

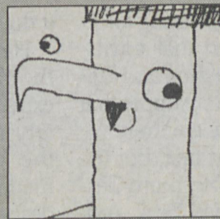
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Sen. Morse, Rep. Olson campaign for 'no' on 66, 67

■ Morse, Olson warn measures could cost 70,000 jobs, suggest using reserve funds

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The debate on measures 66 and 67 rages on, with the OSU campus playing the part of the battlefield. Sen. Frank Morse, R-Albany, and Rep. Andy Olson, R-Albany, visited OSU Thursday to speak on why they feel Measures 66 and 67 are not the answer to Oregon's economic crisis.

Measure 66 proposes a tax increase of 1.8 percentage points for households earning more than \$250,000 and 2 percentage points for those earning more than \$500,000. The increase is expected to raise an additional \$472 million in funding for education, health care and public safety.

Measure 67 proposes to raise the corporate minimum tax from \$10 to \$150, which would raise another \$255 million.

It has been estimated that these measures, if passed, could cost 70,000 jobs in Oregon by the added financial burden they would place on businesses. As far as Measure 67 is concerned, the tax would be retroactive to taxable income earned in 2009.

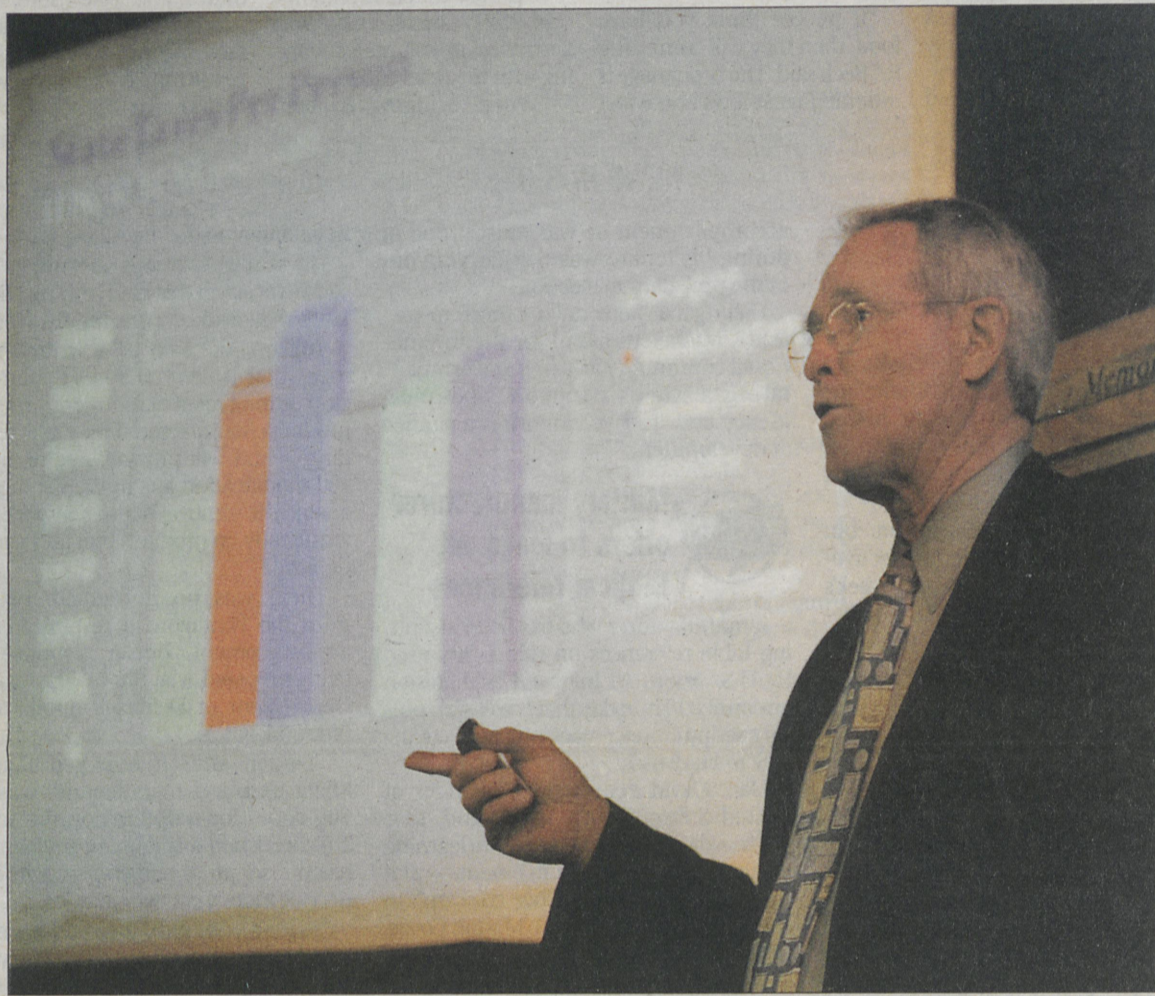
"There is a better way to handle this than by instituting permanent, job-killing taxes," Olson said.

Olson said a proposal was brought up before the Oregon legislature to use reserve funds and cut spending to offset budget shortfalls instead of raising taxes. This option would require cuts in other areas of the state budget and was turned down in favor of the proposed tax increases.

"If the measures are voted down, it would bring us back to the table," Olson said. "There are some tough choices that have to be made."

Olson said while the reserve funds would require some difficult choices in terms of areas to cut, the funding would be more substantial than that acquired through taxes.

"If we decide to use reserve funds, it would take us to a back-to-basics budget, higher education would get a budget comparable to that of the 2007 budget," Olson said. "Funding from



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Sen. Frank Morse, R-Albany, explains tax breakdowns in the state of Oregon and nationwide and dispels myths regarding taxes. Sen. Morse and Rep. Andy Olson, R-Albany, spoke and answered questions about measures 66 and 67 at Club Escape Thursday afternoon.

the tax increases won't even bring us close to that."

Both Morse and Olson said that budgetary matters have been mishandled in the past, which has made Oregon vulnerable to the recession. They agreed that leadership and bipartisan efforts were going to be the solution in raising Oregon out of the recession and putting it in a place to better handle any future budgetary problems.

"We are at a crossroads in our state," Morse said. "We can stabilize our revenue system and reduce the tax burden. We can reform government without destroying it."

Oregon currently has an unemployment rate of 11 percent, and both

senators added that raising taxes could only further hinder the job market recovery.

"Key targets for tax reform should be to create jobs and strengthen the economy," Morse said.

Should these measures fail and no other alternative for funds are found, OSU could face a budget shortfall of \$15 million. Other areas of the state budget are in a similar situation when it comes to finding solutions to the budget crisis.

RJ Friedman, president of OSU College Republicans and a senior in political science, says this issue is one that is particularly conflicting to many students, and that it is important for

them to have all the facts.

"I'm glad ASOSU gave them the opportunity to speak, because this is a vital issue pertaining to the Oregon economy," Friedman said. "[Students] have been hearing a lot of reasons why they should vote for the measures, so it is good Sen. Morse and Rep. Olson could show that these measures have negative consequences."

The visit from Morse and Olson was in response to the visit from State Representative Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis, who came to OSU to encourage students to vote in favor of the measures.

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Want to ward off cancer? Eat your greens

■ OSU study finds that chlorophyll has the propensity to block cancer-causing aflatoxin

By Kelly McDonald
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Scientists at OSU are finding new ways to help prevent cancer, and the key isn't new drugs — it's food.

A recent study published in the journal "Cancer Prevention Research" has found that chlorophyll and its derivative, chlorophyllin, are effective in blocking the absorption of aflatoxin into the bloodstream.

Aflatoxin is a cancer-causing substance that comes from mold. John Mata, assistant professor of veterinary medicine and second author of the study, said that aflatoxin is most often found in grains and becomes more concentrated under drought conditions.

"It's just one more thing to be concerned about in our diet," Mata said. "What this study might show us as we continue is that good sources of chlorophyll in the diet can really help limit carcinogens."

Chlorophyll is the pigment that makes plants green. Foods like spinach and broccoli are rich in chlorophyll and could help prevent cancer.

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Small nuclear reactors could power cities in future

■ Initially developed at OSU, multiple modules can fit and operate in a single facility

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

NuScale Power, Inc., a Corvallis-based company, is working on fabricating smaller nuclear reactors that will be available for commercial or city use that could be key in weaning the nation off of coal and other forms of harmful fossil fuels.

According to its website, each NuScale Power module will produce 40 megawatts of electricity — enough for about 40,000 homes — and "the size and modular design will allow for the complete manufacturing of NuScale modules at facilities in the United States."

The concept for the technology NuScale uses for the smaller reactors was created and developed at OSU.

"NuScale developed the concept here and tested initial hardware at the Thermal Hydraulics/Reactor Design at OSU," said Todd Keller, reactor administrator in the Radiation Center at OSU.

According to the Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Health

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Synthetic science article shows sharing leads to scientific discoveries

■ Making scientific research widely available can tie together seemingly unrelated fields

By Amy Schneider
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In a recent commentary piece, featured in the journal "Evolution" and co-authored by OSU assistant professor Brian Sidlauskas, the idea of synthetic science was presented as an important and largely unexplored way of conducting research.

Some scientists feel that the blending together of scientific data from differing fields may result in the discovery of previously unnoticed trends.

Science has traditionally been a process of experimentation and analysis of new data, producing new results with each research study. Sidlauskas, who works in the fisheries and wildlife department at OSU, argues for the implementation of an approach that combines results from

studies of varying fields while using that data to make new discoveries.

"There are two different ways of doing research," Sidlauskas said. "One is the traditional scientific way — experimentation and the gathering of data incrementally. The other way of generating research is to take bits of information, results or ideas from different fields and then link them together."

The latter is an exciting idea for all walks of science, as it would allow collaboration and expansion between a wide array of subjects. Seemingly unrelated fields can be connected using this synthetic approach.

One example of synthetic science in action is a compilation of data gathered by the late Jack Sepkoski, who spent 20 years gathering paleontological information.

"Sepkoski's research recognized hundreds of years of work, from small papers to bits of data," Sidlauskas said. "In isolation these studies weren't all that interesting, but when combined they pro-

vided trends on which insights and discoveries could be made."

The information that Sepkoski consolidated was used to gain knowledge on important geologic and paleontological events, like mass extinctions and the Cambrian explosion.

With relatively recent advances in technology and the wide use of the Internet for mass communications, the ability to compile vast amounts of data is a viable option, one that could be an important step in the course of the scientific discipline. Scientific synthesis would open up new doors to advancing the practicality of research.

However, the massive amount of data is also problematic.

"How to find data and then make it available and useable is one of the great challenges of the information age," said David Kidd of the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, a collaborative effort of Duke University, The University of

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Missing girl's father, his ex-wife arrested on drug charges

By Ann O'Neill
CNN

The father of missing 5-year-old Haleigh Cummings and his ex-wife appeared in court in Florida Thursday on drug trafficking charges, authorities said.

The two were arrested Wednesday and accused of selling prescription medications, officials said.

Ronald Cummings, 26, faces three counts of trafficking prescription medication, including the drugs Oxycodone and Hydrocodone. He is being held in jail on \$500,000 bond, the Putnam County Sheriff's office said.

Misty Croslin, 18, faces six counts of trafficking prescription medication and is jailed on \$950,000 bond.

The former couple was arrested along with three others after allegedly selling about \$3,900 worth of drugs to undercover officers, sheriff's officials said.

Cummings, Croslin and the others made brief court appearances Thursday morning, said Lt. Johnny Greenwood. But the court clerk's office said it had not yet received information about whether they had been assigned attorneys.

An undercover investigation was launched after authorities received information about suspected drug dealing, Greenwood said. He added that the investigation was separate from the investigation into Haleigh's disappearance.

"Even though these are totally separate, they are parallel cases and there's no doubt in my mind these cases will cross someday," Greenwood said. "I hope that somewhere through this, the investigators in the Haleigh case will find the information they need."

TOP STORY

To survive, the desperate target Haiti's orphanages

By Stephanie Chen
CNN

Haiti's orphanages have become targets for people desperate for food, water and medical supplies in the aftermath of the devastating magnitude 7.0 earthquake.

On Wednesday night, Maison de Lumiere, an orphanage caring for 50 orphans, came under attack from a group of 20 armed men, aid workers told the Joint Council on International Children's Services.

A neighboring orphanage sheltering about 135 children has been robbed several times over the past few days, they said.

Meanwhile, aid workers said

a third orphanage caring for 17 orphans reported that townspeople are trespassing and tapping into the water supply that is reserved for the children.

"It was calm at first, but the situation is getting more desperate," said David Beck, pastor at Child Hope International, the nonprofit that oversees Maison de Lumiere. No shots were fired in the attack on the orphanage, and security guards were able to drive off the marauders, he said. But one orphanage worker was hit in the head with a rock, he said.

"If people think you have food, then they will come after it," Beck said. The orphanage is rationing what food and water

it does have, he said.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere, and experienced high rates of poverty and disease even before the quake. The quake has made the situation far more desperate.

Looting is becoming a big concern for the orphanages as fear and frustration mount and help is slow to arrive, said Tom DiFilipo of the Joint Council on International Children's Services, a U.S.-based advocacy group for children in need of families.

To protect the children, some orphanages are on lock-down, according to volunteers working with the relief agencies.

"When bringing in sup-

plies to an orphanage, you can only bring in a day or two day's worth," said DiFilipo. "If you bring more than that, the locals come in."

This week's raids are included on a growing list of difficulties facing orphanages that is being compiled by the Joint Council on International Children's Services. DiFilipo said he expects the challenges of food, medical aid and security to continue affecting the orphanages for weeks.

For every Haitian orphan brought to safety in the United States and elsewhere, thousands more are left behind to face the primitive conditions resulting from last week's earthquake.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Honduran de facto leader steps into background

Honduras' de facto president, who has defied calls for his resignation following the coup that brought him to power, says he will abstain from any further public presidential duties until the next head of state is sworn in next week.

The move is not a resignation, but Roberto Micheletti said he is effectively stepping aside ahead of next week's transfer of power. Thursday's announcement came in a nationally televised meeting Micheletti held with his cabinet, the last such meeting during his seven-month rule.

Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo won the country's presidential election in November, but some nations have refused to recognize the legitimacy of the election because it took place under Micheletti's leadership. Micheletti came to power after a military-backed coup ousted President Jose Manuel Zelaya in June.

Micheletti said his decision was made so that his administration could not be blamed for being in the way of a smooth transfer of power.

In the same speech, he said the

accomplishment he was most proud of during his tenure was the carrying out of the presidential election.

Calling it a "personal decision" to step aside, Micheletti asked for the international community and non-governmental organizations to support Lobo's presidency and "to give Honduras a chance at development."



Military manufacturer offers to leave out Biblical references

A manufacturer who has been inscribing Bible references on rifle sights used by U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan announced Thursday that it will stop putting scripture references on products the U.S. military uses.

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of United States Central Command, said Wednesday — apparently before learning of the company's announcement — that the references were a "big concern" to the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps, which have contracts for the scopes.

"I hope you can sense ... this is of serious concern to me and the other commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan because it can indeed create a perception that is absolutely contrary to what it is that we

have sought to do," he said.

He said U.S. troops are much more sensitive "about this kind of thing," apparently, than is the contractor involved.

Trijicon Inc. said in a written statement that it has "offered to voluntarily stop putting references to scripture on all products manufactured for the U.S. military — and will provide, free of charge, 100 modification kits to the Pentagon to enable the removal of the references that are already on products that are currently deployed."

There was no immediate reaction from the Pentagon in response to the announcement, but a response was being prepared, Maj. Shawn Turner in the Department of Defense's public affairs office told CNN.

Earlier, after it emerged that the Michigan-based manufacturer was putting codes for scriptures on the scopes, Trijicon issued a statement saying that it has put scripture references on its products for more than two decades.

"As long as we have men and women in danger, we will continue to do everything we can to provide them with both state-of-the-art technology and the never-ending support and prayers of a grateful nation," it said Wednesday.

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More than 20 years after murder of her ex-husband, no parole for 'Angry Betty'

By Ann O'Neill
CNN

California's parole board has denied parole for Elisabeth "Betty" Broderick, the once socially prominent lawyer's wife who fatally shot him and his new wife in bed in 1989.

When Broderick's husband of 16 years dumped her for his young legal assistant, she seethed with a white-hot fury.

She was one angry Betty, as a California writer, a long-time Broderick watcher, recently observed.

She still is, the parole board concluded Thursday after hearing Broderick's rambling statement, said San Diego Deputy District Attorney Richard Sachs.

"She was totally not remorseful, didn't even try," Sachs said. Broderick won't be eligible for another parole hearing for 15 years — the maximum time the law allows, he added.

It was the latest chapter in a marriage that went off the rails because of a straying husband's office romance.

After Broderick's attorney husband left her for his legal assistant, she covered the interior walls of his house with black spray-paint and drove her car through his front door. She left angry, obscenity-laced tirades on his answering machine. Then she crept into his bedroom early on a Sunday morning and shot him and the other woman, by then his wife, to death.

When she was arrested and tried in the early 1990s, Broderick said she was the victim, telling a tale that resonated with many housewives who feared being replaced by younger women. Court-watchers broke into two camps, known as Betty-booster and Betty-basher.

Now 62, Betty Broderick has been in prison longer than she was Mrs. Daniel Broderick. Her failed bid for parole brought back strong emotions over a case that spawned several books and two made-for-TV movies starring Meredith Baxter, the mom from the hit series "Family Ties."

Broderick's date Thursday with California's parole board marked the first time she was eligible for release for the 1989 murders of Harvard-educated San Diego attorney Daniel T. Broderick, 44, and his wife of seven months, Linda Kolkena Broderick, 28.

Dan and Linda Broderick's friends and family were out in force to voice their opposition. Betty's four children remain divided over whether she should go free, Sachs said.

Dan Broderick's brother, Larry, said Betty Broderick's sob story portraying herself as the victim was a tissue of lies. He told CNN she made up stories about her ex-husband and his new wife during her two trials in the early 1990s.

The story Betty Broderick told was so compelling it took on a life of its own. It apparently did withstand the test of time as she went before the parole board. Hindsight tends to paint a sharper — and harsher — picture.

Betty's version: She was a stay-at-home mom who worked to put her husband through medical and law school only to lose her "Ward and June Cleaver" marriage when her husband fell under a younger woman's spell.

Larry Broderick's story: No, she did not put her husband through school. No, they did not have an idyllic marriage. "Normal people just don't seem to get that murderers will lie to save

their skin," he told CNN. "And, did you know that dead people have no rights? A person can slander and libel and say anything they want about a dead person, and you can't stop it."

"What the public sees is the older woman dumped for the younger woman, and they get upset about that and forget all the rest," Sachs said.

These facts were never in dispute: During a bitter and protracted divorce, Daniel Broderick won full custody of their children and married Linda Kolkena in April 1989.

Seven months later, armed with a .38-caliber pistol, Betty Broderick walked into the couple's bedroom and fired five times. Linda Broderick died instantly. Dan Broderick was shot in the chest and died more slowly as his lungs filled up with blood. Betty Broderick ripped the telephone extension from the wall so he could not call for help, according to testimony.

Other facts seemed to have been lost in the drama. Broderick had bought the gun a month before her husband remarried. She practiced shooting. She made threats. And, she took her daughter's key to sneak into a house that, under a restraining order, she was forbidden to enter, according to testimony.

Two murder trials — the first ended in a hung jury — focused on Betty Broderick's state of mind. The courtroom drama was a wronged woman's dream.

According to testimony, Broderick long suspected her husband was having an affair, which she confirmed when she tried to surprise him at the office on his birthday and learned he'd spent much of the day with his legal assistant. In a rage, she threw his clothes into the yard

and burned them. She said Dan Broderick abused her and then used his legal connections to crush her as their marriage broke up.

"The family hates these lies because Dan was about as honorable and wonderful a guy as you would want to meet," said his brother Larry. "There are hundreds of people out there who feel the same way about him. All he wanted to do was get away from this woman."

A former president of the San Diego Bar Association, Dan Broderick was so well regarded in the legal community that the library of the Bar Association building was re-named the Broderick room after his death.

Betty Broderick's diaries were read in court, and Dan's answering machine tapes were played — including one in which their son pleaded with his mother to stop using "bad words" about his father. The couple's oldest daughter, Kimberly, testified that her mother told her she hated the girl's father and wished the children had never been born.

Betty Broderick alleged that her ex-husband penalized her for her outbursts, deducting hundreds of dollars from support payments. She said he used a little-known legal clause to sell her house without her signature.

"Any time you've got these things going on, people are not at their best, honestly," prosecutor Sachs said. But he said he believes Betty Broderick turned to violence because she just couldn't get over it.

"The part that nobody sees is it was already five years later on the timeline," Sachs said. "She's getting 16 grand a month and a nice house in La Jolla, and it's time to move on."

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Physics website, "OSU's ongoing research is instrumental in the design and licensing of new reactors. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy chose OSU for thermal hydraulic testing of nuclear power plant designs."

Wesley Frey, an instructor of nuclear engineering, believes that NuScale's business model could reboot the manufacturing of nuclear plants in the U.S.

"NuScale makes prefabricated smaller models that will be able to return profit years earlier and cut interest costs on bank loans," Frey said.

OSU makes up a part of the nuclear power national research team. According to Keller, there are 104 working power plants, two dozen research reactors at universities and one dozen government-owned research reactors.

Of those two dozen reactors at universities, the state of Oregon can claim two. One is at

OSU and the other is at Reed College.

NuScale already has a one-third scale test facility in place at OSU, where it can run or verify its tests and models. The research and testing done at OSU has been fundamental in the exploration of the possibilities in nuclear energy. This included a certification-testing program for the Westinghouse AP600 and AP1000 nuclear plant designs. These designs received Nuclear Regulatory Commission design approval and are now part of a unique business plan setup by NuScale.

NuScale is working on manufacturing those designs in a "prefabrication" type of system, much like how cars are produced. If they succeed in this business approach, they may change how cities are powered.

"The U.S. now has more simplified nuclear plant licensing and the risks are minimized for investors," said Alexei Soldatov, an assistant professor of nuclear engineering. "There's a different approach to cutting costs. It's important to see if NuScale can really succeed."

With possibility increasing and risk decreasing,

there might be more demand for nuclear power in the near future.

"I definitely think we should switch to nuclear power," said Alex Robertson, a junior in pre-nuclear engineering. "But, a lot of people in Oregon would rather have wind energy than nuclear energy."

Robertson touched on one of the main reasons the U.S. is not principally powered by nuclear energy.

"Many people don't even understand how nuclear power works and are afraid of it because they heard of a couple cases of leaked radiation," Robertson said.

Nuclear energy may have some drawbacks, but scientists and researchers who work daily with nuclear energy insist on its safety and hope that people will start to learn about the advantages of nuclear power.

For instance, nuclear facilities have government-mandated safety features and other strict procedures to ensure public safety.

"Nuclear reactors have inherent safety features," Keller said. "The one on our campus

holds 5,000 gallons of water inside of it that keeps radiation inside, and there are eight feet of concrete at the bottom where the radiation exists, among other safety features."

In a state where "green" is not only good, but commercialized, researchers and companies that work with nuclear energy are awaiting the day when the public gives the green light to manufacture more nuclear power plants.

"The department at OSU has great potential in this area," Soldatov said. "Oregon has great potential. It is very green. The public could accept nuclear power if it was more assured of its safety. We could have a good clean energy infrastructure in an ideal location, which could definitely give the state a good role in supplying energy to the states around us."

According to its website, NuScale plans to submit its full application for Design Certification in late 2010.

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North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University whose mission is to facilitate synthetic research to address fundamental questions in evolutionary biology.

"In theory we have solutions to many of the technological barriers that existed only a few years ago. What is perhaps lagging behind is a culture of data curating and sharing, although this is also changing slowly."

Technology is only one of the hindrances to the process of synthetic science as a widely-accepted practice. Cultural barriers also exist that make this sort of collaboration difficult.

"The cultural infrastructure is set up to deal with more traditional types of science," Sidlauskas said. "Specialization is forefront in the world of science and it's difficult to get broadened training with so much of that going on. It would be

nice to see more opportunities to be trained in the synthesis."

Most jobs and positions in science are geared towards traditional methods and not synthetic practice. Getting scientists to focus their research on synthesis may be difficult when grants and funding are at risk.

Even though there are difficulties, Sidlauskas thinks that a greater occurrence of synthesis would be beneficial to science. Databases full of varying scientific information could eventually be released as public domain in order to aide other scientists in their studies, the point being to have as much accurate, accessible information as possible.

"We're really calling for a more open-source approach to science," Sidlauskas said. "Ideally, the information would be free for anyone to find, which only serves to further the goals of science."

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Carole Jubert, synthetic organic chemist and first author of the study, developed and patented a method for isolating chlorophyll from spinach using counter-current chromatography. According to Jubert's paper on chlorophyll isolation, CCC is used to separate a large variety of compounds in the field of natural products.

Jubert said that it was cheaper and more efficient to extract the chlorophyll herself than to buy the chemical from somewhere else.

Mata and Jubert found that chlorophyll lowers the absorption of aflatoxin and they have two theories about how this interaction occurs.

"There are two competing theories," Mata said. "One, that

[chlorophyll] was increasing the metabolism of the toxins by inducing enzymes in the liver. The other was that it was limiting bioavailability by complexing with it."

Mata said the aflatoxin molecule is flat, so it's easy for chlorophyll to bind with it. Once the molecule's structure is altered, it no longer gets absorbed into the body the same way. When aflatoxin isn't absorbed, it's not causing cancer.

"These studies will allow people to make recommendations for diet based on scientific evidence," Mata said. "Obviously we're looking for funding. That's what will determine whether we go forward or not."

"This is difficult with natural products ... or vitamins because drug companies have proprietary interest in pharmaceuti-

cal agents that they develop," said Steve Lawson, administrative officer at the Linus Pauling Institute. "With non-patentable natural products ... or vitamins, it's much more difficult to get the financial funding for these clinical trials."

Lawson used to do lab work at the Institute and was also the former CEO. He is familiar with Mata and Jubert's work on the study.

Lawson also knew Linus Pauling personally and said that Pauling shared Mata's interest in using natural products for disease prevention.

"He envisioned drug therapy an adjunct to diet and vitamin C," Lawson said of Pauling. "If you can avoid the disease, you don't have to worry about treatment."

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to this week's Yeas and Nays being so funny (according to the author) that they need a warning label. Here it goes: you may laugh. A lot.

Nay to week three feeling like dead week. Hello, long term.

Yea to extra legroom. Air France-KLM — though the company denies it — is planning on charging an "obesity surcharge" for passengers who don't fit into a single airline seat. The airline already offers passengers a deal of sorts by offering a passenger's neighboring second seat for 25 percent off. None of this news is actually positive for those targeted by the airline.

Nay to fat jokes, such as, "That's 25 percent more to spend on cheeseburgers!" There's no way that's funny.

Yea to random food that appeared in the newsroom while writing Yeas and Nays. Make that a double nay to fat jokes, for our own sake.

Nay to the season finale of MTV's "Jersey Shore" last night. It was great while it lasted. Also, nay to those who claimed to never have watched the show, because some of us in the newsroom have enormous crushes on Vinnie.

Yea to possible spin-offs: Willamette Waves, anyone? It would be a summer-on-the-Willamette fun-fest, with the cast floating the river every day and getting kicked out of the Peacock every weekend.

Nay to a summer-in-Corvallis reality show. Normally we like to be entertained when watching mindless TV, not literally lose our minds. "Inside the Actors Studio" featuring Robert Pattinson would be more interesting.

Nay to the sanctity of marriage with its uber-successful 50 percent divorce rate.

Yea to the British department store Debenhams, which now offers divorce-themed cakes and greeting cards for those who are entering Splitsville. Depressing, yet practical.

Nay to rejection, especially from someone who never rejects anyone, ever. A New Hampshire man charged with allegedly propositioning a prostitute told police that the alleged party, a prostitute, refused him sex, even after he paid. Ouch.

Yea to sticking it to "the man" — except when "the man" is your boss, you are an employee at a Fairbanks, Alaska Taco Bell and "sticking it" means throwing a taco at your boss's face, which lands you in jail for a day, charged with disorderly conduct. Anarchy!

Nay to wasting Taco Bell. There are starving children in this world! And there is hungry newsroom staff, despite previously mentioned free food.

Yea to the Facebook fan page, "There would be less drunk driving in the world if Taco Bell delivered." Truer words were never spoken.

Nay to asinine Facebook fan pages. "I hate when people bring up a mistake a long time ago" ... obviously.

Yea to becoming a fan of The Daily Barometer on Facebook! We expect to see approximately 21,000 new fans by next week. Right?!

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Communication connection: The downside of cell phones

He looked fairly normal. His hair was not disheveled. He was wearing a coat and tie, and his face was bare from a scraggly hobo beard. But there he was, carrying out a conversation with no one within twenty feet of him. I couldn't help but look at him.

Who was he talking to? What is he talking about? Then he turned to face the other direction, revealing a small device in his ear: a Bluetooth headset. That's not nearly as exciting as a mental disorder.

There was a time when people talking with nobody in sight on a street corner were rounded up in a paddy wagon. Today these folks are roaming our streets, their crazy talk going unchecked.

This past decade, cell phones went from a luxury to a commodity. It's hard not to see someone talking on their phone on the way to class or texting during lecture. By the way, who do people text at eight in the morning? Whoever is on the receiving end must really appreciate your updates: "lolz im in class." Nobody cares.

Charles
Leineweber



The Pen is Mightier

It is very convenient to be able to look up your friends and then call or text them without being tied down at home. Thanks to cell phones, you can chat your buddy's ear off in the comfort of a public place, for the entire world to hear. But convenience is all relative.

Sure, it's convenient for the phone user, but what about those of us who are burdened with listening to the conversation? The last thing I want while walking to class is to be stuck next to some dude telling his "broseph" about the gnarly mole he just got removed.

There is a reason phone booths were invented, the doors on phone booths weren't just for Superman's privacy while he changed his clothes; they were there so you could talk in

peace and quiet and also so that people couldn't hear your conversation.

How about bringing those things back?

They could be placed around town in public places with sound-proof doors and maybe little seats for the lazy phone user. No more street noise over the phone, no more surplus of information being absorbed by the unfortunate passersby — it's win-win.

The cell phone is the primary mode of communication for college students. Not only do they make calls, but they send and receive text messages. Some of these newfangled contraptions can even check your interwebs. With all the functions that phones can do, we are becoming more and more reliant on them to stay "connected."

But what does that mean?

We're more connected to those we already know, thanks to this technology. We can communicate and connect with friends in more ways imaginable, but we seem to be losing other connections.

The connection between strangers

was once something that was a point of pride in communities, face to face exchanges and friendly courtesy are going by the wayside. I might just be overly nostalgic, but it seems that if we don't already know the person, it's perfectly OK to ignore them.

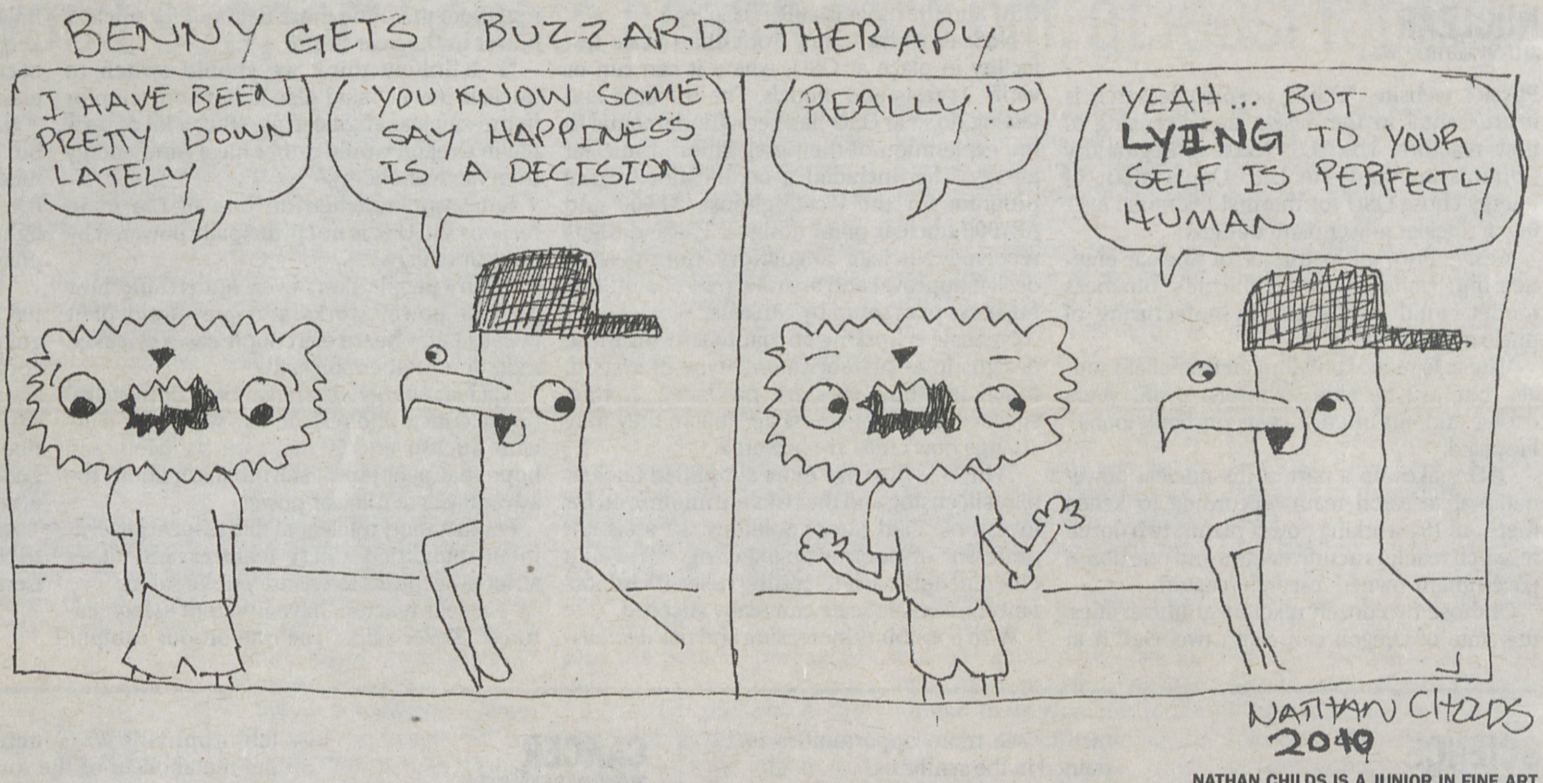
We would much rather text someone from our little contact list than deal with an unknown. Maybe it's the sheer number of people today, maybe it's the reliance on technology for social networking, but there is a growing trend of impersonalization within our culture.

We seemed to be more focused on our convenience than those around us.

So while we're waiting for the glorious return of phone booths, try to be a little courteous out there. Don't be that guy with the gnarly mole.

If the person on the other end of the phone doesn't want to hear it, then no one else does either.

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NATHAN CHILDS IS A JUNIOR IN FINE ART

Embracing complexity: Considering the war in Afghanistan

For months I have been internally debating my position on the war in Afghanistan. As an idealist and pacifist, my first impulse is to object to any and every war.

Like Gandhi and Martin Luther King — my two favorite social activists — I believe that nonviolent action is the path to lasting peace. Gandhi took this belief to the compassionate extreme, believing that nonviolent protest could stop even Hitler. In his plea "To Every Briton" which was released in 1940, Gandhi explains this, stating: "I want [the British people] to fight Nazism without arms, or if I am to retain the military terminology, with non-violent arms."

It is here that I am forced to confront war not only as a pacifist ide-

Matt Bradley
The Daily Barometer

alist, but also as someone who lives in this world; while I would like to believe that Gandhi's nonviolent strategy would have worked even on Hitler, I simply cannot. I am forced to accept that, in certain extreme circumstances, war must be fought in the interest of the common good.

I therefore find myself in a similar position to President Obama, who articulated this very tension in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech. "I face the world as it is," Obama explained, "and cannot stand idle in the face of threats to the American people. For make no mistake: Evil does

exist in the world. A nonviolent movement could not have halted Hitler's armies. Negotiations cannot convince al-Qaeda's leaders to lay down their arms. To say that force is sometimes necessary is not a call to cynicism — it is a recognition of history; the imperfections of man and the limits of reason."

After watching Obama's speech, which I found insightful and convincing, I was sure I had located my position on the war. My conclusion was that we live in an imperfect world, a world where peace is always a possibility but rarely a reality. I rationalized that the war in Afghanistan was necessary, neatly classifying it as a "just war." The term "just war" and its meaning are not new; they go back to St. Augustine of Hippo and before.

And, as Obama explained, a war is supposedly "justified only when it meets certain preconditions: if it is waged as a last resort or in self-defense; if the force used is proportional, and if, whenever possible, civilians are spared from violence."

So for a few weeks, I claimed to support the war in Afghanistan, reassuring myself that military action was the only way al-Qaeda could be neutralized.

About a week ago, however, I received some news: A dear friend of mine is considering joining the military. When he told me this, I got upset and heatedly objected, explaining that military might is not the final answer, that war can only bring temporary peace, and

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Attention all coffeeholics and caffeine fiends

As week three gets well under way, and the assignment and mid-term deadlines start to loom frighteningly close, I thought I'd use this space to make a nod to the student's favorite drug. In times of strife, stress or all-nighters, simply nothing else will do. Nothing is so easily accessible, socially acceptable and quite so tasty.

Readers, where would any of us be without the powers of caffeine?

Working until dawn to finish a paper? Desperate not to visibly fall asleep in class? Simply trying to get up in the morning? Caffeine consistently delivers.

If you wander into any class at any point, there's at least one student slurping away at a something from Dutch Bros. (Coffee through a straw? I'm still not convinced.) Equally often you can see the poor individual sitting at the back of class, in dark glasses, working swiftly through a pint of Monster or equivalent in a desperate bid to start functioning as human again.

Society seems to sit and worry about students and alcohol abuse while our blatant exploitation of caffeine goes unmentioned and passes unmentioned. The litany of coffee shops across campus stands testimony to this student addiction. The OSU bookstore even gave out vouchers for coffee at the beginning of term. That's practically enabling! Of course, we all know that caffeine is addictive, but I think we largely write it off as the



Cate Hardy

A look on America

unfortunate downside of a wonder drug.

Beyond this, most of us realize we are going to be leaving college with a personal debt to rival a small country. If you consider that every coffee you buy is at least \$2 or every Coke \$1, over a week that daily caffeine hit really starts to add up. If you buy five coffees a week, over a year it's more than \$250; that's nearly the cost of a whole statistics textbook! Of course, then there's all of that caffeine-rich tea, chocolate and Red Bull...

Financial costs aside, it appears our love of caffeine may not be as harmless as I had suspected. It wasn't until recently, when I was pushing a deadline, that the caffeine shakes occurred, and I decided, in best hypochondriac mode, to do some investigating.

Turns out the daily addiction has some rather unpleasant side effects. Caffeine can cause irritation, nervousness, insomnia and muscle twitching. It can exacerbate PMS, create intestinal problems and cause dehydration.

Perhaps what is most worrying, however, is that excessive caffeine intake over a long-term period can cause heart arrhythmia and high blood pressure. What this

means is I'm substantially increasing my likelihood of a serious heart problem.

While at 21 it's unlikely that I'm going to be struck down with a heart attack before I finish college, the problem is the patterns and habits of caffeine consumption we all set here are unlikely to change much post-graduation.

Unlike alcohol, where we're all aware of the health concerns and will almost certainly pursue a more sober lifestyle after graduating, we are unlikely to make any particular changes to how much coffee and Diet Coke we consume. With 54 percent of adult Americans drinking coffee every day, it is clear that we are living in a nation of addicts.

It seems slightly sad that modern life is now so hectic that the majority of us are using a stimulant drug on a daily basis. Coffee is the world's second most traded substance, topped only by oil.

With student life so busy — with classes, papers, societies, late nights and, dare I mention, hangovers — caffeine is practically a necessity. Despite the risk and the costs, I still haven't come up with a way to battle through the week without assistance.

And unless you're majoring in relaxation and training for a sleep marathon, you probably haven't either.

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that people serve this world best by building it up, not by tearing it down. As I finished my soapbox rant, I suddenly realized I was really angry — not at him — but at myself.

You see, in this incredibly uncomfortable moment, I was forced to confront a simple fact: I support the war in Afghanistan only if I do not know anyone who is killing or dying. When the war is an equation composed of faceless variables — a simple matter of good vs. evil — I can justify and support it, but as soon as it hits home, as soon as someone asks me or mine to kill and die, I cannot help but object.

After months of thinking about this issue, then, what do I know? I know that while I wish we lived in a world without violence, we do not.

I know that I appreciate and respect soldiers in the armed forces and volunteers who are trying to build healthy communities in

Afghanistan.

I know that it is my duty as a citizen of the U.S. to challenge the validity of every war and constantly search for pathways to peace.

I know that I sympathize with the innocent civilians of Afghanistan, who have lived in a war-torn country for decades.

And I know that the war in Afghanistan is not simple, cannot be reduced to one root cause and will not be solved by one formula.

In this way, I sort of see the war in that country like an intricate poem, because the more I come to understand it, the more I realize how little I understand.

The thing is, though, the casualties of poetic confusion — at worst an F on an essay or sounding silly in class — are nothing compared to the casualties of the war in Afghanistan: daughters, mothers, sons and fathers on all sides.

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Facing Oregon's inconvenient truth

Patrick Guild
Daily Vanguard

Oregon's unemployment rate is reported as 11.1 percent, but economists believe it would be much worse if the underemployed and the discouraged worker were taken into account.

Underemployment is a term used to describe three situations wherein a person is: employed but is overqualified in a low-wage job that doesn't require their skills, forced to take a part-time position when full-time work is desired, or is not fully utilized by their company year-round. A discouraged worker is someone who is out of the workforce and has given up on seeking employment, choosing instead to live off of family members or savings and not file for unemployment.

A more accurate report looks at underutilization, which accounts for both unemployment and underemployment. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports Oregon's underutilization rate at 20.1 percent, making us second only to Michigan. Economist Andrew Sum told the Portland Tribune that if the amount of discouraged workers were combined with our underutilization rate, Oregon would be at 24 percent, the worst in the nation.

There is another problem according to Dr. Ira S. Wolfe, president of Success Performance Solutions, a pre-employment testing firm.

"While many people are unemployed and underemployed, the numbers belie a real story; unemployable. Many of the jobs lost or changed during the recession are permanently gone."

The BLS seems to confirm this. Skills-based industries have taken the hardest hit in

Oregon where mining, logging and manufacturing are down around 15 percent each. Those workers are currently searching for new careers, since jobs in their industry are fading fast.

Recent college graduates make up much of the underemployed. While we may have the technical training to get jobs in our field, we lack experience. Two- and four-year degrees are becoming job requirements now in a market that is flooded with highly qualified applicants.

Universities are gradually making the shift from institutions of higher learning to job preparation sites. The underemployment rate shows that the paradigm shift is not coming quickly enough. High school and college students need more internship opportunities in order to be taken seriously after graduation.

As an English undergraduate, I spent four years working in my university's mailroom when I should have been working as a teacher's aide or mentor. How many students take jobs as baristas or in retail because paid internships are impossible to come by? Experience, more than our degrees, will dictate the jobs we will receive immediately after graduation.

The record-high enrollment at Oregon's universities and colleges shows where people turn for career training. This adds another dangerous figure to the underutilization rate. Students are not considered available for work, which means that many of those discouraged workers or unemployed who decided to go back to school are not

included in underemployment statistics.

The unprecedented amount of students attending Oregon's public universities and community colleges means that the supposedly lowered jobless rate in Oregon could see a huge boom in two to four years.

So, what's wrong with the Oregon worker? I thought the general consensus stood that we are intelligent, creative and highly skilled with a penchant for eco-friendly industry. Federal tax breaks for businesses that decide to go green have created thousands of new jobs for out-of-work Oregonians.

Responsible job creation will be the key to leading us out of this recession. If jobs are disappearing and industries are rapidly changing, new industries will have to sprout up to absorb the swelling unemployment pool.

The Portland City Council has proposed a 10-year plan to create 10,000 jobs. While it's a step in the right direction, a decade is a silly amount of time in which to set a time-sensitive goal.

People need jobs now. Without a sales tax, Oregon is dependent on income tax revenue.

If people don't have jobs, they can't pay taxes to fund education, public transportation and health services. Funding for unemployed students hoping to be retrained at community colleges has already been cut. In 10 years' time, those 10,000 jobs will barely make a dent in our unemployment rate.

I realize this is a bleak picture, but it's a truth we all need to face.

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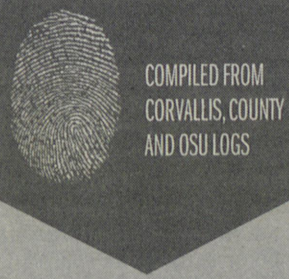
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Arrests:

1:11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16
- Corey Michael Donohue, 22, of Mount Angel, was arrested for criminal trespassing in the second degree, disorderly conduct in the second degree, harassment, and assault on a public safety officer after he was kicked out of the Peacock Bar and Grill, located at 125 SW 2nd St., and made five to six attempts to re-enter the bar. Donohue was transported to the hospital for a jail clearance due to his intoxication and then to the Benton County Correctional Facility.

3:17 a.m., Friday, Jan. 15
- Mackenzie Morton Gerber, 22, of Corvallis, and Garrett K. Skelton, 23, of Corvallis, were both arrested for theft in the second degree and burglary in the first degree after they allegedly broke into the fra-

ternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, located at 2929 NW Harrison Blvd. Gerber and Skelton entered the door located on the north side of the building and were contacted by a resident who told them to leave out the east door which leads to Northwest 29th Street. Another group of residents witnessed Gerber and Skelton each exit the patio doors while holding a speaker valued at \$300. Gerber fled the area, dropped the speaker in the yard and Skelton stayed with the residents until officers arrived.

2:12 a.m., Friday, Jan. 15
- Sandra L. Harris, 34, of Corvallis, and Roger Wayne Miller, 57, of Corvallis, were both arrested for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, burglary in the first degree, theft in both the second and third degree, and criminal mischief in the second degree after they allegedly broke a window at Stoneybrook Assisted Living, located on 4650 SW Hollyhock Circle. Investigation revealed that the facility was burglarized and the broken window was a diversion as entry was made through the unlocked back door to the break room. Several employees' purses were stolen. The

total amount of items stolen and damage completed is valued at approximately \$852.

9:08 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12
- Steven Edward Gima, 41, of Corvallis, was arrested for charges involving six counts of identity theft, six counts of the fraudulent use of a credit card, theft in the first degree, two counts of theft in the second degree, theft in the third degree and the unlawful possession of methamphetamine after Gima allegedly used another person's debit card at five different locations around Corvallis. Gima had the person's debit card and PIN number. Officers saw and identified Gima driving on Southwest 3rd Street. Gima admitted to using the card and the property that he purchased was recovered from his residence, located at Southeast Goodnight Avenue. Gima also had .24 grams of methamphetamine in the driver's door of his vehicle when Corvallis Police contacted him. Gima was taken to the Benton County Correctional Facility.

2:38 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12
- Zachery Ryan Cochrane, 29, of Corvallis, was charged with harassment and disorderly

conduct after he allegedly struck a staff member of the Peacock in the face near the front entrance of the tavern.

Theft:
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19
- A person called the Oregon State Police to report that sometime during Christmas break an unknown person entered a paint shop storage area, located in the Oak Creek Building, and took \$660 worth of paint cans. The person also mentioned that an unknown person had entered an office and took the phone, trash can, pens, pencils and two pictures, valued altogether at \$330. No known suspects are known at this time.

8:15 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19
- It was reported that the Java Cart stand located in Owen Hall had been broken into. Two drawers were discovered to have been forced open and a set of keys were taken. The keys open all of the locks used by the Java Cart, including the cash register, and also provide access to a janitor's closet where supplies are sometimes kept. No merchandise or money was taken from the Java Cart.

1:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 18
- An OSU student called to report that their iPhone had

been stolen from the second floor basketball courts at the Dixon Recreational Center. The student said that they placed the phone in their drawstring bag and had closed the bag. He returned later to find that his bag had been opened and the phone was missing. The phone is valued at approximately \$99.

9:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13
- A men's silver and blue 21-speed Schwinn Ranger bicycle was reported stolen after an unknown suspect took the unlocked bike from the front porch of the owner's home, located on Northwest Van Buren Avenue. The bike has an OSU sticker number 11236 on it and also has black end bars on the handle bars. The bike is valued at \$90.

5:12 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11
- A black iPhone was stolen from a person who set it on a table while they were inside of Impulse Bar and Grill, located on 1425 NW Monroe Ave. The phone is valued at \$500.

1:00 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 9
- A person reported that their purple Coach wallet had been taken out of their purse while they were at the Peacock. The wallet contained \$40 in cash, several debit and credit cards, several written checks, an

insurance card and a couple of identification cards.

Other:
12:53 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16
- Robert Louis Artega Soto, 18, of Beaverton, and Kevin Savonn Burton, 19, of Portland, were both cited for the possession of alcohol by a minor and violent conduct after the Corvallis Police Department responded for a report of a fight occurring at Northwest 14th Street and Northwest Van Buren Avenue. Officers stopped Soto and Burton, who were walking nearby on a sidewalk. They were both reportedly intoxicated and denied being involved with the fight. A witness later identified them as being involved.

1:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15
- A person called to report an attempted burglary at their residence, located on Northwest Van Buren Avenue. An unknown suspect reportedly attempted to pry open the front door of the residence. The damage to the front door was minimal and valued at \$10.

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Pelosi: House won't support Senate health care bill, at least for now

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate health care bill has too many unpopular provisions to win approval from the House at this time, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday.

Pelosi's comment to reporters appeared to dash the chances that Democrats will take the easiest route for passing a health care bill — having the House approve the Senate version unchanged.

"I don't think it's possible to pass the Senate bill in the House," Pelosi said. "I don't see the votes for it at this time."

She insisted that all options remain open, but also signaled possible agreement with Pres-

ident Barack Obama's comment Wednesday that scaling back the legislation estimated to cost almost \$1 trillion over 10 years might be the preferred option.

Congressional Democrats have been reconsidering their strategy after a Republican victory in Tuesday's special Senate election in Massachusetts, which stripped Senate Democrats of the 60-seat supermajority needed to overcome a GOP filibuster.

Scott Brown's win in one of the most progressive states in the nation raised already-high anxiety levels among Democrats looking ahead to mid-

term elections.

Administration officials and top congressional Democrats are reviewing a diminished range of options to pass a health care bill and salvage victory on Obama's top domestic priority. The White House and Democratic leaders were trying to merge separate versions of health care bills passed by the House and Senate when Brown's election changed the political landscape.

Obama called Democratic leaders including Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer on Thursday to discuss options for progress, White House spokesman Bill Burton confirmed.

Pelosi, a California Democrat, said the Senate bill has "certain things that (House) members just cannot support." She cited a provision

worked in by Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson that exempts his state from paying increased Medicaid expenses, and a 40 percent excise tax on insurance companies that provide the most expensive health insurance coverage.

According to Pelosi, two options for the House are to pass the Senate bill with changes and send the measure back to the Senate, or to focus on particular segments of the bill considered non-controversial.

"We have to get a bill passed. We know that," Pelosi said, later adding: "I don't think anybody disagrees with 'let's pass the popular part of the bill.'"

However, she noted that "some of that popular part of the bill is the engine that drives some of the rest of it." Both Pelosi and White House

Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Democrats would take time to assess their options in the wake of Brown's election in Massachusetts.

"The president believes it's the right thing to do, to let the dust settle, and give those on Capitol Hill some time to search for the best path forward," Gibbs said Thursday.

"We are not in a big rush: pause, reflect upon what our possibilities are, see what the support is in the caucus," Pelosi said. "We have to always go where we can build consensus."

On Wednesday, Obama said in interview with ABC News that he "would advise that we try to move quickly to coalesce around those elements of the package that people agree on."

"We know that we need insurance reform, that the

health insurance companies are taking advantage of people," Obama said. "We know that we have to have some form of cost containment because if we don't, then our budgets are going to blow up."

Several rank-and-file Democrats said the less controversial provisions also include barring discrimination by insurers based on pre-existing conditions and closing the Medicare "doughnut hole" to bring down prescription drug costs.

"There are great concerns about the health insurance system and the kind of power that the insurance people have over people to deny care, to raise rates and so on," White House strategist David Axelrod told CNN Wednesday. Obama is "not going to walk away from that," Axelrod said.

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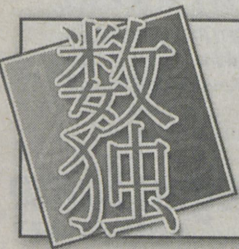
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Blazers victorious over 76ers in Philadelphia

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's not often that an NBA team can lose their leading scorer in the first half, on the road, against a team that's recently given them fits, and still come away with a win. But that's the Portland Trail Blazers for you.

Portland (26-17) escaped from the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia Wednesday night as 98-90 winners, halting the 76ers' (13-28) head-to-head winning streak at three.

As for the lost leading scorer? All-Star Brandon Roy gingerly limped off the court after re-aggravating his hamstring late in the first half. If Philadelphia relaxed, they shouldn't have; it takes more than that to phase the Blazers these days.

With Roy reduced to a cheerleader role for much of a third straight game, a trio of Blazers stepped up to make sure a four-game road trip didn't start off with back-to-back losses to sub .500 Eastern Conference opponents.

Playing with an extra hint of motivation, longtime Philly point guard Andre Miller, a first-year Blazer, put on a game-high 24-point performance that had the 12,607 in attendance wishing No. 24 was back in a 76ers uniform. It was Miller's ninth straight double-digit scoring effort.

Power forward LaMarcus Aldridge had an efficient night from the floor as well, connecting on eight of 13 shots. He added seven free throws to finish with 23 points.

Jerryd Bayless rebounded from a three for 15 two-game stint to score 18 points in 21 minutes off the bench. The second-year guard out of Arizona also added two rebounds, two assists and had a team-high three steals. Of his entire stat line, what's most promising to Blazer fans came in the game's final minute, when Bayless — who's had his share of problems from the free line in clutch situations this year — went a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe.

The Blazers led 90-83 with 2:59 to play, but flirted with surrendering the lead

late. An Andre Iguodala dunk with 1:38 left cut the margin to four, but Portland responded by making eight straight free throws — four by Bayless, two by Miller and two by Aldridge — to get the win.

Before Roy's hamstring forced a premature exit, he scored 10 points on 4-6 shooting. Shooting guard Rudy Fernandez, still working his way back into the rotation after a recent back injury, scored seven points in 24 minutes.

For the 76ers, Iguodala scored 23. Center Samuel Dalembert added 10 points and 15 boards. Dalembert, the NBA's only Haitian-born player, spent Monday, Tuesday and part of Wednesday in his native country helping with relief efforts. He arrived to the arena in Philadelphia just six minutes before game time.

Portland rounds out their road trip against Boston tonight and Detroit tomorrow night. Both games are at 7:30 p.m. Roy is expected to miss both games.

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decide where she wanted to attend college, Wagner made a huge impression.

"I chose OSU because it's a Pac-10 school, and I wanted to play at a higher level and I also wanted to play for a coach like Coach Wagner," Palmer said. "She's someone who seems to really care about her players and she pushes you hard, and I know that she'll make me better."

Since competing for Oregon State, Palmer has become a starter as a freshman and has continued to improve through every contest. Thus far in the season, Palmer is averaging 10.6 points, 1.3 assists and 3.6 rebounds per game. As a freshman, Palmer has really become an impact player and, with her steady improvement, she could become a key player over the next four years for the Beavers.

"She really wants to be good at this BCS power conference level and she steps up the plate for us," Wagner said. "She's one of the best freshmen in the Pac-10."

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second injuries to Mak and Vivian altered that plan.

"We've been trying to bring her on slowly, but she was able to go in there and really step up to the plate," Chaplin said.

With Mak and Vivian still nursing injuries, the plan is for Kesler to be in the lineup again when tonight's 7 p.m. meet at Gill Coliseum kicks off. This time, Oregon State hopes to lose nobody in warm-ups.

"Losing Leslie and (Olivia) — they definitely were big contenders," Chong said. "Just being able to get that 196 shows that our team is prepared for anything. Really, that meet could have gone the complete opposite direction; we could have bombed it. But we didn't."

Mak is tied for second nationally on the uneven bars and Vivian is tied for 25th. It was depth that helped the Beavers overcome those losses.

"We definitely have depth; we're confident in whoever we put out there," Chong said.

"We talk about this every year; lineups can change instantly," Chaplin said. "Everyone has to be ready to go."

Just like goals can change instantly.

"Being able to be back in Gill with all the energy, I really think we can pull (197) off," Chong said.

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er in our locker room, so it's a fun process.

We normally have some pretty good beats playing during this process and we're always dancing around and feeling the moment — I guess this is why it takes us hours to get ready.

Once we are all "glammed" up we have a team meeting, another highlight of this day's events. This meeting always gets me extra concentrated and excited. We also get fortune cookies from teammate Laura-Ann Chong, so there's the food element that makes me happy.

We then start warming up at 5 p.m. for two hours before the show starts.

I love that I can say that the show. But I only say it because we are ready. We are fully rehearsed and ready to do nothing else but just show what we can do.

Yes, our team has a couple of injuries at the moment, but it's game day; game day means game face.

Every other issue in the world doesn't matter any longer. You could have a million school assignments due, you could have just won the lottery or your house would have just gotten blown up. No matter what else is going on in your life, once our team comes together in that pre-meet huddle, it disappears and it's time for OSU gymnastics to focus in and shine.

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a two-week training phase with high intensity workouts and daily doubles. Zalesky knows what it takes to lead a team to victory. Before beginning his career here with the Beavers, Zalesky coached Iowa to three NCAA team championships.

"The training phase was rough," Brascetta said. "It makes me feel well prepared. I'm excited to hopefully end my career at Gill on a positive note with a win and finish it out the way it should be."

Judging from the Beavers'

performance so far this season, they have put in the hard work and dedication in order to achieve another win.

"Last week we were doing a morning workout at 6:30 a.m., and then coming back at 3:30 p.m.," Davis said. "Each workout is a couple hours long."

The Beavers can look forward to two more training phases before the season is over, getting them prepared for more duals and the NCAA championships.

The team is looking to keep their 13-dual match-winning streak alive by trying to secure another victory this weekend. If

they succeed, it will be the longest streak since 1986.

Other members of the wrestling team have also demonstrated hard work and dedication to the team.

Sophomore Jason Lara has continued to work hard to keep his 15-0 streak alive.

"The main thing is to just focus on doing the right things once you get out of practice," Lara said. "Eating right and getting enough rest is what it takes to come back a couple hours later and go hard again."

Junior Colby Covington also has shown strength by his 13 pins so far this season, which

is the most since heavyweight Andy Bowlby in the 2002 and 2003 seasons.

The Beavers will go up against Nebraska with the same lineup they have proved to be successful with against previous opponents. The Huskers are currently in a three-dual meet losing streak and will come to Gill with much determination.

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Freshman Palmer is a natural leader

Her talent to be a leader early on shows as guard Haiden Palmer shines on the court

By **Tori Hill**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As a player and a person, Oregon State freshman basketball player Haiden Palmer embodies the phrase "lead by example." The 19-year-old from Moreno Valley, Calif., grew up partaking in a variety of sports, but found a natural ability and love for the game of basketball.

"When I was younger I played a lot of different sports," Palmer said. "In high school I ran track and played basketball; I started to run track just to stay in shape for basketball but then I got pretty good at it."

A graduate of Vista Del Lago high school, Palmer is from Southern California, where she grew up with her parents, Deborah and Chris Palmer, and brother Bruce Palmer. The majority of her extended family is from Missouri. Throughout her adolescence, Haiden took part in soccer and track but was never comfortable with anything the way she was with basketball.

"My dad played basketball in college, and my brother and I would just play outside a lot, even when I was younger," Palmer said. "I really enjoyed the game; I'm a really active person. I just like sports in general. But basketball seemed to be what I liked the most."

When Palmer was a senior in high school, Oregon State head coach LaVonda Wagner was on a recruiting trip on the East Coast watching an AAU team that touted two All-American junior girls who were getting plenty of scouting hype. Wagner watched the team amidst a tournament but couldn't help but notice that it wasn't the All-Americans that were leading the team; it was Palmer who would rally the squad when it counted most.

"I was back East at a tournament, and I saw her team play," Wagner said. "Her team had some of the top juniors in the country. I kept watching her being consistent and watching her be successful quietly. When those two didn't get it done, she stepped up and got it done, and [I thought] that she was really the leader on that team. I thought, this is a young lady that I think could potentially be very good because she's steady and very confident at a high level."

As a senior, Palmer was named athlete of the year after leading her team to a 25-3 record season. Not only did Palmer excel on the court as a high school athlete, but she also performed in the classroom as well. Palmer was a National Honor Society member as well as a member of the honor roll.

"My dad's a big basketball person, and my mom's more of an academic person," Palmer said. "So they kind of balance each other out."

When it came time for Palmer to

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Freshman guard Haiden Palmer has emerged as a leader of the women's basketball team early on in her career under head coach LaVonda Wagner

Olivia Vivian



If You Have Nothing Better to Read

Game day means game face

It's Friday, and the gymnastics team is in Corvallis. This means two things: one, there's a home gymnastics meet tonight, and two, I get free lunch today.

OK, so the fact that we have a pre-game meal and I get free food isn't exactly the most important of these two, but it is a factor in today's schedule that makes me happy. It's a consistent event that happens every "game day" that helps our team get in the competition mood.

The schedule of a game day for a gymnast looks a little something like this: Wake up (feeling super juiced), go to classes (only focusing on what will happen at 7 p.m., of course), have a team pre-game meal (one of the favorite parts of our day), then we go and start preparing for competition.

Now for those that know, yes, gymnastics is a sport that requires a certain "look." The gymnast image consists of ponytails and buns, gel and hair spray, glitter and of course makeup. For some it takes hours to do this. For me ... it also takes hours. But we all get ready together.

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Try as they might, women couldn't keep up with No. 2 Stanford

In a struggle to come out with a win, OSU women's basketball team competed but lost 63-47 to the Cardinal

By **Tori Hill**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In a match-up that had many people doubting the Beavers, Oregon State showed up and competed against the No. 2 Stanford Cardinal last night at Gill Coliseum.

At tipoff, the Cardinal came out aggressively and seemed to stun Oregon State, going on a 6-point run within the first minute and a half of play. But before things could get out of hand,

junior forward Talisa Rhea put the Beavers on the board with two of her 26 total points of the night, which boosted her into the 1,000 point club with the scoring the 1,000th point of her Oregon State career.

Not to be outdone, Stanford continued their point spread, scoring six more unanswered points. But with 15 minutes left, Oregon State went on a run of their own. Senior center Anita Burdick started the Beavers' run by making a quick 2-point basket, the first of their 12 unanswered points.

After a 3-pointer by Stanford with seven minutes left to play in the half, the score was 16-14 with the Cardinal leading by two. The lead switched hands 12 different times in the first half

and Stanford held the reins going into halftime 29-27.

"I thought my team played very well tonight," head coach LaVonda Wagner said. "We did a better job in the second half of taking care of the ball. I thought we did a really good job on their personnel."

After halftime, the Cardinal came out of the locker room with the sole purpose to get after the win. With a suffocating defense that continued to crash the boards and rebounding 33 percent in the second half, the Cardinal got up to a 50-39 lead on the Beavers. Oregon State, led by Rhea, continued to battle back — making a cut at Stanford's lead by as much as three points

— but was never able to gain the lead in the second half.

"Anytime you lose, it's very tough," Wagner said. "But I think that game was a lot closer than obviously the score indicates."

In the end, a lack of free throw completion for the Beavers and a mere 16.7 percent on the boards in the second half proved to be costly. The Cardinal ran away with the game at the end, making the score 63-47 at the buzzer. Oregon State is back in action on Saturday at Gill Coliseum, when they will host the California Golden Bears at 7 p.m.

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A competitive gymnastics team will host Washington

After successfully beating Ohio last week, OSU looks to set the bar even higher this week

By **Grady Garrett**
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It wasn't what the Oregon State gymnastics team accomplished last weekend, but how they accomplished it that's raised the bar in Corvallis.

The goal last week was to score a 196.0 in a meet at Ohio State, but that was set before sophomore Leslie Mak (bars, beam, floor) sprained her elbow and was forced to sit the meet out. It was also set before sophomore Olivia Vivian injured her finger during timed warm-ups, forcing her out of the bars competition.

So, all head coach Tanya Chaplin did was make a few lineup changes and hope for the best: like, say, a 196.125, which is exactly what No. 5 Oregon State (4-0) pulled off.

Now all that's done is raise the expectations of the 13th-year OSU head coach and her team as they enter tonight's Pac-10 opener against No. 20 Washington.

"We really think that, especially being at home this week, we can hit 197," senior Mandi Rodriguez said. "We just need to have clean routines and polish some of the mistakes we had last week, but I really think it's

doable."

Rodriguez, a four-time All-American and the 2009 Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year, has had a solid start to her final collegiate season. She won the all-around at the meet in Columbus and finished runner-up to freshman teammate Makayla Stambaugh in Oregon State's first meet of the year. Rodriguez's all-around average of 39.062 is 17th best in the country.

Stambaugh, the highly touted freshman that's lived up to her pre-college accolades, ranks tenth in the nation in all-around with an average of 39.150. After a Rodriguez fall assisted Stambaugh's all-around first place finish in the Salbasgeon Suites Invitational two weeks ago, the roles reversed in Columbus. It was Stambaugh who fell and Rodriguez who captured the all-around honors.

Either way, it's been Oregon State finishing 1-2. It's a trend that Rodriguez and Stambaugh hope to continue against the Huskies, but it hasn't created any sort of rivalry between the two.

While Rodriguez and Stambaugh battle it out for all-around honors, senior Laura-Ann Chong is quietly building her stock as one of the nation's top competitors on the bars and beam. Chong has placed first in both events at both meets and ranks tied for second nationally (9.925) on



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Freshman all-arounder Leilani Aferos performs her floor routine during a home meet at Gill Coliseum.

the bars and is tied for sixth nationally (9.875) on the beam.

"The successes with the wins and the high scores has been surprising—that it's come so early but I did put the work in before the year started," Chong said.

The high scores don't stop with Chong.

In the Ohio State meet, junior Becky Colvin posted a team-high 9.925 in

the vault, junior Jen Kesler (9.825) finished second in the uneven bars, and freshman Kelsi Blalock (9.850) finished third in the vault.

Kesler, a two-time All-American on the bars, is a particularly interesting story. Still recovering from off-season surgery, she wasn't expected to compete this early in the year. But the last-

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Wrestling to host final home meet

OSU wrestling team looks to maintain winning streak going into last home meet

By **Stephany Tornincasa**
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The No. 20 Oregon State men's wrestling team will host their last home meet of the year against the Nebraska Huskers this Sunday.

Seniors Keegan Davis, Daniel Brascetta and Ryan Harold will be honored during Senior Day at Gill Coliseum. Davis and Brascetta will take the mat for the very last time in front of the Beaver home crowd.

Under the leadership of head coach Jim Zalesky, the Beavers are well-conditioned and ready for action.

"This is a big match for both seniors Davis and Brascetta," Zalesky said. "Keegan has been in the lineup for the last four years and Dan has stepped up and shown a lot of hard work."

It's important for the Beavers to keep wrestling aggressively with the determination to succeed; the Beavers all have the stamina to go three rounds if they need to do so.

The wrestling team just underwent

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