

Senate Bill could improve efficiency, flexibility of university resources

■ Bill transfers Office of Degree Authorization responsibilities to new committee

By James Shrieve
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The passing of Senate Bill 242 will create a 15-member committee appointed by the governor with the purpose of promoting Oregon's system of higher education with a more flexible and effective use of resources, according to the Oregon University System.

According to the bill itself, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission will coordinate "post-secondary policy between the Oregon University System and community colleges in the state." It also redefines OUS as a public university system, rather than a state agency, giving it authority, independence and the ability to run itself more efficiently. The bill "abolishes the Office of Degree Authorization, and transfers all duties, functions and powers to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission."

A major goal for Bill 242 is to improve the efficiency of the use of resources and manpower so students can be served more effectively.

Diane Saunders, director of communications for OUS, said changing OUS into a public university system is a "very direct move toward this goal; we will no longer be treated as other state agencies, which is helpful, as universities are not at all like other state agencies. Now we can use tuition interest earnings on supporting students through more financial aid rather than it going back to the state like it did before."

The OUS budget will no longer consist of an overwhelming amount of line items, and will continue to have the same block grant type budget that K-12 schools and community colleges have today. With the passing of the bill, the system is no longer required to ask permission to spend money students have paid in tuition to support their education if total tuition exceeds state estimates.

"Overall, we can be more nimble, flexible and serve students' needs more effectively," Saunders said.

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Black Friday Madness



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Black Friday is the traditional first day of holiday gift shopping after Thanksgiving in which rushed customers get carried away with finding the best deals. Pictured above is a crowd gathered outside of an Old Navy store in Nyberg Woods in Portland..

What did you think about Black Friday?



“People are too anxious. In reality, there's a lot of stuff, people didn't have to rush.”

Tilon Ward,
freshman in business



“It was a normal experience compared to last year, I saw ambulances last year. There were no crazy people this year. I went to Wal-Mart, which was insane.”

Brittanie Cobb,
junior in new media communications



“I just went at 5 in the afternoon. At 4:30 there were still people pushing four tv's on the same cart.”

Matt Ross,
senior in biology



“My roommate and I stopped at a few malls, but it would take 10 minutes to get through one-fourth of the parking lot so we'd just leave.”

Lea Bossler,
senior in environmental science

OSU professor discovers worrisome results for Oregon families

■ Professor's research and findings show families can't keep up in growing cost of essential pre-elementary child care

By Kelly Ward
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While childcare costs are exponential-ly increasing, family incomes seem to have reached a stalemate. These findings, conducted by Oregon State University Professor and Faculty Associate in Family Policy Bobbie Weber, have Oregonians throughout the state worried.

This research, headed by Weber, is carried out through the Child Care Resource and Referral Network to deliver Oregonians results regarding childcare costs and family incomes every two years.

"We have been conducting this research since 1990 so that policy makers can make educated decisions for Oregon," Weber said. "And the information is available to anyone who would like to understand."

While the Child Care Resource and Referral

Network is responsible for the research, Weber asserts that Oregon State is responsible for the product. "We collect analysis done by the national census as well as population surveys and other sources" in hopes of "creat[ing] a comprehensive picture of what child care and education looks like together."

This comprehensive picture is not looking promising for the coming years.

"These high prices are not occurring because we pay the caretakers too much," Weber professed, saying many caretakers have postsecondary education and are more than equipped for the jobs they carry out. "A majority of what parents pay goes into the salary" of these caretakers, Weber said.

However, the reason as to why the results are so staggering during this research period is not because childcare prices have spiked tremendously, although Weber asserts there has been an increase. The assaulting results have more to do with the fact Oregon families are seeing a "decrease in incomes" according to Weber. This disparity alone is why this "childcare

census" has seen a substantial increase in families moving into what Weber calls "non-priced care." That is, parents who rely on family friends or extended family to watch and care for their children when they can't. "In some cases, this is a viable option, but for many it is not," Weber claimed.

Since this biennial research began, the Oregon Employment Department has affirmed, "Child care is in fact early education." This assertion that child care is vital to the success of the child later is why Oregon is allocating funds to more options for families. All this roots back to Weber and the network's research.

Because of these stark findings, Weber has been appointed by Gov. John Kitzhaber to work on a committee to completely redesign kindergarten through university education through a policy called the Early Learning Plan.

Weber maintains the biggest changes Oregonians can expect to see is "whatever organization a family goes to, they can get all the help they need and they don't have to go from one organization to another," which will greatly

help these families.

Weber also tells of the committee's desire to "create clear outcomes that can be measured so that we can be sure what we're designing is successful." This will also allow Oregonians to see the changes occurring at the state level.

While the goal of Weber's research is to allow policymakers to know what needs to be worked on regarding childcare and fund allocation, the committee Weber is a part of acts upon this research. Ultimately, Weber declares the goal is "to see every child come to kindergarten ready to learn," and to admonish the notion families have gained of feeling like "there is no option."

Perhaps the largest change we can expect to see is "a focus of importance on the child," and less of a focus on "policy and programs." It is Weber's hope that this will be seen not only in the policies passed, but also by the results seen two years from now when the research is conducted again. Time will tell.

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Board of Higher Ed terminates UO president's contract

■ A unanimous vote to terminate Lariviere's contract concluded the meeting held yesterday

By **Joce DeWitt**
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A Board of Higher Education meeting held yesterday at 3 p.m. on the Portland State University campus regarding the employment of University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere resulted in the termination of his contract without cause, effective Dec. 29.

Media coverage on the board's decision not to renew Lariviere's contract in June began early last week and continued full-force throughout yesterday's meeting. The board's publicized preliminary decision not to renew Lariviere's contract was superseded by

the final result of yesterday's meeting: a unanimous vote by the Board to oust Lariviere from his position.

The meeting, as witnessed by the live stream from the Oregon University System website, was packed to standing-room only and featured numerous testimonies by Lariviere supporters, including those by green and yellow-clad UO students and faculty.

Dubbed a "personnel action" by Board President Matthew Donegan, termination of Lariviere contract was suggested to the board by OUS Chancellor George Pernsteiner based on Lariviere's apparent inability to work with leaders of the Oregon University System as well as a supposed loss of trust.

Booing and "shame on you" outcries made by the gallery marked the session that housed an organized sup-

portive force for Lariviere, who took an opportunity to speak before the board, not about his employment, but about "Oregon's future in higher education."

"Oregonians deserve better than struggling to avoid mediocrity," he said, coinciding with his distinctively bold and unconventional actions as president. Referring to his supporters, he added, "These people who so love the university, who have such confidence in its potential, had hoped there was change in the air; they see today's board move as denial to that change. I hope that you prove them wrong."

A testimony by UO Professor Robert Kyr offered several materials to demonstrate the disagreement the University of Oregon felt toward the board's decision, including a volume of media cov-

erage from Nov. 22-27, a volume of letters of support and a letter of petition signed by more than 6,300 individuals as of Monday.

According to Kyr, under Lariviere's leadership, the University of Oregon "has improved while many of the country's leading research universities have suffered setbacks," and the board began its decision making without consulting "those who are affected most."

"The board is ready to work with the University of Oregon to move forward," said OUS Director of Communications Di Saunders. "The board will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss appointment of an interim president."

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 109A. The ASOSU Senate convenes to discuss student issues. Students and student organization delegates are welcome to attend.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Meetings
Women's Center, 5-7pm. Women's Center. Graduate Women's Network presents a Thesis Writing Support Group. Meet other graduate women, have your thesis edited by friendly peers, brainstorm or just work quietly.
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. The ASOSU House of Representatives convenes to discuss student issues and concerns. Students and student organization delegates are welcome to attend.

Events
Peace Corps/Career Services, 5:30-6:30pm, MU 208. Information Session: Learn more about the Peace Corps from returned volunteers!
ASOSU, 7pm, MU East International Forum. State of the Students Address. The President and Vice President will make remarks on the current status and future of Oregon State students.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Meetings
OSU Pre-Law Society, 6pm, StAg 111. Regular meeting.
OSU Chess Club, 4pm, MU Commons. Meet for casual games. Free membership. All skill levels welcome!
White Privilege Discussion Group, 6-7:30pm, MU Board Room. The Women's Center is hosting an informal, facilitated conversation for people interested in identifying and subverting white privilege in the feminist movement. All are welcome to attend.
Vegans and Vegetarians at OSU, 6pm, SSC, 738 SW 15th St. We discuss various topics that we face, eat delicious food and welcome everyone even if you aren't vegetarian.
Baha'i Campus Association, 5-5:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Tranquility Zone - Interfaith relaxation and spiritual reflection. Bring your favorite poem, meditation or prayer to share.

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Q.U.E.S.T. - Simple supper, new topic each week.

Special committee hears testimony on relationship with OSA

■ Eath suggests ASOSU should have memo of understanding with OSA

By **Don Iler**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The special committee tasked by the Associated Students of Oregon State University House of Representatives with examining the relationship between ASOSU and the Oregon Student Association held a hearing last night in the Memorial Union Journey Room.

Individuals were encouraged to bring forth testimonies and presentations regarding whether or not the long-standing relationship between ASOSU and OSA should be maintained.

The special committee, which is headed by former ASOSU President Andrew Struthers, was formed after the House of

Representatives approved articles of impeachment against current ASOSU President M. Tonga Hopoi. Hopoi had removed ASOSU from OSA over the summer without consulting the legislative branch. The senate later censured Hopoi for her actions.

Tiffany Dollar, current chair of the board of directors of OSA, and Mario Parker-Milligan, last year's chair, presented why they believed OSA to be an integral part of helping student voices be heard at the legislature in Salem.

"Students direct staff what they want to focus on," Dollar said.

ASOSU Vice President Sohko Eath expressed that he wanted to see a memo of understanding between OSA and ASOSU.

"We should stay part of it with some sort of terms of agreement," Eath said. "We need to

take it upon ourselves what we want for our campus."

Eastern Oregon University currently has a memorandum of understanding between OSA and the Associated Students of the University of Oregon have a written contract with OSA.

OSA did not participate in the final push for the Student Experience Center in legislature because they were asked not to by the Hopoi administration. They did, however, help with the initial push for the Student Experience Center.

According to Emily McLain, Executive Director of OSA, if OSU left OSA, OSA would be forced to cut two staff positions. OSA has not hired a communications director this year because they have been unsure about ASOSU's standing within the association. Also if ASOSU left OSA, it would have a detrimental affect on its ability to

lobby legislators.

"There are issues that need to be addressed by OSA," said Angi Baxter, ASOSU director of graduate student affairs. "Allowing graduate students to have some voice on OSCC [Oregon Students of Color Coalition], OSERA [Oregon Student Equal Rights Alliance] and OSA is one."

Baxter, as a former board member of OSERA, also said she would like to see quarterly reports from OSA on accomplishments and assessments of the organization. She also said that many times she felt that time was spent mentoring other universities and focusing on their problems instead of issues that affected OSU.

"If we aren't challenging all of our universities, we are wasting our time," Baxter said.

According to OSA, its accom-

plishments include keeping tuition increases below nine percent and increasing the Oregon Opportunity Grant and various other bills. OSA representatives have expressed a desire to fight for the SEC and the textbook price bill during the February legislative session.

OSA was founded in 1975 as a student led advocacy group for student issues. It lobbies legislators in Salem to influence policy and law making. It also runs several voter registration drives as well as providing training for student leaders in many different areas.

Struthers said that the special committee would be making its final report and recommendation to the legislature in the first or second week after winter break.

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SIFC meeting tonight

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The Student Incidental Fees Committee will be meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in Memorial Union 212 to hear from two presentations. The first presentation by Craig Bidiman will be a contingency request on behalf of the MU. The second presentation will be a reallocation request by Tom Kirch, representative of the department of recreational sports. Those interested are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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Pakistan's prime minister warns United States

Tensions among Pakistan, Afghanistan and the United States jumped a notch Monday, with Pakistan's prime minister warning there would be "no more business as usual" with Washington after NATO aircraft killed two dozen Pakistan troops.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told CNN in an exclusive interview that Pakistan is re-evaluating its relationship with the United States in light of the airstrike, which NATO called a "tragic unintended" event. He said the South Asian nation wants to maintain its relationship with the United States so long as there is mutual respect and respect for Pakistani sovereignty.

Asked directly if Pakistan is getting that respect, Gilani said:

"At the moment not."
"If I can't protect the sovereignty of my country, how can we say that this is mutual respect and mutual interest?" he asked.

The Pakistani Taliban urged Pakistan to respond in kind to the airstrike, while a top adviser to Afghan President Hamid Karzai warned that Afghanistan and Pakistan could be on a path to conflict.

In his CNN interview, Gilani highlighted incidents such as the killing of the Pakistani troops and a U.S. raid into Pakistan to kill Osama bin Laden as violations of his country's sovereignty.

"You cannot win any war without the support of the masses ... and such sort of incidents makes people move away from this situation," he said.

Pakistan is a vital land sup-

ply route into Afghanistan for the United States and its allies, and a key partner in the battle against al Qaeda and its aligned jihadist movements. But Pakistani authorities turned back 300 trucks carrying NATO supplies and fuel into Afghanistan on Monday, and the prime minister said his government had not yet decided whether to boycott an upcoming Bonn conference on the future of Afghanistan.

Details of Saturday's deadly raid remained unclear Monday, and the chief of U.S. forces in the region named an Air Force general from the military's Special Operations Command to lead an investigation. Gen. James Mattis ordered the investigating officer, Brig. Gen. Stephen Clark, to report back to him by

December 23.

According to two senior U.S. officials with direct knowledge of initial reporting on the incident, the probe is focusing on what coordination failures occurred before the airstrike.

One of the officials said initial reports indicate U.S. and Afghan forces said shots were fired across the border from Pakistan, noting that it is a known tactic of insurgents to fire into Afghanistan from very close to Pakistan border checkpoints because they believe it will give them sanctuary. The United States believes the Pakistanis "were called" before NATO opened fire, the official said, but he added that "at this point, we just don't know exactly what coordination was done."

— CNN

Correction

A Nov. 21 Daily Barometer story headlined "Student Leaders Accompany President Ray to Oregon Legislature," gave the impression that the reporter attended the hearing with the Oregon House Ways and Means Committee regarding the Student Experience Center. The reporter, in fact, did not attend the hearing. It is the Barometer's policy to report accurately and fairly. These ethical standards were compromised, resulting in misrepresentation. We regret the error.

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Student product connects American and Middle Eastern cultures

Apparel design students created appropriate, functional Middle Eastern hijab for project

By Amanda Antell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior design and apparel majors, Thea Matos and Lauren Graebner, collaborated with supervisor Genna Reaves, in an innovative project that meets the needs of American and Middle Eastern cultural immersion. Graebner and Matos, who started on the project last Spring, have designed an innovative and multi-functional hijab.

The project was lead by design and human environment doctorate student and graduate teaching assistant Genna Reaves, who came up with the project two years ago. Though the purpose of the project isn't necessarily to make a product, it was definitely a part of it. The primary motive was to teach the design and apparel students to meet the needs of a cross-cultural client, along with conduct research into the culture they've chosen, in order to make a product appropriate for wear in the specific culture.

"The point of this was a pure research project, and the necessary experience of dealing with cross-cultural clients. Many people assume there's no research involved in making a product, but there is. This project illustrates that," Reaves said.

Graebner and Matos chose the hijab, the traditional head covering worn by Muslim women, as their starting point, and worked to incorporate a socioreligious function, as well as capture the actual meaning of the hijab headpiece. Their hijab headpiece won the "Instructor's Choice" and "DHE Faculty Judges' Choice" award at the completion of the DHE 366 term projects.

With the success they've had in the classroom, Graebner and Matos wish to take it a step further by presenting their research and product idea to the International Textile and Apparel Association's contest. The winner of the contest will have their work published in ITAA's magazine. Another contest Graebner and Matos are coordinating is the Oregon State University library research contest. Both are excited to be the first apparel design students to enter.

In conducting research for their project, as well as preparation for the formal



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Students Lauren Graebner, Thea Matos, Maha Albarjas and Elham Maqsood worked together to create a functional and culturally-appropriate hijab for a term project in DHE 366.

report they're submitting to ITAA, Matos and Graebner say the hardest thing was finding modern, unbiased and culturally relevant sources about the hijab.

"There weren't many, and it took us a while to conclude they were relevant," Graebner said.

Apart from their research, Graebner and Matos had recruited several international students for a focus group. The point of the focus group was to see if their design and product hit home in both functionality and cultural acceptance in their countries.

To Graebner's and Matos's surprise, they received a lot of positive feedback.

The hijab Matos and Graebner have developed can be worn two ways: the Western way, which is around the neck and forehead, or the way of the Middle East, which is the traditional head scarf that covers the hair. Its functionality and easy use is perpetuated by a flask that holds the headpiece together, which eliminates the wrapping process.

Two cotton products have been made so far. The inspiration they received was from the "infinity scarf," which hides the neck completely, as well as from the original hijab

of Saudi Arabia.

"We wanted to make a product that combined the trendy and convenient American style, but also insured that the modesty of the hijab was kept, too," Matos said.

Graebner and Matos were surprised by their research regarding the hijab; particularly the differences between the burqa, the full-body black cloak that covers everything except the eyes, and the hijab.

"They said the hijab represents their culture, and the burqa represents their religion," Graebner said.

The product was also meant to help Middle Eastern women feel more at home in the United States.

When asked if there are developing plans to mass produce the product, Matos and Graebner said they hope another entrepreneur will take the idea and produce it for them.

"It's a great idea," Matos said. "And I hope that someone who's starting a business out there will pick it up and start selling them one day."

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Community College transfers face different hurdles when applying

Different standards are applied to transfer student admissions

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students transferring to Oregon State University from community colleges don't face a different tuition than freshmen, but they do face different standards in multiple ways.

"For transfer students, we have a different criteria. GPA does not have to be as high, and there is no SAT score required," said Kate Peterson, assistant provost for enrollment management. Community college grades are weighted greater than high school grades.

While no dorms have been specifically allotted to transfer students, the housing considerations are also different.

"OSU is a brand new experience for transfer students, and we try to be sensitive to challenges, including housing and financial," said Todd Simmons, associate vice president for University Relations and Marketing.

In terms of campus housing, Halsell Hall is somewhat geared toward transfer students. It is the home of the "upper division and transfer student experience program," according to the school website. Students who wish to live in Halsell must either be transfer students, at least 20 years old or a returning student. The vacancy rate in Corvallis is low, so students transferring often have few choices off campus.

According to the news and research department, the trend toward more community college transfer students

is a deliberate thing.

"One by one, we have got dual-enrollment agreements with all community colleges in the state of Oregon," Simmons said. He cited the 1862 Morrill Act, which provides land grants for states to build public colleges, as a factor for the relationships with community colleges. "Our community college relationships are a great way to provide the 1862 Morrill Act to Oregon."

Many students choose the option of attending a community college prior to OSU for more than just financial reasons.

Troy Messinger, a junior who recently transferred from Portland Community College, said besides cost, community college was "local and convenient." He recommended transfer students enroll in ALS

199, a course also known as Transfer Student Seminar. "It helped me understand the difference between a college and a university, and has been incredibly helpful."

While the number of transfer students has remained roughly consistent with enrollment over the last 10 years, Peterson says it may surge in upcoming years.

"Community colleges saw spikes in enrollment when the economy went bad three years ago. Since it hasn't improved, many of those students are likely to move to four-year colleges throughout the Oregon University System," she said. Though unsure as to how soon OSU would feel the increase, she says it would certainly happen in the near future.

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The creation of the HECC will also distribute workloads and maintain the new system without the direct state-government support it had before.

Jennifer Diallo, administrator for the ODA, whose office and co-workers must deal with perhaps the most drastic effects of the bill, is sure the change will have positive results. Her primary concern is the time it will take to iron out all the details.

"We were notified that at some point we will have to move to a new office, to an as yet undecided city. They still don't know how they will compensate us for moving or when the changes will happen, which is OK on its own" Diallo said. "The issue is having this loom over our heads while we are working so much as

it is. We don't know if we're going to have new responsibilities or more co-workers, or both."

Another potential issue is other legislation coming out at the same time. With the creation of too many new departments, there is a possibility of overlaps in responsibilities. This could lead to an unknown number of issues.

While Bill 242 is still in development and will not be imposed until sometime next year, its creators are very aware of the intricacy which must be implemented in defining its functions. As well, any members of the departments affected can voice their concerns to the legislators.

"We have been able to contact legislators working on the bill to voice our concerns. They are nice and thoughtful people looking for the most efficient and equitable way to use this bill," Diallo said.

The bill and other legislation like it

have been in the process of acceptance and creation for up to three years. The effects and goals are just now surfacing. The more intricate parts of the bill have yet to be discussed, as it is too early in the process to know who will be getting how much money, who will be moving to which offices at what time, and who is going to be in charge of what.

However, not many are concerned with that yet, as the legislature has already been pushed back twice.

"The potentially conflicting and competing roles of new departments are pushing back the time when the bills will take effect," Diallo said. "The other reason for delays is the lack of budgeting which went on before the bills came into being."

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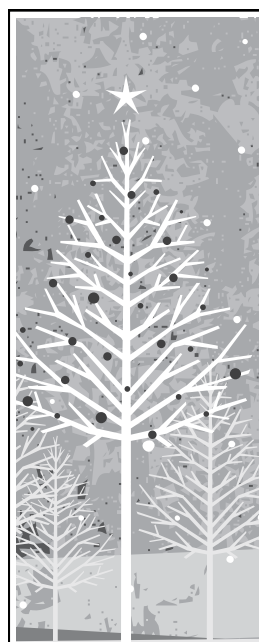
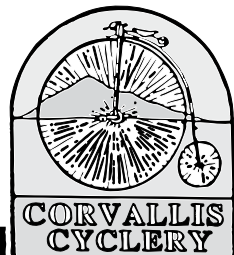
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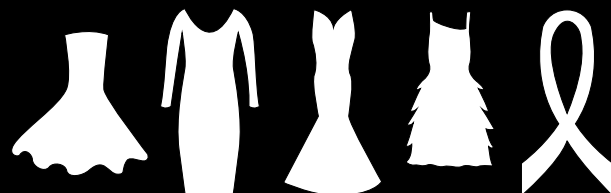
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Editorial

Lariviere termination the right move

Not everyone is a team player. And University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere is learning what it means when you don't play by the rules, disobey your bosses and alienate your co-workers. You get fired.

The State Board of Higher Education terminated Lariviere's contract yesterday and will be appointing an interim president soon. This is the correct move and one the board should be commended for making.

By all accounts, Lariviere has been a terrible representative for the university. He has lost the respect of his bosses, the board and especially of Oregon University System Chancellor George Pernsteiner. Even Gov. John Kitzhaber is fed up with Lariviere, stating that his "actions have done damage to our vision for higher education and other institutions of higher learning."

Given his record, these harsh words shouldn't come as a surprise. Lariviere pursued an independent agenda during the last legislative session, seeking more independence for the University of Oregon outside of the university system, and working against the initiatives of the other public universities in the state, especially Senate Bill 242.

While innovative, his plan for an endowed and independent University of Oregon would have transformed a public university, built and paid for partially by the citizens of Oregon, into a quasi-private university. This would have done irreparable harm to the people of Oregon, those who have invested a large amount of money over the years to have an affordable institution of higher learning for its citizens.

This shouldn't come as a surprise, considering under Lariviere's watch, the percentage of undergraduate Oregonians attending University of Oregon has decreased from 57 percent to 53 percent of the student body. While this has come under the guise of raising the academic standards and diversity at the university, it has also made quality higher education for Oregonians harder to attain.

Lariviere also decided to give faculty at the University of Oregon a pay raise, while knowing faculty at other universities, including Oregon State University, were facing pay freezes and classified workers were being asked to take furlough days once again. This is unfair and shows a complete lack of respect to all of the employees of the university system, especially the classified workers.

While the outpouring of support over the last week that has come out of Eugene, and from "Uncle Phil," has proved that Lariviere is popular at the University of Oregon, his performance over the last two and a half years has shown he is unable to perform the functions of a university president who works in tandem with the other public universities of this state.

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It's the violence that counts

This past week, the 99 percent made a big economic statement. No, I am not talking about those drum-circle campers in Portland. This is about those who occupied the parking lot of a Best Buy at 4 in the morning, or cut their Thanksgiving dinner short to get to the opening of Target at 10 p.m. Thursday.

Last Friday, as usual, marked the beginning of the holiday shopping season, and with the current economic situation pretty dismal, retailers across the nation worked hard to spur consumer activity. This meant opening some stores Thursday night, eliminating the Friday in "Black Friday," and offering huge bargains during the early



Charles Leineweber

The Pen is Mightier

hours of the morning. Naturally, this led to some complications with customers and crowd control.

It seems like every year scenes of shoppers stampeding through the doors of big box retailers in the wee hours of the morning to get their hands on a plasma TV for the low-low price of \$199.99 pop up on the Internet or the evening news. This year was no different, as a handful of incidents of violence

across the country, many occurring at Wal-marts (draw your own conclusions there), marred the busiest shopping day of the year. What better way to kick off the holiday season than to beat up someone for cutting in line, or getting pepper sprayed for bumping into the wrong person?

The holiday season is a huge time for retailers. The importance of shoppers getting out and spending money in the face of hard times is vital to not only the health of retail companies, but of our economy as well.

CNN recently reported this year's Black Friday weekend was the larg-

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FARI NGUYEN IS A JUNIOR IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor

Open letter to the OSU President Maintaining the First

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the rights to freedom of expression by protecting speech, a free press, the freedom of assembly and the right of redress of grievances to the government. Recent events on public university campuses however, brings into question whether these rights are being repressed on U.S. campuses.

Three separate but related events over the past three weeks, on the UC Berkeley and UC Davis

campuses in California, and the City University of New York campus in New York, all represent threats to our civil rights and should therefore raise great concern among U.S. citizens, and students in particular. The brutality perpetrated by police against peaceful student protesters, on behalf of campus officials, calls into question current policy on public universities.

What exactly is OSU campus policy regarding the ability of students to exercise their freedom of speech and assembly rights? To what extent can campus officials

and police abridge our constitutional rights?

All public universities, which are supposed to foster peaceful civic engagement, critical thinking and open debate, should be a "free speech zone." The repression of free speech and assembly we have witnessed would lead us to believe otherwise.

The real elephant in the room regarding the Davis, Berkeley and CUNY incidents are the heinous displays of excessive force by campus police. Campus police clearly

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Allison Mermelstein The Daily Barometer

Advocating against the dreaded group project

There may not be an audible groan when a professor assigns a group project, but you know there are mental ones going through every person's mind, as well as rolled eyes and curse words. There aren't many things that threaten to destroy a student's term quite like a group project.

It doesn't seem like a terrible thing to partner up with another student or more in order to accomplish a set of goals, but it shortly becomes apparent how nightmarish the entire process is.

The first problem is that the kinds of projects assigned to groups tend not to be particularly engaging or interesting, or if they do inspire passion, then no one ends up feeling satisfied with the end result. If no one cares about the project, no one wants to do it, and the whole thing becomes something like a trip to the dentist where a tooth is being pulled. However, if the project is really interesting and inspires creativity, then no one is able to put the group on the same page, and everything becomes a mess.

Another problem with group projects is the lack of good leadership. No one wants to be the group leader because no one wants to have responsibility for the whole project. The only leaders who step forward do so out of obligation. They tend to be the only people who either deeply care about the project or the grade.

This could lead to a natural leader taking charge, delegating tasks appropriately, recognizing the talents of each individual member of the group, listening to ideas, creating a plan and then implementing it, but more often than not, no one cares. They either become tyrannical dictators breathing down people's necks, or they end up doing most of the work themselves. This becomes especially apparent when the other group members aren't pulling their weight.

When a teacher assigns group positions, the results are even worse. Some people aren't meant to be leaders, and there's nothing wrong with that, their skills simply lie in other areas. However, when those people are forced to take on roles they aren't comfortable with, chaos follows. Order may only be restored if someone else takes on the role of leader from behind the scenes.

When people work in groups during school, they almost always try to reach a consensus about everything. At first glance, there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with that, but college is filled with people with all kinds of different opinions and it can be hard to reach a unanimous decision, especially when people feel passionate about a subject.

No one in the group wants to stand up and fight strongly for one cause

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escalated a peaceful situation into a public safety hazard to students. Police deployed nightsticks and pepper spray callously against peaceful students and faculty, causing unnecessary injuries, fear and panic.

What are the limits on use of force by police on campus? How does use of force by police discourage any future expressions of free speech and assembly rights?

The sick irony of the brutal use of pepper spray against nonviolent UC Davis protesters is that students were protesting the use of excessive force and repression of freedom of speech witnessed on the UC Berkeley campus just two weeks prior. Davis students were also protesting crippling levels of student debt, tuition and fees.

So, within the context of our once-in-a-lifetime financial crisis that is contributing to unprecedented economic inequality for young adults, unsustainable tuition fee hikes and suffocating student debt, it seems prudent to ask OSU officials whether freedom of expression is allowed on public universities like OSU.

I presume OSU officials would learn from the state violence caused by using riot police deployed to quell free speech and peaceable assembly of student protesters.

Use of force in this manner is harmful to a university's image in terms of a welcoming and peaceful learning environment, and more importantly, it clearly stifles freedom of thought and expression. Any move by university officials to stifle OSU student's capacity to freely express their political and economic criticisms and ideas, through the use of state violence, would be damaging from a student perspective and will not be tolerated.

It is also important to remember that these instances of repression on college campuses are all connected to a broader movement, commonly referred to as the #Occupy Wall Street movement. This coast-to-coast nonviolent movement

has spread rapidly, but has borne witness to police brutality multiple times, much of which has been cell phone video recorded and flashed all over YouTube and the News.

As this #Occupy movement develops, let us just hope public universities will be a safe haven for freedom of thought, expression and peaceful assembly.

Sincerely,
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In response to "Occupy Stalled" Occupy's got it right

The continued attempts by the editorial board to grossly mischaracterize the Occupy movement and the board's glaring misunderstanding of the civil rights Occupy protesters are exercising is deeply disturbing.

This country and the entire world face enormous systemic challenges that have remained habitually unaddressed, including climate change, global financial mismanagement, tremendously undemocratic corporate influence and rising income inequality.

Your suggestion that people organize to affect meaningful change is exactly what Occupy Wall Street is doing. The "right to take to the streets," as enshrined in the First Amendment, is what helped win women the right to vote. Collectively, our constitutional rights make up an arsenal of quintessential American traditions that have served us well.

However, voting cannot be a panacea for the problems facing our country. The ideological and monied interests of Congress are consistently out of step with American public opinion, yet they remain deeply entrenched.

Likewise, running for Congress and boycotting "products" would be impractical and ineffectual considering the unbreakable bond between large companies and the federal government.

The tens of thousands of people protesting are average Americans. They are unionized and non-unionized

workers, students, the unemployed, the underemployed, the poor, the uninsured, retirees and veterans.

This movement is not about recapturing the American dream. It's about reestablishing some semblance of social and economic justice that has eluded tens of millions of Americans for years.

Understanding Occupy becomes a question of prioritizing. Are you more concerned about the use of public space by the public or are you more concerned about your civil rights, your retirement plan, your income, your health, your fellow human being and your planet?

I've rarely read such a lazy piece of journalism. However, in the interest of fairness, there is one thing I agree with the editorial board on: Quit whining and do something.

Drew Mahedy
IPM Research Technician

In response to "Occupy Stalled" Can't succeed in a broken system

I was dismayed at the claims that Occupy Portland/Wall Street was just an act to destroy a park. Mass demonstrations allow those who do not have the voice of media to present their point of view and take action. It conveys to policy makers that there is a mass of people who object to the job they are doing such as the successful demonstration in Washington, D.C., against the Keystone Pipeline.

It's hard to advocate only for working within the system. Many of us already work within the system advocating for good schools, social safety nets and clean energy to offset the threat of climate change, yet the almighty dollar drowns us out and defeats our efforts in Congress or city hall.

The Occupy movement has inspired many, including me, to take new steps to advocate for the 99 percent. Don't underestimate the power of people in the streets. The civil rights movement rallied 3 percent of the population to the streets and changed a nation!

CATHERINE THOMASSON,
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est in history, with an estimated \$11.4 billion spent by consumers. This type of spending can help boost the profits of companies, leading to more consumer confidence and job creation. But the way Black Friday is handled speaks volumes about our consumer society as a whole.

We all want to get a good deal on products. No one likes to pay more than they want, and paying less for something nice is even better. But when it gets to the point of resorting to violence to get a discount on an Xbox, like the woman who pepper sprayed a crowd in a California Wal-mart in order to get to the front of the crush of people, there might be a problem. Just how much is that Xbox really worth when people are willing to hurt other people to get it? It's not like it is good for our health, in fact an Xbox is quite the opposite.

You can't fault the retailers for all of these

events. They are simply attempting to boost business in trying financial times. But by offering these discounts for a limited time, retailers increase the feeling of competition among shoppers vying for those products before the deals go away "forever." This leads people to fight for resources that they believe are precious, or at least they believe

“...people need to realize that money or goods won't make you happy, and that violence should never be an option.”

will make them happy, such as a life-changing Xbox or TV. I am combining clichés here, but when you get down to it, people need to realize that money or goods won't make you happy, and that violence should never be an option. Christmas shopping is supposed to be about finding gifts that will make another person happy, not giving an old woman a forearm shiver because she beat you to the Wii.

This season, get out there and shop, but don't be a jerk about it. You can help the economy without hurting society.

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in particular because of the responsibility involved. If an idea turns out to be terrible, it's better if the whole group agreed on it, that way no one in the group becomes singled out. This mentality makes the whole group extremely inefficient.

Group projects tend to be complicated and involve

spend entire meetings trying to make unanimous decisions, nothing is going to get done. The groups don't tend to think very creatively, instead they seize upon the first available idea that no one objects to, even if one group member with raised objections would yield a better, more satisfying project, as well as a better grade.

Sometimes, the problem doesn't have anything to do

with the students. Sometimes, the projects themselves are just poorly designed. An ideal group project is one where everybody decides on the topic and the stance the group is taking about that topic together, but can then delegate most of the tasks to individuals within the group so that important things can be done by members together at meetings.

If projects aren't designed so group members can bring their work together at the same time, it can prevent the group from getting things done on time. If group members have to do things one after the other, this can really slow the group down, especially if there are procrastinators in the group.

Teachers never seem to understand that these projects don't have the students' undivided attention. People usually have three to four additional classes, social lives and other obligations outside of class. There simply isn't enough time to do most group projects well, and they don't showcase the talents of the individual students.

So I have to wonder what the point of group projects is. They certainly don't teach us to work well together and understand each other; most people come out of projects despising their group members because things didn't turn out ideally. They really don't teach us anything about ourselves or the subject we didn't already know, and they don't give teachers a good idea about our individual abilities to problem solve, understand information or relate to others.

All in all, I have to advocate individual projects for individual people.

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Thoughts from an atheist

Clint Sergi
The Daily Barometer

The people of the United States represent every demographic imaginable. Naturally, some groups of people are smaller than others. Atheists are one such group.

According to statistics released by the Pew Research Center, only 1.6 percent of Americans are atheists. Unfortunately, lack of exposure to people who do not fit the profile of an average American leads to a misunderstanding of those people. Atheists are one such group that is often misunderstood which leads other Americans to make assumptions about atheists that are not true. But rather than explaining atheism, it would be far more practical to explain some of the common interactions people have with atheists and how atheists view those interactions.

First and foremost, I cannot speak for all atheists. My opinion is that of a single atheist. However, I hope most atheists will agree with the points I make below.

The first action of non-atheists I would like to address can be seen in many conversations or interactions. Most people assume the person they are talking to is religious. Obviously, this is not always the case.

By making this assumption, many people will make casual religious remarks assuming the person they are speaking to agrees, or relates with them. These remarks can be anything from mentioning God or the devil to saying they are praying for another person. To most people, these remarks would be perfectly agreeable, or at the very least inconsequential. And by no means are

such remarks offensive to atheists, but it does reveal that many people make assumptions about the religious beliefs of others that are not universally true.

Moreover, what can be offensive are the reactions of people when they find out the person they are talking to is an atheist — and these reactions are very diverse. Some people are indifferent, others laugh, some question how it is possible to not believe in a higher power, some say atheists are destined for hell, and some say atheists cannot be moral without believing in a god.

I do not have a problem with those who respectfully disagree. However, being labeled inherently evil is both untrue and infuriating. Claiming a person cannot have morals because they are not religious is more telling of the moral character of the accuser than the accused. By making such a claim, the accuser is implying without religion, they would be immoral and succumb to the most primal human urges.

This is not to say I think religious people lack morals, just that they attribute the existence of morals to the wrong cause. To them, morals are handed down by a deity. To an atheist, morals are a product and evidence of a person's humanity.

Finally, the most common question, and one of the most common reactions, of non-atheists: "How can you not believe in anything?" Disguised as a sincere question, this is an implicit mocking of an atheist's lack of reli-

gious beliefs; it implies what the atheist believes is ridiculous and unconscionable.

However, what many fail to realize is being an atheist is not a choice. I, for one, did not consider the pros and cons of atheism and religion, and eventually decide to become an atheist. My inability to believe in a deity is part of my identity. It would take an act of God for me to believe in God.

If a person's religiosity was a matter of choice, religious beliefs would be insincere. At that point, religion would stop being a matter of belief and become a matter of opinion. True religious beliefs are not weakly held convictions subject to change on a daily basis. To an atheist, atheism is not the best choice, but the only choice. I suspect if asked the same question by an atheist, any religious person would have the same reaction.

Atheism is all too often misunderstood due to the difference in the way religious people and atheists view the world. This difference has caused atheists to be viewed as a novelty, something interesting to be curious about, yet wary of.

I do not expect to change the way anyone thinks. However, I hope people will re-examine the way they act toward atheists. Rather than treat an atheist's beliefs as something to be mocked or dismissed, those who are religious should treat atheism with the same respect they expect of their faith.

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Volleyball's season over

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After losing in straight sets to the University of Oregon Friday night in Eugene, the Oregon State University volleyball team was not invited to the NCAA Tournament when the field of 64 was revealed Sunday.

The Beavers (16-16, 8-14 Pac-12) felt like they needed to reach nine conference wins to have a realistic chance at reaching the postseason for the first time since 2001.

Oregon State finished eighth in the Pac-12. Seventh-place Arizona received a tournament bid after finishing three games ahead of the Beavers in the standings. Oregon State lost both matches to the Wildcats this year.

Seven Pac-12 teams were invited to the tournament, and three of those seven were awarded national seeds (No. 7 USC, No. 9 UCLA, No. 11 Stanford).

Oregon State's eight conference wins were the most the program has had since 2001, though the number is a bit skewed, considering four of this year's eight wins came against new conference members Utah and Colorado.

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FOOTBALL/VOLLEYBALL: SEASON WRAPS

FOOTBALL

Final Pac-12 standings

North	Pac-12	Overall
1. Oregon	8-1	10-2
2. Stanford	8-1	11-1
3. Washington	5-4	7-5
4. Cal	4-5	7-5
5. OSU	3-6	3-9
6. Washington St.	2-7	4-8

South	Pac-12	Overall
1. USC	7-2	10-2
2. UCLA	5-4	6-6
3. ASU	4-5	6-6
4. Utah	4-5	7-5
5. Colorado	2-7	3-10
6. Arizona	2-7	4-8

OSU schedule

9/3	Sacramento St	L, 29-28
9/10	@ Wisc.	L, 35-0
9/24	UCLA	L, 27-19

10/1	@ ASU	L, 35-20
10/8	Arizona	W, 37-27
10/15	BYU	L, 38-28
10/22	@ WSU	W, 44-21
10/29	@ Utah	L, 27-8
11/5	Stanford	L, 38-13
11/12	@ California	L, 23-6
11/19	Washington	W, 38-21
11/26	@ Oregon	L, 49-21

OSU individual stats

Passing: Mannion: 3328 yards, 16 TDs, 18 INTs, 64.5% completions
Rushing: Agnew: 89 carries, 423 yards, 5 TDs
Receiving: Wheaton: 73 catches, 986 yards, 1 TD
 Rodgers: 45 catches, 514 yards, 3 TDs
 Cooks: 31 catches, 391 yards, 3 TDs

VOLLEYBALL

Final Pac-12 standings

	Pac-12	Overall
1. USC	20-2	25-4
2. UCLA	17-5	24-6
3. Cal	16-6	26-6
T4. UW	15-7	23-7
T4. Stanford	15-7	21-7
6. Oregon	14-8	21-9
7. Arizona	11-11	19-12
8. OSU	8-14	16-16
9. Utah	6-16	11-20
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11. WSU	4-18	12-20
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OSU schedule (Pac-12 only)

09/16	vs. Az St.	W, 3-2
09/17	vs. Arizona	L, 3-1

09/23	@ Utah	W, 3-0
09/24	@ Colo	W, 3-0
09/30	@ WSU	L, 3-0
10/01	@ UW	L, 3-0
10/07	vs. Stan	L, 3-1
10/09	vs. Calif.	L, 3-1
10/14	@ UCLA	L, 3-0
10/15	@ USC	L, 3-0
10/21	vs. UW	L, 3-0
10/22	vs. WSU	W, 3-2
10/28	vs. Colo.	W, 3-2
10/29	vs. Utah	W, 3-0
11/04	@ Arizona	L, 3-0
11/05	@ ASU	L, 3-0
11/11	vs. USC	L, 3-0
11/12	vs. UCLA	L, 3-1
11/18	@ Calif.	W, 3-2
11/20	@ Stan.	L, 3-1
11/22	vs. Oregon	W, 3-0
11/25	@ Oregon	L, 3-0

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Oregon State was able to hang close in nearly every match, including Cody Weishoff, who narrowly lost a 3-1 decision to thirteenth-ranked Zach Toal. Oregon State's Ty Vinson, of the 174-pound weight class, also impressed by taking a tie into the third round against Henderson before losing by a 5-2 decision.

The match of the night for the Beavers came in an exhilarating third-round pin, compliments of Oregon State's Taylor Meeks. Meeks, who wrestled twelfth-ranked Haynes, secured the pin after a flurry of action that began with a two-point takedown for Haynes.

"He took me down, and I knew he had a force," Meeks said. "He force-armed me and caught the head. I was going for a reversal, but his shoulders were flat and I got the pin."

Although the pins by Meeks and Jack made the score close, Missouri had the win already

clinched prior to the strong finish. The Tigers jumped on Oregon State early and never relinquished their lead. Mental toughness was one major aspect that was mentioned by the team as an area needing improvement.

"I know we're physically ready to roll with the big dogs of wrestling, but I feel like we weren't 100 percent ready mentally to go out there and wrestle," fifth-ranked Mike Mangrum said. "We just need to get a little bit stronger mentally, because I know we're strong enough physically."

Zalesky believes the loss could actually be a good thing for the young Beavers.

"A team like Missouri lets us see where we're at," Zalesky said. "It shows us where we can get better when you can bring in a team like [Missouri]."

Oregon State looks to bounce back from its first loss of the season at California State University, Bakersfield on Dec. 10.

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wants a chance to play. He's only got a year left and he wants to play in the games. He thinks his best chance to do that is to transfer."

Riley knew Katz wanted to leave and didn't try to intervene or to sway him to make a different decision.

"I wouldn't say I tried to talk him out of it," Riley said. "I just tried to prepare him for what he would need to do in the next step."

A well-documented "quarterback controversy" is what paved the road leading to Katz's decision to transfer. Katz had been entrenched as the starter, but was taken out of the first game of the year against Sacramento State after halftime.

In stepped redshirt freshman Sean Mannion, who at the time was considered the third-string quarterback. Mannion played the

rest of the game, and the spot of starting quarterback was no longer a sure thing for Katz.

By the next week, it was clear the coaches were set on Mannion, and Katz became the odd man out.

"I thought [Katz] handled it really well," said Riley about Katz losing his starting role. "It's a very, very difficult situation. He is a great example of a good competitor... not only for the team when he gets in there, but for himself. He is very competitive and proud of his work."

The depth chart at quarterback will take a bit of a shakeup with this news. Sophomore Cody Vaz had already been taking reps as the No. 2 quarterback the past few weeks in practice. Sophomore Jack Lomax will likely slide up to third-string, with freshman Richie Harrington right behind.

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Season full of disappointment comes to an end for Beavers

■ Beavers lose by 28 in Eugene to finish worst season since 1997, when they won twice

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

EUGENE — The season ended for the Oregon State University football team the same way it started: in disappointment.

From the moment Sacramento State University (who, by the way, finished 4-7 overall, 3-5 in the Big Sky) converted the two-point conversion to take a 29-28 overtime win over the Beavers in the first game of the year, this season has been doomed.

"It was a tough season from the jump," senior safety Lance Mitchell said.

So when the University of Oregon took their fourth straight Civil War with ease on Saturday, they made it clear who the best team in the state has been, and still is.

The gap between the two biggest football programs in the state has greatly widened over the past two years, since the "War of the Roses."

"Two short years ago, we were playing for the conference championship, and we're just not in a good place right now, today," head coach Mike Riley said. "We're going to work our tails off to turn this thing around and do what we need to do to get back there."

Clearly, Riley and company are motivated to turn this around. Since 2006, Oregon State's win total has either declined or stayed the same. Over the span of six years, the Beavers have gone from 10 wins to three.

The only other time a Riley-coached Beavers team has gone bowl-less in consecutive seasons was back in 1997-98 during Riley's first stint in Corvallis.

"It feels horrible," said Riley about not reaching the postseason again. "And it's really unacceptable is what it is. I'm just very, very disappointed in the year. I've got to look at myself first, and then we'll go through a total evaluation and do everything we can to change this around."

One question posed to Riley after the game was whether the score of the Civil War (49-21) was indicative of the gap between Oregon and Oregon State.



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True freshman DeAnthony Thomas gained 197 all-purpose yards against the Beavers on Saturday in Eugene. Oregon State kept it close for about a quarter before the Ducks ran away with the game.

"I hope not," Riley answered. "I'm going to look at this thing real hard and try to be realistic. I'll try not to look at it too much with rose-colored glasses, I suppose. It's a valid question, but I think that we may not be that far apart."

Since the 2009 Civil War, Oregon has gone 21-4, while OSU is 8-16.

Being able to keep up with the Ducks is a big motivator, but the bigger motivation is going to be turning the tide for next year.

"The thing is, there's a lot of days until next year's first game," redshirt freshman Sean Mannion said. "So, we're going to take advantage of every one."

Where that rebuilding and restructuring starts for the Beavers is at their core: running the ball and stopping the run.

"Those are such critical areas in

winning games," Riley said. "Really the foundation of what we've done is based on those two things. If you ask our kids, 'What do we have to do first?' the defense would [say] 'Stop the run,' and then everybody knows our history in the running game."

That foundation has been MIA throughout the entire 3-9 campaign.

The running offense ranks 118th in the nation (third-worst), and the run defense ranks 101st.

"It will come back," Riley said of the running game. "How we go about that will be a major part of evaluation, but we've got to do better."

This season will be one of the more remembered years for Oregon State football, and not for good reasons. This is one of the youngest teams in a while, and the record reflected the inexperience of the roster — to a degree.

One area that won't ever be questioned by players and coaches on this team is their heart and determination though, regardless of the record.

"I'm proud of the team," senior linebacker Cameron Collins said. "The season didn't go as we wanted [it] to, but everybody kept going. One foot in front of the other. No one ever gave up."

The offseason starts immediately for the coaching staff, as recruiting picks up in the next few months before signing day. Spring practice picks back up in March, and the Beavers are probably more eager than they've ever been to get back on the field already.

"I can't believe it's over," Riley said. "It's just really disappointing."

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Oregon State's 2011 season...

BY THE NUMBERS

3-9 Oregon State's record, the program's worst since 1997 (2-9).

7 Double-digit losses. Only the losses to Sac State (29-28) and UCLA (27-19) could be considered close.

4-7 Sac State's final record. The Hornets, who lost to Portland State, finished tied for sixth in the Big Sky Conference.

0 For the first time since 1997, zero Beavers were named All-Conference First Team. Junior cornerback Jordan Poyer was the team's lone Second Team selection.

18 INTs thrown by redshirt freshman

Sean Mannion, second-most among FBS quarterbacks. Ryan Katz threw 11 last year.

86.9 OSU's average rushing yards per game, which is third-worst out of 120 FBS teams.

Quarterback Ryan Katz will transfer

■ Katz will graduate in March, be able to play at any non-Pac-12 Division I school next year

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Ryan Katz, 14-game starter at quarterback for Oregon State, has been granted his release by the university as he will transfer to a different school.

"Ryan and I and his dad met two, three weeks ago," said head coach Mike Riley. "I think that for us it's disappointing whenever you lose a guy, but I also understand the situation. I actually agree with Ryan and his decision, and we'll try to help him in whatever way we can to find that spot where he can play his last year of college football."

Katz was the starting quarterback for all 12 games in 2010 and started the first two games this season before being replaced by redshirt freshman Sean Mannion.

"After discussing this issue with my family, I have decided to seek other academic and athletic opportunities," Katz said in an OSU athletics press release. "I have been granted my release from Oregon State and I plan to transfer as a graduate



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Little did Ryan Katz know, this September 3 game versus Sacramento State would be his last at Reser Stadium.

student with one year of eligibility remaining."

Katz is on track to graduate from Oregon State in March with a degree in business finance. He will be eligible to play immediately with any non-Pac-12 conference school so long as he does post-graduate studies at his next school.

The transfer was Katz's idea, because he wanted an opportunity to be a starting quarterback again, rather than watch from the sidelines in his last year.

"It was his idea," Riley said. "And I just told him I would help him, that I understood. He explained that he just

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Wrestling comes up just short against Missouri

■ Beavers lose first meet of the year, fall by a close margin to Missouri Friday night at home

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Although redshirt freshman Taylor Meeks and senior Clayton Jack finished with back-to-back pins to ignite an electric Gill Coliseum Friday night, the University of Missouri's early lead proved to be too much for the Oregon State University wrestling team, as they fell to the Tigers 21-18.

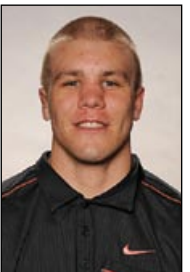
The highly ranked Big 12 opponent flexed its muscles early after fifth-ranked Alan Waters recorded a third round technical fall over Oregon State redshirt freshman Pat Rollins and thirteenth-ranked Nathan McCormick won a 9-3 decision over redshirt freshman James Roberts.

After junior Mike Mangrum and sophomore Scott Sakaguchi won by decision for Oregon State, cutting the lead to 8-6, Missouri reeled off four straight wins to extend its lead 21-6. The deficit proved to be too much, and the eighteenth-ranked Beavers fell to 2-1 on the season.

While the three ranked veterans for Oregon State took care of business, the team's younger wrestlers struggled against their first major test of the year.

"I thought the young freshmen kind of came out a little slow today against a quality opponent and we just didn't hold up," head coach Jim Zalesky said. "We just needed one more match. One more match and it would have won the meet for us."

Although Oregon State lost the meet, there were many bright spots for the Beavers. Missouri came to Corvallis with six wrestlers ranked in the top 15 in the nation, including fifth-ranked Dorian Henderson in the 174-pound weight class, and twelfth-ranked Brent Haynes in the 197-pound weight class.



Taylor Meeks
3rd-round pin of (12) Haynes

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