were ranked, and the Beavers were not just added fuel to the fire.

Today will be Susac and the Beavers' first true opportunity to come out and make good on their promises.

"It's a big rivalry," Susac said. "There are going to be some jitters. We just need to come out and play our game."

"It'll be fun."

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more or less puts us in the driver seat for the Northwest Championship," Webber said. "Eastern Washington is the only other undefeated team in our league and we get them at home the first weekend of spring term."

The weather was perfect; a mixture of rain, sun and a lot of mud made for a physical game of rugby. When the game started, possession of the ball went back and fourth as each team tried to make some magic happen on the field.

Captain Zach Heath sparked it for the Beavers right before the half by faking out a defender and passing the ball to wing Jeff Miller for the first score.

"It felt great," Miller said. "Our fitness was key this weekend and we were able to wear them down toward the end of the half. Our forwards did a good job of spreading out the field on offense and defense."

Riding off the energy of Miller's try, the Beavers started out the second half strong. Loose forward, also known as lock, Cameron McDonnell blocked a kick from the Cougar defense, recovered it and scored his first try of the game.

Washington scored next but was silenced when McDonnell got the ball again. He ran the ball up the middle of the field and scored his second try of the match.

"During the play of the game, I think we played a really good unit and spread out the field," McDonnell said. "We played really good defense and we communicated very well."

Center Lefeagai Tausaga had a physical defensive game with some hard hits that created opportunities for the Beavers.

"Our inside center Lefeagai Tausaga really impressed me defensively this weekend and has really been an animal for us this season," Miller said.

Center/fullback Ike McGinnis scored the final try for the Beavers near the end of the game. After McGinnis scored, Sean Ostlund kicked and made the conversion, adding two points.

"It wasn't a pretty game," Webber said. "It's the continual development of the team and this team has a lot of potential. They are a very special group of guys, they are very close and work hard together. Every week is a step and we're going in the right direction. The best thing about this game was we got challenged and we responded."

The Beavers face the Ducks in Eugene this weekend and play at home next against Eastern Washington University. The game will take place on Peavy Field at noon April 2.

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Gymnasts score big, take down No. 2



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The hands of Oregon State gymnasts chalk up before their uneven bars routines. The team nailed their highest score of the season (197.000) to take down an undefeated Stanford team.

■ After falling to Stanford twice this season, Oregon State busts out a team score of 197.000

By Anthony Casson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

What has 13 athletes, a steel wall of confidence and the ability to eliminate anyone from the tippy-top of the national rankings? Oregon State's gymnastics team.

In what was undoubtedly the most impressive performance of the 2011 season, No. 5 OSU traveled to Berkeley, Calif., Sunday afternoon and knocked then-No. 2 Stanford from their undefeated perch — 197.000 to 196.500. The Beavers' 197 was the first of the season, and they are only one of eight teams in the country to have hit the mark.

OSU took first place overall, above Stanford, Denver (194.625), and host California (194.175). Prior to Sunday, the closest the Beavers had come to beating the Cardinal this season was in Chicago last month, where they fell by 0.125 points.

"I think everyone knew this was a big away-meet for us, and then I was impressed with the fact that when it was time for them to do the routine, they all got it done — every single one of them," associate head coach Michael Chaplin said. "They had good energy when it came time to compete."

Before any of the gymnasts hit the

mats, the Beavers were busy buzzing about their poor warm-ups. The team went into the locker rooms, had a motivating talk, and returned with a full head of steam.

OSU opened on the uneven bars, where they took a commanding lead over Stanford with a near season-high 49.400 performance; the Beavers are now ranked No. 1 on the bars after sitting in the second spot for eight weeks.

Despite tight judging on the balance beam, in their second rotation, the Beavers executed as they had practiced and reached season-highs on floor exercise (49.400) and vault (49.300).

"It was a great example of how this team is able to flip their mind and fight for everything," junior Olivia Vivian said. "We started off with some not-so-great warm-ups; everyone is dealing with soreness, or sickness, or something's bothering them, and you could see it in warm-up. We had a quick, little meeting just to flip it."

It was the second consecutive weekend the Beavers faced tough judging on beam, but similar to the first time, scores were consistent across the board. Vivian said she had not experienced back-to-back meets where the judging was tight on the same apparatus.

"You never know what you're going to get with (judging)," Chaplin said. "Usually that doesn't happen; normally,

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Civil War baseball

■ A rivalry is ignited early in the season as the Oregon Ducks travel to Goss Stadium to face an Oregon State team on a win streak

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Their football team came to Corvallis and clinched a spot in the BCS national title game.

Their men's basketball team came to Corvallis and turned Oregon State's season upside down.

Today, the Oregon baseball team comes to Corvallis looking to continue the theme of a 2010-2011 Duck-dominated Civil War.

Four years ago, Oregon didn't have a baseball program, yet this year they were picked to compete for a Pac-10 title and finish four spots ahead of the Beavers, who four years ago were fresh off back-to-back national titles.

So are the Beavers ready for today's nonconference battle, which has no affect on the Pac-10 standings but surely will have the feel of a May baseball game when the first pitch is delivered at 5:35 p.m.?

"It doesn't matter if we're Duck-ready or not," said head coach Pat Casey. "They're coming."

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Junior Brian Stamps slides into third on a theft against Hartford at Goss Stadium. Tuesday, the University of Oregon will be in Corvallis.

Rugby beats WSU

■ The men's team continues undefeated streak, eyes Northwest Championship

By Stephany Tornincasa
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When the Oregon State men's rugby Club took the field this weekend against the Washington State Cougars, one thing and one thing only was on their minds: to win and take the second-place rankings in the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference.

"They play the same style of ball as we do in terms of what you call power rugby," head coach Mark Webber said. "The advantage we had was our fitness and the second, we have more speed on the outside and a little more backline play than they had."

The final score of the game was 22-5, leaving Oregon State undefeated and thirsty to finish out their season strong. The Beavers have four games left this season and are looking to do some damage.

"It was a great win because it

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After up and down career ride, Greer says goodbye

This last Saturday was the last home game for the Oregon State women's basketball team. But it was also the last time that the only senior on the squad, El Sara Greer, would ever play basketball as a Beaver in Gill Coliseum.

It was an emotional night, but it was representative of the season. Although Oregon State couldn't pull out the win on the night of Greer's final appearance, the senior made sure to leave a permanent mark by breaking the blocked-shot record in a single season with a total of 88 blocks.

As amazing as it is for Greer to own the record, it only sheds a sliver of light on the improvements and contributions she's made while playing at Oregon State.

Last year, Greer was a junior transfer from Kirkwood Community College in Iowa. She played her first year at OSU as a reserve under former head coach LaVonda Wagner last season. Looking at her statistics

from the former year, including 22 blocks for the season, you would never know she was the same player.

With the hiring of new head coach Scott Rueck, Greer made the decision to stick it out with Oregon State and it paid off. She has led the Pac-10 in blocks all season and now has her name on the record books to prove her efforts.

Greer's decision to stay was one of the most influential events of the 2010-2011 team. As the only senior, it was Greer whom Rueck and the rest of the squad looked to for experience and leadership. She was in uncharted territory, suddenly being expected to lead the young team. But Rueck was in equally uncharted territory, coaching his first season in the Pac-10 conference.

At the start of the season, there were questions still up in the air as to



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whether or not the team would be able to gel and rise to the occasion. But it was Greer who stepped up and eventually, game by game, became a vocal leader that helped her young teammates grow and adjust to the new level of play.

Saturday's game was a great performance for Greer while recording a game-high 13 points, four rebounds and three blocks. It was truly a fantastic way to end her career at OSU, but the grabbing of the single-season blocks record was definitely the topper.

"Going into the game, it was just like a regular game," Greer said. "Just trying your best and trying to win. I was nervous of course because it was my last game, but nervous-excited. I don't think (breaking the school record) has set in yet. It will come pretty soon."

Greer has been touted all season by Rueck, who says she has stepped up and embraced her role as a leader with eloquence and enthusiasm. As a regular onlooker, any fan could see Greer's growth from just the beginning of the season. Accustomed to leading by example, she transitioned throughout the season into a vocal presence on the floor and a dominating factor inside the key. At first, Greer established herself as a threat defensively, but over the course of the season, she grew into an offensive factor that teams quickly learned they had to contend with.

Saturday was an inspirational day, but it was a bittersweet goodbye for the Beavers. In a way, Greer's progress represents the growth and change that the program has experienced in the last year and Oregon State fans and players will miss the senior on and off the court.

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A Beaver rugby player skies up to make a play on the ball.