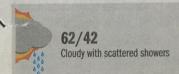
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THE UNIVERSITY THEATRE | "UNRAVELING THE RIBBON"

'Unraveling' emotions behind breast cancer



CURTIS BARNARD | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Leonora Rianda (foreground), Charlotte Headrick, and Trischa Goodnow performed the first American stage reading of Unravelling the Ribbon. The play ran Friday, Saturday and Sunday, focussing on the impacts of breast cancer.

OSU hosts "Unraveling the Ribbon" for its first time in the US, exposing how women's lives are affected by breast cancer

By Quanaje Hampton

"Definitely the waiting, yes the waiting. Multitasking. Waiting for appointments, waiting for tests. Trusting my instincts. Getting dressed up, waiting for my diagnosis, waiting for treatment. Feeling beautiful, not as clothes, but my thoughts, my imagination. Feminine, hard to say exactly but I'd know if it was gone."

This is one of the scenes that went on in "Unraveling the Ribbon", a play that was first produced in Dublin by Guna Nua Theatre a

This is the first time the play has been done in the United States, and OSU has it first.

Students, staff members and people from attention to her daughter Lyndsey and her son

the community were the first to see it. The play took place last Friday through Sunday at the lab theater in Withycombe Hall.

The play had three powerful characters, including Lola, played by actress Charlotte

Lola is a survivor of breast cancer who is having trouble letting go of her husband who died from a heart attack. She still talks to him and about him as if he is still there. When it was announced she had cancer, her husband tried to support her, but she rejected him. For that she believed he has been haunting her. She stays at home and keeps to herself.

Another is Rose, played by actress Trischa Goodnow.

Rose is being diagnosed with cancer and is having a hard time dealing with it. She and her husband Mike are becoming more distant towards each other and she is paying less

Lyndsey is played by actress Leonora Rianda, who portrays an 11-year-old girl who is struggling with puberty and the fact that her mom has cancer. She thinks her life is over because her best friend Sophie is starting to spend time with somebody else, and her mom is beginning to lose her hair and now she only has one

The actresses have their own personal connection to the play. It happens to be Breast Cancer Awareness month, and each actress and character supports that.

Headrick is dedicating the play to four of her friends and her cousin who all are breast cancer survivors.

Rianda's mother has had breast cancer twice and she has survived it each time.

According to Headrick, she wants the play to

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LGBT Conference supports athletes who 'come out'

The panel held on Thursday discussed issues facing gay college and pro athletes

By Shanna Woodruff
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As one of the final events for Oregon State's "National Coming Out Week," a coalition of campus and community organizations hosted a panel discussion on lesbian, gay and bisexual pro and college athletes in the MU Ballroom Thursday night.

Panel members included ESPN senior columnist and writer L.Z. Granderson, who moderated the panel, former OSU football player and NFL defensive tackle Esera Tuaolo, Corvallis High School coach Julie Williams and head coach of the OSU softball program Kirk Walker.

Gay issues such as Chicago's consideration of making a LGBT student school and the concept that gays "choose" to be gay were just a few of the topics discussed.

Steve Leider is the coordinator for the LGBT Outreach and Services and conducted the meeting.

"This is only a beginning," Leider

Leider explained that the panel was a start for OSU students and specifically athletes to feel more educated and understanding about gays in general, as well as feel comfortable to express themselves.

The safety rate for homosexuals has improved over the last 10

"Student safety is 100 percent better," Williams said. For Williams, finding out about a young man that was beaten up and killed for "coming out" was a factor in expressing her homosexual orientation.

"I want my kids growing up understanding the diversity," Tuaolo said, who is the father of twins. Even by being openly gay, Tuaolo and his partner said that they can easily both participate in the school activities for their children.

'The agenda here is to educate

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James Crawford, language policy expert, visits OSU

English-plus activist spoke on Measure 58, importance of language education

By Andrew Dugan

The voice of English-plus education was heard loud and clear on Oregon State's campus on Saturday as James Crawford, language policy expert, spoke out against measure 58 in hopes that many others would share his perspective on an increasingly controversial topic.

Author of numerous books as well as president of the Institute for Language and Education policy, a nonprofit organization promoting English language learners,

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Rep. DeFazio promotes Obama, Democrats in Corvallis

Eleventh term rep. visited **Benton County Democratic** headquarters this Sunday

By Anneke Tucker

Oregon will soon again be making headlines as the presidential, representative and senatorial elections quickly approach. This Sunday, State Representative Peter DeFazio made an appearance at the Benton County Democratic headquarters to field questions and reassure the supporters present.

"My purpose here today was for Obama and other Democrats," DeFazio said. "We want to win this election and move us towards our goal of a successful presidency and a functioning Senate."

Many Democratic leaders throughout the state have been pushing to campaign harder as the Nov. 4 deadline fast approaches. DeFazio feels confident about

the elections, as well as his own reelection prospects.

"I'm hopeful for an Obama victory," DeFazio said. "And also for a larger voting majority in the House and Senate. But the key in the next few weeks will be winning the electoral votes.'

DeFazio was referring to the 2000 election, where Democratic nominee Al Gore won the popular vote throughout the country, but had lost the electoral college count, which lost him the election.

Much of his work this last weekend was to get in touch with the voters through grassroots speaking opportunities, and to get a chance to talk with individual people.

He also believes that a Democratic presidential win will make a difference for the students throughout the country as

"Obama will vote for students See **DEFAZIO** page 3

DEMOCRATS

ALEX NGUYEN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) speaks at the Benton Country Democratic HO in Corvallis on Saturday. DeFazio and others prepare to canvass the community in support of Democrat senator hopeful Jeff Merkley's campaign.

Novelist Jason Brown visits OSU for Visiting Writers Series

Maine native travels to read from his latest short story collection

By Gail Cole

Humor, thought and style were present Friday night in the rotunda of the Valley Library as author Jason Brown read excerpts from his short story collection, "How the Devil Chose New England for His Work" and spoke about the craft of writing as part of the Visiting Writers series at

This year's series is sponsored by the English Department, the Valley Library and the Provost's office, and will bring several writers from a variety of genres to OSU throughout the year.

"I love Corvallis; I love Oregon," Brown announced as he took the podium as the first speaker of this year's

The stories in "Devil" are critically reviewed as being visually rich and full of darkness and complicated characters set in rural Maine.

Ravaged by despair, numbed by grief and lurching toward unattainable love, the people of these gothic stories somehow never totally self-destruct," said an editorial from Publishers Review. "Brown's deep sympathy for his flawed characters endows these polished shorts with brilliant appeal.'

Brown read "She," a story about teenage relationships set in the fictional small town of Vaughn, Maine. He labeled the story as a comedy, adding that "some people question Livesey.

my sense of humor."

Though the main characters of "She" are young people, an age many adults may be unable to relate to, Brown told the audience "you don't have to limit [yourself] to what you know" when writing.

After the reading, an audience member commended Brown on stretching his boundaries by stating "you nailed what it is to be a teenaged girl."

As he grew up in small-town Maine, Brown uses the setting of Vaughn to describe situations that are unique to small

"Someone can do something on one side of town and you'll know about it on the other side in 10 minutes," he said, relating this to the gossipy dialogue that is found in

Regionalism is very important to Brown, and characterizes his work as describing the "swamp Yankee life" of small town New England. He explained that the "peripheral presence of the town" of Vaughn was felt throughout

He described that many regional authors have a different rhythm in their writing; for example, New England writing tends to be clipped while Southern writing tends to have a smoother, understated style.

The next event in the series will be readings from the poets V. Penelope Pelizzon and Averill Curdy on Friday, Nov. 21.

Upcoming writers include poet Jeffery Thomason, screenwriter and filmmaker Bill Guttentag, poet Carol Muske-Dukes and novelist Margot



JOHN CASTLE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fiction writer Jason Brown held a reading and signing in the Valley Library Friday as part of the Visiting Writers series.

"Mostly we bring fiction department, so it'll be great writers and poets, and then very often we'll bring an agent or an editor," Scribner said.

An exception to this theme is Guttentag, an author and Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker who will show clips of his work as a part of his talk when he visits-OSU in February.

"This is the first time... that we've brought a film person," Scribner said, adding that many professional writers contemplate writing film scripts sometime in their careers. "There's a screenwriting class [winter] term in the English own fame since the release of

for them.'

The series' writers are found by the English department in a variety of ways.

"Some of them have just been writers I really admire," Scribner said. "Sometimes we ask friends or friends of friends. Sometimes we get in touch with people through our agents and our editors.'

Examples of famous writers who have been a part of the series include short story writer Tobias Wolff and novelist Francine Prose.

Brown has been gaining his

"Devil" and his first collection, 'Driving the Heart and Other Stories".

During his introduction, Scribner made note that Brown has been compared to authors Nathanial Hawthorne, Joyce Carol Oates and Sherwood Anderson.

Brown is on faculty at the University of Arizona, where he teaches in the Masters of Fine Arts program.

For more information on Brown and the Visiting Writers series, visit the English department's website.

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Monday, Oct. 20

Meetings

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 7pm, Westminster House Come join us for great conversation 8 snacks, while we search for our own

OSU Juggling Club, 5-7pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Learn to juggle or practice juggling. Learn new tricks

Career Services, 2-3pm, Career Ser vices, 008 Kerr Admin. Resume Writing Workshop Career Services, Noon-1pm, Career

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Tuesday, Oct. 21

Meetings

OSU College Democrats, 6pm, MU Board Room. Come meet like minded students and find out how you can make a difference in the upcoming

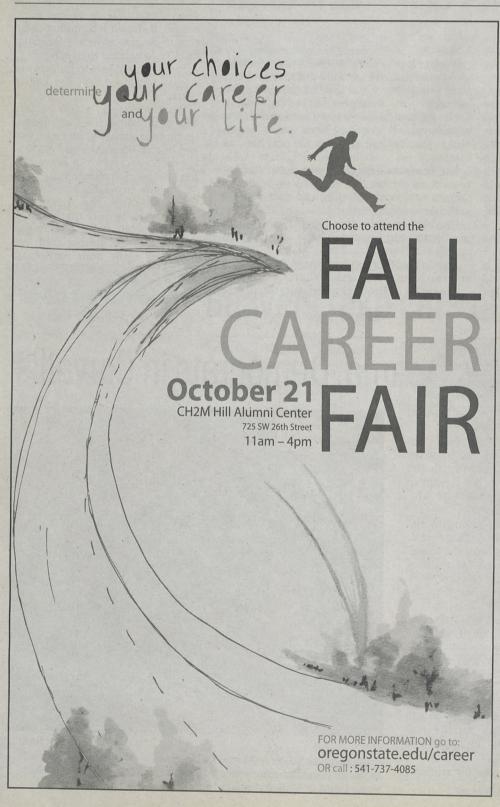
ASOSU Health & Wellness Task Force, 4pm, SLI Lounge. Plan fall ter

ASOSU Campus Affairs, 7pm, Snell 149. Open meeting for everyone regarding student & campus affairs. Come help on campaigns to improve student life!

Career Services, 11am-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Fall Career Fair University-Wide

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Lunch: Come and go as you are able. Home made food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option,

United Campus Ministry @ Westminster House, 5:30pm, First Christian Church, 602 SW Madison. Stone Soup: Join with Westminster House to prepare and serve a meal for the hungry in Corvallis. To volunteer call: 753-2242.





CRAWFORD

Crawford made his first ever visit to OSU at LaSells Stewart Center to speak as part of a three day meeting by the Linguistic Association of the Southwest.

His main motives in speaking were to spread awareness of this potentially hazardous state statute known as Oregon Ballot Measure 58.

The goal of this particular measure is to bring new requirements into Oregon public schools such as "English immersion.

If this measure is seen through, it will limit the use of foreign language instruction to one year for kindergarten through 4th grade, one and a half years for 5th grade through 8th grade, and two years for high school students.

English as a Second Language (ESL) programs would also be limited to no longer than a mandated duration.

Bill Sizemore is the chief petitioner for the measure, asserting that children will come to know the English language with more alacrity if they are required to do so.

Crawford, however, disagrees, and stated that Measure 58 would literally reverse a generation of progress in English language learners.

While Oregon has been one of the most generous states in meeting the needs of students learning English, it may be clutching to an alternate direction in an attempt to save money and make the transition for non-English speak-

ing students into an English speaking society an easier one.

While several other states including California, Arizona, and Massachusetts have passed similar measures, results have shown little progress.

In none of these states has the promise been met to accomplish goals in one year," Crawford said. "Let's not follow in California's mistakes."

Issues such as these have been arising more and more lately, possibly due to an increasingly large English language-learning population, which has doubled since 2002. The foreign-born population in the US was 12.5 percent in 2006, which is increasingly large compared to 1970's 4.7 percent.

"Although many see this as a need to move in a new direction, the percentage was also around 12 percent in the 1860s, so the idea that America has not yet seen this situation is a myth.

With immigration being near the top of our nation's agenda, surprisingly, the English language-learning topic has very few major political figures moving with it in either direction.

"Both Senator McCain and Senator Obama support our movement," Crawford said. "In fact, Senator McCain was one of the most helpful members of Congress towards our movement; however with the past months of elections, other important subjects have been brought to their attention.'

Andrew Dugan, staff writer

PLAY

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heighten awareness about the issues of breast cancer and not just breast cancer itself but how it affects all these

"It's hard to be a woman and not know somebody whose been affected by breast cancer," Headrick said. "Breast cancer doesn't just affect women, men can get breast cancer.'

For every thousand women, one man will have breast cancer. There is no screening for men, so usually they get diagnosed at a later stage.

"I'm scared of it and I think the majority of women don't know how to check for it, because I don't. I don't know how to tell the difference between a normal lump or a cancerous one," said Sierra Lever, a freshman in pre-business.

"As a woman going through this you seem to lose all of the qualities that make you feel beautiful. First you lose your breast, then your hair, and to me that's what makes a woman feel like a woman and you can't just take that away. And I believe that's what the play was addressing and it really touched me," Lever said.

As the play goes on, Lyndsey runs away and soon meets Lola, who lets her use her phone to call her mom.

Once Rose gets there, she and Lola become very close. Lola starts to live life again with a great amount of energy. Rose gets rid of the cancer and is trying to prevent it from coming back, and she and her husband relight the flame they once had in their marriage.

Lyndsey and Sophie become close again, and Lyndsey feels like her life is coming back to her.

"It was a very interesting play. I've never seen one that was structured the way it was," said Ugonna Uba, a freshman in biology.

'The actresses were very enthusiastic and made the play seem so real, as if you were a part of it too. What I really liked was the way the whole story was told from three different perspectives. Their stories intertwined throughout the play and it kept me on the edge of my seat waiting for what was going to

This play is about three women who come together to help each other cope with the changes in their lives.

"Breast cancer is not about the women who have it, it's about everybody in the family," Headrick said.

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LGBT

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 you," Tuaolo said.

This "education" was kept openminded and honest as the topics were discussed and the audience was able to hear gay athletes explain their opinions and ask their own questions to the panel.

In reference to whether or not people can "choose" to be gay, the panel explained that it is mostly just difficult to accept the difference in sexual orientation.

"It is the choice to let [being gay] be okay, the choice to live life honestly," Walker said.

Williams felt that most of the stigma around expressing homosexual orientation is placed there because sexual orientation and discussions around it are left out of

conversation in schools.

of schools," Williams said.

When asked for their opinions about Chicago taking a vote for a LGBT school, all agreed that they felt it would not be a helpful situation.

"Separate but equal does not work for everybody; equal experience is top priority," Williams said. "Shouldn't we make an integrated school be a place where everyone can be who they are?"

Granderson explained that at the Gay World Softball Association, a winning team was eliminated due to too many heterosexuals, as if the gay players were complaining that straight players were somehow

"Aren't we trying to get rid of labels?" Tuaolo said.

Tuaolo added that the Gay one-on-one questions. "It's hard because we keep it out Olympics are for everyone, that all are welcome to participate and no one should be denied access based on sexual orientation, be it hetero or homosexual.

As to reactions of teammates by athletes coming out, Walker added that people are as varied on the topic as on anything else.

'If they're a good teammate that's what matters," Walker said. The panel agreed that someone's sexual orientation should not change previous opinions of a person.

Many conveyed that everyone should be able to express themselves and be who they are openly.

'Why can't we come together like we did during Katrina?" Tuaolo

After the meeting ended the panel members were available for

With over 100 in attendance, the majority were student athletes wanting to meet some of the panel members.

I had seen a movie on Esera Tuaolo, and came to see him," said sophomore Iamafana Tuimalealiifano.

In attempting to invite and educate athletes and others on gay issues, panel members felt as though they had accomplished their goal for the night.

"It was an opportunity to just begin the conversation, and now [gays] have a place to start," Lieder said. "There will be a new generation of student-athletes on campus."

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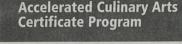
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and seniors first. He supports increasing student financial aid, as well as health care for the older generation. Obama wants to create jobs and support education for the American people. He is investing in the infastruc-

ture of our country."

Later this Representative DeFazio is scheduled to speak in Salem representing Senator Obama's plan for health care. This is his eleventh term as a U.S. Representative.

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if the fascination comes more from

a building's history than from the

visual excitement of the building

browsing the Sackett Hall website,

I found a link to the OSU Archives.

I also found out there's apparently

a ghost "living" down the hall from

are a genuine treasure trove of dusty

old photos and thrilling inventory

lists. For anyone interested the his-

The Oregon State online archives

me, but that's another story.

Then, a week or so ago, as I was

Like a variety pack of congratula-

of the school's varied buildings.

Dennis

Guest Editorial

Discouraging Greek involvement

s the first months of school wind down, eager freshmen hurry to join campus organizations, including Greek organizations. Princeton does not recognize sororities or fraternities and officially discourages students from joining because it believes that Greek organizations create a system of social exclusivity and stratification that clashes with an open and diverse campus culture. Each summer, the university sends a letter to incoming freshmen discouraging them from joining Greek organizations.

Students must be able to seriously weigh the consequences of joining a Greek organization. Current university policy, however, discourages some students from doing so, which serves to exacerbate the very stratification that the university is trying to prevent.

The administration's goal here is a worthy one; the problem of classbased segregation was recently highlighted by the student government's Committee on Background and Opportunity (COMBO) survey. The COMBO survey found that students from wealthier backgrounds are more likely to be more knowledgeable about social life at Princeton and more comfortable with Greek organizations than other students, in part because they are more likely to have attended schools that traditionally send a large number of students to Princeton.

This knowledge gap, which is largely along socioeconomic and racial lines, serves to partition the campus even letter is more likely to be taken seriously by those students and families who have little knowledge of campus life -students coming from high schools that rarely send students to Princeton and students from lower social - economic backgrounds.

The university's policy thus aggra-vates the existing stratification by dissuading incoming students with little understanding of the Princeton social scene from making informed choices regarding whether joining fraternities and sororities would contribute to their college experience. Thus, the university's letter may be a contributing factor to the stratification seen in Greek life, which may in turn influence the decisions students ultimately make regarding eating clubs. An investigation conducted by The Daily Princetonian last year confirmed that sorority members hail disproportionately from private schools and tend to join certain

If the administration's goal is to create a more open and diverse campus atmosphere, then the administration must foster diversity - socioeconomic, racial and geographic — across all parts of campus life. The university should recognize that its letter has an impact on a limited audience and only worsens the problem it means to solve. In light of this, the university should further investigate the effect of its current policies on student behavior and modify the way it presents Greek organizations to incoming students.

> **Editorial Board** The Daily Princetonian (Princeton)

Who is really on Joe's side?

¬irst it was "Joe Six-Pack," and ¬irst it was "Joe The Plumber" has become the poster-child for the McCain campaign. It amazes me that the Republican Party is actually trying to convince us they represent the "average Joe" in any way, shape or form. I'm curious; just who is the "average Joe" in America today? I found some current statistics to help me answer this question. The average family income in America is \$48,201, and the average family consists of 3 people. The average debt per US family is \$84,454, and the average family spends \$14,628 on college for one child. The average family also spends \$2,664 on health care premiums and out of pocket expenses.

If this describes the "average American", I would argue that McCain's policies would not help Joe or his family. McCain's tax policies will continue to help the rich, with the assumption that their wealth will trickle down to Joe and his family (Don't hold your breath Joe!). McCain's health care policy taxes Joe's health care benefits, then gives him a deduction that only materializes on April 15th of each year. What if Joe needs the money in September? McCain has no plan to stop the outsourcing of jobs and will continue to give companies who ship our jobs overseas tax breaks, so Joe's job security is still in jeopardy. McCain still doesn't believe in basic government regulation and oversight, so Joe is on his own when he or his employer invests his 401(k) in the stock market. John McCain has also voted against



raising the minimum wage, which certainly doesn't help Joe or his family. I read somewhere that if Joe Six-Pack had returned all his beer bottles for the deposit during the past year, he would have made more money than the investors on

Street. Keep chugging McCain's campaign argues that Obama's policies will

hurt small businesses owned by the average Joes of America. However, the vast majority of small business owners (over 90 percent) make less than \$250,000 year. This means they would not be taxed under Obama's plan. Interestingly, Obama's tax plan will give more to small business owners because his plan gives more to the middle-class and not the richest one percent, where most of McCain's tax cuts go. Furthermore, Obama's

health care requirements are only for large corporations that can afford to give their employees health benefits. Small businesses are exempt from this requirement, but will be given a tax credit if they decide to provide health care for their employees. Obama is not bad for small business, he's simply trying to do all he can to help those working for a small business by ensuring they have health care and more substantial tax cuts.

During the final debate Barack Obama mentioned three times the importance of making college more

affordable, while John McCain was silent on the average cost of a public university nationwide \$16,400 per year. oe's can't

pay for college on an average income of \$48,201, and the cost of going to college is rising much faster than inflation or family income. Students and their parents are accumulating more and more debt to pay for college, and with the current financial mess we're in, this must change. Obama's plan doesn't totally solve this problem, but he at least addresses it by proposing to give \$4,000 to each student, every

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tory of their surroundings, this is a real treat. Many of the photographs have brief descriptions that provide oftentimes surprising information. You've probably walked up 26th street many times, and you may

have noticed Gilmore Hall sitting inconspicuously next to the intersection by Campus Way. What you probably didn't notice — but can discover in the archives - is that Gilmore Hall was built in 1912 and heavily damaged by a fire in 1938.

What about Gilkey Hall?" you're probably asking. I don't know why you'd ask that, but if you're so interested I can tell you that Gilkey was originally the Dairy Building. And if you also happen to be interested in the Education Building, I can reveal unto you that said building was the Science Hall. It used to have some color to it, too, though now it just looks like an old gray castle.

And it may be the way the photos were taken or some bizarre impression of nostalgia, but the archival photos make the old campus look really cool. Fairbanks, for instance, used to have a tower-like thing called a cupola on top of the

From that tower you might have been able to see the large bandstand we used to have near Benton Hall, where the OAC — that's Oregon Agricultural College — Cadet Band

would play concerts. These and other fascinating images revealing a classy past beg the question "What happened?" Why did all these cool elements of campus go away? I've been unable to find comprehensive histories regarding the buildings and structures of the campus, which leaves a

number of unanswered questions. What were the purposes of the studio rooms in Fairbanks when it was a dormitory?

How does the current layout of Sackett Hall differ from when it was

Why did they get rid of the trees lining the center walkway in front of Weatherford?

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Cell phones impede on emotional displays

If it's actually important

I'm sure whoever is calling

can figure out how to

leave me a message.

eople are often surprised when I tell them I don't like talking on the phone. I'm usually a fairly social guy and I enjoy talking to people, but there's just something unnatural about just hearing someone's words and not being able to read their face or body language.

This didn't used to be a big deal, but phone the natural balance of social communication is

thrown completely out of whack. Back in my day (yes, I'm officially old enough to say that now), cell phones were a luxury. I remember I didn't get my first phone till my sophomore year of

have one. Today, tweens in middle school have cell phones. Not teens mind you, tweens! There should never be an overlap where Miley Cyrus is your personal hero and you have the capabilities of easily calling your friends about it. Calling and texting has become part of youth culture and this honestly terrifies me. I don't know if you remember what you were like in middle school, but

despite what I may have thought then, no good would to say. What I can't stand are those people who think have come from allowing awkward pre-teen Daniel to

call anyone at any time.

Getting a call in general bothers me because usually I'm doing something before the phone starts ringing. Believe it or not, I don't normally just sit quietly staring at my phone on the slight off chance that someone decides they need to speak with me. I'll be hanging out with my friends and then the loud ring of the phone feels like the equivalent of some random person running up to me and going "Hey! Pay attention to only me now and make everyone next to you be quiet



later. I'm sure you all have that one friend who will take the call no matter what. You could be in the middle of robbing a bank with them and they'd still pick up the phone to talk for 10

and slightly uncomfortable!" At least

when this happens I usually try to

make the call quick or call them back

minutes about which shoes to buy. now that everyone and their deaf grandma has a cell The worst part is when they wrap up the conversation and seem like they're about to hang up so you can get back to whatever you're doing and then out of the blue they'll ask something like "Hey, so how was your day?" Really!? Here I am with you, in person, patiently wait-

ing for you to stop talking to some random person who

high school, and even then most of the kids didn't couldn't even bother to actually be here, and you just guaranteed the conversation will last at least another 15 minutes with your little question.

> For this reason I sometimes screen my calls. If it's actually important I'm sure whoever is calling can figure out how to leave me a message. I don't really like leaving messages either so I guess that makes me a bit of a hypocrite, but I do leave them if I think I actually have something worthwhile

that it's a hilarious idea to make their message sound like they've picked up the phone. You know what I'm talking about: "Hey, what's up? ...Oh, that's cool... PSYCHE! I'm not really here and you just wasted half a minute talking no one!" It's not original, it's not clever and it's definitely not funny. Whenever I encounter one of these messages I secretly take delight in the fact that someday they'll get a call for a big job interview or test results and miss all the details because whoever was

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Creating a safe space for knowledge while wrestling with language

ontrary to popular belief, humanities courses are not meant to facilitate the passing of knowledge from wise, old professors to eager, young students, but rather to indoctrinate students with an inscrutable pseudo-scientific jargon, vomited from the depths of Derrida's tortured soul. In the natural sciences, technical terms have necessarily been developed to describe brand-new phenomena. But the liberal arts have adopted a vague vocabulary with two functions. It is a gauntlet thrown down to the students daring to think they can understand academia, and it is an infinitely moldable putty for filling careless cracks in theories and information. An academic willingness to skim along on a smooth surface of jargon may simply be lazy, but to the student, it is one more way to sequester academic knowledge in an elite and unknowable realm.

But please, theory wonks, don't think we are "othering" you. While we are interested in problematizing current jargon and perhaps reifying our discontent, we would merely like to explore the tension inherent

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in creating a safe academic space that constantly exploits the exclusivity of language.

Jesus Christ. Let's try that again.

We are not really condemning the more esoteric areas of study but rather trying to gain some perspective on the language used to describe their abundant theories. In fact, the use of more colloquial, clear and specific language would allow more democratic access to the theories. Specific terminology can of course be an irreplaceable tool in understanding complex ideas. The problem is that this academic language is not always specific or conducive to learning.

This is unfortunate given the unbelievable opportunities for knowledge available at Columbia. It may hit you when you are descending the marble staircases in Butler at 3 a.m., or when your seminar runs a half hour overtime, or when you end up in a conversation about com-

vibrate at such a high frequency that the number of opportunities can be overwhelming. Many of us spend four years striving valiantly to pack all the classes we find exciting into eight short semesters. How many times have you heard that "Major Debates with Mamdani changed my life!" or "Hey, my professor wrote my high school textbook!"

But the ivory tower is not an immediately warm host. In seeking an education, students must ingratiate themselves by mastering lofty vocabulary. Even if professors are not deliberately contributing to this atmosphere, there is still pressure among students to spout off in rather unnecessary terminology. The effect is hard to deny. Students think they sound smarter than other students when they use certain words, creating shibboleths for the academic elite. The keys to academia become lexicon instead of logic, rhetoric instead of reflection.

Part of the problem may stem from efforts by the humanities departments to differentiate between their approaches. An anthropologist con-

spective than that of a historian or a sociologist, and therefore seeks a slightly different vocabulary to reinforce the difference. At some level, however, this has descended into frivolousness. In our age of interdisciplinary studies, efforts at differentiation often seem unnecessary,

As students, we must accept our culpability as well. Try as we might to deny it, there is something sexy about speaking the cool kid language. No one wants to get caught looking up "epistemology" on Wikipedia. Somehow we all contribute to the culture, an unhappy byproduct of our communal love of learning. That, and our Hobbesian competition for grad school recommendations.

So, besides our collective sanity, what's at stake? We would argue the honesty of our own conversations, academic or otherwise. When someone talks about the "other," they are making nonspecific reference to elements of oppression, unfamiliarity, and fear. All "others" are not the same, and yet we can spend at

parative welfare states in 1020. We fronts an issue from a different per- least one session of every post-colonial class dedicated to arguing over who is and is not the "other" without actually learning anything new. These traps make it easy to sound intellectual without having genuinely engaged with the issues.

Perhaps by eliminating jargon like "other," we would be forced to more accurately describe what we are discussing. Rather than being "othering," is an action racist? Provincial? There are a million ways in which oppression can occur, and we reject the idea that there is anything productive about coming up with blanket terms, shiny and new from the pomposity wing of the Academy.

We would like to clarify that this is not an attack on elevated speech or eloquent expression. We are not out to attack "elitist liberal universities." In fact, we're huge word dorks. But accuracy is critical to the effective use of language in academia. If we are to take advantage of Columbia's embarrassment of academic riches, we may have to rethink the way we talk about them.

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leaving the message got confused.

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Looking at old pictures of dorm interiors, it even looks like they had better furniture back then. If you're at all interested in the history of the school and/or the campus, I highly recommend you take a look at the Oregon State archives and determine for yourself whether the look of the place has really improved.

And even if you don't care about such things, it can be a barrel of monkeys to sit in class and tell hapless classmates that the building they're in used to house twisted experiments of food technology. That particular building is now known as Wiegand, in case you're wondering.

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year, who gives back to society with some form of service. This helps to reduce the amount of debt you and I graduate with, while at the same time helping communities all over our country with an influx of tens of thousands of college students "giving back" in some way. This program would be a win-win for everyone, and Obama is once again leading the way with much-needed creative, realistic ideas that will help us in the 21st

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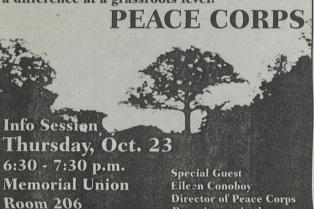
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Colin Powell endorses Barack Obama

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By Stephen Ohlemacher

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WASHINGTON D.C. - Colin Powell, a Republican and retired general who was President Bush's first secretary of state, broke with the party Sunday and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a "transformational figure" while criticizing the tone of John McCain's campaign.

The former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said either senator is qualified to be commander in chief. But after studying both, he concluded that Obama is better suited than McCain, the standard-bearer of Powell's own party, to handle the nation's economic problems and help improve its world standing.

It isn't easy for me to disappoint Sen. McCain in the way that I have this morning, and I regret that," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he announced the endorse-

ment and delivered a serious blow to the aspirations of his longtime friend, Arizona Sen. McCain.

But, Powell added: "I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change and that's why I'm supporting Barack Obama, not out of

any lack of respect or admiration for Sen. John

McCain."

The endorsement by Powell amounted to a stunning rejection of McCain, a 26-year veteran of Congress and a former Vietnam prisoner of war who has campaigned as the experienced, tested candidate who knows how to keep the country safe.

Powell's endorsement has been much anticipated because of his impressive foreign policy credentials, a subject on which Obama, a first-term senator from Illinois, is weak. Powell is a Republican centrist popular among moderate voters.

At the same time, Powell is a black man and Obama would be the nation's first black president — a goal Powell considered pursuing for himself in 1996, before deciding not to run. Powell said he was cognizant of the racial aspect of his endorsement, but said that was not the dominant factor in his decision.

Powell expressed disappointment in the negative tone of McCain's campaign, his

choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as a running mate and their decision to focus in the closing weeks of the contest on Obama's ties to 1960s-era radical William Ayers, saying "it

A co-founder of the Weather Underground, which claimed responsibility for nonfatal bombings in the United States during the Vietnam War-era, Ayers is now a college professor who lives in Obama's Chicago neighborhood. He and Obama also served together on civic boards in Chicago.

"This Bill Ayers situation that's been going on for weeks became something of a central point of the campaign," Powell said. "But Mr. McCain says that he's a washed-out terrorist. Well, then, why do we keep talking about

Powell said McCain's choice of Palin raised questions about judgment.

She's a very distinguished woman, and she's to be admired. But at the same time, now that we have had a chance to watch her for some seven weeks, I don't believe she's ready to be president of the United States, which is the job of the vice president," he said. "And so that raised some

question in my mind as to the judgment that Sen. McCain made.'

McCain seemed dismissive of Powell's endorsement, saying he had support from four other former secretaries of state, all veterans of Republican administrations: Henry Kissinger, James A. Baker III, Lawrence Eagleburger and Alexander Haig.

Well, I've always admired and respected Gen. Powell. We're longtime friends. This doesn't come as a surprise," McCain said on "Fox News Sunday."

Asked whether the endorsement would undercut his campaign's assertion that Obama is not ready to lead, McCain said, "Well, again, we have a very, we have a respectful disagreement, and I think the American people will pay close attention to our message for the future and keeping America secure.

Powell also said he was troubled that some Republicans — he excluded McCain — continue to say or allow others to say that Obama is a Muslim, when he is a Christian. Such rhetoric is polarizing, he said.

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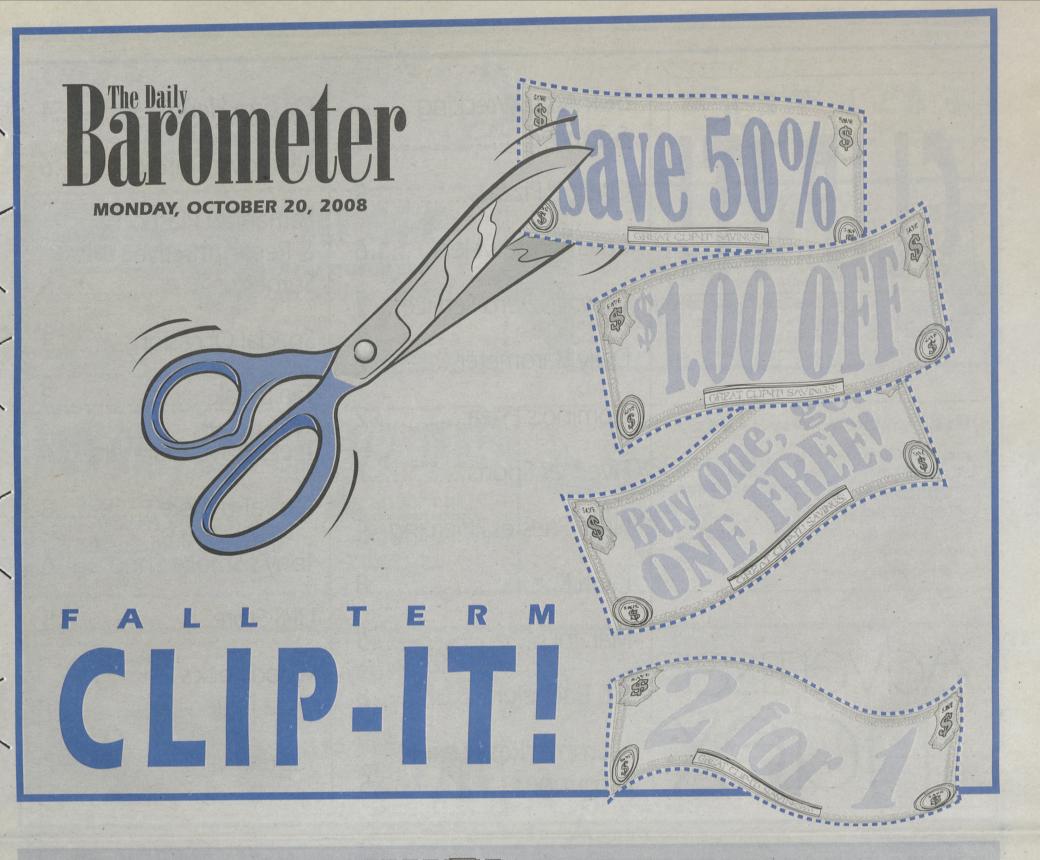


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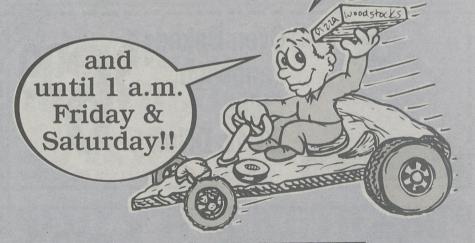
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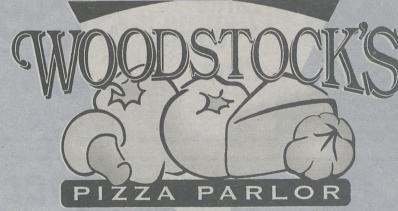
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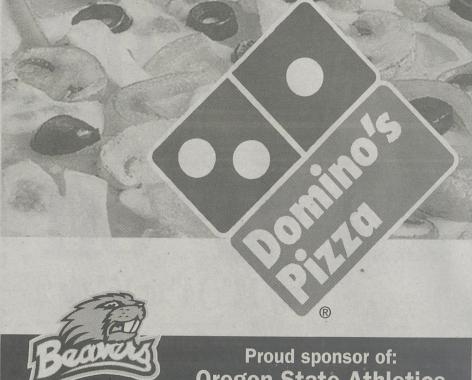
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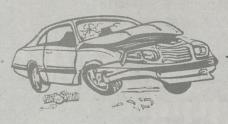
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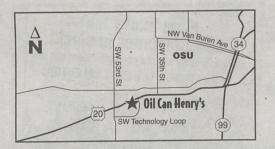
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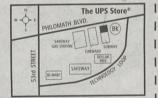
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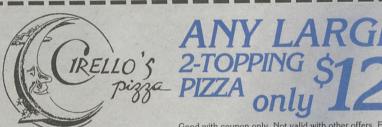
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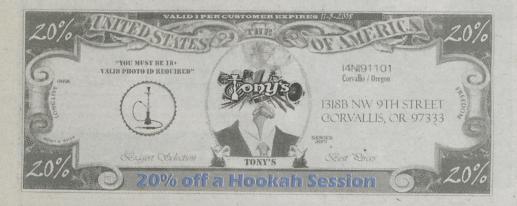
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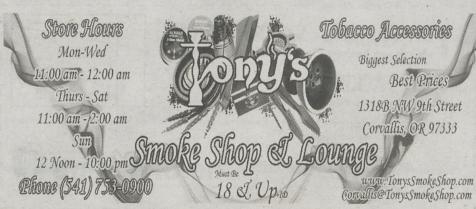


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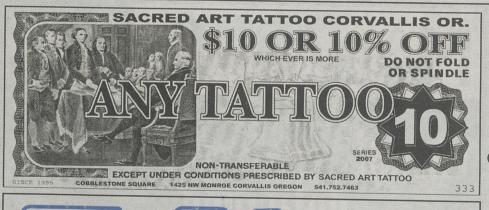


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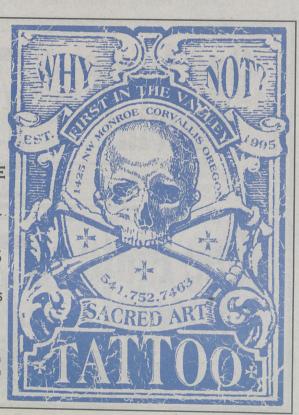
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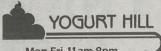
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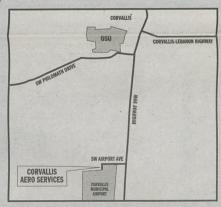
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Physical Civil War meeting ends in a draw between Oregon State and University of Oregon in Eugene

EUGENE - For the second consecutive season, the Oregon State women's soccer team battled to a tie with Oregon in the Civil War Series presented by Northwest Dodge Dealers as the Beavers and the Ducks tied, 0-0, in double overtime on Friday. With the tie, Oregon State moves

James Rodgers finished with 110 yards

rushing on three carries and scored on

runs of 55 and 52 yards. He also caught

three passes for 53 yards and one score,

and had another 53 yards on kick returns.

Jacquizz Rodgers did his part too, add-

ing 94 yards on 20 carries and a one-yard

touchdown on the opening drive of the

Added in was the most efficient performance of Moevao's career. Bouncing back

from his last outing when Moevao threw

four interceptions against Washington

State, the junior hit 18 of 22 throws for 191

yards and missed just one pass in the first

to overwhelm Washington, which lost its

eighth straight dating back to last season,

tied with North Texas for the longest streak

"I think it's really important that James'

part of the offense and the receivers part of

the offense in general complements what

we do with the running game," Oregon

State coach Mike Riley said. "We knew

going in Washington would try to do what

they could to slow down [Jacquizz]. ... We had to have some other stuff going and

The three performances were plenty

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to 5-6-2 overall, 0-2-1 in Pac-10 play, while Oregon goes to 7-5-2, 0-2-1 in conference

The game was evenly played throughout as shots were even at 11-11 for the contest. Oregon State's Colleen Boyd picked up the second shutout of her career as she made three saves while holding the Ducks scoreless for 110 minutes.

Cody Miles made five saves in net for the Ducks as Oregon State and Oregon fought to a draw for the second consecutive season and third time in series history.

While the Beavers extended their

recent string of dominance in the series,

Washington fans were left to reserve their

biggest cheers for former coach Don James

and the 1977 Washington team that won

the Rose Bowl being honored on the field.

Don James' heyday is reality: the Huskies

current product was simply no match for

Washington had four turnovers, all com-

What would be considered shocking in

Oregon State continues to lead the alltime series 8-6-3 as both schools picked up a half-point in Civil War standings.

Jessica Velasquez and Ashley Chambers each had two shots on goal for the Beavers as Jen Stoltenberg had four shots for Oregon in the tie.

Oregon held a slight 4-2 edge in corner kicks while committing 16 fouls compared to nine for Oregon State.

Oregon State will return to action on Friday, Oct. 24, when the Beavers host Washington at 5:30 p.m.

ing from redshirt freshman quarterback

Ronnie Fouch, and missed a pair of field

goals. Fouch moved the Huskies offense well

between the 20s, but Washington couldn't

find the end zone until it was 31-6. Fouch

finished 17 of 32 for 276 yards. Freshman

running back Terrance Dailey, one of 12 true

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2. Alabama	7-0	1,543	2
3. Penn St.	8-0	1,506	3
4. Oklahoma	6-1	1,358	4
5. Florida	5-1	1,307	5
6. S. Cal	5-1	1,292	6
7. Oklahoma St.	7-0	1,252	8
8. Texas Tech	7-0	1,194	7
9. Georgia	6-1	1,117	10
10. Ohio St.	7-1	1,053	12
11. LSU	5-1	987	13

12. Utah	8-0	943	14
13. Boise St.	6-0	849	15
14. S. Florida	6-1	674	19
15. TCU	7-1	643	
16. Missouri	5-2	568	11
17. Pittsburgh	5-1	540	23
18. BYU	6-1	412	9
19. Kansas	5-2	364	16
20. Ball St.	7-0	357	24
21. Georgia Tech	6-1	338	
22. Tulsa	7-0	321	
23. Boston College	5-1	281	
24. Florida St.	5-1	190	
25. Minnesota	6-1	149	

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 62, Virginia Tech 62, Vanderbilt 61, Michigan St. 15, North Carolina 14, Kentucky 10. Maryland 10, Cincinnati 9, Oregon 8, Arizona 6, California 3, Oregon St. 2.

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in the country.

his preseason play has won McMillan's praise.

There are some key injuries. G-F Martell Webster is expected to miss up to 3 months with a stress fracture in his left foot, according to the Oregonian.

ValuableroleplayerslikeTravis Outlaw should be able to offset

having a poor preseason, could thrive with additional playing time. He proved to be a spark plug off the bench last season, and was a clutch performer in some close ball games.

The Trail Blazers wouldn't be on the brink of success without the combination of budding superstars LaMarcus Aldridge and team MVP Brandon Roy.

gery, but hasn't lost a step since returning to action. The two have proven to be the franchise players and the role models of consistency for the other Blazers to follow. Aldridge should, again, lead the team in scoring, and you can expect that the ball will always be in the hands of Roy with the game on the line.

With hype comes great

these injuries. Outlaw, despite Roy had offseason knee sur- expectations, as many national critics have jumped on the Blazers bandwagon and foresee this young squad making the playoffs this season. As Portland Trail Blazers fans, we already know two things about our team... Rip City is back and it's time for everyone to believe the hype!

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In the team finals Australia finished sixth in the world and finished with a 43.575 on the uneven bars.

"I was put on the team mainly because in the past I have been such a consistent performer," Vivian said. "A lot of people had a lot of faith in me. The team did amazing, we were all debuts to the Olympics. We were so prepared. I think as a team we did really well.

will always be something that Vivian can remember, and sticking her landing on day one of competition is something no one will be able to take away from her.

Performing in Beijing before competing on the bars in front of a packed house inside legendary Gill Coliseum, Vivian has dealt with the biggest pressure that a gymnast can feel. The pressure that comes with having the eyes of an entire nation focused on each move you make.

"Of course the Olympics are a huge pres-

Competing in the Olympic Games sure situation and a lot of college gymnastics is about consistency and perfection," Vivian said. "I think that pressure situation and my experience with that will help."

Pressure experience will await Vivian when she trades in the green and gold of Australia for the orange and black of Oregon State. After the Olympic Games, an NCAA Championship meet shouldn't be a problem for the Australian.

"Ah, nothing," Vivian said with a laugh.

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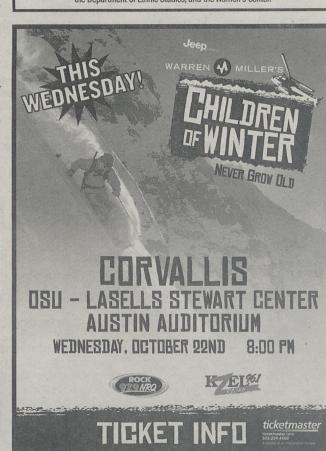
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Vivian heads to OSU after Beijing

Before making her debut at Oregon State, freshman gymnast competes in Olympics

By Casey Grogan

While most of the Oregon State Olympians were used to NCAA and even professional competition, freshman gymnast Olivia Vivian was getting the Olympics out of the way prior to the beginning of her career as a

The Perth, Australia native spent her last summer before beginning studies at OSU not only competing in the Olympic games, but competing for a spot in the Olympics. In order to get to Beijing, Vivian had to make it through two sets of trials.

First in May she joined 11 other girls who were selected from the National Championship to participate in the second trial. Vivian was stressed early as she hit the end of the week-long camp and competition process at trial number two.

We had two competitions at the end of the camp," Vivian said. "At the first competition I absolutely stuffed up big time. The second day went really well, but it was probably the worst time of my life. We competed in the morning and had to wait all day for the decisions, which was told at about 5 p.m. that night."

After a strong showing on day two it was all about the wait for Vivian as she

hoped to realize a lifelong dream.
"The wait was awful," Vivian said. "I was the last person called out on the team, of course with the last name beginning with a 'V' so that was awful as well. But once I got selected it went from the worst moment to the best."

With the team selected, Vivian and the Australian gymnasts were set for a six-week training camp in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport. For Vivian a long training camp was nothing new, having competed in the World Championships in the past; however, this camp was a little different. As opposed to an all work and no play camp, the Olympic training camp was mostly work and a little play.

The gymnasts had the opportunity to see the premier of Cirque du Soleil and got to see "So You Think You Can Dance" live.

With all the training in the books



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Before competing at Oregon State, freshman Olivia Vivian competed on the uneven bars in the 2008 Summer Olympics. The native of Perth, Australia scored a 14.925 on the bars in the qualifying rounds.

it was on to China, a week early for Australia, Phelps, well known in the the games. The Australian gymnastics team hoped to get all distractions out of the way early to keep prepared for the task at hand, as Australia was a dark horse pick for a team medal prior to the games.

Vivian's main distraction came as she tried to get used to seeing famous athletes eating nearby. As she proved with an interaction with United States swimmer Michael Phelps, this distrac-

tion proved very small. "Of course all these famous athletes that you only see on TV distracted us and they are eating lunch right opposite to you. That was so amazing," Vivian said. Walking around with your uniform on you see other people with the same uniform on. Grant Hackett, Australia's best swimmer, you say 'hello,' like you know each other. It's the country pride."

While Hackett is a national hero in

States prior to the Beijing Games, was more of a big deal after he competed.

Michael Phelps was a big one after he had won his medals," Vivian said. "At first when I met him it was just Michael Phelps, like "Hi, how are you?" Then after it was like, 'Oh my God he just won eight medals, wow that was Michael Phelps!'

As the games neared Vivian and her team decided that going to the Opening Ceremonies was not in the team's best interest. Herded into a building with no air conditioning and no opportunity to watch the ceremonies take place did not seem appealing, especially with the gymnastics competition taking place early on the schedule.

The resourceful Australians held their own Opening Ceremonies with plasma televisions, teammates and the ability to still see the fireworks.

Though Vivian and her teammates missed the Opening Ceremonies, they did what any athlete would have done in Beijing, China - handstands on the

"We went up to the Great Wall one day initially for a photo shoot," Vivian said. "The day we selected it was pissing down with rain. It was so cloudy you could not see more than ten meters ahead of you, so you couldn't see how far the wall actually went. We went up there anyway, we didn't care. We got down to our leotards and we did handstands on the Great Wall for a

The purpose of going to Beijing, however, was the women's gymnastics competition. Vivian competed on the bars for Australia and in qualifying set herself up to compete with her team in the team finals with a 14.925 on the

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Believing Blazer hype

Portland "Jail Blazers" and hello to the NBA's next dynasty. This collection of players is ready to mesmerize the competition and bring that good old "Rip City" pride back to the Rose City and the state of Oregon.

There are many reasons to feel optimistic about the Blazers upcoming season. Let's start with the impact of having Greg Oden healthy and ready to emerge as the next dominant big man in the NBA. Oden may experience some growing pains, but when I saw him in a preseason game a couple of weeks ago his play reminded me of Shaq in his early years. His size alone is more Incredible Hulk than Wilt Chamberlain, and he could be just as scary in the paint.

Oden's rookie campaign last season was lost due to a micro-fracture in his right knee, but he was able to watch and learn during his rehabilitation. Most rookies aren't able to observe from the sidelines because, unlike the NFL, these youngsters are forced into being franchise cornerstones from Day One of their professional careers.

Other teams in the Northwest division should be very afraid, as Oden has come back stronger and more determined to prove to the world why he was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft.

Another highly anticipated rookie debut will come from Olympic basketball sensation Rudy Fernandez. The talented player from Spain drew rave reviews from the USA's "Redeem Team" players like Lebron James and Dwyane Wade, who battled Spain in the highly contested Gold Medal game in Beijing, which the Americans won 118-107.

In an interview with 'ESPN The Magazine,' Wade was asked who he thought was the most talented international player not already in the NBA that he played against in the Beijing

The new guy from Spain that went to Portland — Rudy Fernandez — he's an unbelievable talent. I'm sure Nate McMillan didn't want him to play like that against us, but I'm sure he was smiling on the inside," Wade said.

After watching the preseason game, I came away most impressed with Fernandez. I've heard NBA analysts compare his play to Manu Ginobli of the San Antonio Spurs, but I think

Fernandez will be better. To me, his style of play more closely resembles the late "Pistol Pete" Maravich. He possesses similar ballhandling skills, shooting range, and is the fastest player I've ever seen. He should get a lot of minutes, and might even find his way into the starting rotation by opening night.

Portland traded for another rookie during the 2008 draft who isn't receiving as much attention as Oden and Fernandez, but could have a positive impact immediately: combo-guard Jerryd Bayless, a solid prospect, to come from Lute Olson's famed Arizona

The Blazers might have received the steal of the draft in Bayless. In limited action in the preseason game, I noticed one thing about Bayless: his ability to make 3-pointers with consistency, which is an area that has plagued the Blazers. I expect he'll be much more Steve Francis than Damon Stoudamire, and his ability to get to the free throw line should be a huge lift in crunch

Nicolas Batum, a 19-year-old rookie from France, has Coach McMillan thinking of tabbing him as the team's starting small forward. Many critics, including Blazer management, expected Batum would head back and play overseas for the next few years, but

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Beavers take care of business with UW

Jacquizz and James Rodgers tore up Washington as James finished with 216 total yards

By Tim Booth

SEATTLE — James and Jacquizz Rodgers lining up in the same Oregon State backfield might be the smallest tandem in the country.

It might also be one of the most dangerous.

With most of the focus on Jacquizz, the Beavers' freshman sensation, it was older brother James sprinting untouched through the Washington defense on Saturday night for 216 allpurpose yards and three touchdowns in Oregon State's 34-13 win over the

Oregon State (4-3, 3-1 Pac-10) picked up its first road win of the season after losses at Stanford, Penn State and Utah, and won its fifth straight over Washington for the first time in the series' history.

They are just such an amazing tandem," said Oregon State defensive end Slade Norris, an avid spectator when the Rodgers' are on the field. "That one play when they fake the handoff to Quizz; they're just amazing players."

Each just 5-foot-7, it's often Jacquizz



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Quarterback Lyle Moevao and running backs coach Reggie Davis talk with the Rodgers brothers, Jacquizz and James on the sideline.

alone in the Beavers backfield with James out wide. But at one point early in the fourth quarter, the duo lined up together behind quarterback Lyle Moevao, Jacquizz in front of James.

The result: a fake handoff to Jacquizz, a pitch to James sprinting toward the edge, and a 55-yard Oregon

State touchdown run.

"It was an awesome game. It shows you he's a very good player," Jacquizz Rodgers said of his brother. "Everyone's been saying I'm getting the spotlight, [but] that just shows you."

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