



## College of Business celebrates century mark

Centennial Open House exhibits past and present achievements of OSU College of Business

By Tara Pistorese  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"There is a business side to every occupation," said the original dean of OSU's College of Business, Dean John Andrew Bexell, in 1908. These were the words on which the college was founded.

One hundred years later, a celebration was held honoring the same idea as well as a number of changes that have been made in the last century in order to create the College of Business that Oregon State University recognizes today.

In the same vein of the founding words above, the college created a minor that can be added to any degree program at OSU. This development came after 1981.

Programs have been added, as well as internships, new minor options and the largest international exchange program across the Oregon University System.

OSU's College of Business Centennial Open House was held Wednesday in Bexell Hall.

The college now boasts 2,600 students. At its founding, it had only 105 students. A record was set in 1981 with 3,000 students.

The event was organized by the Director of Communications and Marketing Thuy Tran in an effort to do what Dean Ilene Kleinsorge called "blurring the lines between OSU and the business community... we are all in this together."

"We like to think of the centennial as demarcation of transformation and rebuilding," Kleinsorge said.

The event was held in hopes of reaching out to the local business community



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Ilene Kleinsorge, at left, Dean of the College of Business, speaks with attendants of the College of Business Centennial Celebration held Wednesday afternoon. The event celebrated and honored the changes and growth the College of Business has seen within the last century.

to show what OSU's College of Business has to offer, not only to students but to current business owners as well.

"If you can't reach out locally, why do you think you can change the world?" Kleinsorge said.

Offering workshops through pro-

grams creates an opportunity for further training to those who may already be entrepreneurs and/or small business owners but have a desire to learn more.

The Austin Small Business Program is one of the five oldest university-based family business programs in the world

and is what Tran called a "legacy of delivering business education."

Other prominent programs offered through OSU's College of Business include the "Close to the Customer" project, which is a program in market research designed to provide experi-

mental learning.

"Part of our transformation is that we too are being entrepreneurial," Kleinsorge said.

Another highly successful program is

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### Seasonal Affective Disorder

#### FACTS

- Disorder first identified in early 1980s by Dr. Norman Rosenthal
- Approximately 500,000 Americans suffer
- Northwest climate contributes to the problem
- The brain's pineal gland is suspected to play a role

#### SYMPTOMS

- Intense craving for sweets and carbohydrates
- Low energy and/or fatigue
- Oversleeping (up to 12 hours per day)
- Withdrawal from social contacts
- Weight gain

#### TREATMENTS

- Light therapy (daily exposure to special lights in 30 minute sessions)
- Exercise and/or social activities
- Cognitive-behavior therapy
- Anti-depressant medication

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## Don't let the winter blues get you SAD

Seasonal Affective Disorder hits hardest in January, February due to shifts in biological clock

By Michelle Suffin  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students at OSU may find themselves feeling a little blue this winter. Recent studies have shown that the shorter and darker days of winter can greatly affect the moods of young men and women, and possibly lead to Seasonal Affective Disorder.

"I hate winter term," said Nicole Kadam, a sophomore majoring in business. "When it's dark and cold I don't feel motivated to go to class or do anything."

The cold weather can prevent many students from getting out and participating in activities that can prevent depression and SAD.

"I find that winter term is harder for students," said Georgine Thompson,

a clinical social worker at the student counseling and psychological center.

"They don't get out and do fun activities with friends, and jogging outside may not sound like the best idea when it's pouring rain. The lack or decrease in exercise can greatly impact their mood."

Depression has become a major issue on many college campuses.

"The student health center has a greater number of men and women coming in with depression each year than with a common cold," Thompson said. "That's a pretty serious sign."

Depression is most common in men and women in their early 20s and affects one in every 10 people.

"We see an equal balance of men and women coming into the counseling center," Thompson said. "More men are coming forward and talking openly about their depression, and more students are made aware of depression's prominence. For example, look at all

the pharmaceutical ads on television for prescriptions like Zoloft and Prozac."

Although some students suffer from year-round depression, one thing to consider is the possibility of SAD.

It is a mood disorder associated with depression episodes typically related to variations of light.

January and February are the most common times for students to experience SAD, when the changes in sunlight patterns shift their biological internal clocks.

"Your body can go into a sort of hibernation," said Phillip Hestand, interim director of Student Health Services. "Your body rhythm can be thrown off when it gets dark outside."

The brain increases production of the hormone melatonin when there is a decrease in light.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, this resets the brain's central clock and helps the light/dark cycle

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## MU Guest Services remodel nears completion

New reception design gets nod of approval from students and staff, more work set for this weekend

By Daniel Acee  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students and staff may have noticed a change when walking through the MU concourse recently.

The OSU Guest Services office, which many students may not realize exists, has undergone a large remodel.

OSU sociology student Kaleena Tuffo, who interacts frequently with the guest services office, said that she

likes the new office very much.

The "bank teller" window that seemed out of place and uninviting, according to MU employee Jay-Lene Seeley and others, has been replaced by a glass-walled waiting area and a reception desk extending into the concourse.

The MU Guest Services office plays a key part in almost all of the large and small events at OSU. Also, the office is staffed to answer questions for visitors, students and staff.

Planning for this remodel began a year ago when a team of employees and students used a process called

"appreciative inquiry" to determine what problems the MU should address, said MU Director Michael Henthorne.

They quickly ascertained that the area in most need was the Guest Services desk.

"[The desk] was not visible and did not give the student workers the connection to the public we needed," Henthorne said.

The team looked at many draft designs from different local architects. Last summer, they finally chose the one that best suited their needs.

The project was nearly completed over winter break, but it still needs a

few finishing touches. Marble countertops and windows for the front desk will be installed on Jan. 19 and 20.

Funding for the remodel came from the MU's annual operating budget.

"Feedback from our student workers and guests using the Information Desk indicate that the remodel was a hugely popular decision," Henthorne said.

"[This remodel] is our way of reaching our hand out and saying, 'Hi, we're here,'" Seeley said.

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## Winter term funds for Mealbox run dry

ASOSU encourages students to come in and discover other financial assistance options

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Mealbox, the food assistance program which recently replaced the Escape Hunger program, is no longer able to accept applications for the remainder of winter term due to a

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Thursday, Jan. 17

**Meetings**  
**OSU Rural and Minority Healthcare Advocates**, 6-9pm, MU 109. Discuss student participation, opportunities, events, trips and guest lecturers.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper and discussion.  
**Student Leadership & Involvement**, 6-8pm, International Forum in Snell Hall. Student Community Symposium: Act Locally, Think Globally! Interactive session about service & leadership with keynote speaker Terry Ross. Light dinner served.  
**Volunteers**  
**Society of Physics Students**, 2-6pm, Wngr 383. SPS offers tutoring for lower division Physics & Math students.

Friday, Jan. 18

**Events**  
**Sigma Delta Omega**, 7-9pm, MU Basement. Bowling in the Basement. Join the ladies of Sigma Delta Omega for free bowling & billiards as we wrap up Winter Rush.  
**Poetry Interest Group**, 7:30pm, Interzone Café, 16th & Monroe Sts. Surprise poets reading, plus open mic. Opportunity for local poets to read.

Sunday, Jan. 20

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison Streets. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Multicultural Affairs**, 4:30pm, SLI. Want an opportunity to get involved in ASOSU? Come join us for lots of fun and participation.  
**ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force**, 4-5pm, Snell 149. Come work on environmental campaigns and help plan Earth Week 2008!

**Speakers**  
**Honors Activity & Advisory Committee**, 7pm, MU. President Ed Ray and panelists talk about fees, fundraising and fiscal responsibility.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch! Come and go as you are able. Homemade food (vegetarian option) and stimulating conversation.  
**Academic Success Center**, 5-8pm, Waldo 114. Study night at the ASC. Join the Academic Success Center in a great studying opportunity. Free popcorn, free coaching.

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"We totally refuse this visit because George W. Bush only brought destruction, killing, distress and displacing in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine."

Mohammed El Belgati, one of the dozens of Egyptian protesters objecting to President Bush's visit to their country.

"American financial mismanagement has brought us to this economic meltdown. Asian stock markets are all suffering; nobody has escaped."

Francis Lun, a general manager at Fulbright Securities in Hong Kong, speaking about plummeting world markets on speculation that the U.S. economy is sliding into a recession.

BREAKDOWN

BAGHDAD — A woman wearing a vest lined with explosives blew herself up near a popular market and Shiite mosque in turbulent Diyala province Wednesday, killing eight civilians — the latest in a growing number of female suicide attacks.

Seven people were wounded in the bombing in Khan Bani Saad, a town nine miles south of Baqouba, Diyala's provincial capital, police said.

TOP STORY

## Former congressman charged with terror fundraising

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A former congressman and delegate to the United Nations was indicted Wednesday on charges of working for an alleged terrorist fundraising ring that sent more than \$130,000 to an al-Qaida supporter who has threatened U.S. and international troops in Afghanistan.

Mark Deli Siljander, a Michigan Republican when he was in the House, was charged with money laundering, conspiracy and obstructing justice for allegedly lying about being hired to lobby senators on behalf of an Islamic charity that authorities said was secretly sending funds to terrorists.

The 42-count indictment, unsealed in U.S. District

Court in Kansas City, Mo., accuses the Islamic American Relief Agency of paying Siljander \$50,000 for the lobbying — money that turned out to be stolen from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The charges paint "a troubling picture of an American charity organization that engaged in transactions for the benefit of terrorists

and conspired with a former United States congressman to convert stolen federal funds into payments for his advocacy," Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein said.

Siljander, who served in the House from 1981-1987, was appointed by President Reagan to serve as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations for one year in 1987.

NEWS IN BRIEF



### Islamic militants seize Pakistani fort in border zone

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — In an embarrassing battlefield defeat for Pakistan's army, Islamic extremists attacked and seized a small fort near the Afghan border, leaving at least 27 soldiers dead or missing.

The militants did not gain significant ground, but they did further erode confidence in the U.S.-allied government's ability to control the frontier area where the Taliban and al-Qaida flourish.

Attacks on security forces are rising in the volatile tribal region, and Pakistan is reeling from a series of suicide attacks that killed former prime minister Benazir Bhutto and hundreds more, chipping away at President Pervez Musharraf's prestige before Feb. 18 parliamentary elections.

"The militants are now challenging the army openly. They have become very bold and are consolidating their positions," Talat Masood, a retired general who is now a political analyst, said

after Tuesday night's attack on Sararogha Fort.

The insurgents who seized the post were said to be followers of Baitullah Mehsud, an Islamic hard-liner who since December has been sole leader of an umbrella group of Taliban sympathizers and who is also thought to have links to al-Qaida.



### Police officers killed in shooting that chief suggests was ambush

DECATUR, Ga. — Police officers Ricky Bryant Jr. and Eric Barker were making extra money off duty by patrolling an apartment complex, looking out for homeless people breaking into empty units.

They were gunned down early Wednesday morning at the Glenwood Gardens apartments, where residents say drugs and prostitution are rampant. Some of the residents were awakened by the gunfire but initially thought little of it.

"We always hear shooting," Patreka Anderson said. "I didn't think that was any big deal."

Bryant and Barker, both married fathers of four, were investigating a suspicious person when they were shot shortly after midnight, said their boss, DeKalb County Police Chief Terrell Bolton.

He didn't provide details about the shooting or say whether the officers returned fire, but said they were in their police uniforms and suggested they had been ambushed.



### Oregon pollster agrees to answer New Hampshire subpoena

PORTLAND — An Oregon pollster has agreed to answer a New Hampshire grand jury subpoena in an investigation into whether a survey that asked questions about the Mormon faith of presidential candidate Mitt Romney could have been a "push poll."

The New Hampshire attorney general's office is investigating whether the poll commissioned by Bob Moore before the New Hampshire primary met the state's legal requirements.

—The Associated Press

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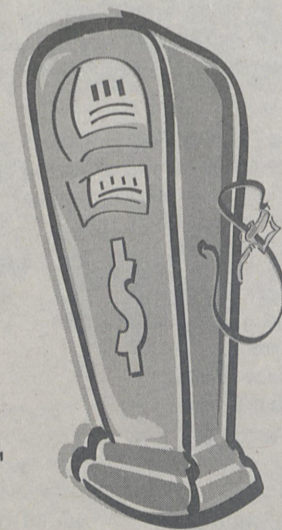
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## MEALBUX: Program seeks more funding

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depletion of funds. Funding will not impact those students whose applications have already been approved, as that money has already been allotted. The program will open up to applicants again next term.

Though Mealbux is new, it has become increasingly popular through publicity and especially word of mouth.

Currently a few hundred OSU students are benefiting from the Mealbux program, and ASOSU is pushing for increased funding, which comes from student fees.

ASOSU's welcoming atmosphere and the assurance that the process of applying

for such help is confidential and follows OSU's privacy policy has made Mealbux a successful program.

"It's great that the program has become so popular, but it is also unfortunate because we are not able to help everyone," said ASOSU president Greg Purdy, who describes the program's impact as "phenomenal."

Mealbux will be open to applicants again as soon as spring term begins.

"[Students are chosen] based on the most need-based applications and first-come, first-serve," said Nadine Honda, ASOSU vice president.

"We are not able to avoid [running out of funding] completely because the amount of students in need is so large and will most likely only get larger. We hope that students

will keep applying." Although winter term's funding has been used up, students do have other options.

OSU students may apply for an emergency loan — up to \$250 to help pay for books, rent or any other expenses. The money borrowed is charged to the student's account and must be paid back at the end of the term. To qualify, students must be enrolled at OSU at least half-time and be in good financial standing.

Food stamps, grants, scholarships and financial aid are just some of the other options available for students in need of extra cash.

Students are encouraged to visit the ASOSU office, located in Snell Hall, for more information.

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## DISORDER: Physical activity, therapy help

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reset the sleep/wake cycle. They symptoms of SAD correlate closely with those of clinical depression.

"We will typically see a decrease in overall cognitive ability," Thompson said, noting related symptoms of stress, fatigue, general sadness, lack of concentration and cravings for starchy foods. "But we will also see these go away in warmer months, which is usually a sign that the patient has SAD and not depression."

Although SAD can be an extremely debilitating mood disorder, treatments are available on and off campus.

Phototherapy, or therapy using an increase in light, can suppress the melatonin secretions in the brain. "We have special light boxes available in the Student Health Center," Histan said.

"It's basically a bright light that you sit by for a couple of hours each day. It has shown to be effective in the long run."

The light boxes are available for students to rent throughout the year, and special light bulbs can also be ordered online or sold in specialty stores for students to use in their desk lamps.

If light therapy does not work, students can see help from anti-depressants, which stabilize one's mood and aid the neurotransmitters in the brain.

There are many ways for students to improve their moods and beat seasonal depression without the use of phototherapy and medications.

"Exercise is extremely helpful," Histan said. "Getting out with your friends and family and getting into a good sleep pattern also help in the fight against winter blues."

Asking friends for extra motivation and support can be key winter term.

"It helps to have friends

motivate you to go to Dixon or walk to class," Kadau said.

"Getting the motivation to brave the cold and rain is the most difficult part," Histan said.

Students interested in seeking advice from counselors can visit the fifth floor of Snell Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call to make an appointment.

"[Counseling is] extremely confidential," Thompson said. "That is our primary concern. We keep those records separate from any other records, and there is always someone on call to talk to."

Because of the student health fee in place, the first five counseling sessions are free, and cost \$5 per session afterwards.

For more information on SAD and depression, visit [www.nimh.com](http://www.nimh.com), or contact Student Health Services at 541-737-9355

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## BUSINESS: College ranked in Global 100

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the Austin Entrepreneurship Program which was formed through a generous donation from Ken and Joan Austin in 2002. The program offers one of the nation's first residential colleges devoted exclusively to entrepreneurship.

OSU's College of Business has made a strategic decision that each graduate will understand the entrepreneurial process; this idea is inclusive of innovating a mature company as well as a new business.

The college was also recognized on the "Beyond the Grey Pinstripes" 2007-2008 Global 100 list. "Beyond the Grey Pinstripes" is a research survey that offers an alternative ranking of business schools through the Aspen Institute Center for Business Learning.

The Global 100 list is a way of honoring a number of full-time MBA programs that have been dubbed especially innovative over an 18-month research period.

Today's College of Business at OSU puts an emphasis on trying to develop profession-ready graduates who have an appreciation of what it means to be a business professional and also have experience with different career paths.

"I learned how to learn," said Bernie Newcomb, an OSU College of Business alumnus.

Events such as the centennial celebration aim to give students and the local business community alike the resources to accomplish their goals and propel them into a promising business career.

The hope is that graduates can create a job, not simply attain one, Dean Kleinsorge said.

For more information on the College of Business, go to [www.bus.oregonstate.edu/](http://www.bus.oregonstate.edu/) or attend one of the many upcoming informational events.

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## Guest Editorial

### Aid boost at Ivies no help to average student

The buzz surrounding huge increases in financial aid to middle-income students from Harvard University last month grew louder Monday after Yale University announced it would follow suit, falsely suggesting that bigger aid packages are in store for students across the nation. But undergraduates expecting relief from rising tuition should rein in their expectations — these Ivy League schools' policies show more signs of a public relations ploy than the beginnings of a national trend. Under the plan, Yale will offer free rides to families earning less than \$60,000 annually.

Families earning from \$60,000 to \$180,000 will have their contributions limited to 10 percent of their incomes. Harvard provided much the same package. Both schools received wide and mostly positive media coverage. While this shift is great news for students at Yale and Harvard, the rest of us will face rising tuitions with mostly stagnant financial aid packages. Most institutions simply cannot afford to match richer colleges' aid packages. The most selective universities can draw upon massive endowments to aid a relatively small class of undergraduates. In contrast, a tuition-dependent school like BU would lose most of its operating budget if it offered such a generous package to more than 4,000 new students each year.

The gloss of these colleges' decisions may conceal a dirtier secret — dramatically increasing financial aid may allow these universities to avoid congressional pressure to increase their aid even more. Colleges are currently excluded from a federal law requiring nonprofit organizations to spend 5 percent of their endowments annually. Even Yale spends less than 4 percent of its endowment, according to a Jan. 15 Wall Street Journal article. Forcing colleges to abide by the same rules could boost financial aid students everywhere.

That is exactly what Congress should do if it wants to serve the interests of students. If enforced, the rule would require that schools from the Ivy League to community colleges spend the same fraction of their endowments. Institutions with relatively small endowment funds for their size could dig deeper into their endowments without fear of falling behind richer competitors.

Unfortunately, the national leadership looks content to allow college administrations to dictate their own terms — Iowa Senator Charles Grassley asked colleges with endowments larger than \$1 billion to stop "hoarding" and follow Yale and Harvard's plans. This request is unfair and misinformed. Universities like BU — which only recently reached an endowment of \$1 billion — can ill afford to spend the same amount of aid schools with fewer students and far more funding do. Until the government takes an active role in leveling the playing field, Ivy League colleges will continue to hoard more than their fair share of funding while the rest of us struggle with emerging costs.

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## They're not making any more of it ...

At least not very quickly. Technically, land is both created and destroyed by various geologic means.

Volcanism, tectonic uplifting and other processes add to terrestrial land mass, while erosion and sea level rise subtract from it. Given accelerated global sea level rise, it is likely that net losses of land will out-pace net gains into the foreseeable future. Since the end of the "Little Ice Age" in the 19th century, the world's oceans have been rising at a rate of about 1.5 millimeters per year due to thermal expansion and ice melt.

Estimates for the next century from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predict that ocean levels will rise by anywhere from 9 to 88 centimeters, a range that reflects both the developing science of climate prediction and uncertainty regarding global climate change. A safe estimate might fall somewhere in the middle — say, 40 centimeters, or about 16 inches. This may not sound like much, especially considering that this change will be spread out over several generations, but receding coastlines, associated human and wildlife migrations, loss of productive farmland and coastal buffers like mangroves and other associated land use planning factors require attention now to begin planning for an "ordered retreat" from coastal areas likely to be affected over the next century.

Given the elevation gradient of many coastal plains, which are typically characterized by rich agricultural land and human population centers, a 1-foot rise in sea level would cause the shoreline to retreat by about 200 feet. Loss of land would be considerably more substantial if ocean level rise is closer to the upper end of current estimates.

Further, unless the rapid influx of freshwater from melting ice triggers another little ice age by disrupting ocean mixing — an additional uncertainty — sea levels will likely continue to rise for at least several centuries.

Eleven of the world's 15 largest cities and approximately 70 percent of people currently live in coastal plains that could be affected by rising ocean

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waters. During the centuries to come, assuming climate modeling predictions are reasonably accurate, rising sea levels will displace perhaps hundreds of millions of people and submerge a significant portion of the earth's productive farmland.

Responses to these changes include, but are not limited to, the resettlement of millions of people and the cultivation of previously unused land to maintain world food needs. The challenges presented to us by climate change will require coordinated planning, involving scales ranging from global to local.

What issues arise from this uncertainty and from the potential effects of global climate change? The accuracy of various predictions, the significance of anthropogenic affects and possible solutions can be endlessly debated.

What is clear is that potential climate change is a wake-up call. We can no longer count on climate being stable over even the near future (50 to 100 years), let alone over longer periods. Predictions estimate that world climates may stabilize after 300 years or so, but such models are predicated on human cooperation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.

Along with rising ocean levels, global precipitation patterns and temperature regimes are changing. Along with migrations of millions of people as lands desertify or are inundated by rising seas, loss of productive farmland and increased salt contamination of groundwater, issues of ethics and equity are raised. While adaptations to a changing climate may exist, will they be provided for all, or only for those who can pay enough?

Without advance planning and consensus-based decision-making, market forces will likely only provide needed resources to the highest bidder. The possibility of a "war-time"

style mobilization to address rising oceans exists, but this type of crisis management is less than optimal.

Allowing these issues and uncertainties to be politicized will likely produce stimulating debates but may result in delaying decisions and actions. Even without knowing the future with certainty, a number of steps can be taken to prepare for the inevitable changes in land use that a changing climate will bring.

In the U.S., and likely in most of the world, one important factor is the need to increase solidarity between urban and rural populations.

In many states and nations, the cultural and social separation between rural and urban communities is a crippling limitation to effective consensus decision-making, dividing populations into politicized groups who see themselves as at odds with each other, when in reality we are all on the same team.

Consider Oregon as an example. In a sense, yes, segments of the Oregon population are at odds with each other, battling politically for rights and desires that are perhaps incompatible, for resources that are limited. But in a deeper sense, all of Oregon is connected, and perhaps the only reason we have not reached mutually agreeable decisions in the past is the lack of effective collaboration and dialogue in the decision making process.

In Oregon, about 70 percent of the population lives in urban centers, but rural land owners have rights to the majority of farmland, private forest land and water rights.

Urban centers have the majority of votes, but rural people often have legal rights that are strongly entrenched in Oregon statutory law. These laws are designed to maintain agricultural, ranching and logging traditions, and make it difficult for voters to constrain the property rights of long-time owners.

While everyone has the same goals in mind, those being maintaining the health and productivity of ecosystems and providing a suitable level of human well-being, urban voters

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Jonathan Boydston

Off the Fence

## An appeal to Corvallis' finest

As we students venture further into the depths of winter term, and as I try and absorb the reality that I am close to halfway through my senior year, a certain number of realizations have presented themselves to me — realizations mainly made possible by my growing tenure here on campus.

One such realization is that no matter how much each party works to smooth things over, the students of OSU and the law enforcement that presides over our community will forever be at odds with each other.

No matter what kind of outreach is performed or communication exists, there will always be a rift; students will go on feeling that the force is hell-bent against them, unfairly punishing them for mundane reasons and using their own superior status as an excuse to treat us, well, poorly.

Likewise, the various branches of law enforcement about town (and there are more than one to speak of) probably have mixed views on having thousands of young, rambunctious students to police. My actual knowledge of just what the actual officers think is limited; I have certainly spoken with more than one in my time (most of those times actually by my own will, some of them not) and feel some are genuinely worried about the safety of students and the community, nothing else.

Yet actions always speak louder than words, and the actions of many of Corvallis' finest have told not just me, but arguably the majority of students, that the relationship between us and officers is strained at best.

I don't mean for my message to be confused with that of a personal attack in the name of spite; I actually have had a mostly congenial relationship with the Corvallis P.D., Oregon State Police and Benton County Sheriff, never having a disrespectful encounter, and at times working with them with various student groups.

Yet my individual success at avoiding any significant run-ins does not mean I have not been periodically concerned about the actions of those who claim to be here for our protection.

With that said, I am now more than ever worried about what sort of relations there will be between our two parties. This is specifically due to the new regulation in place for dealing with Minor in Possession charges, making it possible to have your license suspended for 90 days.

Now, I am no longer directly concerned with receiving an MIP myself; I am 21 years of age, which apparently makes me that much more mature and responsible than my peers even a year younger than myself. Yet, as I have stressed before, we should not just concern ourselves with what affects our own lives, but rather we

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## MEN'S HOOPS: Brockman leads team, Pac-10 in rebounds per game

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50 percent from the field as a team on the season, compared to Oregon State's 38 percent. The Cougars are also shooting 37 percent from the three-point line. Oregon State is shooting just 28 percent from beyond the arc.

Oregon State's inability to score has been the biggest reason for its 0-4 start in Pac-10 play and 6-10 record overall.

Thankfully for OSU, Washington is a different story. The Huskies have only two players scoring in double figures and are shooting closer to 40 percent from the field. The Huskies' biggest problem has been turning the ball over. Even with five players on their roster hitting over 40 percent of their three-pointers and being the best three-point shooting team in the conference, they are still only the fifth highest in total points per game due to turning the ball over more than 15 times per contest.

The Huskies are anchored by 6'7" post John Brockman, who is averaging a double-double so far this season. His 18.1 points and 11.1 rebounds per game are both team-highs, and he leads all players in the conference in the rebound category.

Oregon State defeated the Huskies last season at home in late February, 73-65, but dropped the last two meetings to Washington State.

Thursday's game against Washington State is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in Pullman, Wash., while Saturday's game against UW is scheduled for a 3 p.m. tip-off in Seattle.

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## SANTELLI: Iowa State game sets prime example of how fan atmosphere can help OSU in Pac-10 games

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can possibly draw a foul, or can result in the ball going in the hoop. At worst, we turn the ball over.

The team's defense is way better than its offense. They play aggressive defense every game, and if the team had more fan support that made more noise during the game, then fans could be the "sixth man" (or woman), which could work in the Beavers' favor.

I remember back in December when we played Iowa State. The energy in Gill for that game was electric. Fans were ecstatic, the players were excited, and the coaching staff was animated. Despite a tough loss, the fan support was outstanding, which helped OSU out. I got to see the post-game interviews, and the players were obviously bummed, but they kept talking about the great fan support that night. I read a letter in the Barometer from a man who went to Iowa State but now lives in Oregon, talking about how great the Beaver fans were — how we, the fans, made the game more exciting because we were so loud and so into the game.

In contrast, when I went to the Cal game, after we were losing by

12, you could practically here a pin drop in Gill.

Come on, students. We are Oregon State fans, win or lose. Being known as the fans that are "silent enough to hear a pin drop" — is that how we want to be recognized on televised games? Are we fair-weather fans who only like to see our teams when they're winning? No. We are quality fans who take pride in being Beavers. Even when our football team went 5-6 in 2005, we as fans were way more supportive of them than we are of our basketball team right now.

So do the guys on the basketball team a favor. Cheer them on. Encourage better play from them. Be a true Beaver believer.

If you still need motivation to attend games, then I suggest walking into Gill. By the men's basketball office is a framed photo of fans rushing the court after an upset versus Arizona. That photo in itself makes me want to continue to be a fan and continue to hope for another great upset at Gill in my last year of school so I can rush the court again.

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## PIERCE: After injury, Pierce sought advice from teammate who had been there before

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hit the floor twisting, and I felt a pop and then I was on the ground," she said.

"I was immediately on crutches. I found out that I had torn my ACL and my meniscus and so I had to have both of those reconstructed."

Before the injury, Pierce was earning beam scores that would have helped Oregon State in its quest for Super Six qualification last season. She posted scores that matched or bettered 9.825.

Since the injury, Pierce has undergone surgery and a long rehabilitation process that kept her off the equipment — until recently, that is. Along with the recovery came the decision that Pierce would specialize on the balance beam and only compete in that event.

"That was a decision between me and the coaches," Pierce said. "I didn't feel like I could come back on floor in one year and I haven't vaulted since freshman year. Beam is the event that I am really passionate about and the one I really wanted to come back to."

During the healing process Pierce took the advice of her roommate, Brooke Barclay, who suffered the same ACL

injury the previous year.

"It's hard for anyone to do rehab," Barclay said. "I went through the same rehab she did the year before. She told me that she was glad that I had been through it before. She could ask me questions like 'Did this happen to your knee?' She definitely went through some tough times, but she's good at keeping her chin up and her goals in mind."

With the strength returning to her knee, confidence was the only attribute Pierce needed to regain for the 2008 season.

"I still get scared of things," Pierce said. "Especially coming back, I think going from the floor, to low beam and up to the high beam, the fear is more wondering if my knee can handle this, more than fears you might have when you're not worried about an injury."

Pierce got her chance to compete again at the Black and Orange Intersquad meet held at Gill Coliseum in December.

"We had to make our own lineup for our Gill intersquad," Barclay said. "The team [Pierce] was on picked her to compete, and that really surprised her. She was lacking confidence as far as whether or not she would

even get a chance to be in line-up because she didn't have all of her skills in the routine yet."

Pierce's performance at the intersquad meet helped to reassure her that she was getting closer to reaching her previous level of potential.

At the Beavers' first meet of the season in Las Vegas, Pierce was selected to perform a beam exhibition after the other competitors completed their routines.

"She did really well," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "Claire is a solid performer, so that was our biggest thing, trying to get back all of the skills. She keeps plucking away each week, adding more and more skills in. I think that what was good to see was that even though she was injured, she hasn't lost that competitiveness."

Whether in the lineup or on the sidelines, Pierce has always shown dedication to the Oregon State program.

"I was recruited by a few different schools," Pierce said. "When I came on my trip to Oregon State I just really fit in with the team and I loved the atmosphere. It was kind of like a click, this is where I want to be."

After three years as a Beaver gymnast, Pierce was named team captain.

"She was given that role

before she got injured, and now that she is back she is in that role again," Barclay said. "She is very motivated and so focused, but also helps bring the team together."

Despite playing a mainly supportive role during the end of the 2007 season, with career highs of 9.875 on the beam and 9.825 on the floor, it is no wonder why Oregon State welcomes her return to the competition floor this season.

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In one of her best career games, Mercedes Fox-Griffin had 10 points, five rebounds and four assists versus No. 9 California last week.

## Beavers come home to face Northwest rival

■ Beavers will play Washington and Washington State at home this week in Pac-10 conference action

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State returns home to the friendly confines of Gill Coliseum for a Jan. 17 contest against Pacific Northwest rival Washington. The game begins at 7 p.m.

Just two days after squaring off against Washington, the Beavers will host Washington State on Saturday. The game marks the final home affair for OSU in the month of January as the Beavers go on the road for four straight before returning home Feb. 7 against California.

Washington comes into Thursday night's game with a 7-10 overall record and 2-3 mark in Pacific-10 Conference games this season. The Huskies last defeated USC, 60-45, on Sunday, just three days after falling to UCLA, 59-57, in Seattle.

UW is 3-3 in its last six games after dropping three straight near the end of non-conference play. The Huskies lost to California and Stanford to open Pac-10 play, dropping both games by at least 26 points before defeating Washington State on Jan. 4 for their first Pac-10 win.

Katelan Redmon is one of two players scoring in double

figures this season for the Huskies. She has started all 17 games this season and is scoring at a 12.4 clip. Sami Whitcomb is close behind at 10.8 points per game. On the boards, Emily Florence leads the team with 6.9 rebounds per game. As a club, the Huskies out-rebound their opponents, 40.8-38.5, on average.

The last time the two schools played, Oregon State's Mercedes Fox-Griffin scored 17 points to go along with five assists, but it wasn't enough as the Beavers fell to Washington, 70-59, in Seattle. Casey Nash and Judie Lomax both added 13 points apiece for the Beavers in the loss.

Washington leads the all-time series, 43-22, and has won the last seven meetings between the teams.

Ashley Allen has scored in double figures in 14 of the team's 16 games this season, and thus leads the Pac-10 in scoring at 19.7 points per game. She has reached 20 points or more eight times this season.

Junior guard Brittney Davis has begun to feel more comfortable within the Oregon State offense, and it is beginning to show. The Portland native scored in double figures in 10 straight games, starting Nov. 26 against Southern Utah and ending Jan. 5 against Arizona State.

## Men's hoops heads to Washington

■ After being swept at home by Bay Area schools, OSU heads north in search of first Pac-10 victory

By Kye Johnson  
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After another disappointing pair of losses to Pac-10 foes last week, the Oregon State men's basketball team will hit the road and travel north to take on Washington and Washington State.

The bad news is that the Beavers are currently dead last in the Pac-10 with a conference record of 0-4. They're the only team in the conference with an overall losing record and are also one of only two teams who haven't won a Pac-10 game.

The good news is that Washington, the other winless team in conference play, may provide the Beavers with their best opportunity to get win number one and move out of the cellar.

But before the Beavers worry about Washington, they get Washington State. The Cougars are one of the surprise teams in the nation this year, ranked No. 8 in the country and 14-1 overall on the season. Their only loss came at the hands of now-No. 1 UCLA on the road last weekend. And even then, the Cougars made a late surge to make the game close before tasting loss for the first time.

Washington State feeds off the play of its two outstanding senior guards, Derrick Low and Kyle Weaver. Both players are scoring over 11 points per game and are playing more minutes on average than anybody else on the team. But perhaps WSU's biggest threat is its ability to rely on an all five players on the court to get the job done. The Cougars are getting nine different players on the floor each game that average over 12 minutes of action, but will really likely only use an eight-man rotation.

Washington State is shooting exactly  
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Pierce has always felt more comfortable on the beam than anywhere else in gymnastics. Her mark of at least 9.8 in eight different performances two years ago was vital to Oregon State's success, and upon her return, Pierce is looking to get back to her 2006 form.

## Torn ACL? No worries for Pierce

■ Claire Pierce returns to competition after refusing to let severe knee injury slow down her gymnastics career at Oregon State

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Senior Claire Pierce doesn't seem to let a fall or a torn ACL keep her out of the Beaver beam lineup.

Calm and collected best describe Pierce's demeanor when she approaches competition. On a 4-inch-wide beam, steadiness is hard to come by, but for this 5'2" gymnast from Livermore, Calif., it just comes naturally.

"In the gym she is a really hard worker," teammate Becky Colvin said. "I know she was really excited when she started getting back into beam because that was her event. Everyone said she was really good on it."

Pierce started her career at Oregon State in 2005, where she hit 14 for 14 competition routines during her freshman season. The 2003 Junior Olympic national champion on the beam proved to be one of the most consistent beam performers for Oregon State in the past four years.

"Beam has always been my best event," Pierce said. "It is the one event I can shine on. The other events are kind of average, but beam sticks out for

me."

In 2006 Pierce scored 9.8 or better on the beam in eight performances. She also was a contributor on the floor, where she performed as an alternate.

After a successful start to the 2007 season, acting as the anchor for the Beaver beam lineup and a consistent starter on the floor, Pierce's season was cut short. An awkward landing on a front tumbling pass at Stanford resulted in a torn ACL in her right knee.

"It was my last tumbling pass on floor," Pierce said. "A 'front handspring Rudi' is what it is called. It is a twisting pass, and I just wasn't high enough so I

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## Win or lose, be loud and loyal fans of Beaver basketball program

We all know that the men's basketball team is having a rough year thus far. First, they started Pac-10 play losing by 20 to Stanford, and then they played just as lousy against Cal.

While I am trying to be a good fan and attend games, it is getting more difficult.

It is rough for a fan to pay to go see the Beavers, and it is outrageous that it's actually cheaper to go see a Duck

Jenna Santelli



game than it is to see the Beavers lose at home by 20. But it is the reality.

If you're thinking it is too hard to buy a ticket to see the Beavers, then think of it as buying tickets to see the

best basketball conference. You get to see UCLA and the Lake Oswego native Kevin Love. (As a side note, his uncle is Mike Love from the famous rock band the Beach Boys.) Not only is the heralded freshman a big local celebrity, but father, former Oregon great Stan Love, is too.

Also, we as fans get to witness another stud of a freshman, O.J. Mayo from USC. If watching him play on television impresses you, imagine see-

ing him play in person next week.

Lastly, you get to see the No. 8 team in the nation in Washington State, as well as the Civil War game with the Ducks.

Of course, it's difficult to watch the Beavers' lack of offense. I know it is an absolute struggle, but while our shooting percentages are not even at 30 percent, we still need to support our team. I understand that we are the worst shooting team in the Pac-10,

but honestly, how much worse can we shoot the ball?

Being the optimistic person that I am, I believe our shooting percentage can only improve, and it might improve quicker if we have positive, energized fans. We should encourage going to the basket more versus settling for outside jumpers. Driving the ball to the basket creates movement,

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