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ASOSU hopefuls strive for change



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ASOSU candidate, Sokho Eath

■ Hopoi, Eath hope to give voice to the underrepresented, promote diversity on campus

By **Kayla Harr**
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Associated Students of Oregon State University president and vice president candidates Milika Leakona “Tonga” Hopoi and Sokho “Sonny” Eath believe through the ASOSU presidency they can connect to students and cultural groups who are usually disconnected from student government.

“I think one of the largest reasons why we wanted to run is because of the potential that ASOSU has for all student groups, not just the student groups that are already actively involved, because ASOSU should be all students, not just those that have been involved in the year before, so we wanted to expand the mission to all of the student body,” Hopoi, a junior in philosophy, said.

Both Hopoi and Eath, a junior in political science, have strong ties to international groups on campus and have worked with diverse student groups.

Hopoi is currently the ASOSU executive director of Diversity Programs and the Polynesian Culture Club trea-

surer. She has worked at the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center and Intercultural Student Services.

Hopoi was also responsible for organizing December’s Rally for Peace in response to the attack on a Corvallis mosque, which she put together within a few days.

Eath is ASOSU director of Multicultural Affairs and co-president of the Cambodian Student Association and has worked with Intercultural Student Services’ Asian and Pacific American Council.

Eath said that his experience as an ASOSU task force director and working with other directors and staff is an asset, as the vice president’s primary responsibility is to manage the ASOSU staff.

“I’ve built a lot of good relationships with the task force directors and the communities that they work with,” Eath said. “It’s important to be supportive and effective in how you help them.”

Hopoi said the relationships that she and Eath have formed with minorities and underrepresented groups on campus allow them to represent the campus with a more comprehensive understanding of students’ needs.

“ASOSU hasn’t been reaching out to communities,

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ASOSU candidate, Olivia Hollenhorst



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ASOSU candidate, Ryan Ludlow

■ Ludlow, Hollenhorst looking for chance to take on high tuition rates, making education a priority

By **Brittany Galindo**
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Ryan Ludlow, a sophomore in political science and economics, and Olivia Hollenhorst, a freshman in public health, are two of this year’s hopefuls for president and vice president of the Associated Students of Oregon State University.

Although a generally younger running pair, they have already acquired the experience necessary for the positions in ASOSU.

“I got involved in ASOSU at the beginning of the year because I wanted to take a more active part plotting the course of my education,” Hollenhorst said. “Rather than sit back and let administrators and the state legislature steer my college experience, I wanted to take my education into my own hands and make my years here the best that they could be.”

Ludlow has an extensive background of experience here at Oregon State. He was named director of community affairs at ASOSU, interned with a government task

force, worked on the vice chair of the judicial council of ASOSU and was named president of his fraternity.

“I am very passionate about student issues and I’m very committed to making sure that students receive the attention they need,” said Ludlow. “It doesn’t make sense to me that students and faculty receive fewer resources to get what they’re paying for or getting paid to do.”

Some of the duties as ASOSU president and vice president include sitting on committees, monitoring staff’s visions and goals, making sure students’ voices are heard on these committees and relaying that information to where it needs to be heard on campus.

“As an ASOSU intern, I discovered how much power the students really have in deciding what direction their education would take,” Hollenhorst said.

Ludlow and Hollenhorst are running on the campaign “The Tuition is Too Damn High!”

“It rings true right now; the tuition really is too high for students to be treated the way we are,” Ludlow said. “It doesn’t make sense for students to be packed into smaller classrooms, and more buildings are being built with more administrative rooms rather than instructional rooms.”

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Carrot Mob comes to Brew Station

■ The Brew Station on Monroe Avenue was chosen for making the greatest green effort

By **Zack Paresa**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It’s not every day a business is rewarded for taking care of the environment.

The local Carrot Mob, a campaign to encourage businesses to become more environmentally friendly, selected the Brew Station Cafe and Pub as one of the greenest businesses on the Monroe strip.

According to the Carrot Mob website, the initiative first began in 2008 in San Francisco. The creator, Brent Schulkin, started the movement by bargaining with businesses to go green.

The idea is that in exchange for a business making its operations greener, the organizations will bring a “mob” of customers to them to help increase revenue for a day. These demonstrations have been held all over the world, including Australia and Europe.

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The Brew Station was awarded with a “mob” of customers.

Barnes, Bowen ready to take action

■ MUPC president, vice president hopefuls want to make the MU feel more like home

By **Brittany Galindo**
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Ashley Barnes, a junior in English and secondary education, and Nicholas Bowen, a senior in pro-industrial engineering, are this year’s names on the ballot for Memorial Union president and vice president.

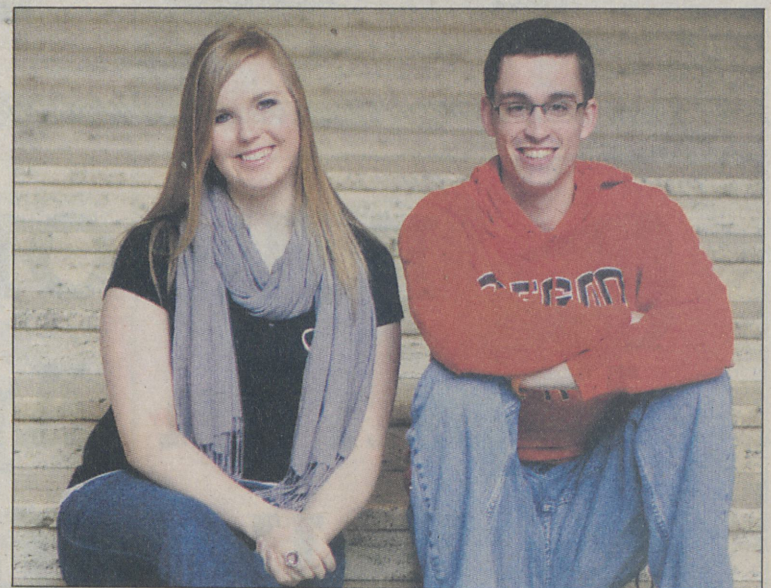
Although they are running uncontested, they still need enough votes to be named to earn the position.

“Ashley and I have been really involved on campus for the past two years and we felt that we wanted to continue giving to the OSU community that we both really love a lot,” Bowen said. “The duties of the positions we are going to be taking on, if and when we are elected, are very similar to what we have been doing.”

Bowen is currently president of the Residence Hall Association, representing the 3,800 residents that live on-campus, while Barnes is a peer leadership consultant for student leadership and involvement. Barnes has worked within the MU the past two years.

Not only do their prior experience and qualifications for the position prove to be prestigious, but their personalities also shine through.

“I am very passionate about people and I really want to help people



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MUPC presidential candidate Ashley Barnes and running mate, Nick Bowen.

reach their full potential,” Barnes said. “Through my leadership experiences in the past I’ve really been able to tap into that, and through this position I can do that at another level and really bring groups of people together to collaborate, because I think the community is the best thing.”

Bowen also enjoys working with people, a quality needed when in a position of leadership.

“I would say that I’m fun-loving and passionate about the community here at Oregon State, and I really love hearing people’s ideas on

what they want to see happen here, and so I try and make myself as approachable as possible,” Bowen said.

Being named MU president and vice president entails working with the Memorial Union Program Council and representing the unions as organizations as well as a building. They must also be in an indirect relationship to the Memorial Union advisory board, involving policy changes and revisions as well as to approve student fee levels.

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President Obama hits the road to spread his economic message

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama takes his deficit reduction proposal on the road this week with town hall-style events in three states that are important to his re-election bid in 2012.

Obama heads to northern Virginia on Tuesday; Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., on Wednesday; and Reno, Nev. on Thursday to take questions on the economy and his plan, unveiled last week, that would end Bush-era tax breaks for the wealthy and cut spending.

On Monday, Obama kick-starts the message campaign by giving interviews at the White House with local news stations in Denver; Raleigh, NC Dallas and Indianapolis.

"I hope you'll take a break from either friending or defriending each other" to RSVP for the Wednesday event, which will be live-streamed to "answer questions from folks across the country," Obama said in a video invitation posted Monday on YouTube.

The president's blitz comes as Congress faces two major fiscal issues in coming months: passing a budget for fiscal year 2012, which begins Oct. 1, and raising the federal debt ceiling so the government can continue

meeting its obligations.

It targets two traditional Republican states he won in 2008 — Virginia and Nevada — as well as reliable Democratic territory in California and its 55 electoral votes, the most of any state.

Congressional Republicans are demanding significant fiscal reforms, such as a balanced budget amendment and mandatory spending caps, in exchange for their necessary support to raise the debt limit.

Democrats respond that the debt limit issue should be separated from any politically inspired fiscal mandates because any question of whether the government can pay its debt will bring damaging repercussions from markets and the international community.

The first evidence of such a reaction came Monday, when Standard & Poor's lowered its outlook for the nation's long-term debt.

While reaffirming its top-tier rating for the U.S. economy, S&P lowered its outlook for America's long-term credit rating to "negative" from "stable" based on the uncertain political debate around the nation's fiscal problems. It said resolution of major issues was unlikely ahead of the 2012 elections.

The report by one of the major agencies that evaluates debt ratings sent stocks tumbling, with the Dow Jones industrial average sinking 140 points on the day.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va, said Monday that the S&P report underscores the need for immediate reforms to ensure America's fiscal health.

Republicans will not move forward on a measure to raise the country's debt ceiling unless "it is accompanied by serious reforms that immediately reduce federal spending and end the culture of debt in Washington," Cantor said in a statement.

At the White House, Press Secretary Jay Carney said that although the S&P rating showed the need for agreement on deficit reduction, the president believes that the prospects for a deal are better than expected by S&P.

He reiterated the White House position that raising the debt ceiling should be handled separately from fiscal reform measures.

"The issue is, the debt ceiling has to be raised, and it cannot be held hostage to a process that is very difficult and very complicated," Carney said. "We cannot make it conditional."

Calling the possibility of a U.S.

default on its debt obligations "unthinkable," Carney said congressional leaders from both parties have indicated that the debt ceiling will be raised and said Obama "takes them at their word."

While opposing a direct linkage between raising the debt ceiling and fiscal reforms, the White House concedes that simultaneous steps are needed to reduce mounting deficits and the national debt.

The U.S. debt is expected to hit the country's \$14.294 trillion ceiling next month, though congressional leaders say the Treasury can take steps to put off the deadline until early July.

On the broader fiscal reform issues, Obama and congressional Democrats seek to distinguish their policies from Republican calls for shrinking spending and the size of government.

A 2012 budget proposal passed Friday by House Republicans with no Democratic support would cut \$4 trillion in spending over the next decade by overhauling the Medicare and Medicaid government health care programs, cutting non-military discretionary spending and reforming the tax code to lower rates and eliminate loopholes.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 19

Meetings

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

OSU Pre-Law Society, 6-7pm, MU 110. Regular meeting.

Bahai Campus Association, 1-1:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Tranquility Zone - Jox.

Speakers

Women's Center, Panhellenic Council, UGC, Office of Greek Life, 7-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center Austin Auditorium. Dr. Jean Kilbourne Lecture: Deadly Persuasion: Advertising and the Corruption of Relationships.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - True Grit (2010).

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

Campus Recycling, 11am-3pm, MU Quad. Community Fair: An annual fair of 40 or more on- and off-campus groups who work on environmental issues. Learn what's going on in our community.

Wednesday, April 20

Meetings

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

Speakers

Women's Center, Noon-1pm, Women's Center. Coffee & Tea from Around the World. Cultural presentation and conversation. Q & A session to follow. Snacks served.

Alpha Kappa Psi, 7pm, MU 208. Bre Kerkvliet, Brooks Hatch and Dan Segel from the Corvallis Knights baseball club will talk about sports marketing.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - True Grit (2010).

OSU Emergency Food Pantry, 5-8pm, International Forum, SW corner of Snell Hall. Provides emergency food assistance for anybody in need regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation or marital status.

Campus Recycling, 11am-1pm, Native American Longhouse. Why Does Food Matter with Climate Change? Video presentation and free food. 20-minute video will be repeated at 11:05, 11:35, 12:05 and 12:35.

Campus Recycling, 4-6pm, 100 Gleason Hall. Video presentation - Addicted to Plastics. 90-minute video presentation followed by a discussion of Plastics in Daily Life.

SU - Center for Leadership Development, 5:30-6pm, MU Council Room. Officer Transition Workshop.

US denies support for Syrian opposition tantamount to regime change

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The State Department denies it is seeking to undermine the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, despite the revelation in diplomatic cables unveiled by WikiLeaks that it is financing groups seeking to overthrow him.

The cables, first reported by the Washington Post, reveal the State Department disbursed at least \$6 million for anti-government programs inside Syria, with the money going to a

group of Syrian exiles, living in London, called the Movement for Justice and Development. It has also supported the reformist satellite channel Barada TV.

Malik al-Abdeh, Barada TV's editor-in-chief, called the channel "a platform for Syrians to air their grievances about their government, to promote democratic awareness, empower civil society, highlight human rights abuses and break the regime's stranglehold on media and give Syrians a

voice."

Although Abdeh is on the board of the Movement for Justice and Development and his brother is the director, he insists there is no connection between Barada TV and the group.

He said the network has "multiple sources of funding," including a California-based non-governmental organization and members of the Syrian expatriate community.

A source working with

Barada TV told CNN the channel is closely affiliated with the Damascus Declaration, a very broad coalition of activists that includes Christians, Druze, Kurds, Shiia, Sunni and women.

The source described the channel's programming as "secular, liberal and progressive," dealing with issues such as corruption, economic hardship and concerns of youth including unemployment, education tuition and social

media. Although it promotes democracy and reform in Syria, the channel has not called for al-Assad's regime to step down.

The source said that the U.S. government currently is providing technical support to the group, including providing bandwidth and access to satellites in order to broadcast. Iranians have started blocking the network at the behest of the Syrians, the source said.

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Boehner hires top lawyer for fight over marriage law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Republicans have hired a prominent conservative attorney to defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act in a pending lawsuit, legal sources say, and will make an effort to divert money from the Justice Department to fund its high-profile fight.

House Speaker John Boehner disclosed the legal and political strategy in a letter Monday to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. The Obama administration, which normally would defend federal laws in judicial disputes, announced last month it believed the Defense of Marriage Act, often referred to as DOMA, to be unconstitutional. The law defines marriage for federal purposes as unions only between a man and woman. Boehner said that with the Justice Department not participating, he had "no choice" but to act unilaterally. "The burden of defending DOMA, and the resulting costs associated with any litigation that would have otherwise been born (sic) by DOJ (The Department of Justice), has fallen to the House,"

Boehner said. "Obviously, DOJ's decision results in DOJ no longer needing the funds it would have otherwise expended defending the constitutionality of DOMA. It is my intent that those funds be diverted to the House for reimbursement of any costs incurred by and associated with the House, and not DOJ, defending DOMA."

Such a move would require Senate approval, an unlikely prospect since Democrats control that chamber. Boehner will probably end up finding money for the legal fight from other discretionary and non-discretionary spending sources, according to legal experts. There was no indication just how much the legal fight could eventually cost. Legal sources say the House Republican leadership also has hired Washington appellate attorney Paul Clement to defend the law. He filed a brief Monday in a pending case from New York, where a lesbian received an estate tax bill of more than \$360,000 after her longtime partner and legal wife had died.

Clement is a former solicitor general under President George

W. Bush, serving from 2005 to 2008. It was his job to defend federal laws and executive actions in court, similar to what he will be doing now as a private lawyer on retainer. He was mentioned at one time as a possible Supreme Court nominee.

Separately, he also is representing more than two dozens states in their lawsuit against the administration over the sweeping healthcare reform law passed by Congress last year. That case is pending in a federal appeals court in Atlanta.

In the Defense of Marriage Act dispute, groups on both sides of the issue noted the highly charged political aspects.

"Not only are House Republican leaders defending the indefensible, they've brought in a high-priced attorney to deny federal recognition to loving, married couples," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "Speaker Boehner appears ready to go to great lengths, and the great expense of a high-power law firm, to try to score some cheap political points on the backs of same-sex couples."

But conservative groups applauded the move. "At last we have a legal eagle on this case who actually wants to win in court," said Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage. "Thanks to Speaker Boehner's actions, President Obama's attempt to sabotage the legal defense of DOMA is not going to work."

President Barack Obama on February 23 ordered the Justice Department to stop defending the constitutionality of the law. "The president has concluded that given a number of factors, including a documented history of discrimination, classifications based on sexual orientation should be subject to a more heightened standard of scrutiny," said Attorney General Eric Holder. The key provision in the law "fails to meet that standard and is therefore unconstitutional."

Obama had previously expressed his personal opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act but had never stated an opinion relating to its constitutionality

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This means a demonstration can take on a more cooperative partnership with businesses instead of an adversarial approach.

The Carrot Mob takes on various causes and challenges businesses to change with the incentive of gaining new customers. The Corvallis Carrot Mob formed when OSU student Amanda Rhodes learned about the campaign in her food group.

The Carrot Mob idea was then presented to the ASOSU Environmental Affairs

Task Force where the current head, Evan Sorce, along with Rhodes decided to carry out the demonstration.

"Social organization and pushing for something you're passionate about is something everyone should do," Sorce said. "If you're passionate about something, just go out and try to make a difference."

Rhodes and Sorce both hope to see more Carrot Mobs held in the coming years, especially with its growing popularity.

"Everyone should know they can make a difference," Rhodes said. "People feel like a number in a large group, but really I've

found that I can make something like this happen and have tons of people show up."

The Brew Station has already agreed to put 15 percent of the day's revenue toward "greening" the facility.

Music started at 6 p.m. on the porch of the Brew Station to end the demonstration on a high note, with Brian Smith and Bo Bestvina as a few of the musical artists supporting the Carrot Mob.

"Anyone can do this kind of work; it's not as hard as people think," Rhodes said.

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HOPPOI-EATH

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but expecting that they are the voice for all of them without reaching out to them, so it's hard when you're speaking for 24,000 students, but you're only representing the 1,200 that responded," Hopoi said.

Those relationships, Eath said, are often formed at cultural events where he and Hopoi are eager to help set up or lend a hand in the kitchen. The relationships formed while cooking together and appreciating each other's cultures allow him and Hopoi to represent ASOSU and interact with students as trusted friends.

If elected, Hopoi and Eath

plan to make sure every student's voice is heard. Eath said the two would consider the perspectives of all individuals that are a part of the campus, though students would remain the organization's priority.

"We're here as a university; all of the professors, professional faculty, the people that work here, they call themselves Beavers," Eath said. "This is our home. It's realizing that ASOSU is for everybody."

Hopoi and Eath's campaign slogan, "Our voice, our student government," reflects their dedication to securing the right to be heard for all students. Rather than speaking on plans to address particular campus issues, Hopoi and Eath emphasized that the

issues raised by the students ASOSU serves would be their focus.

To ensure that ASOSU receives input from student groups that have been difficult to reach in the past, Hopoi and Eath plan to consult with student leaders, who Hopoi said have the greatest understanding of what is important to the students they represent.

"From our experience, the leaders of student organizations are the collective voice of their organizations, and so those are the people that need to be brought into the conversation when something needs to be discussed," Hopoi said.

These conversations, Hopoi said, should be held in person whenever possible. According

to Hopoi, the relationships that she and Eath have with students mean the two would be in constant contact with representatives of diverse student groups.

Rather than sending out an e-mail and presenting the opinions of only those who respond, Hopoi said she and Eath would make an effort to reach out to students and gather those opinions that often remain unheard.

"We want to get people excited about ASOSU and about voting, and that their voice does matter," Hopoi said. "Because without them there wouldn't be us."

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LUDLOW-HOLLENHORST

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Some problems they intend to fix include transit and parking services and tuition costs, particularly e-campus prices.

"Parking, it might not be a widespread problem, but there is a problem," Ludlow said. "One particular change I'd like to see is the revision of Oregon administrative rules that define parking. There is a stipulation in there that is called circumventing regulation ... tickets are four times as much as the regular ticket is."

In terms of tuition, Ludlow already has a plan on how to attack the problem.

"Take the campus tuition model and merge that with the noble tuition model. If you're taking a certain number of credits for on-campus classes ... there is a tuition plateau where you pay the same tuition fee throughout that entire number of credits," Ludlow said. "The e-campus is charged separately ... when really it should be in that normal tuition model. It's another way the university is going to drag more money out of our pockets."

Hollenhorst believes the university should put more focus on education.

"If elected, I would like to see the university shift its priorities back to academic instruction," Hollenhorst said. "I would like to see a change in how the

university functions so that more focus is put on long-term sustainable models of education rather than statistics and head counts."

Ludlow and Hollenhorst feel that there is a sweeping change in direction of government within higher education, and they want to be a part of it to improve the college careers of Oregon State students.

"My main goal would be to leave the university better than when we entered it," Hollenhorst said. "I want to get as much as I can from this experience, and I would like to give back to the students as much as I can."

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"For me it's really making sure students have a place to belong, that this can be their home away from home outside their resident halls, or if they live off-campus this can be their home on campus," said Barnes. "The MU is a place for students, so we want to make sure this is provided for students as well as they get the resources needed to fulfill their needs and wants

on campus."

Bowen sees a lot of potential for getting students involved in the university through the MU.

"I definitely want to build a sense of community unlike something we have seen in the past couple years; especially during football season, I want to start some new traditions and see if we can rev up some pride," Bowen said.

As their slogan says, the "M-You" should really be more focused on what the students

want out of their memorial building. Voting can allow students to have a voice in things they want changed on campus.

"Promoting the student voice within the organization, and making sure students are a part of the decisions, and that they are taking ownership for this organization as a whole really does help to increase the student experience," said Barnes. "It's huge as far as the change that can come to campus, as well as how we can

move our organization forwards and how we can serve our students better."

The team is open to hearing from the OSU community on how they can achieve those goals.

"As leaders and advocates of students and residents, we're always open to ideas and people should feel more than welcome to reach out to us," Bowen said.

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Editorial

Get informed, vote

Today is the debate between the Associated Students of Oregon State University presidential and vice presidential candidates. You probably didn't know that. You probably don't know who is running, unless you read the front page of the Barometer today.

How do we know? Because OSU voter turnout is next to nonexistent. For the primary elections, 1,545 out of 23,761 students voted. This translates to about a 6.5 percent voting rate on campus.

Last year, only 2,259 students voted during the ASOSU presidential and vice presidential election.

Now, this could be a sign of the times; that no one is voting at all, for anything.

However, the 2010 Oregon midterm elections in November had a 72 percent voter turnout across the state, the highest it's been in 10 years, according to state election officials.

So why isn't any of that enthusiasm for participating in the world you live in spreading to OSU?

Maybe students don't think voting at a college level matters. Some people may hold the opinion that ASOSU does not have the authority to make any real changes, especially when it comes to issues that actually matter, like tuition. In some respects this is true, but at the same time very false.

If you look into the inner workings of ASOSU just a little, the breadth of their influence may come as a surprise to the average student.

These elected officials are the ones who get face time with those who do have the influence to make changes, all the way up to OSU President Ed Ray. They are speaking on your behalf, expressing opinions that are taken as the voice of the entire student body.

ASOSU is often the people OSU administration turns to when looking for an idea of how students feel about important, often controversial issues and are making decisions based on the testimony of our student leadership.

ASOSU decides the amount of money to take from you each term in fees and then makes the decisions of how to spend that money. The amount of money handled by our student government reaches into the millions of dollars.

These people you probably never knew existed are the ones responsible for getting you seats to most sporting events on campus, including football games.

It is your decision not to vote, which most of you probably won't do, but be wary of thinking that ASOSU is an organization that can be easily dismissed as nothing more than another club on campus.

Go to the debate, become informed on the candidates and vote. Consider it practice for the future when you will hopefully become an educated, productive member of society.

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Stretching, flexibility may help those aches and pains

I love stretching. Just ask anyone who has been in one of my Physical Activities Courses. I tend to get on my soap box and preach the benefits of stretching. Unfortunately, when I am at Dixon, I rarely see people stretch after they lift weights. More people stop and stretch after a cardio workout but most just walk straight to the locker room.

But my biggest complaint is the lack of men who stretch. I am not sure how stretching became blacklisted, but it can help even the strongest power lifters.

I am by no means a very flexible person (although I am improving). Nor do I regularly take yoga classes. But that is my point. You do not have to fall into either of those categories to stretch. Anyone, regardless of age or ability, can reap stretching's immediate and long-term benefits.

Now let's focus on those benefits. Perhaps stretching's greatest reward is that it can help you avoid injury. During physical activity, inflexible people can easily exceed the extensibility of their body. Therefore it is in our best interest to spend some time reaching for our toes.

Plus, there is an added bonus: Stretching is linked to decreased stress, increased circulation and better posture. Who doesn't want that?

David Schary



Focusing on fitness

If you need more proof, let me tell you a story. For the last several months, I have had pain in both knees after long runs. This was strange because I have ran several half-marathons and even a marathon without my knees aching once. I foolishly self-diagnosed, thinking it was due to a strength imbalance or improper form. After the pain got worse, I finally made an appointment with Guido Van Ryssegem, the Dixon athletic trainer. Within five minutes, Guido told me that my knees were not the problem, merely a symptom. It was my inflexible hip. He prescribed a series of stretches and strengthening exercises. Fast forward four weeks; my hips are loosening and the pain has begun to subside (as a side note, I highly recommend the athletic trainer, Guido. And the service is free to students).

Stretching is great, but not all stretching techniques are created equal. Believe it or not, there are four different types of stretching. Static stretching is the most common; it involves

passively stretching a muscle to the point of mild discomfort by holding it in a maximal stretch for an extended period. Dynamic stretching incorporates movements that mimic a specific sport or exercise in an exaggerated yet controlled manner; often included during the warm-up or in preparation for a sports event (think leg swings or arm circles).

Two stretching techniques that are not as common are proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation (PNF) and ballistic. PNF techniques involve a partner actively stretching the participant by some combination of altering contraction and relaxation of muscles. PNF stretching is capable of producing greater improvement in flexibility compared to other techniques, but requires experience. The oldest technique is the ballistic stretch which makes use of repetitive bouncing movements. It has been virtually abandoned by almost all experts due to safety concerns. My advice is to stick to static and dynamic stretching.

Now let's talk about how to properly increase your flexibility. The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) recommends stretching muscle groups or joints throughout the body two to three days per week, and preferably five to seven days per week. Following an activity, you should pas-

sively stretch, holding each stretch for 15 - 30 seconds, to increase flexibility. For optimal flexibility, ACSM recommends repeating each stretch two to four times. In addition, it is important to only statically stretch warm muscles. Substitute in dynamic stretching before a workout.

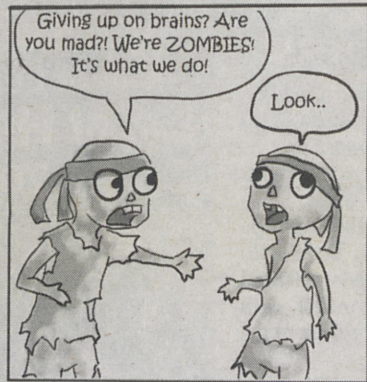
I cannot talk about flexibility without mentioning yoga. Yoga is increasingly popular with many different types. Just like with normal stretching, yoga has numerous benefits with few dangers. Yoga accommodates a range of ability levels, and most instructors will go out of their way to help beginners. I could spend a whole column on just yoga (and someday I will), but if you are interested, I suggest researching it online and taking a PAC class.

So after your next workout, just spend a few minutes stretching. Your body will thank you. Trust me.

Do have a favorite stretch? Or yoga pose? Please share any ideas, questions, comments or even disagreements (we can all learn from each other...): E-mail David at forum@dailybarometer.com.

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Nothing's more American than Donald Trump

One of the most fascinating political announcements in recent memory has developed over the past couple weeks. It turns out that billionaire mogul Donald Trump is going to take a break from building swanky golf courses, running trashy casinos and producing reality shows for has-been celebrities to run for the job of boss of the country. Thank goodness. Finally, America has a candidate with the financial responsibility, personal skills and impeccable hair that it takes to run the most powerful nation in the world.

So with all the problems facing our country and the world at the moment, it is refreshing to see that the no-doubt future president is focusing on the most pressing and vital issue of the moment: where our current president was born.

As we all know, Article Two of the Constitution forbids any foreign-born individual from being elected to the presidency, regardless if the person is a naturalized citizen. This was includ-

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ed to prevent foreign nationals from infiltrating the government and taking over the country, a pretty real fear for the founders of the United States. It also prevented Alexander Hamilton (the guy on the \$10 bill, and born in the Caribbean) from running for the executive post, a job he may well have won.

As we also know, Barack Obama has been accused of being born outside the United States by several radical members of the conservative "birther" movement. Regardless of the fact that the state of Hawaii has verified his birth with a certificate of live birth and the existence of newspaper birth announcements, "birthers" continue to harp on the notion that this president with the foreign-sound-

ing name and non-WASP background must have been born in Kenya or Indonesia or wherever it is they say he came from. Or maybe they believe Hawaii does not count as a real state. Who knows?

Really, it should be a nonissue for smart, responsible tenants of American politics, but unfortunately, it always has to come up. When in a bind about how to criticize the president, or to add emphasis to a critique, the phrase "show me the birth certificate" is proclaimed far too frequently. Some recent polls have indicated that anywhere from 20 to 30 percent of Americans believe that President Obama was not born in the United States, despite about as much evidence that you could provide to prove otherwise.

The move by Donald Trump to run on a ticket based almost solely on the anger-mongering notion that the country is being run by a foreigner who obviously cannot connect with real Americans — like Trump — is pretty smart when you think about it.

If 30 percent of Americans, including 32 percent of Republicans according to a CBS News poll, believe it, then taking the reins as the champion of that cause may be the easy route to Pennsylvania Avenue.

Who cares about what his views on Libya are? Disregard the fact that he is an out-of-touch billionaire who thought it would be a good idea appear on a Comedy Central Roast, hire Bret Michaels on Celebrity Apprentice and that he has been known to be make some "interesting" financial decisions.

What is important is that he released his birth certificate — which was later shown to not be an official copy — listing his birth in New York City, which if you were not aware, is in America. Well, that sounds good enough for me. Get that man in the Oval Office. He is obviously more qualified.

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Act your age, but dress older

The forecast has begun to produce fewer rainy days and more sunshine. Just what every Portlander wants, right? With summer peeking its face around the corner, we're gearing up for fun in the sun. For ladies, this means the daunting swimsuit season is dawning as well — even for young girls who haven't hit their teens yet.

Isn't swimsuit season great? The bikinis have such cute designs, can be on sale, and you can show off your New Year's resolution's body!

Bikinis are sold everywhere, including Abercrombie and Fitch. And the styles are fantastic! There's the triangle, the backless and tie-up with matching bottom; as well as the bandeau, the straight and tie-up in the front. There's also the push-up swim top, like the triangle, just with extra padding. At least, these are the names Abercrombie and Fitch have assigned to these swim tops.

However, I feel a little guilty. I greatly enjoy these swimsuits myself and feel the need to share them. Abercrombie and Fitch seemingly had the same idea, so they decided to make these same types of swim tops for little girls — even those who haven't yet hit puberty.

Yes, A&F were advertising for padded "push-up" triangle bikini tops for little girls. It wasn't long before parents and bloggers went haywire online demanding that A&F immediately remove the product. They all tell the same story; Abercrombie Kids was selling swim tops that served as a push-up for girls as young as eight years old.

The swimsuit in question is called the Ashley triangle top, the words "push-up" removed almost immediately after the advertising began. But after searching their website, there are no "Ashley" tops in the kids

Shannon McCosh
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section. It still seemed a little fishy that this would be acceptable for 8-year-old girls, but it is indeed true. The target market for Abercrombie Kids is ages eight to 14.

A visit to a local Abercrombie Kids found none of the swim tops were padded either. So yes, it's true that the swim tops are for 8-year-old girls, but they are also for girls past puberty as well. However, Abercrombie still didn't have any one-piece bathing suits available for the younger market. The styles and cuts are still very grown-up. When compared to Gap Kids, Abercrombie's styles mimicked adult styles. Gap Kids offers one-piece and the two-piece suits, and are extremely modest. After entering an Abercrombie Kids, it was no longer a shock that they would attempt to sell padded bikini tops for little girls.

Even though Abercrombie Kids removed the title and the item of the Ashley push-up, what they sell is still unsuitable for children. A&F have been notorious for crossing boundaries, but this is just taking it too far.

It's not a mystery why society sells sex by exploiting the human body, but usually, society exploits the adult body. Selling padded bikini tops for girls who haven't even reached puberty yet teaches the girls that sex is how they will be recognized, and that it should be the basis for how they dress, act and behave.

There is already too much pressure on girls in society to look "good." They are demanded to look skinny, wear makeup, the right kinds of clothes and more. This pressure starts when they hit adolescence, then expands beyond that, into adulthood. With adults, they make the

conscious choice to have their bodies exploited, but children are easily influenced. If young girls don't know any better, then they'll assume they're meant to look "sexy" before they've even developed into maturity.

Psychologist Dr. Michael Bradley told ABC News that there are four harmful effects of providing young girls with this type of product. According to Dr. Bradley, we're teaching them that sex and looking sexy is what their cultural purpose is. This leads to how it shapes their behavior, which can potentially lead to promiscuity. He also notes that our society is shaping their body images and distorting them, and we are robbing them of their childhood innocence. It promotes the idea of females being sexual objects to be admired, and the targets of admiration and satisfaction are the males of society.

Little girls should not be the object of sexual desire. What happened to childhood innocence? Why is it so important that fashion exceeds common sense in the treatment of our society's children? It's not.

Little kids need the time in their lives where they don't have to worry about anything. There are few precious years before children become aware of all the villainy in the world, and they spend the rest of their lives worrying about how they look, whom they'll marry, what job they need, etc. But childhood is where at the end of every rainbow exists a pot of gold to be sought after. Do we really want to send this generation into early adulthood? I think not.

Parents, let your kids be fashionable, but draw the line at preposterousness thrown at them like the stunt pulled by Abercrombie and Fitch.

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Retired general may run for Senate in Texas as Democrat

Have national Democrats found their candidate in Texas?

Last week Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, announced that the Lone Star state was one of the "Six in '12" states that Democrats were targeting in 2012, and added that Democrats were close to announcing a candidate in Texas. Fast forward to Monday: Democratic party sources confirm to CNN that retired Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez is expected to run for the open seat currently held by Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who announced in January that she would not run in 2012 for a fifth term in office.

A source tells CNN that with his centrist, military background, "no one is going to call Sanchez a liberal." The source also points out that Sanchez, a Mexican-American who is a native of Rio Grande City, Texas, is well suited to "capture the surging Hispanic demographic" in the state, which could be more motivated to cast ballots with President Barack Obama on the ballot.

Sanchez tells McClatchy Newspapers, which first reported the story, that "I can neither confirm nor deny" whether he would run for the Senate.

And he told CNN Pentagon Correspondent Barbara Starr

Monday that "I am humbled by all the speculation. I am still considering the possibilities."

Sanchez was the top U.S. military commander in Iraq in 2003 and 2004. The abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prisoner happened on his watch. While Sanchez emphasized that he had no knowledge of the actions at the prison, the controversy tainted him and effectively prevented any chance at promotion. Sanchez retired from the Army in 2006.

As you can imagine, both Senate party committees are speaking out about a possible bid by Sanchez.

"General Sanchez has spent his entire life serving our country, and there's no question he would be a strong candidate if he decides to continue to serve his country in the U.S. Senate," says DSCC Communications Director Matt Canter. "He has a tremendous life story, growing up poor, rising to the rank of General in the Army, and bravely leading more than a hundred thousand troops in both Gulf Wars. He would bring a new perspective to the Senate, as well as a proven commitment to our nation's security and the men and women who fight to protect it. He's exactly the kind of independent leader who can win in Texas."

— CNN

Goodluck Jonathan wins Nigerian presidency

Incumbent Goodluck Jonathan is the winner of the presidential election in Nigeria, the chairman of Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission declared Monday.

"Goodluck E. Jonathan of PDP, having satisfied the requirements of the law and scored the highest number of votes, is hereby declared the winner," Chairman Attahiru Jega said.

He said the ruling People's Democratic Party won 22,495,187 of the 39,469,484 votes cast Saturday. That number far outstripped the votes for Muhammadu Buhari, of the Congress for Progressive Change, the main opposition party, which won 12,214,853.

To avoid a runoff, Jonathan needed at least a quarter of the vote in two-thirds of the 36 states and the capital. He won that amount in 31 states.

Only the PDP signed the results; representatives of the other parties refused to do so.

Nigeria's main opposition party, the Congress for Progressive Change, alleged that would-be voters had been intimidated and driven away from polling stations and that ballot boxes were stuffed with votes for Jonathan.

But the Nigerian observer group Project 2011 Swift Count said Sunday that, based on reports from a random sample of 1,468 polling units, it found "the country citizens were generally provided with a meaningful opportunity to exercise their right to vote and that the process improved over the National Assembly elections held last week. These elections were not without problems — in particular, isolated incidents of intimidation, violence, and illegal voting. But these incidents did not undermine the overall credibility of the process."

Earlier in the day, as the outcome became clear, riots erupted in cities across northern Nigeria.

Nigeria Red Cross spokesman Seyi Soremekun said that 101 people were injured in the outbreaks, which were participated in by thousands of people throughout the north — including Kaduna city and Zaria, in Kaduna state, and Kano.

A witness in Kaduna said that a 24-hour curfew was imposed there.

In a statement, Jonathan noted "with great sadness" the news of unrest and called for calm.

"We must not allow for the

loss of any life, and as I have always said, no one's political ambition is worth the blood of any Nigerian," he said.

Shehu Sani of the Civil Rights Congress said violence also erupted in Suleja, Niger state, where gunshots were heard, business owners shuttered their shops, and military were on the streets. He described the scene as "pandemonium." Citing his sources there, he said there were reports of fatalities and injuries.

Sani said youths were targeting offices and officials of the ruling People's Democratic Party, and they burned a house and a car belonging to an adviser to Vice President Namadi Sambo.

Jonathan's strength was in the south; in streets of the northern cities, rioters shouted Buhari's name.

National Emergency Management Agency spokesman Yushau Shuaib said that the protests "are neither religious nor sectional. Response and security agencies are responding swiftly to contain the situation."

On Sunday, riots occurred in Bauchi state, Adamawa state and Gombe state. A witness said tires were burned across

Kano.

Nigerians voted for their president Saturday, a week after parliamentary elections were marred by violence and accusations of fraud in Africa's most populous nation. During that vote, separate bomb blasts ripped through a polling station and a collation center in northeastern Nigeria.

Jonathan's People's Democratic Party put forth a poor performance in those elections. He is popular in the Christian and animist south.

The former vice president assumed office after President Umaru Yar'Adua died last year after treatment for a kidney ailment in Saudi Arabia.

Jonathan has led the nation of about 150 million people since May. About 73 million people were registered to vote.

His main challenger, Buhari, is a former military ruler and was a contestant in the 2003 and 2007 elections.

Other candidates included Nuhu Ribadu and current Kano state Gov. Ibrahim Shekarau.

Saturday's voting was largely peaceful, but Human Rights Watch estimated that at least 85 people had been killed in political violence.

— CNN

99 injured in protests in Iraq's Kurdish region

For the second day in row, a peaceful protest turned violent in northern Iraq on Monday, when hundreds of Kurdish protesters clashed with riot police, security officials in Sulaimaniya said.

Dr. Raykot Hama Rahid, the director of the health department in the city of Sulaimaniya, said that 99 people were wounded: 66 riot police and 33 protesters. Among the wounded were 16 protesters who were shot in the legs, he said.

Nearly 1,300 Kurdish demonstrators gathered in Sulaimaniya's central square on Monday afternoon to continue their demands for political reforms and to protest corruption, a lack of basic services and unemployment, witnesses said.

Monday afternoon, the protest turned violent when hundreds of angry protesters tried to move the demonstrations to another location in the city and were confronted by dozens of Kurdish riot police, who stopped them from moving. Angry protesters threw stones at Kurdish riot police and wielded sticks when police pushed back. Riot police used tear gas, and some used live bullets to disperse the crowd, said security officials in Sulaimaniya.

The protesters also set trash on fire and blocked some roads in the city, according to a journalist on the scene.

On Sunday, at least 50 people were wounded in similar violence, police and

health officials in Sulaimaniya said. Nearly 400 Kurdish demonstrators gathered in Sulaimaniya's central square.

The unrest in the Kurdish city, starting Feb. 17, has killed at least seven people and injured at least 350 people health officials said.

The minister of municipalities and tourism in the Kurdistan Regional Government, Samir Abdullah, said that ongoing demonstrations in central Sulaimaniya and other locations are negatively affecting tourism and business in the Kurdish region. Abdullah said businessmen now are thinking twice about investing in Kurdistan.

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Preparation is number one key to success

“The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well.”
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“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail,” as the infamous John Wooden said.

Preparation is the key to succeeding in everything you do. In sports, it can come down one point, one goal, one shot or one run to decide the outcome of the game. So, athletes do everything in their power to gain that extra burst of speed or watch that extra game film to win the little challenges throughout the game.

Every day the Portland Trail Blazers play a game, Patty Mills, a Blazer guard, tweets “WTD.” WTD is an acronym for “win the day” but you have to win the day every day to be great. How badly do you want it? How badly do you want to do well on that midterm? Maybe you will not go party on a Friday or Saturday night because you want to get up earlier to study for the exam you have Monday.

Are you willing to get up at 4:30 in the morning to work on your jumper 45 minutes before practice even starts? Are you willing to prepare for hours when you have to host a radio show tomorrow? Are you willing to struggle through

Jonnie Motomochi Student-athlete column

rain when others aren't?

When it comes down to it, preparation is prioritizing your time. People want to do well in their classes in addition to performing well in their internship position, or any other extra curricular activity. You need to be prepared for both but also have to sacrifice something to be ready.

My dad always told me that if you want to be the best in golf, you have to sacrifice almost everything and if you do not want to do that, do not even try. Pretty harsh, but he is right. Am I ready to give up time with my family, time with my friends and time on my classes to be the best golfer I can be? I do not know yet, to be honest, but I know that is what it takes.

Golf is a sport that takes a lot of time to be great at. It is probably the maturity factor but most golfers do not hit their prime until they are 30 to 35 years old. It is pretty remarkable considering gymnasts are finished in their early twenties, at the latest, and by the 35 year old age comes

around, football, basketball, hockey and tennis players are all finishing up their career, if they are not finished already.

Preparation is especially important for our team as we get ready for the postseason, which starts with the Pac-10 Championship at Stanford University Golf Course in Palo Alto, Calif. For example, yesterday we were supposed to have the day off and everyone on our team was out at the course practicing. That is the thing you have to do to succeed. To put in that little extra time your competitors don't.

For us, it comes down to one shot. For soccer, it comes down to one goal or one missed pass. In football, it comes down to one missed pass or one missed tackle. In volleyball, it comes down to one point or one dig.

Whether it is an extra second you are trying to knock off your run or trying to gain that B- instead of a C+, it comes down to how much you prepare and how willing you are to put in the hard work and time it takes. When you work hard, you feel deserving and will be better off for it.

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bing a wrist injury, he's resorted to just non-contact 7-on-7 drills. When the offense and defense teams come together, sophomore Cody Vaz and freshman Sean Mannon step in – meaning the receivers are catching balls from two to three different quarterbacks.

Wheaton, however, just shrugs it off. “If the balls in the air, just go get it,” he said. For Beavers fans, it would be easy to be worried with so many receivers injured.

But some will be back by the end of the spring and the others, like Rodgers and Bishop, should be good to go for the regular season. The main problem, for Brennan and the coaching staff, is to make sure a hyper-competitive guy like Rodgers doesn't come back too soon.

“I ask him ‘What's more important to you, to play week one and that's it? Or play in 10-11 games?’” Brennan said.

With all the receivers piling up on the sideline, Wheaton isn't worried about the football gods striking him down as well.

“That's when you get hurt, when you start thinking about it. You just got to play,” he said.

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(ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll), and ninth (Perfect Game).

Oregon State will return to the diamond Thursday when they face Washington State in the first of three games at Goss Stadium. It'll mark the first time OSU has taken on an unranked opponent in a series since the last weekend of March, when they faced UC Santa Barbara.

Keyes: For the second week in a row, an Oregon State position player was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week.

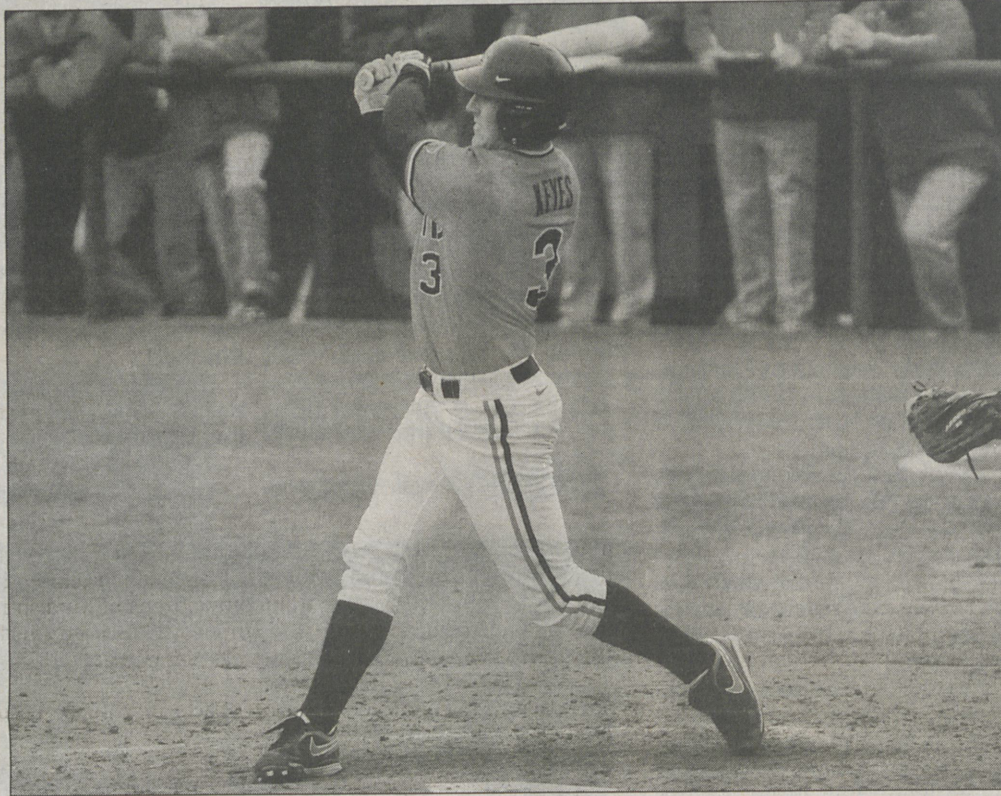
Kavin Keyes, a freshman who should technically be in high school, earned the honor after collecting six hits and six RBIs in the sweep of Stanford.

Keyes was responsible for the game's lone run in Friday's 1-0 win, singling home a run in the first inning. He went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs in Saturday's 8-1 win, and was 2-for-5 with three RBIs in Sunday's 6-4 win.

Over the weekend, Keyes raised his season average from .338 to .361. He also extended his hitting streak to 14 games, the longest streak of any Beaver this year.

This marks the third time a Beaver has received the honor this season. Junior Ryan Dunn was named Pac-10 Player of the Week last week, and Andrew Susac – who's currently recovering surgery on his hand – was named so the week of March 8.

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After playing a key role in the sweep of Stanford, Keyes was named Pac-10 Player of the Week on Monday. It's the third time a Beaver has been named such this year.

Pac-10 standings

1. OSU (27-7, 8-1 Pac-10)
2. California (23-9, 9-3)
3. UCLA (19-12, 9-3)
4. ASU (25-9, 8-4)
5. Arizona (23-13, 5-7)
6. USC (15-20, 6-6)
7. Stanford (16-12, 3-6)
8. Oregon (17-16, 2-7)
9. Washington (10-23, 2-7)
10. WSU (14-17, 2-10)

Friday, April 15

- (9) OSU 1, (17) Stanford* 0
(10) ASU* 3, WSU 1
(16) Cal 6, UW* 2
(20) Arizona 5, (23) UCLA* 4
Oregon 4, USC* 2

Saturday, April 16

- (9) OSU 8, (17) Stanford* 1
(10) ASU* 8, WSU 2
(16) Cal 8, UW* 2
(23) UCLA* 4, (20) Arizona 0
USC* 9, Oregon 2

Sunday, April 17

- (9) OSU 6, (17) Stanford* 4
(10) ASU* 10, WSU 4
(16) Cal 4, UW* 3
(23) UCLA* 8, (20) Arizona 5
USC* 3, Oregon 1
*Home team



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Wide receivers: is anybody healthy?

When healthy, OSU's group of receivers are one of the conference's best; problem is, they're far from healthy

By Jesse Severson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beavers wide receiver crew has been dropping like flies.

The list of those bit by the injury bug this spring continues to grow. During a scrimmage last Friday, six receivers sat on the sidelines.

"We are woefully thin at receiver," coach Mike Riley said.

The list of names who missed Friday's practice included James Rodgers (knee), Jordan Bishop (foot), Micah Hatfield (hand), Darrell Catchings (neck), Geno Munoz (hamstring) and Kevin Cummings (concussion).

Bishop and Rodgers are both projected starters forced to miss the entire spring.

"Our receivers are pretty banged up," said senior tight end Joe Halahuni. "In the huddle, there's a new guy next to me seems like every play."

The main attraction of those receivers is Rodgers, who is rehabbing from a pair of knee operations.



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Markus Wheaton is the lone projected starter healthy enough to practice this spring.

Tight ends

Colby Prince, junior
6-3, 266 (Albany, Ore.)

Connor Hamlett, RS freshman
6-7, 258 (Edmonds, Wash.)

H-back

Joe Halahuni, senior
6-2, 258 (Graham, Wash.)

Tyler Perry, RS freshman
6-4, 240 (Ventura, Calif.)

With somebody like Rodgers, who has been in the system forever, the spring reps are not as important, schematically-speaking.

"There's not much for James to learn because I'm certain he knows the offense better than I do. The big thing is he comes back from the injury 100-percent," said first-year receivers coach Brent Brennan. "I want to make sure his body is as well as it could possibly be before he comes back."

That's why Brennan isn't too worried about Rodgers not being able to pick it back up by the time summer and fall rolls around.

"I think he'll be able to just pick it up in the fall, because he's such a great player and has played so much football here," he said.

With so many of the older guys out, the less experienced players are getting more reps and reps at different positions.

"It's hard for us because we're taking most of the reps, but it's also good for us. It helps us get the offense down and learning more than one position," said junior receiver Markus Wheaton.

With this sort of situation, Halahuni says, the competition for a spot has been fierce.

"Everybody's fighting for a spot. No spot is guaranteed right now, so everybody is fighting, scratching and clawing, do whatever they have to to start," said Halahuni, who will start for the Beavers after a productive 2010 season.

One of the younger guys taking advantage of an opening has been 6-foot-5, 222-pound redshirt freshman



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Bishop, a star in the making, was injured playing offseason basketball.

Obum Gwachum. The youngster has been impressive during practice, showing his high-ceiling potential with some outstanding plays.

During the scrimmage Friday, Gwachum finished with five catches for 69 yards.

"I feel like we got some young guys

OSU's leading WR's over last 10 years

2010: Markus Wheaton (55 rec., 675 yards, 4 TD)

2009: James Rodgers (91 rec., 1034 yards, 9 TD)

2008: Sammie Stroughter (70 rec., 1040 yards, 7 TD)

2007: Anthony Brown (39 rec., 550 yards, TD)

2006: Sammie Stroughter (74 rec., 1293 yards, 5 TD)

2005: Mike Hass (90 rec., 1532 yards, 6 TD)

2004: Mike Hass (86 rec., 1379 yards, 7 TD)

2003: James Newson (81 rec., 1306 yards, 3 TD)

2002: James Newson (74 rec., 1284 yards, 12 TD)

2001: James Newson (57 rec., 968 yards, 5 TD)

that are trying to learn the offense and they're really stepping in," said Wheaton.

The injury bug has also affected the wide receivers indirectly. With junior quarterback Ryan Katz rehab-

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James Rodgers spent most of last year watching from the sidelines. This year, he'll hope to fully recover and regain his All-American form.

Five questions entering 2011: WR's

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1 What to expect out of No. 1?

No, not referring to Jacquizz. Brother James has ditched No. 8 in favor of the number that has left countless Pac-10 linebackers reaching for air the past three years. But will he wear No. 1 on the sidelines over his street clothes, or will he wear it on the field over his pads? And if he is on the field, will he possess the same explosiveness that made him one of the nation's most feared playmakers entering 2010?

2 Is Markus Wheaton ready to establish himself as an All Pac-12 player?

The 6-foot, 180-pound speedster out of Chandler, Ariz., exploded onto the scene last year when he led the Beavers in yards and receptions in the absence of Rodgers. Secondaries will find it very difficult to cover both Wheaton and Rodgers on the outsides.

3 Can Jordan Bishop turn potential into production?

In 2008, Shane Morales caught 54 balls for 743 yards and eight touchdowns as the Beavers' slot. Given the opportunity, there's no reason why Bishop — arguably the team's purest athlete — shouldn't be able to better those numbers.

4 Will one of the backups make an impact?

Senior Darrell Catchings caught 33 passes as a freshman in 2007 but hasn't done much since. Redshirt freshman Obum Gwachum has the physical gifts that make him a prototypical red zone target, but is far from polished. Junior Geno Munoz has proved reliable in the past. Junior Danny Evans is a walk-on who's turned heads in the spring. A talented group of freshman will enter the picture in the fall, highlighted by four-star recruit Brandin Cooks. Will any of the aforementioned break out and provide some depth behind the starting group?

5 Can everyone stay healthy?

With everyone healthy, the Beavers have one of the strongest, deepest wide receiver corps in the Pac-12 — if not the country.

— Grady Garrett

Recognition continues to grow for baseball

Baseball America Top 25 (April 18)

1. Virginia (36-3)
2. South Carolina (28-7)
3. Oregon State (27-7)
4. Vanderbilt (32-5)
5. Florida (28-9)
6. Texas A&M (26-10)
7. Texas (27-9)
8. Cal State Fullerton (27-9)
9. Arizona State (25-9)
10. Florida State (26-10)
11. TCU (25-11)
12. Fresno State (25-5)
13. Georgia Tech (27-10)
14. North Carolina (30-8)
15. California (23-9)
16. Oklahoma State (27-9)
17. Oklahoma (26-10)
18. Stetson (29-7)
19. S. Mississippi (27-8)
20. UCLA (19-12)
21. Arkansas (26-9)
22. Rice (26-14)
23. Arizona (23-13)
24. Gonzaga (21-11)
25. Miami (24-12)

After sweep of Stanford, Beavers jump to No. 3 in the nation; Keyes honored as Pac-10 Player of the Week

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's been 18 days since the OSU baseball team has lost.

Since losing their Pac-10 opener 18-0 to Arizona on April 1, the Beavers (27-7, 8-1 Pac-10) have won nine straight. Eight of those nine have come against ranked opponents. Six of those nine have come on the road.

They've claimed the top spot in the conference standings; half a game in front of both California (23-9, 9-3) and UCLA (19-12, 9-3).

And they've catapulted all the way to No. 3 in the nation.

The Beavers are ranked third in this week's Baseball America Top 25, released Monday afternoon, only behind No. 1 Virginia and No. 2 South Carolina.

OSU has jumped 16 spots in the last two weeks, by far the greatest jump in that span of any Division I team in the country.

Virginia (36-3) has lost the fewest games of anyone in the country and

has won 17 of their last 18. A 5-0 week last week helped them claim the top spot.

South Carolina (28-7) has nearly an identical record to OSU, but has now twice taken two series from the then-No. 1 team in the country. In late March, they went to Gainesville, Fla., and beat the then-top-ranked Gators twice. This past weekend, they took two of three from Vanderbilt, who dropped from No. 1 to No. 4 Monday.

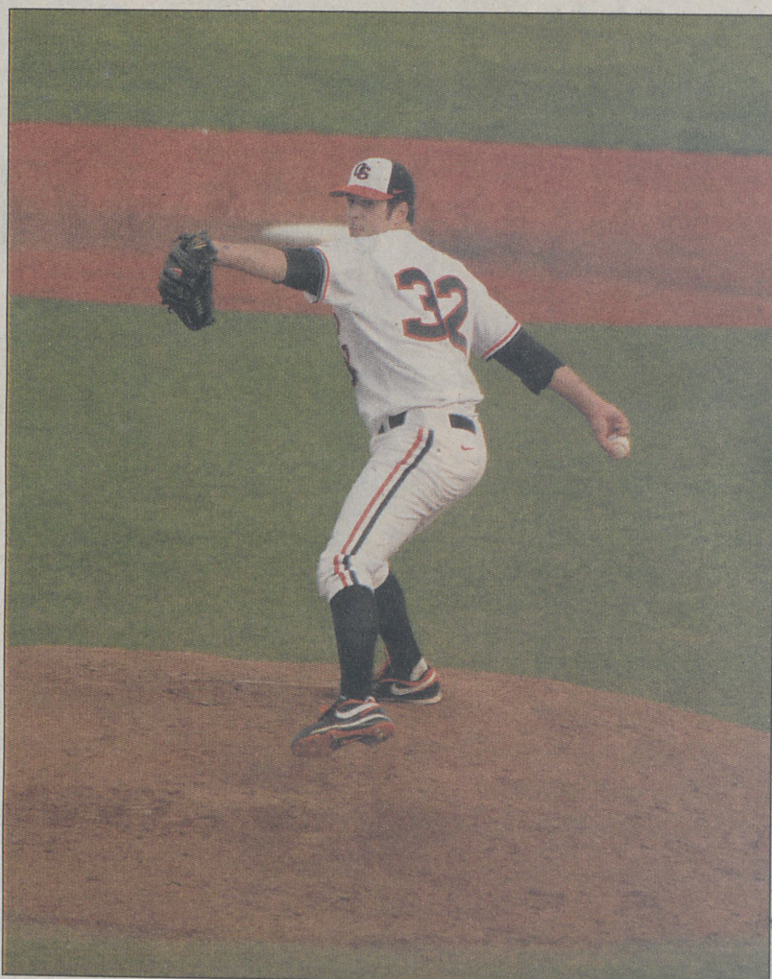
The Pac-10, which started the year with seven teams ranked, now has five. That's still tied for the most of any conference; the ACC has five ranked teams, as well.

Despite their fourth-place standing in the conference, Arizona State (25-9, 8-4) is the only other Pac-10 team to crack the top 10. The Sun Devils, fresh off a sweep over WSU, rank in at No. 9, while Cal (No. 15), UCLA (No. 20) and Arizona (No. 23) round out the ranked Pac-10 teams.

Stanford, who has now lost five in a row after getting swept by the Beavers at home for the first time in program history, dropped out of the polls for the first time this year.

In other polls, the Beavers rank seventh (Collegiate Baseball), eighth

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Sam Gaviglio, who's allowed just one run in his last 16 innings of work, has done his part in making sure each of the last two series have got off on the right foot.