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A GLOBAL FARCE?

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NEWS REPORTER

If the Greenland icecap melts, the Sahara expands and the Siberian permafrost disappears, don't blame carbon-emitting SUVs or billowing smokestacks, says a group of scientists who claim their research on global warming has been repressed.

The explanation, they argue, might be simpler: Mother Nature is just going through her natural cycles.

Researchers from around the world have begun to question the growing acceptance among the public, the media and the scientific community that labels human behavior as the primary cause of global warming.

The researchers who go against the scientific grain on the climate change issue know their ideas are unpopular. In fact, many claim their research is so disliked the rest of the scientific community is working to suppress it in spite of convincing scientific evidence.

They also claim that the suggested effects of global warming are nothing short of "sheer fear-mongering," as Marlo Lewis of the Competitive Enterprise Institute put it. The more probable effects of climate change are likely to be much less severe than activists would indicate, researchers say.

These unpopular and inflammatory ideas don't seem to have infiltrated the University of Oregon community. Many professors at the University adamantly insist global warming is man-made and any debate to the contrary is pointless.

Humans aren't at fault

While many University of Oregon professors are in the public majority on the global warming issue and in line with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an international group that compiles research and issues reports on climate change, the voice of dissent is surfacing in a growing number of intellectual communities.

In December 2007, a group of more than 400 scientists from more than 24 nations testified that they do not think global warming is man-made. The group, appearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, contested many of the main points that support human-induced global warming and said their skeptical views have been repressed by scientific journals and the mainstream media.

Scientists in the group represented had worked for institutions such as Harvard University, NASA, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the University of London, Princeton University and the International Arctic Research Centre.

Don Easterbrook, a geology professor at Western Washington University in Bellingham, has spent his career studying climate patterns and glaciers in the Cascade Mountains and Greenland. He has concluded carbon dioxide emissions are not causing global warming — natural climate fluctuation patterns are.

Easterbrook and his colleague Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, say nature can regulate itself with climate and solar cycles. Compared with other greenhouse gasses such as water vapor, carbon dioxide does not trap

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A number of researchers say that despite public opinion, global warming may be a result of natural causes

HISTORY OF GLOBAL WARMING DEBATE

- 1974 Time Magazine publishes an article entitled "Another Ice Age?"
- 1976 Stephen Schneider, a Stanford University climatologist, predicts global warming
- 1988 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change founded by United Nations in the wake of evidence of a warming climate
- 1998 The hottest year in recorded history
- 2001 The Kyoto Treaty is drafted; the United States declines to sign
- 2006 The documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" is shown at Sundance Film Festival
- 2007 Al Gore wins the Nobel Peace Prize for the documentary and book "An Inconvenient Truth"

ARE WE EVEN WARMING AT ALL?

- Easterbrook and Spencer say Earth has been cooling since 1998 and should continue to cool for the next 30 years because the PDO is in a cooling cycle.
- The U.S. Geological Society reported summertime temperatures 3 F below average in Alaska during 2008, resulting in glaciers expanding for the first time in 250 years of recorded Alaskan history.
- Burnett said temperatures have fallen back down to where they were in 1979: "We've got 10 years of cooling now. Maybe nature's really in control."

WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK

“Almost every bad thing that can happen has been blamed on global warming.”

BEN LIEBERMAN
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

“Do we know enough that we're not going to make things worse?”

EUGENE LANGSCHWAGER
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

“It's hard to prove anything in this business.”

ROY SPENCER
PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

5 Things to do this week

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Architecture design lecture by Jeffrey Deane Lamb, "Beyond the Materiality of Forms."
When: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: 117 Lawrence
Cost: Free

TUESDAY

Showing of "Under the Stars" and reception with Felix Viscarret
When: 6:45 p.m.
Where: 115 Lawrence
Cost: Free

WEDNESDAY

Latin Dance Workshop
When: 6 to 8 p.m.
Where: Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art
Cost: \$3 per person

THURSDAY

Y-Love featuring Diwan and Yuri Lane, "A night of hip hop and beatbox"
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Woodruff room, Gerlinger Hall
Cost: \$15 general admission, \$7 students.

FRIDAY

Daniel Pope, history, speaking on "Who Was James Rorty? His Memoirs and His Life"
When: Noon and 1:30 p.m.
Where: PLC 159
Cost: Free

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Protestors gathered in front of Eugene City Hall on Saturday opposing the California legislation.

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SQUASH DROP

Weekly farmers' market closes down for the wet season in ground-breaking style.

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IN MY OPINION | MEREDITH LAFRANCE

Fight hunger, buy a heifer

We live in a harsh reality.

More than one billion people worldwide live in poverty. According to the United Nations, about 25,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes. Famine and wars account for about 10 percent of these deaths, according to TheHungerSite.com. However, malnutrition is the reason for the majority of hunger-related deaths within poverty-stricken communities, both nationally and internationally.

Yet hope remains. Because foregoing a meal to experience the pain of the less fortunate will not resolve the problem, we need to focus on taking more progressive, affirmative actions. There are numerous credible organizations out there vying for our attention and our donations. But I only have so much money to give away before I have to start worrying about where I'm going to get my next meal. Thus, I like to know every cent I give will be

worthwhile. Once I mail my check I like to know exactly what it will fund.

Many organizations use donations to instigate positive changes around the world. For instance, a donation to Oxfam can provide buckets for clean water, textbooks for students, and even life-changing opportunities like small-business training. Though these are good causes, the money does not target a particular problem or provide immediate relief of one. I can't be sure I am truly helping people when the \$20 or \$30 I give is split in countless directions. While these provisions are beneficial, I think my money is more valuable when used for one particular item.

What if I could know where in the world my money would be sent and exactly what I was giving?

Imagine purchasing a llama for a

deprived family in Latin America, a water buffalo for a Filipino farmer or a flock of ducks for a family in China. Heifer International is a non-profit whose self-stated goal is "to help end world hunger and poverty through self-reliance & sustainability." Heifer enables donors to select an animal or group of animals of their choice to be given to families around the world,

for a family, instantly improving its quality of life.

There are also less expensive options that are just as beneficial.

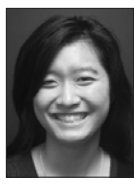
One Christmas, back in high school, I opted to buy a flock of chicks through Heifer in honor of my friends. The chicks I donated provided families from Cameroon to the Caribbean with nourishing, life-sustaining eggs. The donation

touched, why not give a meaningful gift that will keep on giving? One animal may not seem like much to some people, but for starving families around the world, one animal can mean the difference between life and death.

I strongly feel that despite our different beliefs, backgrounds and personalities, we all deserve the ability to provide a livelihood for ourselves and for our families, at the very least. If we can, we must also help those who may not be able to provide for themselves. But with the state of the economy, many prospective donors cannot afford to provide money to just any organization. While willingness and ability to give any sum of money are important steps toward a better world, it is important to ensure that each donation targets a specific issue.

Solving hunger-related problems requires taking small steps. In the long run, we can have an even greater impact on the bigger picture if we begin with helping one family at a time.

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BIG ISSUES IN A SMALL WORLD

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from Russia to Tanzania to Uganda and even places here in the United States.

Take the llama, for example. Women living in cold regions of the world weave the animal's fleece into warm clothing to wear or sell. It's also a useful pack animal, able to travel long distances across rugged slopes at high altitudes. This one llama becomes an invaluable source of transportation, income and wool

pleasantly surprised my friends, fit my budget, changed the livelihood of a family on another continent, and left me feeling happy and helpful.

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, it's time to think about gifts for friends and family members. This year, rather than spending your money on a piece of jewelry or knick-knack that is just going to sit at home, hardly

COLUMNISTS REACT - ODE, NOV. 14, 2008

"Attacks on the rise"



SUSTAINABLY ENVIRONMENTAL

"While DPS and the University should definitely redouble their efforts to protect students in light of the increased attacks, it is important also that we not forget the bigger picture. Though not always, crimes of property often stem from necessities brought on by abject poverty. Sex crimes should inspire thought about how women are treated by our society in general, as these crimes do take place in a context of a male-dominated culture. Examining context, though, should not be interpreted as an effort to excuse or justify the perpetrators of crime, only as an attempt to understand them, realizing no problems are isolated and neither can be any effective solution."

— MATT PETRYNI



THE WAY OF THE FUTURE

"As a woman, it's alarming to hear of so many attacks on females around campus. As much as I try to refrain from walking alone at night, I'd like to feel some sort of security were I to be alone for any short amount of time.

Of course, students should always take precautions when traveling at night, especially by traveling in groups, but there should be more security implemented around campus. I'd hope the amount of attacks would decrease if there were more security guards on campus and around the graveyard. Another thing the University could do to help raise assault awareness would be to make send its Campus Crime Alert e-mail to all University students, not just students living in the dorms. They are not the only people who walk near campus at night."

— QUINN MOTICKA



GOODNIGHT AND GO DUCKS

"Time and again, the University appears ill-equipped to properly manage its students. First there's the inadequate housing, parking and bus schedules, and now we're being cautioned to avoid an entire portion of campus "at all costs" because we lack the DPS officers to properly patrol it? These are places I'd like to see my tuition dollars and student fees going — the creation of a safer, more accessible campus. I would be more than willing to pay a higher incidental fee if it would make it safer to walk across campus at night."

— TRUMAN CAPPS

OFF-CAMPUS COMMENTARY | UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

WILL OBAMA'S POLICY BEAT BUSH'S?

PAUL ARMSTRONG
UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN

"And that's the flaw of the Bush doctrine," then-Sen. Barack Obama explained to ABC News anchor Charles Gibson in January. "It wasn't that he went after those who attacked America. It was that he went after those who didn't."

By consensus, the Bush doctrine is dead. Its tenure as an organizing principle of American foreign policy did not survive the Iraq War. Bush's policies, according to the president-elect, distracted America from more pressing security concerns, stifled its capacity for action, diminished its influence and hindered necessary cooperation with allies in common struggles.

Yet, the verdict on the Bush years remains open. Notwithstanding the exorbitant costs of the Iraq War, it remains to be seen if the alternative course proposed by President-elect Obama will yield better results at lower costs.

Make no mistake: The costs were high, but the Bush doctrine did yield results — results that years of containment and diplomacy failed to deliver on Iran and North Korea. Saddam Hussein is dead. The issue of Iraq has been dealt a final resolution, and only because of this

will an Obama administration confront other matters that would have been impossible to manage with Saddam Hussein still astride the Middle East, thwarting American designs.

The test-case in-waiting that will reveal the wisdom or foolishness of Obama's critique of the Bush years is Iran, the primary source of instability in the Middle East.

With the political stakes high both at home and abroad, Obama is not wrong to prefer a diplomatic resolution. In the grandest fantasies of Democratic policy wonks, Iran would be offered a comprehensive diplomatic bargain under which it would abandon its support of terrorism and its pursuit of nuclear power in exchange for the lifting of sanctions, economic aid, access to Western markets and technology, nuclear fuel and other incentives.

If it plays out according to this outline, then Obama will face few obstacles in keeping his promise of a responsible withdrawal from Iraq. The region will stabilize, and Obama will probably easily win re-election in 2012.

But what if the architects of the Islamic Revolution of 1979 have no intention of dealing with America? Reacting to Tuesday's election results, Seyyid Hossein, a 30-year-old Iranian

school teacher, told The Guardian, "Obama's victory could improve things because he has his head on his shoulders. But I believe the regime doesn't want better relations with the U.S. It wants to have a big enemy to frighten people and maintain its rule."

It remains a self-serving article of liberal faith that Bush's obstinacy has been the only barrier to regional rapprochement.

But if Iran declines to come to terms with "the Great Satan," then a quick, responsible withdrawal from Iraq will be impossible, and Obama will find himself in the shoes of his predecessor, confronting the world's most dangerous regimes as they seek the world's most dangerous weapons.

If Obama fails, then Bush was right, and it is not unlikely that pre-emption, the cornerstone of the Bush doctrine, will again see its day, this time brought to you by Democrats.

The Bush years demonstrated that pre-emption is a bad option, but it may yet prove to be the least bad option on a policy menu filled with worse options.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error, an article in Thursday's Emerald ("Bus routes face shutdown," Nov. 13) misstated next year's bus service to Westmoreland. After the deletion of route 76, residents of the area will still be able to take a direct bus to campus: route 78. The only nearby area to lose service to campus would be the area south of West 18th Street between Garfield Street and Hawkins Lane.

The article also misrepresented one aspect of ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz's transportation proposal. Non-disabled students would only be allowed to use the Access Shuttle Program during hours in which it currently does not operate. During its current hours, it would only transport disabled students. Also, it will cost an additional \$101,000 to add the new transportation services Dotters-Katz has proposed.

The Emerald regrets the error.



CLIMATE | Group calls cause of climate change irrelevant, chance of catastrophe exaggerated

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heat in a significant way, they say.

They say that assuming humans alone have created global warming borders on arrogance.

The two are studying the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, a naturally occurring temperature fluctuation in the Pacific Ocean that has been observed by NASA satellite observations. The PDO changes between warm and cold cycles approximately every 20 to 30 years, which changes the cloudiness of Earth, the behavior of the jet stream and subsequently the temperature, according to NASA.

In the abstract for his article "Tropical Pacific decadal variability and global warming," Benjamin Giese, a professor of oceanography at Texas A&M University, writes: "The results

500 years, solar cycles have changed between 25 and 30 times, corresponding with climate changes.

According to Easterbrook, 80 to 90 percent of global warming can be attributed to the greenhouse effect of water vapor.

University of Notre Dame professor William Evans echoed this observation. "Yes, CO2 is one of several greenhouse gases, but (it's) not the biggest contributor. Water vapor is," Evans said in an e-mail.

Tim Patterson, professor of Earth sciences at Carleton University in Ottawa, told the Canadian Free Press in 2005 that carbon dioxide levels today are 10 times lower than 450 million years ago — when the Earth was the coldest it has been in the past half-billion years.

According to the National

focuses on the cause of climate change, a group of researchers say the cause is superfluous. To them, the possibility of catastrophe is more important — and it is a possibility that has been drastically exaggerated, they say.

In the group that testified before the Senate, some participants were environmentalists who wanted to protest the "fear promotion" they thought global warming activists were using.

The problems that global warming can cause — increased sea levels, melted ice caps, endangered arctic species — have been overblown, according to some researchers.

Lewis has analyzed former vice president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore's documentary film "An Inconvenient Truth" and found it an example of the "fear promotion" vetted in the Senate hearings.

Lewis took to task Gore's three main claims, which he says are overstated and created unfounded fear among the public.

The first said the Greenland ice sheet is melting and the moulins, or rivers of melted glacial ice, are destroying the structural integrity of Greenland's glaciers.

The second predicts a 20-foot sea level rise and the third predicts a trend of very severe hurricanes.

Sterling Burnett, senior fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis, said none of the predicted problems is new and most have been described inaccurately. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he said, scientists predicted severe hurricanes would be a continuing trend brought on by global warming. The mediocre hurricane seasons of 2006 and 2007 directly refute that claim. Both years had only five hurricanes and two major hurricanes, according to the Pew Center on Global Warming, in contrast to 2005, which had 15 hurricanes and seven major hurricanes.

Burnett also said that while sea levels may rise a few inches during the next century, they have already risen 400 feet since the end of the last ice age 12,000 years ago, an increase of three feet per century. That indicates that sea level increases today are nothing out of the ordinary.

George Kukla, a research scientist at Columbia University, said creating fear about global warming is more harmful than the phenomenon itself. He also raised the concern that money and funding were a major motivation behind the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's and its allies' focus on disaster scenarios and negative effects of climate change.

"The only thing to worry about is the damage that can be done by worrying. Why are some scientists worried? Perhaps because they feel that to stop worrying may mean to stop being paid," Kukla said before the Senate.

Repression in the Scientific community

Like Kukla, Spencer claimed that money motivates the IPCC's findings and suggested its existence is purely political.

Easterbrook had the same concerns, as did Burnett and several scientists testifying before the Senate.

Spencer went so far as to say the IPCC had been created solely to compile sufficient scientific evidence to call for the reduction of fossil fuels — and that essentially, the political motivation preceded the scientific evidence. He said colleagues had admitted as much in private conversations.

Many present at the Senate hearing in December 2007 said they had colleagues who agreed but would not come forward for fear of the scientific community's reaction. Since the testimony, a number of scientists have come out of hiding, boosting the group's membership to more than 500.

In the Senate hearing, Madhav Khandekar, a Canadian scientist with the Natural Resources Stewardship Project and expert reviewer for the 2007 IPCC report, claimed the IPCC did not follow proper scientific procedure and disregarded questions or concerns about its report on global warming.

Khandekar said the IPCC ignored his comments and suggestions to the first draft of the report. They made almost no changes to the document and didn't bother to communicate with him at all about concerns he had raised, and other expert reviews whom Khandekar knows experienced the same frustrations, he said.

"This is not an acceptable scientific review process."

The dissenting majority

A number of University of Oregon professors appear personally affronted when presented with the suggestion that climate change is a naturally occurring phenomenon. History professor Matthew Dennis, a member of the environmental studies department, said, "I think most people wouldn't take that view on campus."

Dennis said questioning scientific information is helpful and useful because skepticism is part of the academic process. "If we hear these truths espoused," he said, "what academics are trained to do is question that."

However, Dennis said the questioning can go too far, and implied that it had done so in the case of global warming skepticism. "Some sides have been heard enough," he said. "After a while it's just perverse."

Geography professor Patrick Bartlein said, "That's just preposterous," and added, "How do I explain the Earth's not flat?" He said he has no doubt whatsoever that the climate is changing and that humans are the culprits.

University law professor Mary Wood said, "There's just no real debate anymore." She called questioning the cause of global warming a "dangerous distraction."

Wood said it is no longer useful to continue rehashing this issue, which she thinks has been decided. "The

scientific and governmental community has moved on and now the question is, can we cut our carbon in time to avoid dangerous climate thresholds?"

Chris Stratton, a University master's candidate in architecture and environmental studies, agrees that the debate is over. "It's like giving equal time to two theories about evolution, one of which speculates that an enormous spaghetti monster created us all, and one that speculates that evolution occurs through natural selection," he wrote in an e-mail.

In a lecture on journalism bias, University media ethics professor Tom Bivins told a lecture hall full of more than 100 students that a continuation of the global warming debate is an example of "fairness bias" in the media and an ethical issue. Fairness bias is when a journalist presents two sides to an issue when the overwhelming majority of society has already agreed on a solution to the debate. As far as Bivins' lecture is concerned, presenting two sides to the global warming debate is a prime example of this kind of unethical bias.

Never a closed door

The majority of scientists, government officials and private

citizens think the debate on global warming is — and should be — closed. However, in the scientific world even the most accepted theories are up for discussion.

String theory, for example, is an effort to unite in one mathematical model all the natural forces — gravitational, electromagnetic, weak and strong. This means that more than 300 years after Isaac Newton mathematically described gravity and nearly 100 years since Albert Einstein published his Theory of Relativity, scientists are still debating how gravity really works and if Newton and Einstein were right at all.

Most recently, scientists have discovered that much of what they thought were proteins produced by DNA were actually a chemical called RNA. This has led to a re-evaluation of the human genome and the way it works — 55 years after Francis Crick and James Watson discovered DNA.

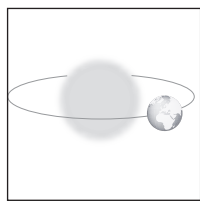
The door is never closed on scientific debates and according to scientists who dissent on the global warming issue, it shouldn't be.

"Science is not a democracy," Burnett said. "Galileo was a minority of one."

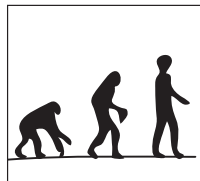
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SUPPRESSED SCIENCE THROUGHOUT HISTORY

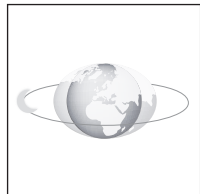
The Earth revolves around the sun: In 1543, Nicolaus Copernicus published the theory that the Earth revolves around the sun. It didn't stir up much controversy until 1616, when the Catholic Church issued a decree saying Copernicus' book was "suspended" until "corrected." The idea that Earth was not the center of the universe was considered blasphemous.



The moon causes tides: Johannes Kepler, who also realized planets have elliptical orbits, said the moon caused oceanic tides. He was correct, although Galileo called his theory "useless fiction."



Natural selection: Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species" in 1859 and in it proposed humans had evolved from apes. The Church of England disapproved of the idea and refused to accept it throughout the 19th century. In September 2008, the Church issued an apology to Darwin in celebration of his 200th birthday. His ideas are still being disputed, as is their being taught in American public schools.



suggest that much of the decade to decade variations in global air temperature may be attributed to tropical Pacific decadal variability."

Spencer believes the PDO cycles explain about 75 percent of the climate change during the 20th century. During that time, Earth went through a cold period from 1900-20, was warm from 1920-45, cooled down from 1945-77 and warmed from 1977-98. Spencer and Easterbrook say all of those fluctuations correlate with changes in the PDO.

Global warming may be affected by more than just earthly causes, Easterbrook said. Solar cycles may be having an effect as well. The number of sunspots, or black areas of the sun, range from zero to 170 and the fewer there are, the cooler the Earth is.

Current sun spot activity is very similar to that around 1600 and 1800, which were very cold times in history, Easterbrook said. During the last

Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are currently at 385 parts per million, a rise of about 100 parts per million since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. Nevertheless, Easterbrook said current levels are still too negligible to have the effects the scientific community has been attributing to them.

Spencer agreed. He added it is very difficult to prove carbon dioxide is causing global warming because the current warming cycle is the only one in which the gas had a significant presence at all. Just because Earth has warmed while carbon dioxide was in the atmosphere does not mean there is actually a correlation, Spencer and Easterbrook said.

"The possibility that global warming is completely natural has never really been investigated," Spencer said.

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"I want him to grow up knowing that his family is just as valid as every other family, and I want him to grow up knowing that, at least according to the law, the love between his parents is equal to the love between other parents; the love between his family is not second class and it deserves equal recognition," protestor Kerrie Warren said about her toddler, Gabriel, at the Proposition 8 protest in front of Eugene City Hall on Saturday.

Warren and approximately 300 gay rights activists gathered for a protest and short march to Free Speech Square on Saturday in congruence with 20 other organized protests across the country that attracted an estimated 1 million activists.

The effort, originally organized by Seattle activists Willow Witte and Amy Balliett through their makeshift Web site "Join the Impact," encouraged gay activists in the United States and around the world to coordinate a synchronized protest in different cities Saturday at 10:30 a.m. PST.

The protests were responding to California's Proposition 8 and similar anti-gay marriage laws passed in Arizona and Florida. Arkansas also passed a measure that prohibits gay couples from adopting children.

The Eugene protest attracted large numbers of locals



EMILY GILLESPIE | FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER

Approximately 100 people demonstrated their displeasure with Proposition 8 on Saturday. "We should all be able to take care of each other (and) have the same benefits," protestor Monika Berry said.

carrying signs reading, "This is about love not hate" and "Civil marriage does not threaten religious liberty." Event organizers and public figures, including Mayor Kitty Piercy, spoke at the protest about the need for equal rights. Julie Weismann, the creator of the Web site QueerEugene.com, also spoke.

"That this movement was started by two young women demonstrates the next generation of leadership for our country. I am in awe of our young leaders. They are our future," said Weismann. "This is just the beginning, and I can't wait for the next step, the next action, and the change we need so much."

Monika Berry, despite not being well-informed on the details of Proposition 8 and other anti-gay legislation, still joined her sister Saturday and carried a

sign at the demonstration. "We should all be able to take care of each other (and) have the same benefits," she said. "I met this wonderful couple last week, two gentlemen that have been together for 40 years and it just solidified that thought in my mind that we should all be able to take care of each other."

Demonstrators lingered after the main events came to a close, yelling and waving signs on the street corners. "We're all from California originally, so I feel very closely tied. I have a lot of gay friends that are in California so this is a personal issue to me," said Karen Norten. "They're all down there right now in California protesting at much larger gatherings than we are so I feel that in a way this connects us to them."

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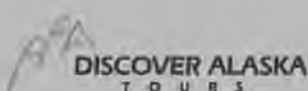


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With sleek fashion sense and a big-band persona, The Essentials, a group of University alumni, is tooting its own horn to celebrate the release of its new album, "Something to Give."

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The top of what was once a 4-foot-tall chocolate Mayan pyramid sculpture sits on display at Nib. Shane Tracey, co-owner of the dessert and wine bar, created the sculpture for an annual gathering of chocolatiers.



DAVE MARTINEZ | PHOTO EDITOR

sweets and swirls

Nib may soon become Eugene's coolest hangout for those looking for a bite of chocolate and a glass of wine



Perfect pairings of wine are also available to savor while indulging in Nib's delectable chocolate treats.

LISA ANDERSON | PULSE REPORTER

Tiffany Petry and Shane Tracey of Kekau Chocolatier may have opened their latest business venture amid the economic crisis this fall, but they aren't worried. The couple specialize in three antidotes to troubling times: chocolate, wine and dessert. Their recently opened Nib, named for the cocoa bean after it's been crushed, is an elegant yet affordable dessert and wine bar located in the Jefferson Heights neighborhood next to Sweet Life Patisserie.

Complementary to the neighborhood's community of young entrepreneurs and local businesses that also includes Infinity Mercantile, Better Yet and Laughing Planet, Nib offers a more quiet and relaxed venue than its bustling next-door neighbor, Sweet Life. During the day, it's open for chocolate sales and provides a cozy spot to savor a cup of coffee, read a magazine and surf the Internet. At night it transforms into an ideal location for first dates, girls' nights out, a rendezvous with friends and lingering conversations.

"We're trying to encourage education on the finer things in life — that the trend of staying up late does not mean you have to go to a noisy meat market of a bar where men are always trying to buy you a drink," Petry said. "You can go to a late movie and stop by afterwards. You can sit and chat until 1 a.m. Or, you don't even have to go out with the intention of going out."

On a brisk Friday evening in November, a multigenerational mix of couples and

NIB

What: Tiffany Petry and Shane Tracey of Kekau Chocolatier opened a dessert and wine bar called "Nib"

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Punk rock persona turns a little bit country

Former L.A. punk rocker John Doe teams up with Canadian Kathleen Edwards for a stripped-down show

ALEX GABRIEL | PULSE REPORTER

In 1977, more than three decades ago, musician John Doe met a woman named Exene Cervenka in a poetry class in Los Angeles. He invited her to sing in a band he was forming that only three years later would release the defining album of punk rock in Los Angeles.

Cast with a black-and-white photo of a wooden X engulfed in flames, the aptly titled "Los Angeles" was a demonstration of inter-genre mingling that spoke eloquently of the jaded nihilism that perpetuated through much of West Hollywood in the 1980s.

Together, Doe and Cervenka wrote

melodies and sang in harmonies that were off-kilter, dark and haunting, and produced the group's most distinctive sonic element. The two formed a musical bond that many musicians could spend their whole lives seeking but never find. Now, after meeting alt-country singer Kathleen Edwards, Doe has found a new, more country-twanged harmony with another musical counterpart. That harmony will be on full display tonight at John Henry's.

"We're kindred spirits," Doe said of Edwards. "You don't meet people you see musically eye-to-eye with very often. So when you do, you

keep them around."

Doe and Edwards first met at a tribute concert for Gram Parsons in Los Angeles in 2004. The show featured a who's who of country and pop stars — most notably Parsons' long-time friend Keith Richards — who performed their own renditions of some of the best of the country legend's catalogue.

The two bonded over the Parsons and Emmylou Harris duet classic "We'll Sweep Out The Ashes in The Morning." They quickly burgeoned a friendship and found a seamless musical compatibility that reverberates organically in their duets and collaborations.

"People who do collaborations sometimes don't even know each other and just have the tracks just flown in," said Edwards. "When you do it

AT A GLANCE

Who: Kathleen Edwards and John Doe

When: Nov. 17, 8 p.m.

Where: John Henry's Club, 21+

What: The Hurtin' and Flirtin' Tour, \$20 advance, \$23 day-of

with people you like, the music just comes out as so much more authentic and real."

Doe's musical career was approaching the quarter-century mark when Edwards released her first full-length album in 2003. Edwards is from Ottawa, Canada, on the

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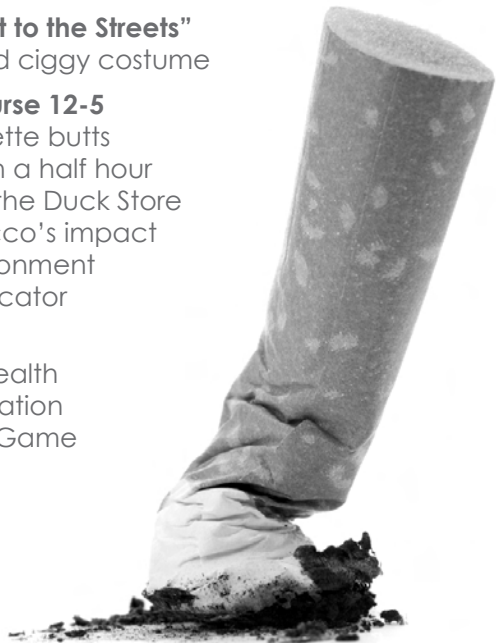
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Brass-heavy soul comes with a sound as big as the band

The Essentials travels to its old stomping grounds for CD release

OTT TAMMIK
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The black suits, thin ties and slick shoes leave one suspiciously searching for gun holsters and a black Lincoln Continental in the background. But here to re-establish the 1970s, this 10-piece gang prefers saxophones and trumpets to revolvers.

The Essentials, composed entirely of University alumni, bring back groovy, upbeat, brass-heavy soul to Eugene clubs and Oregon football games. In addition to original material, the "large and loud" group covers artists like Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire and Chicago.

"It's music our parents listened to. We're all young so none of us got to experience the culture — only the recordings," said alto saxophonist Gabe Dickinson, who is pursuing a master's in music education at the University. "I guess we feel that the best music already happened, and we are now trying to recreate it in a new way."

Dickinson founded the band and composes most of its music. "The fact that we're young appeals to a young audience. But we share our style of music with the older people, so that gets both crowds to come to the shows," he said.

This month, The Essentials are set to release their new EP, "Something to Give." With R&B roots, the ensemble explores new sounds, adding disco and pop



COURTESY OF THE ESSENTIALS

This group of University alumni is releasing its new album, "Something to Give," at John Henry's on Saturday night.

flavors into the mix, including rock beats and pop radio elements the band members grew up with but wouldn't have been heard in the '70s. The simple but eye-opening lyrics cover love and politics with songs like "Greed."

"We make it more modern when can. We tried to make the new album a bit more danceable," said Dickinson. The album features 19 musicians, including a new alternate lead singer and guests like Dana Heitman from the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. "I try to include at least one solo section in each song. People have the chops for it, so I give them the freedom," said Dickinson.

The Essentials recently purchased a 12-seater band van, but it still takes at least one other pick-up truck to carry the drum set. One can imagine the

logistical difficulties of such a large group. "It would otherwise be impossible, but they all give me their availability before committing to other groups," said Dickinson. Because the

AT A GLANCE

Who: The Essentials
When: Nov. 22, 10 p.m.
Where: John Henry's, 21+
What: CD release party; free album with \$10 price of admission

musicians are so experienced, two rehearsals a month is sufficient. "Everyone has a huge education; we can get a new song

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CHOCOLATE | Food becomes art at new dessert and wine bar in Jefferson Heights

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friends are gathered at Nib.

One young pair are on their first date and pass a book of 101 get-to-know-you questions back and forth. They sip wine and share "pure," a chocolate dessert composed of gel, mousse and glaze. Instead of receiving mints when they finish their dessert, the duo are surprised with two small cups of drinking chocolate.

Behind them is a table of silver-haired couples, laughing heartily about old stories. Tracey, who prepares Nib's rotating menu of delicacies in a kitchen behind the bar brimming with innovative, Willie Wonka-esque concoctions, explains the intricately plated desserts to the group. Their eyes light up.

"He's an artist and food is his medium," Petry, who manages sales and marketing, said. "He changes the menu every week and doesn't like repetition. For him, keeping it the same would be like painting the same painting over and over."

During the day when she's not in school, Fiona, a blonde five-year-old,



DAVE MARTINEZ | PHOTO EDITOR

Shane Tracey sets a display of sweets. He typically writes the ingredients on a board and stares at them until he can visualize a plate design.

is the official taste-tester of her dad's chocolate treats and a proud assistant to her mom. Tracey says Fiona enjoys her position and can already decipher which chocolates are generic-bought versus the real deal. She especially loves the lavender sweets.

Beginning this week, Nib will offer complimentary hour-long introductory classes about the origin and history of chocolate. It will also offer wine tastings in the near

future. Nib, which currently exhibits colorful nude paintings and small iconic portraits, is among the venues featured on the last Friday Art Walk. Petry and Tracey plan to showcase a new local artist's work each month.

"I hope (Nib is) a place people come to think of as their second living room; as a hang out, a place to talk and reminisce," Petry said.

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BRASS | The Essentials hopes to invigorate the dying genre of soul with modernized tunes

FROM PAGE 5

down in just a couple of hours, or even less," Dickinson said.

In the summer, the band plays private shows, weddings and festivals that cover I-5 from San Francisco to Seattle. "The summer finances our bar show habits," laughed Dickinson. "It's good to be traveling and having a good time with the band, away

from our day jobs."

Dickinson said independent music is on the rise and if the trend continues, The Essentials will have some hope for success. "You never know, though, and sometimes real life gets in the way," he said. The hard part is getting distinguished individuals to listen to the material. "Every year we think it's the last year,

and if we didn't have day jobs we would not survive."

Still, The Essentials are not the only dinosaurs struggling to reinvigorate a dying genre. In December, the band will load up its bus and head to Seattle to see Tower of Power, one of the surviving originals of the soul era.

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DOE | Dropping the bass for an acoustic guitar, Doe shows his softer side during duets with Edwards

FROM PAGE 5

opposite side of North America from Los Angeles, and was raised in an entirely different generation than Doe. Despite any categorical and cultural differences, the musical chemistry of the duo shows that music is a universal language that anyone can speak.

"You either write good songs or you write shit songs; it doesn't really matter what era you come from as long as you keep that open mind," said Doe.

X played a rugged and hard-lined variation of punk rock on its first three albums, but Billy Zoom's rockabilly guitar routinely bled in the group's country and blues influences. Going solo in the 1990s, Doe would drop the bass he played in X and pick up an acoustic guitar that he used as the vehicle for his stripped-down, rooted country-folk song style.

Aesthetically, punk rock and country do not share many similarities, but socially, the two can be seen as cut from the same cloth.

"It's the way they relate to the audience," Doe said. "It's music of and for the people. There's a simplicity, a sense of humor, some heartfelt feelings. Even some unrequited love in a romantic world of punk rock."

Going from playing in front of frantic crowds at the Whiskey-A-Go-Go, as documented in "The Decline of Western Civilization," to singing acoustic country ballads is a dramatic shift. But for Doe, who will also be playing shows with X next month, his long tenure as a performer has turned his versatile playing into an unconscious skill.

"After awhile you just ignore it and just sort of play. You don't play differently. Though I would say that playing with X takes a lot

more energy, while performing solo is often more intimate."

Doe and Edwards are both supporting 2008 releases on their two-week, 11-date tour that found them playing before an audience at Carnegie Hall in New York earlier this month. The two will share the stage as they each perform their own solo material along with their duets that include "The Golden State" off Doe's "A Year in The Wilderness" and the aforementioned "We'll Sweep Out The Ashes in the Morning."

"People don't necessarily know both of us," said Edwards. "Some know me, some know John. I like getting on stage and giving people something they might not necessarily expect."

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Season goes out with a bang

Eugene's farmers' market ends final Saturday of the year with an unusual celebration

TALIA SCHMIDT
NEWS REPORTER

With golden autumn leaves hanging from the trees, crowds of parents holding bundled children stood and watched vegetable history in the making.

Local vendors set up shop at the Lane County Farmers' Market for the last Saturday this season. To celebrate and extend their appreciation to the Eugene community, the market's director and board members decided to end with a bang. Literally.

"We decided we wanted to make a big splash," said Tom Lively, a chairperson for the market's board of directors.

Lively, who started his own organic growing company nearly 20 years ago, donated squash for the community event, said Keith Cooper, the board president. Lively facilitated the event by describing to the audience each of the three pumpkin-like vegetables before Cooper dropped one squash at a time from an estimated 50-foot high crane.

Cooper also encouraged parents and families to experiment this season with squash soup recipes. Some visitors even took huge chunks of the fall-

en squash home to cook, said David Turner, the market's director.

The final dropped squash featured a surprise for children in the crowd. Turner and the board spent much of Friday and Saturday morning scooping out the inside of a 50-pound, pear-shaped squash and stuffed it with prizes. Similar to a piñata, the squash burst open with countless pingpong balls, each with a prize written across it. Children and families could then redeem their prize from local vendors at the market.

As the final squash hit the pavement, herds of children stormed to the center of the circle amidst the shattered orange mush, retrieving pingpong balls and squealing in delight.

Jennifer Barwood attended the squash drop with her two children. When she read about the squash drop in The Register-Guard, Barwood knew she had to see it for herself.

"I thought it was awesome," Barwood said. "It was pretty thrilling and it made a great sound."

Turner said he and the board organized the event to thank the



TALIA SCHMIDT | REPORTER

Keith Cooper, president of the Farmers' Market Board of Directors, drops a squash from approximately 50 feet in the air during the first annual squash drop. One of the vegetables was stuffed with pingpong balls.

community for 33 successful Saturdays this season.

Kenya Luvert, a former University student, joined in on the squash festivities. Luvert, a Eugene native who worked in Colorado for the past 12 years, said she missed the small town ambience.

"Eugene is very unusual in the unique experience it offers its public," Luvert chuckled. "Let's just say, it's great to be back."

Turner said he hopes to

continue with the squash drop to celebrate the market's success year after year.

He added that he felt very encouraged by the crowd's reception, as he watched many people scoop up the squash remains afterward.

"We scored it by putting a cut in the skin, so we're not just ruining the food," Turner said. "Then people can cook it for dinner, which would really just make the complete circle."

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Community members of all ages attended Saturday's first annual squash drop at the farmers' market in downtown Eugene.

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The Weekend's Police Blotter

Incident: Robbery
Location: 720 Garfield Street, The Adult Shop
When: Friday, Nov. 14
Time: 11:50 p.m.

What: Two suspects ordered two employees to the ground at gunpoint. They then stole an undisclosed amount of cash and merchandise from the adult store before leaving in an unknown direction. No employees were injured and the suspects remain at large.

Incident: Burglary
Location: 1000 Alder St.
When: Saturday, Nov. 15
Time: 11:23 p.m.

What: A man carrying stolen property was caught by five fraternity members. The suspect was seen running from the fraternity carrying a laptop computer. Five men attending a party at the fraternity chased after the suspect and pinned him down in the parking lot of the Original Pancake House until police arrived.

Incident: Fatal car accident
Location: 1041 Highway 99
When: Sunday, Nov. 16
Time: 6:39 a.m.

What: A dark green Toyota 4-Runner hit a fire hydrant, two trees and rolled into a third tree while driving northbound on Highway 99, according to an EPD press release. The car finally came to a stop in the parking lot of Wheeler Dealer. The 23-year-old female driver, of Eugene, was ejected from the sunroof. According to initial investigation, the driver was not wearing a seatbelt and there were no signs of braking.

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**Ducks' offense
the star of
Saturday's game**

ANDREW GREIF | SPORTS EDITOR

Oregon's offense made its statement quickly in the first half, but getting the chance to seal the win, however, took a little bit longer.

The Oregon defense was on the field for nearly 42 minutes of Saturday's game, allowing Arizona (6-4, 4-3 Pacific-10 Conference) all the time it needed to score 28 second-half points to nearly pull off the improbable come-from-behind win at Autzen Stadium.

The Ducks (8-3, 6-2) finished with the 55-45 win because of quarterback Jeremiah Masoli's monster first half and LeGarrette Blount's well-timed heroics in the second half for the second consecutive week.

Just as against Stanford, LeGarrette Blount scored the Ducks' final touchdown, this time a 40-yard run down the Arizona sideline with 3:38 left in the fourth quarter.

The way it came — on a two play drive that lasted 12 seconds — was typical of Oregon's oft-dominant night on offense, where the Ducks scored four first-half touchdowns on 33 plays, then watched as Patrick Chung ran back an interception for another.

With Masoli as its ringleader, Oregon held a 45-17 lead at halftime, passing for 274 yards with two touchdowns at a remarkably efficient rate, completing 17 of his 19 passes.

For the game, he passed for 298 yards, completing 21 passes.

On the ground, 66 of his 89 total rushing yards in the game came on his touchdown run on the third play from scrimmage.

Oregon scored on eight of its first nine possessions of the game.

"Masoli came out firing on all

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Jeremiah Masoli bolted for a 66-yard touchdown on the Ducks' third play on Saturday, the first of his five touchdowns on the afternoon as Oregon went on to total 504 yards of total offense — just enough to hold off Arizona.

With their new bold uniforms, the Ducks just managed to pull off a rocky win over the Wildcats

KEVIN HUDSON
SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 24 Ducks hung on to win the game in the final minutes Saturday, holding off the Arizona Wildcats' second-half surge to post a 55-45 win in front of 58,369 at Autzen Stadium.

The win moved Oregon back into the national polls at No. 24 in the AP poll and No. 22 in the USA Today Coaches' Poll.

The Ducks (8-3, 6-2 Pac-10) took a 45-17 lead into halftime on the strength of sophomore quarterback Jeremiah Masoli's performance. He posted five touchdowns and 274 of his career-best 298 passing yards along with 87 rushing yards in the first half. He completed a career-best 21-of-26 passes to six different receivers, led by junior tight end Ed Dickson with seven catches for 84 yards. Senior wide receiver Terence Scott added six catches for 87 yards and a touchdown.

Masoli's three rushing touchdowns tied the school single-game record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback. The feat has been accomplished twice before, by Joey Harrington at Arizona in 2001 and Kellen Clemens at Washington State in 2004.

After leading a winning fourth-quarter drive last week against Stanford that Oregon coach Mike Bellotti compared to game-winning drives led by Oregon quarterbacks Danny O'Neal, Joey Harrington and Dennis Dixon, Masoli's first-half performance Saturday was also among the top performances in the program's history, Bellotti said.

"You can call it up there in the upper realms, the upper echelon," he said "There's no question that he played well and he was the catalyst today."

A 39-yard field goal by junior kicker Morgan Flint on the Ducks' first possession of the third quarter pushed the lead to 25 at 48-17. After that it was all Arizona, as the Wildcats (6-4, 4-3 Pac-10) scored four consecutive touchdowns — 28 unanswered points — to pull within three points at 48-45 with 6:38 remaining.

Tight end Rob Gronkowski accounted for the first Arizona touchdown of the streak, and had several key catches along the way, finishing with 12 catches for 143 yards and the touchdown.

"Give some credit to Rob Gronkowski. I thought he might have caught 20 passes, only 12 I guess, but it's pretty amazing in terms of what he did," Bellotti said. "They found him and we tried to match up different guys on him ... to no avail. I think he's an

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CROSS COUNTRY

Galen Rupp won his second straight West Regional title and paved the way toward Oregon's team win Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif. The women's team finished second.



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Win, loss and two one-two punches at West Regionals

Men remain undefeated, women can't hold off Huskies

ROBERT HUSSEMAN | SPORTS REPORTER

Senior Galen Rupp became the third Duck runner in history to win back-to-back regional individual titles, one of three top-six finishes by Oregon men, as the No. 1 Ducks took the NCAA West Regional men's team title, qualifying for the NCAA Championships on Nov. 24.

Oregon's 38 points bettered No. 3 Stanford (72) and No. 4 Portland (85).

Rupp, who finished the 10-kilometer course in 27:41.24, joined Jim Hill (1982-

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TOP 3 MARKS**Men's**

- 1.) Galen Rupp, 27:41.24
- 2.) Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott, 28:32.31
- 6.) Luke Puskedra, 28:45.48

Women's

- 1.) Alex Kosinski, 19:59.01
- 2.) Nicole Blood, 20:01.23
- 13.) Mattie Bridgmon, 20:21.70

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshmen step up, deliver win

Duck underclassmen are filling holes from last year's roster, leading the team to an opening-night victory

KEVIN HUDSON | SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER

The Oregon men's basketball team won a tight one, 66-64, over visiting Northern Colorado in its regular-season opener Friday night, in front of 8,273 at McArthur Court.

The game featured 10 ties and nine lead changes, along with a healthy dose of defensive energy and an off shooting night for both clubs.

The Ducks shot 33.8 percent from the field in the game, 31.3 percent from three-point range, and 58.6 percent from the freethrow line. The Bears managed 35.5 percent from the field, 20 percent from beyond the arc, and 65.4 percent from the charity stripe.

"We just couldn't pull away from this team because we were missing too many wide open shots," said Oregon head coach Ernie Kent. "We're going to have to put some more time in shooting the ball with this group but I think they will play better. The key thing now is to just get better from game to game."

Sophomore guard LeKendric Longmire led the Ducks in scoring with 15 points and added five rebounds, four steals and an assist. Next was freshman center Michael Dunigan with 13 points and seven rebounds with two steals in 18 minutes. Josh Crittle joined Dunigan with seven rebounds and added six points on 3-of-6 shooting with two steals, an assist and a blocked shot in 21 minutes, as Dunigan was in foul trouble for most of the night.

"Josh Crittle was unbelievable, just a man in the game tonight," Kent said.

The Ducks managed 15 steals and four blocked shots in the game and Kent said it was the defense that saved



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LeKendric Longmire stepped up to score 15 points, grabbing five rebounds and four steals in Oregon's 66-64 win Friday night.

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VOLLEYBALL

Devastation over loss to Washington

Ducks' seven-year losing streak to the Huskies continues

BEN SCHORZMAN
SPORTS REPORTER

The tears on the faces of senior Katie Swoboda and junior Sonja Newcombe said it all. Washington had won again.

As the final kill landed on the McArthur Court hardwood in front of a record crowd of 3,817 fans, Swoboda looked on at what could have been. All the rallies, all the digs, and in the end, all the hard work couldn't stop Oregon from losing to their biggest opponent: themselves.

"We lost the match more than they won it," senior All-American Gorana Maricic said after the game. Maricic, who had 19 kills and 16 digs to lead four Ducks in double digits, said that the hitting and mental errors piled up and did Oregon in.

"There wasn't that much difference at all between the teams, we just gave them too many points," Maricic said.

Oregon had 16 errors in the last two sets, contributing to why the Ducks (21-6 overall, 9-5 Pacific-10 Conference) lost for the 16th time in a row to the Huskies (21-4, 12-3) since the start of the 2001 season. Oregon lost by scores of 22-25, 25-22, 29-31, and 25-20, ending their 15-match home winning streak.

"We're really disappointed, especially because we were right there," said a red-eyed Newcombe.

In the first set, Oregon took a 4-2 lead and then used a 5-1 run to go up 14-10. But the Huskies stormed back and took the lead 22-18 off an 8-0 run that featured three blocks, and after a time-out, the Ducks mounted their own rally, getting back to within one at 23-22. However,



NICK COTE | PHOTOGRAPHER

Setter Nevena Djordjevic shows the Ducks' high emotion after losing a point to Washington on Sunday afternoon at McArthur Court. Oregon has lost 16 straight matches to the Huskies.

Washington got a kill from Jill Collymore, followed by a kill from Jessica Swarbrick to win the set 25-23.

Oregon took an early 6-2 lead in the second set, behind three kills from Newcombe and a block from sophomore Heather Meyers. Meyers had two kills to push the Oregon lead to 17-13 and the Ducks were one point from winning at 24-20 before the Huskies made another run. A block off a hit by Newcombe, followed by an ace from setter Tamari Miyashiro, closed the gap to two points.

But it was the captain and heart of the team, Newcombe, who finished the Huskies. Her

tip down the left sideline fell just out of the reach of Miyashiro and sent the Ducks into the break tied at one set apiece.

Washington reclaimed the lead with an extra-point win in the third set. The Huskies used a 6-2 run to close the Oregon lead to one late in the set, and took the lead with a block at 22-21. They staved off two Oregon set points and eventually won 31-29 after Newcombe let a serve from Becky Perry fall to the floor in-bounds.

There were eight ties in the first 15 points of the fourth set, as Oregon battled for each and every point. Oregon twice came back from a deficit.

TOP WEEKEND PERFORMERS

Gorana Maricic: 35 kills, 20 digs
Neticia Enesi: 24 kills, 7 blocks

The Ducks withstood another run by Washington and fought through five hitting errors to tie the score at 18 behind kills from Forristall, Newcombe and Maricic. But that was the last time Oregon would be close to victory. Three straight hitting errors by Oregon players allowed the Huskies to open up a 23-20 lead and two kills by Washington ended Oregon's hopes of winning.

Meyers had 13 kills and 11 digs, Newcombe had 15 kills and 12 digs, and junior Neticia Enesi had 11 kills and six blocks for the Ducks, who were out-hit .272 to .251 by the Huskies, due to 25 hitting errors.

Head coach Jim Moore said that the runs are what did the Ducks in.

"We just have to get mentally tougher. Plain and simple," he said. "We let them have runs of points all match long. You just can't let them get to that point."

"You're not going to win in the Pac-10 when you do that," Swoboda said.

Despite the loss, Oregon did come out of the weekend 1-1. The Ducks swept the Washington State Cougars on Friday night 25-15, 25-23, 25-18, and Moore felt that the tough play of the Cougars was a good test for his team.

"The Cougars played great all night," he said. "It was great for us as a test."

Next up for the Ducks is a weekend trip to take on Arizona on Nov. 21, then Arizona State on Nov. 23.

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XC | Two Duck women finish ahead of Husky pack

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83) and Karl Keska (1995-96) in accomplishing the feat as he crossed the tape 50 seconds ahead of teammate redshirt Senior Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott (28:32.21). The one-two finish helped secure Oregon's third straight West Regional team title.

Freshman Luke Puskedra continued on his torrid pace, finishing in sixth place (28:45.48) behind Portland freshman Alfred Kipchumba, Portland senior David Kinsella and Stanford freshman Chris Derrick. Puskedra beat out Derrick for second place at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships on Oct. 31,

but Kipchumba and Kinsella both beat Puskedra at the Bill Dellinger Invitational on Oct. 4. Kinsella, an All-American in 2007, won the Dellinger. Rupp did not participate in the meet.

Oregon's other two scorers finished in quick succession. Junior All-American Kenny Klotz, whose first race of the season was the Pac-10s, completed the course in 29:28.08, a 14th-place finish. Junior Diego Mercado, who did not race at the Pac-10s, followed Klotz in 15th place (29:29.75).

Senior transfer Curtis Suver finished 19th (29:38.46), and redshirt sophomore Danny Mercado finished 33rd (30:02.29), the final Duck across

the finish line.

Kosinski, Blood pace women over Huskies

Sophomore Alex Kosinski and junior Nicole Blood recorded a one-two finish in propelling the No. 2 Ducks to a second-place team finish and qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Kosinski was the only woman to complete the six-kilometer course in under 20 minutes (19:59.01) and Blood, the highest returning finisher from last year's West Regional (second), clocked in at 20:01.23. Behind the two Ducks was a pack of Washington Huskies: Christine Babcock (third, 20:02.25), Marie Lawrence (fourth, 20:03.21), Katie Follett (fifth, 20:07.90),

Anita Campbell (sixth, 20:12.08) and Amanda Miller (seventh, 20:13.04).

Washington, the nation's No. 1-ranked women's cross country team, took the team title with 25 points, ahead of Oregon's 62. No. 11 Stanford finished third, with 91 points.

Senior transfers Mattie Bridgmon (13th, 20:21.70) and Lindsey Scherf (19th, 20:32.21) and senior Zoe Nelson (27th, 20:48.94) rounded out Oregon's scoring runners.

Sophomores Zoe Buckman (34th, 21:00.53) and Betsy Bies (83rd, 21:54.00) also competed for the Ducks.

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BASKETBALL | Porter, Catron disappoint on opening night

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the day for Oregon.

"That's the one thing we can do is play hard and give energy. There's going to be nights like this again where, on the road or at home, you're going to miss shots, you're going to miss freethrows," he said. "The one common thread is, you can continue to defend people. I thought we did a good job that way just kind of hanging in and keeping ourselves in the game."

Notably missing from the top of the stat sheet for Oregon were juniors Tajuan Porter and Joevan Catron, who finished with five and two points, respectively, on a combined 1-of-17 shooting night, though Catron led the team with nine rebounds.

"I don't think it was hesitancy

at all, I just think we got a bad offensive night from those two guys and we can't afford to have too many of those and pull games out," Kent said. "Those two kids need to play and need to score for us."

The two are by far the most experienced of the current Ducks, and were thought to be the ones to carry the load for this season's team in the wake of last season's graduations.

Kent said he talked with them about how to better do just that after the game.

"My two studs, I had a good talk with them. We talked a little bit about stepping up a little bit more in practice and everything else," he said. "With Joevan and T.P. they've got to be the guys right now. There's no Malik (Hariston) or Bryce (Taylor) or Maarty

(Leunen) to bail them out and just let them kind of do their thing. They have to be the guys."

The victory was win No. 212 for Kent, tying him for first on the school's all-time wins list with Howard Hobson, who coached the fabled "Tall Firs" teams of the early 1940s.

"Honestly, when you obtain a record like that, that means a couple of things to me: you've had some great players, and we've had them here at Oregon ... and I've had some unbelievable assistant coaches," he said. "I've been very fortunate."

Kent will seek win No. 213 for his career and these young Ducks will seek win No. 2 on the season Monday night, 7 p.m. at McArthur Court, against Oakland, who upset the No. 23 Ducks last season in Auburn Hills, Mich.

TOP PERFORMERS

LeKendric Longmire, So. G: 15 points, five rebounds, four steals

Michael Dunigan, Fr. C: 13

points, seven rebounds, two steals

Josh Crittle, Fr. F: Six points, seven rebounds, two steals

Kamyron Brown, So. G: Seven points, four assists, three steals

Garrett Sim, Fr. G: Nine points, 2-of-2 for 3-point FG

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FOOTBALL | No distractions for Ducks

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exceptional athlete."

Arizona freshman Keola Antolin scored the next three touchdowns for the Wildcats, the last being a 13-yard jaunt to close to within three of the Ducks. He led the Wildcats in rushing on the day with 20 carries for 87 yards and four scores.

"They just executed a little better," said junior safety T.J. Ward of Arizona's second-half surge. "We weren't as aggressive. They didn't do anything different but it worked better for them."

Oregon stalled on the following series but the defense finally held and Arizona turned the ball over on downs.

Two plays later junior LeGarrette Blount exploded through the line and dashed 40 yards down the sideline to paydirt for a 55-45 margin with 3:38 remaining.

Blount ran the ball nine times for 75 yards and the score, his 15th of the season, tying him

with Saladin McCullough (1996) for Oregon's single-season touchdown record.

Arizona had two more chances with the ball but the Ducks' defense kept the Wildcats under wraps and out of Oregon territory to seal the win.

"In the halftime, I told the players to take one play at the time and to challenge their pride. Oregon put a lot of pressure on us," said Arizona head coach Mike Stoops.

Three Oregon defenders notched double-digit tackles, led by senior linebacker Jerome Boyd with 13, including two tackles for a loss and a sack. Sophomore linebacker Spencer Paysinger was next with 12 tackles, two for a loss, and Ward added 10 tackles.

Nick Reed moved into a tie with Saul Patu (1999-2000) for second on the school's all-time career sacks list with sack No. 26.5 in the game.

Had the game remained a blowout, much of the post-game chatter would likely have centered

around the new uniforms, rumored but unconfirmed until the players ran out of the tunnel clad in all black.

In warm-ups, Oregon had on its standard green-and-black tops but changed between then and the introductions in a theatrical move by coaches and administrators.

"I talked to our players about all the things going on — the seniors, the new helmet, the new uniforms — that those weren't distractions at all and we needed to make sure that they weren't, that they were positives and I think they did that," he said.

The excitement of the fans was palpable in the roar that went up in the stadium as the Ducks entered in their new uniforms. To Bellotti, the excitement of the players was just as tangible.

"Our kids were so excited," he said. "They were supposed to run onto the field and form the tunnel for the seniors and instead they ran all the way down the other end and around the field just soaking it in. It was neat

NOTEBOOK

- Jeremiah Masoli ran for three touchdowns, tying Oregon's single-game record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback.
- LeGarrette Blount's rushing touchdown tied him for the Oregon single-season rushing touchdown record with 15. He is also tied for fifth on the school's single-season points list at 92.
- Nick Reed recorded career sack 26.5, moving him into a tie for second on the Oregon all-time career sacks list.
- Oregon's 45 first-half points were its most since 1999.
- The Ducks' win over Arizona cemented an unbeaten conference record at Autzen Stadium (4-0) for the season, their first since 2000.

to see that look on their faces and neat to hear the response from the fans."

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OFFENSE | Good weather contributed to Ducks' win

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cylinders," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "No question that he played well and was a catalyst."

As a whole, the Oregon offense averaged 1:19 on its six scoring drives in the first half, which took an average 4.7 plays to cover an average 66 yards.

Even with time on its side, Arizona had hardly any luck in the first half, scoring points three times with the fastest lasting 2:12.

That all changed in the second half.

Oregon amassed 93 yards in the second half while Arizona racked up 339. Key to their scoring was tight end Rob Gronkowski, who finished with 12 catches for 143 yards and a touchdown.

When he or his brother, Chris, who finished with three catches for 84 yards and a touchdown, would get the ball close, running back Keola Antolin punched in four touchdowns on the ground.

"I kind of felt like it was going to be a shootout," said Oregon offensive coordinator Chip Kelly said.

Wildcat Willie Tuitama was 17-of-25 passing in the second half to finish with 328 yards and two touchdowns.

Like the first half, it didn't take long to score when Oregon had the opportunity, averaging 3.5 plays per scoring drive.

The problem was Oregon failed to score on its other six drives, punting five times and fumbling on another.

It wasn't just a question of inefficiency, but time.

Oregon had offensive possession for 8:15 in the second

half, while the Wildcats ran 21:45 off the clock, tiring down Oregon's defense.

"I felt like we did leave those guys on the field too much," Kelly said.

"Even that last drive we didn't plan on him breaking it. There's a catch-22 there. We'd like to hold on the ball a little bit longer," he continued.

The wait took its toll on the Oregon offense, which sat on the sideline waiting to get its next chance.

The offense that moved with ease in the first two quarters looked like the one that had sputtered against California and Stanford.

"What got us out of rhythm was sitting on the bench the whole third and fourth quarter pretty much, we couldn't get anything done," center Max Unger said.

"Three and outs are pretty much the worst possible thing to do for the defense — they get no break."

Players and coaches agreed after the game that dry, crisp weather for the first time in three weeks played a major role in opening up the playbook.

"We opened it a lot throwing the ball down the field a bit," said wide receiver Terence Scott, who caught six passes for 87 yards and ran the ball once.

"It wasn't raining so we definitely had an opportunity to run out spread offense today."

Oregon also saw a familiar face in the passing game with the "return" of Ed Dickson.

The tight end set Oregon's

SCORING SUCCESS

- Oregon ran a total of 40 plays to score points on its eight scoring drives.
 - Jeremiah Masoli accounted for five touchdowns.
 - Oregon had four plays of 30 yards or longer.
 - Despite 55 points and 504 yards of total offense, Oregon, with 18, had 12 fewer first downs than Arizona.
 - Both teams combined for 1,031 yards of total offense.
- "We made some fundamental mistakes, which is so disappointing, but it's something we have to work on to be able to defeat teams like Oregon. Today, 45 points wasn't enough to win. But this is football and life." — Arizona head coach Mike Stoops

school record for catches in a season last year with 43.

Coming into Saturday's game, he had 24 but found himself the recipient of seven catches for 84 yards.

Oregon will wait a week before playing Oregon State in Corvallis on Thanksgiving weekend.

The Ducks stand a game behind Oregon State, which beat Cal 34-21, in the standings. Kelly had no problem with the pressure.

"That's the way it should be," he said.

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