



2012 brings pay increase for non-classified workers, reactions vary

■ “Fully satisfactory” work performances eligible for four percent increase in 2012

By Kristin Pugmire
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last month, the Oregon State University administration announced that at the start of next year, all OSU non-classified employees will be eligible to receive salary increases at the beginning of 2012.

Non-classified employees, according to OSU provost and Executive Vice President Sabah Randhawa, are those who are engaged in instruction, research or are part of the university administration, while classified employees are in non-instructional roles, such as financial, clerical or informational technology.

The primary difference between classified and non-classified employees lies in the fact that classified employees are represented by a union, which regularly negotiates pay and benefits through a collective bargaining agreement, while non-classified employees are not.

Currently, there are approximately 3,200 non-classified employees and 1,250 classified employees at OSU, according to Randhawa.

The upcoming salary increases come after Oregon's poor economic status led administrators to establish a wage freeze for the 2009-11 biennium.

Employees were also asked to take furloughs, or unpaid leave, during that time.

In addition, Randhawa said some employees have struggled with wage equity and compression—namely, the issue of the salaries of employees who have been in positions for some time being lower than new employees who are hired at market rates. This problem was exacerbated by the last biennium's wage freeze.

“Wage increase is critical to retain our faculty, many of them being actively recruited by other institutions,” Randhawa said.

All non-classified employees whose performance is deemed “fully satisfactory” will receive a salary increase of 4 percent, according to a memo sent to university employees from the provost's office on Nov. 21.

Employee performance is evaluated by supervisors on an annual basis, according to Mark McCambridge, vice president for Finance and Administration. Satisfactory performance indicates the employee has simply accomplished completing his or her job responsibilities, as outlined in the position description.

In addition to the four percent increase, a few employees will be eligible for other raises. Approximately five percent of OSU's non-classified employees will receive an additional \$2,500 annual raise to recognize

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Former Oregon governor to speak at MU today

■ Former Governor Barbara Roberts talks about women's suffrage, autobiography

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
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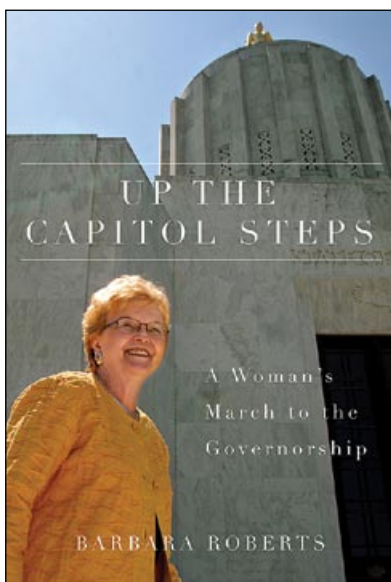
Former Governor Barbara Roberts, Oregon's first and only female governor, is scheduled to speak at Oregon State University today, at 4 p.m., in the Memorial Union Journey Room. It is free and open to the public.

Roberts' appearance is the first in a series of events dedicated to the centennial of women's suffrage in the state of Oregon, initially attained in 1912.

“We're really excited to see her speak,” said Associate Professor of History Marisa Chappell. “2012 is a big year, and a great time to have a discussion of women's history.”

Roberts will focus on what it was like to be a woman in Oregon politics, as well as achieving women's suffrage in Oregon.

Roberts served as Secretary of State of Oregon for six years (1985-91), prior to serving one term as governor (1991-95). Some of her well-known accomplishments include securing federal funding for the Oregon Health Plan, increasing the number of children on the Head Start program, and moving Oregonians from Welfare to Work. Native to Corvallis, Roberts entered public service fighting for her son, Mike, who had autism. She became involved in politics by lob-



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Roberts' autobiography discusses her rise to power and Oregon women in public service.

bying the Oregon State Legislature to guarantee rights for children with special needs.

According to William Lunch, Professor Emeritus at Oregon State University and OPB's political analyst, Roberts faced a “very serious fiscal problem” when she took office in 1991. Measure 5, as it was commonly known, caused major budget cuts all across the state to keep K-12 schools open.

“Gov. Roberts was not then, nor

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The big unveiling



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“This is them unveiling themselves to the greek community,” said Delta Phi Omega member Arushi Dodeja. Delta Phi Omega, OSU's South Asian Interest multicultural sorority held a probate event to showcase new members last night in front of the Memorial Union.

Food drive benefits Linn-Benton Food Share, held until Tuesday

■ Donation drop-off bins available in Shepard, Strand Ag Hall until December 6

By Alex Hilborn
THE DAILY BAROMETER

From now until Dec. 6 the Oregon State University Forensics Team, Speech Communications and Ethnic Studies departments will hold a food drive for the Linn-Benton Food Share.

“A food drive touches on the fact that the OSU community—students, staff and faculty—is part of a larger group where real struggles to make ends meet are occurring,” said Director of Forensics, Mark Porrovecchio. “If we can help, even in a small way, we are being good stewards. On a different level, the idea was to do something that wasn't about us as a team.”

The food drive currently has two drop-off bins set up in 104 Shepard Hall and 230 Strand Agricultural Hall

where people can donate food items. All donated food items must come in their original packaging with the label intact and fit in the category of non-perishable foods.

The LBFS has put out a “most wanted” flyer that describes the types of items that they prefer people donate, like canned fruit, meats and vegetables or boxed meals. They like to see items high in protein or other nutritional value but low in sugar and salt content. Many people who benefit from the food share have diabetes or other dietary restrictions that make it hard to eat healthy on a limited budget. The food share tries to provide these people with the healthiest food options possible.

Individuals can also make a cash donation in place of food items. For every dollar donated the Food Share can distribute 15 pounds of food to the 74 area agencies that they service. The amount of people that the food share can feed off of someone donating the price of three cans

of food far exceeds the amount of people they can feed — if the same person goes out and buys three cans of food at the store to donate.

Due to the poor economic conditions of the last few years, the food share has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking their services, which makes the support of the community all that much more vital to the food share. There has been a 15 percent increase in the number of people utilizing their services in the last three months comparative to the same time last year.

“A lot of seniors and families,” said Mike Gibson, director of the LBFS. “40 percent of people eating out of food boxes are children.”

Funds to feed the elderly under the federal Older Americans Act have not risen with inflation in the past half-decade while the number of people qualified to use the program

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Emerging Leaders course available next term

■ AHE 499 helps students improve their leadership skills, create positive change

By Camille Jacobson-Ingram
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This winter, the new Emerging Leaders Course will provide students with the opportunity to hone their personal and professional leadership skills in a fun classroom setting.

“Our philosophy in the Center for Leadership Development is that leadership is a relational process, not a position. You don't have to be the President or Director of an organization to lead,” said Melissa Yamamoto, Coordinator for Student Leadership Programs. “You don't need a title to lead. Leadership is about working with others to create positive change.”
Yamamoto wanted to offer a class

that promotes this concept and encourages students to feel empowered to be actively part of something that matters to them.

The class will introduce students to a variety of theories on leadership while incorporating leadership building activities and discussions.

“The class dramatically affected my college plans. After completing the course, I applied and received a position in the Department of Student Leadership and Involvement at the Center for Leadership Development,” said JD Walker, former class participant. “Doing work around campus has given me a much greater sense of fulfillment with my college experience than I had before.”

The Emerging Leaders Course is not just for freshman looking to make their mark at Oregon State University. The course is designed to

help students of every level achieve their leadership goals.

“The first time I taught this class was spring term, 2011. There were a variety of students of different ages, years at OSU, types of involvement on campus, etc. The one commonality is that they all wanted to learn more about how to improve their leadership potential,” Yamamoto said.

Leadership, Walker says, is not about having a position of authority.

“Leadership is about making a positive contribution to our communities, and we are all capable of doing that,” Walker said.

Students looking to improve their leadership skills are encouraged to register for the two-credit class (AHE 499) with CRN 38642.

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Hinckley hearing focuses on his relationships

WASHINGTON, D.C. — John Hinckley Jr.'s relationships with women and his difficulties becoming part of a community away from a government mental hospital were spotlighted Thursday during a hearing to discuss whether the man who tried to kill President Ronald Reagan will eventually be allowed to live as an outpatient.

An official at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where Hinckley, 56, has lived for decades after being found not guilty by reason of insanity, said Hinckley had been engaged to another patient identified only as "Miss CB," but the engagement had recently ended.

Dr. Tyler Jones, the facility's director of psychiatry, said Hinckley had given the woman "multiple rings."

Jones said Hinckley had told him he'd explained to CB he planned to spend more time visiting his mother's home in Virginia and would be

spending less time with her. As a result of that conversation, "she's withdrawn the physical affection that they shared," Jones said.

Federal prosecutor Colleen Kennedy also questioned Jones about Hinckley's past relationship with a patient identified as "Miss X." Kennedy said Hinckley had difficulty communicating with the woman because she was so psychotic, but he pursued the relationship because she was physically affectionate.

Jones described Hinckley's actions as "poor judgment" motivated by his "desire for affection."

According to Jones, another doctor told Hinckley the relationship was ill-advised and eventually Hinckley ended it.

Hinckley has been spending 10 days a month visiting his mother in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he works part time as a volunteer in the

library at Eastern State Hospital, a mental health facility. Doctors have been encouraging Hinckley to make friends in Williamsburg and build a new life.

Jones said Hinckley has had some difficulties. In one instance, he followed a suggestion to go to a singles group, but that did not turn out well. "He was asked to leave," said Jones, because one participant was very uncomfortable with his presence.

Since Hinckley likes music and plays the guitar, one of his doctors suggested he go play for hospice patients. But Jones said Hinckley never went because the hospice was worried there might be negative publicity if the presidential assailant played there.

Another possible avenue for meeting people also has not panned out. Jones said Hinckley, when in Williamsburg, had not been interest-

ed in going to a gym or participating in certain sports like golf or tennis, either because of arthritis or because he finds the activities unappealing.

The doctor said Hinckley's "treatment team" wants him to spend more time in Williamsburg and thinks he'll be able to fit into the community much better.

A clinical psychologist from St. Elizabeth's who has met with Hinckley five times conceded he's been unable to form relationships in that small city so far, aside from those with family members. "He had not made a friend in Williamsburg," said Katherine Murphy.

Murphy stressed that Hinckley is an introvert and not the type to quickly make a lot of friends. "He's just not someone who goes and out and meets people or is a social butterfly."

— CNN

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Events

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The 31st Annual Holiday Marketplace will be held today and tomorrow starting at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. There will be nine Oregon artists featuring their exhibits, as well as over 80 vendors.

Senate passes defense bill with detainee policy compromise

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate on Thursday passed a giant defense bill that includes a new policy for detaining and trying suspected al-Qaida terrorists — a policy that attracted controversy during the debate and may draw a presidential veto.

The defense authorization bill passed by a vote of 93-7.

In keeping with budget cuts across the government, the \$662 billion bill shrinks Pentagon spending by \$43 billion from last year. It includes funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and sets policies for the various weapons systems and personnel programs at the Defense Department.

Senate debate on the detainee matter was at times volatile and emotional.

After years of struggling with issues of who should investigate, detain and try suspected terrorists — civilian authorities and courts or the military and its tribunal system — Armed Services Committee Chair Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and Ranking Republicans John McCain of Arizona reached a long-sought com-

promise to codify the process.

However, critics complained the deal was weighted toward the military because it required any suspected al-Qaida terrorists, even those captured inside the U.S., to be held potentially indefinitely by the military. That concerned the White House and many lawmakers who think the responsibility belongs, in part, to law enforcement agencies and the federal courts and warned that Americans could possibly be detained indefinitely by the military.

Levin and McCain denied their bill would allow for the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens.

"This country is special because we have certain values, and due process of law is one of those values," Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, D-California, argued on the Senate floor. "I object to holding American citizens without trial. I do not believe that makes us more safe."

"You have people on the left who hate saying 'the war on terror,' responded Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina. "They would never ever use the mili-

tary and always insist the law enforcement be used because they don't buy into the idea that we're at war. They want to criminalize the war."

Senators ultimately reached an agreement to amend the bill to make clear it's not the bill's intent to allow for the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens and others legally residing in the country.

"It would provide the assurance that we are not adversely affecting the rights of American citizens in this language," Levin said while expressing support for the compromise.

"It supports present law," Feinstein added.

Senators from both parties also challenged the Obama administration's policies toward Iran, unanimously approving an amendment insisting on tough new sanctions against Iran's Central Bank and entities that do business with it. Senators want to punish Iran over its pursuit of a nuclear weapons program and the recent storming of the British Embassy in Tehran.

— CNN

Clarification

The story "Vice President proposes ideas to increase ASOSU accountability" published Dec. 1 stated President Hopoi "announced that she will hold an official State of the Students Address on Jan. 18, when her current suspension has ended and she has officially returned to office." Hopoi's suspension ended after her trial hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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Biden honors U.S., Iraqi troops

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden paid tribute Thursday to the sacrifices of U.S. and Iraqi troops at a ceremony for service members from both nations.

He and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki addressed about 120 U.S. service members and 100 Iraqi troops gathered at al-Faw Palace, the Baghdad edifice that once belonged to dictator Saddam Hussein.

The trip came amid a U.S. military withdrawal from the Middle Eastern country. Virtually all American troops are scheduled to be out by the end of the year.

As part of the process, control of Camp Victory in Baghdad will transfer from the United States to Iraq on Friday, after which it will cease to be known by that name, White House officials said.

While security has improved, at least 20 people were killed and dozens were wounded in attacks and shootings on Thursday, Iraqi government officials told CNN.

Speaking at the main event marking the departure of U.S. troops, Biden thanked the service members and recognized their achievements during the past 8-1/2 years.

"This palace, a grotesque monument to a dictator's greed, is totally filled with American and Iraqi warriors who were bound together by shared sacrifice in the service of both their countries," Biden said. "An appropriate use of this palace today. Here in Iraq you warriors became partners and friends and now, undeniably, brothers-in-arms."

"All of you standing before me today have laid the foundation for a long-term, strategic partnership between our nations, and

also for an Iraq that -- against all odds -- can serve as a source of stability not only for its people but here in the region and for years to come."

He added, "I think it's fair to say, almost no one thought that was possible a few years ago. So, on behalf of President Obama and the American people, let me say to both our armed forces today: Thank you. Thank you for your heroic work that each one of you has done to bring about this moment."

"Because of you, and there's no exaggeration to say that, because of you and the work of those of you in uniform have done, we are now able to end this war."

Biden said the United States is keeping promises made to Iraq to withdraw its forces, and he dismissed skeptics who argue the Iraqi security forces are not equipped to take over, saying they are "more than ready."

Al-Maliki said Iraq was becoming a more stable place, and all Iraqis should be proud of what has been achieved, adding that it was not a success for any particular party, sect or ethnicity.

But he noted that the country's people have paid a huge price in lives and property.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq James Jeffrey were also present at the ceremony.

After the event, Biden traveled on to the Kurdish city of Irbil in northern Iraq, where he met Massoud Barzani, head of the Kurdistan regional government.

—CNN

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has she been since, supportive of the deep reductions to the higher education budget, but given the circumstances, she accepted the legislative approach reluctantly," Lunch said.

OSU Press published Roberts' autobiography "Up the Capitol Steps: A Woman's march to the Governorship" last month. In the book, she talks about her rise to power, as well as the history of women in public service.

"The book is essentially a personal and political autobiography," said Nancy Barbour of OSU Press.

The talk will focus for the most part on these topics, to honor the 100th anniversary of Women's suffrage in Oregon. Roberts is only the third woman head-of-state to publish an autobiography. Copies of the book will be available at the talk, along with a book signing.

The series of events commemorating the centennial of Women's suffrage in Oregon are part of a project called Woman Citizen: Past, Present and Future. They will include many events, among which are speakers, a film/discussion series, public history projects and a public conference.

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accomplishments that exceed satisfactory performance. McCambridge also confirmed supervisors will be allowed to distribute raises from a pool of money equal to 1 percent of the total salary base of their unit. This money is to be used to help resolve issues of wage inequity among historically underrepresented ethnic or racial groups, women and those affected by wage compression, according to the memo.

While it can safely be assumed most non-classified employees are relieved to hear of the upcoming salary increase, some view it as only a small step on the road to true wage equity.

Catherine Liggett, a full-time German instructor, said she is frustrated with the disparity in salaries between professors of different academic subjects.

"For example, faculty in anthropology make considerably more than foreign language faculty, even though we're technically in the same school," Liggett said. Though

the issue has been discussed within the school, no steps have yet been taken to resolve the issue of inequity.

While Liggett said she certainly appreciates the raise, she explained that a 4 percent pay increase does not necessarily translate to a 4 percent take-home.

"That's before taxes, before benefits," Liggett said. "It will translate to a nominal amount, because we make so little."

Ben Calhoun, a full-time communication instructor, expressed a similar opinion. While he agreed there is a wage disparity between the different academic departments, he added that he is more concerned with the comparatively low salaries of all teaching faculty.

"I appreciate [the raise], and I would like to see it continue to catch up to what it should be," Calhoun said. "Teaching advanced subject matter requires a lot of investment, money and time. The universities need to catch up, to pay what's fair for what people are doing."

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has dramatically expanded. School meal programs, which provide some children with their main source of food for the day, have seen severe budget cuts, or even elimination.

As Oregon ranks number one in child insecurity nationally, the issue of kids going hungry remains an especially prominent problem.

College students comprise another demographic that has seen a significant increase in food insecurity.

The campus food pantry that works in conjunction with LBFS gives out around 100 food boxes a month that to feed approximately 260 people.

"Even in good times people are still not making it," said Susan James, volunteer coordinator for the LBFS. "The last three years hit people hard."

The food share also makes efforts to educate the public about food insecurity within the community. LBFS has contributed to planning a hunger summit at OSU in January. The group also goes

to area schools to educate kids on poverty issues. As a result, workers at the food share say they have seen the stigma of food assistance lessen.

Volunteer work remains one of the best tools the food share uses to educate the public. Volunteers can work from start to finish helping to collect food and distribute it, which allows helpers to forge a personal connection with those in need.

Over 14 gleaning groups help to provide fresh produce to the food share while other volunteer groups help to repackage food bought in bulk. On the last Thursday of every month the food share does an open warehouse volunteer time from 6-8 p.m. during which anyone can volunteer.

"We live in a huge community. Most of us know people or family who have lost jobs," said Leonora Rianda, one of the coordinators of the food drive from the Ethnic Studies Department. "Students are struggling to make ends meet."

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Rules

The literary work may be fiction, poetry, drama, or creative nonfiction written for a general audience. The prize is open to currently enrolled undergraduate students at Oregon State University who may submit their own work or have work nominated by faculty members. Submissions must be the student's original work, typed, no longer than 16 double-spaced pages for prose or drama, or eight manuscript pages for poetry, and include full name, year in school, current mailing address, phone number, and student I.D. number of the author.

Deadline

Submit work to Prof. Keith Scribner, Chair of the Provost's Literary Prize Committee – English Department main office, Moreland 238 – by 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012.

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Applicants will be interviewed by the University Student Media Committee Friday, January 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to spending time with family.
Nay to spending time with the family. Sure, now you want to go home. But in a few weeks, you can't wait to leave.

Yea to the old saying, "the way you spend New Year's is the way you'll spend the year." So if you find yourself alone, playing Halo or watching Carson Daly on NBC, watching the ball drop...

Nay to New Year's resolutions. Nothing is worse than seeing Dixon get more crowded come winter term. We were here first!

Yea to using Facebook to stay in touch over break. Now, there's a legitimate excuse to be on it.

Nay to people who feel the need to use their Facebook status to profess how much they dislike Facebook. Besides the obvious hypocrisy, you aren't controversial.

Yea to people.
Nay to awkward people.
Yea to flirting.

Nay to awkward people flirting.
Yea to people watching.

Nay to watching awkward people flirt.

Yea to walking. It's the safest kind of transportation you know.

Yea to boxes, always a mystery inside.

Nay to tripping over a box while walking in the hall, and in the process, scaring the hell out of everyone in the newsroom.

Yea to the brief moment of sympathy you get before everyone starts laughing hysterically as they find out it wasn't a serious incident.

Yea to advocating for safe sex.

Nay to going too far in safe-sex advocacy. A Brazilian condom company has unveiled an "Unexpected Babies" campaign, which uses Facebook to send friend requests to males disguised as their unborn son (person's name with Jr. attached) with the caring message, "Avoid surprises like this one." It's quite ingenious — it may be creepy, but isn't that the point?

Nay to the "Twilight" series. And despite a possible incoming flood of emails over this, angrily denouncing the paper and the editorial board, calling us every possible name in the book, it still deserves a nay.

Yea to the NBA coming back. Better yet, back on Christmas Day. This is the greatest gift in the history of the world.

Nay to anyone not excited for the season. Or to the sad reality that Paul Allen may actually be involved in making personnel decisions. If his previous business dealings are any indication, fans should not be excited.

Yea to end of Dead Week. If you're reading this, that means you survived. We wont get into how you survived, the insane amount of coffee, the binging on artery-hardening foods, and any other "stimulants" you might have used to make it. You made it, and that's the important part here.

Nay to finals week, where it's rinse and repeat.

Yea to winter break. Go build a snowman.

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Could Santa exist in today's world?

Angela Cail

The Daily Barometer

Christmas is just around the corner. The decorations have been up since Easter, and we are in a countdown 'til Christmas vacation. Yay!

Many of us are trying to figure out what to buy the person who has everything that special something — with a budget of almost nothing. Yes, these are economically challenged times in our lives. Maybe we will wrap our gift with brightly colored paper, shoving it under a Christmas tree that shelters a mountain of other gifts. Maybe we will address the card "To Dad, from Santa."

But how many of us still believe in Santa? How about deep down, in that place where we still admit to liking reruns of "Third Rock From the Sun," pop rocks and "Scooby Doo" cartoons.

We grew up believing in Santa. We were placed on his lap before we were potty trained, before we could talk or even reason. We were the inspiration of family photos. You remember those photos, the ones when we were two years old, screaming terrorized while sitting on a strange man's lap.

For many of us, this was our culture we grew up with. But have we ever asked ourselves what would happen if Santa Claus were to be invented or re-envisioned today? Could he even

exist? Would Santa exist today in our society?

After some deep thought, these are my conclusions:

Ten reasons why Santa could not exist today:

- 1. He's morbidly obese; marketing would say that he is a bad role model for children.
- 2. Would you want your child to sit on an old man's knee?
- 3. He breaks into houses.
- 4. PETA would be outraged at the way he uses wildlife.
- 5. He doesn't outsource labor; what kind of economics is he practicing anyway?
- 6. The FDA would need approval for the candy canes. Are all ingredients properly listed?
- 7. He couldn't live at the North Pole because he has no land permit. Does he even have a passport?
- 8. Homeland security would want to know how he always knows if you're sleeping or awake.
- 9. EPA would want to investigate Santa's sleigh for fuel emission data.
- 10. He would probably get shot out of the sky by some country's air force.

By the same token, these are my ten reasons why I believe the

Grinch could exist today:

- 1. He steals Christmas; he could be the spokesperson for the 1 percent.
- 2. He's green, therefore ecologically friendly.
- 3. His attitude could be explained away by his upbringing, dysfunctional family, etc.
- 4. He's in danger of extinction. He's eligible for endangered species protection.
- 5. Everyone loves his dog.
- 6. Nike would outfit him to replace his shoes, which are too tight.
- 7. The Grinch uses recycled bags to put the toys in, therefore abiding by Portland laws.
- 8. He would probably only get probation for identity theft.
- 9. He has a future with Atlas moving company.
- 10. The New England Journal of Medicine would do an article on his rapidly growing heart. Three sizes in one day...

With that being said, aren't we glad that Santa was invented long before today's stressed-out, over-complicated, paranoid-induced society? I can't imagine growing up without the red-cheeked, jolly old man. Now, where did I put that candy cane?

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Healthy options versus healthy choices

Students are always discussing the availability of healthy options at the dining halls on campus. Some claim dining halls have no healthy options, or that the dining halls fail to go the extra mile to provide healthier options to students looking to eat better, especially at an affordable price.

However, to say that none of the dining halls makes an effort to provide healthy options for students is a bit of a reach. Arnold has a large salad bar with more options for salad than what most buffets provide. Arnold also has Nori Grill, which provides Asian style dishes with rice, fish and vegetables providing healthy options for students looking to avoid pizza and burgers. McNary has a salad section in the Boardwalk Café for people to choose from. West has the Ring of Fire. Nearly all the dining halls have a deli where students can order sandwiches or wraps that provide a healthy alternative.

Furthermore, dining halls have definitely made an effort to cater to all students with gluten free, vegan and vegetarian options. However, the truth is that for some students there aren't enough possibilities to maintaining the particular eating style they prefer. While the dining halls have made efforts to supply vegan food, there isn't a full menu to last the whole term, or even the school year.

Fortunately, for the students who enjoy a good meal rather



Robert Fix

Rebel without a pulse

than maintaining a vegan or vegetarian lifestyle, there are plenty of choices. The dining halls have pizza, West and McNary have Calaballo's for burgers and Arnold has the Grille for burgers and mozzarella sticks. Even the MU has Carls Jr. for some nice burgers, and Panda Express for some fast Chinese food. Togo's provides some really nice sandwiches and Pangea has some of the most delicious cinnamon rolls on campus.

Clearly, there are plenty of options for students on both ends of the spectrum on campus. Students have healthy and unhealthy options. It all comes down to the choices students make.

While it is easy to blame the dining halls for why we have to choose the burgers, pizza, or the slices of pie, rather than acknowledging the fact that the dining halls have the opportunities, we just fail to make the right choices. Maintaining the willpower to stay with the healthy options can be difficult, especially when the dining halls have good pizza, burgers and pie.

Then the argument of price comes into play. Many stu-

dents complain that the dining hall food is still really expensive, despite all of the potential healthy options. However, can it be considered expensive when there are such large portions and plenty of options to fill your plate? Go to a place like Ruby Tuesdays and spend twice as much for half the food you could get at a dining hall. Not to mention the extra effort just to get to Ruby Tuesday, when the dining halls are right on campus.

While every doctor and nutritionist would love it if people made healthier eating choices, the fact remains that burgers and pasta with regular non-whole wheat noodles are tastier choices than just salad. This is no push to get students to eat healthier, because I sure don't try when I'm ordering burgers and mozzarella sticks, or eggs, sausage and potatoes with a side of French toast.

Actually, this is more of an attempt to point out that the dining halls are doing their best to provide for students that are either carnivores or vegetarians. While there is no way to please everyone on campus, some people will always believe the school fails to properly provide enough options. Others will simply be tired of going to the same hall.

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Always a blender

With Thanksgiving and Black Friday come and gone, Christmas has been dumped upon us with the weight of a sack of presents. It's like the American buying machine was hoarding it up, letting a bit trickle out here and there, but in one day it's now officially dumped upon us: you must buy presents! Then, the question we come to ask ourselves when looking for a gift for a significant other: "Do I really know this person at all?"

Actually, my boyfriend's birthday prompted these thoughts, not Christmas. This year, I felt inclined to buy him a gift, but am not sure why — probably because I actually make money now. His birthday is on Dec. 3, and it was sometime last week while I was standing in WinCo, staring at bulk flour, that I swirled into sheer panic: "What am I going to buy him?" It was much like asking the question in an empty theatre, the sound waves bouncing off the walls. Of course the lack of an answer precipitates a crisis of epistemology: can I ever really know someone else, especially if I can't even think of a gift idea for someone I've known for two years?

What's disturbing to me is the first thought that goes through my mind is what to buy and not how will I treat him or when to spend time with him. Last year, I didn't buy him anything for his birthday, but I did wok-up some Pad Thai from scratch, and dished out a pleasant and witty conversation. And even though he's asked for the same as last year, it somehow doesn't feel like that's enough. I need to spend money in order for the day to be marked. Otherwise, it might wash away with all the other days. And then the whole relationship is just a flood of days until you're sitting next to your boyfriend on the couch, wearing Spiderman boxers and watching "MacGyver" reruns, wondering how you got there.

How can something as insignificant as a gift for one day out of the year become a defining moment about how well we know the person? Does marketing work that well? According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, it sure does; \$27.4 billion surged into the retail industries for the holiday shopping season of 2009, the most recent data available.

So I tell myself: a purchased gift merely represents an outpouring of money, which in turn represents time spent at a job, time exchanged for a thing that you could hand over to someone else. It's just a gift. It just means you decided in a moment when you were looking at a bunch of other things to buy something that you thought your person might love or need. It doesn't change what happens day in and day out between you two. It doesn't change how you feel about the person. It's just a thing.

Steve Martin's character George Banks says it well in "Father of the Bride," "It's just a thing to put in the kitchen. He thought you might want to blend something one day and that's all," when his daughter's fiancé gives her a blender for an anniversary gift. She freaks out, thinking the blender means he expects her to play little housewife. But in the end, "it's a blender," so blandly stated by Steve Martin.

In no way can one gift define what relationships are behind closed doors. No marketing or consumer group can know that, but they sure do manipulate us into thinking they do. "We know how you feel about your significant other, therefore you should buy this!" No, not even close friends can really know what goes on between two people.

But, people can know too little. We need people to know, on some level, how well the relationship works. Gestures, traditions and rituals: they matter. Gifts are one way of externalizing an abstract, blurry feeling and making it concrete, showing and sharing with your community, who will care about that commitment and reinforce it. It's nice to grasp a tangible reminder that someone loves you. But remember, it's always just a blender.

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The Holiday Guide

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Fashion Barometer: Dressing for an interview

How to dress to impress future employers, focus on fit, quality

By Kierra Smith
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Interviews are on the top of the list as far as what makes people nervous. But the right look can change the way you feel about yourself, and give you the confidence needed to go in and nail it! There is no cookie-cutter way to dress for interviews anymore. A decade ago there was an actual book with rules (no joke!) Now it's more complicated, but on the bright side it isn't as up-tight.

Where is the interview and what is the position? When in doubt do your research. Play some undercover and wander around the facility the day before the interview to gather what the dress code is like. Imagine if it was laid back, and you showed up in your three-piece ensemble. Awkward. But when in doubt, dress up rather than down. It's better to be slightly over-dressed than under-dressed.

No matter what, fit above all else is key. Nothing says clueless like an outfit too tight or too baggy. Let me let you in on a little secret: Stores like Macy's, JcPenny, and Nordstrom will measure you for free! (Yes, the numbers on the inside of the shirt mean something!)

Men have it easier when it comes to measurements because everything is what it is! They don't have sizes, they have measurements, as to where girls have "sizes" which doesn't mean a darned

thing anymore; stores like to boost our self esteem by making us believe we're a size zero...when in all reality the measurements are better suited for a size five. So I encourage the gals to go get measured as well, its great information to have, and is often helpful when shopping online.

Now breaking it down: Men, often it's suitable to wear a button-up with a tie and a nice pair of slacks (both ironed, steamed, and for heaven's sake please don't go overboard on the pleats!) This is for a semi-casual interview, often it will be more appropriate for a suit jacket to accompany you. These occasions are for more serious career-oriented interviews, while the button-up alone may be more of an internship deal. Jackets are the trickiest. If you don't have a tailored jacket, please start saving for one! Better to have a few nice shirts, jackets and slacks to mix and match than having a zillion ill-fitted pieces. Start with the basic solid colors- Navy, gray, dark grey, and black. Ties must never-I repeat never— have any kind of statement on it-Spongebob, sports logo and hearts are not considered a pattern. Go for something with stripes or a subtle print. And cheap ties stick out like a stain on a shirt, so once again invest in quality, which doesn't necessarily mean more expensive.

Gals, we have much more freedom than the guys in this department. We have the options of skirts, dresses, slacks, blazers, and more! Make sure however that garments are never too tight. Here

are a few tests: do the buttons pull? Is there an apparent underwear line? Do the sit test-can you breathe? But please don't venture to the side of too loose—it's not a good look and it is sloppy. If you don't know how to shop, take a friend or relative that does! Never go too bold with jewelry, don't wear things that clink, like bangle earrings or bracelets. Make sure shoulders are covered, if not the whole arm and do I even need to mention no cleavage? Just don't. Makeup is the same way, too much will make you appear untrustworthy and unprofessional. Skirts and dresses should be about four inches from your finger tips. Stockings are a must, get the color closet to your skin, and bring an extra pair in case disaster strikes on your way there.

Get measured, and get quality above quantity. I have scoured the shelves at book stores, and out of all the "how to dress books" these are by far my two favorite resources for how to dress: "Dress Your Best," written by Stacy and Clinton from TLC's What Not to Wear (this book covers different body types, and how to dress your best for business, the weekend and going out, and covers both men and women.) The next book is specifically for men and it breaks things down so simply, yet so in depth: everything you need to know is in the book, "Men's Detail Style Manual." Both are extremely helpful and affordable.

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Holiday remembrances

Snow, symbols, the living, the dead, exotic lands, the Euphrates river, home made wine, false memories

By Don Iler
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I'd like to believe that symbols like snow can change the world, sometimes change them for better, but I'm not entirely sure they can. The way snow falls and blankets the world densely in an omniscient white has fascinated me since I was a small child tromping between scary maples.

Snow is Christmastime magic, falling on both the living and the dead. In fact, it's so much intertwined in my head with vacation, cookies, sledding and apple cider, I can't imagine what people do in those parts of the world that don't get cold or are having summer during Christmas. This memory of snow is oddly powerful, and memories that strong have that odd persuasion of attaching themselves to the imagined and partly real.

During my first deployment to Iraq, I spent Christmas at Haditha Dam, a grand ziggurat like structure holding the Euphrates back in to a large man made lake, the blue of water surrounded by the brown death of the desert.

I spent Christmas day working, or at least pretending to, and went to run around the giant turbine hall where the weight room was set up, in the middle of the night, after the Indian guest worker had turned off the American's heavy metal and replaced it with some bollywood hits that echoed around the giant room in a beautifully screechy way. Then there was a large meal, steak, lobster, chicken kiev recently defrosted, and extra cake set out. The chow hall was decorated with tinsel and Christmas banners, and I wish they hadn't because all it did was remind me that I was in Iraq instead of Oregon.

The weather turned cold, and a fierce wind ripped across the desert. The small heater rumbled in the small concrete room we lived in, with a balcony over looking the Euphrates. A team member had received a large bottle of mouth wash that was actually Jack Daniels, and to celebrate the Christmas spirit, we poured it out into paper cups and mixed it with sprite and apple juice. I had made some home made wine conjured from some grape and apple juice I stole from the chow hall and some bakers yeast I had bought from an Iraqi. It was rot-gut, and just made you feel like you had an upset stomach.

At sometime I remember laying down on my cot, putting my ipod headphones in and listening intently to Modest Mouse's "The Lonesome Crowded West," which had become the soundtrack to my deployment, the way that Credence Clearwater Revival populates my 'Nam flashbacks. I don't remember feeling particularly sad, just warm, buzzed and wanting to be anywhere but there.

The next night, I went outside to use the satellite phone to call my parents, but it was exceptionally cold and the weather had turned colder and the rain metamorphosed into sleet. Pretty soon it had turned into snow and I ran into my room all excited that such a rare occurrence was happening. Iraq is regularly 120 during the summer time — it doesn't snow— and this was the first snow to fall on the low lying areas in 100 years. The city was quiet that night, the power went out and I didn't have to do any work, but just sit outside and watch the snow fall.

I'd like to think that snow, which came in the middle of the Surge, was a sign from some omnipotent power that the violence was ending, that as it fell, the snow was transubstantiated into a holy benediction upon all the hurt, suffering and sectarianism, that the snow was a harbinger of world peace. It's easy to see it that way, as a turning point, as the violence in Iraq has subsided and the last American troops will be leaving there for Christmas this year.

Of course it wasn't. My memory has failed me; it actually didn't snow on Christmas but on January 11, 2008. A friend from high school, Zach McBride, who was serving in the army in another part of Iraq at the time, died a few days before, killed in a booby trapped house he was led into by some person who claimed terrorists were hiding there. But that memory of snow and Zach has melted into a Christmas memory, changing itself, covering up and conducting itself as a symbol when it was nothing more than snow.

Snow and memories are nothing more than gifts, gifts we experience and which are carried and cherished by us the living in lieu of having the dead still with us. They are symbols, which mean more than they ever are, which is just slightly frozen water molecules and a bunch of faulty synapses racing around our heads. Of course it means something though, for at these times of celebration and demarcation of the shortest days of the year, we are those who are alive. And that is something worth celebrating and remembering.

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Winter beers a warming wonder during holiday season

■ Venerable favorites like Jubelale are joined by Block 15's Figgy Pudding

By Don Iler
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It was a dark and stormy night. The rain had not let up all day, and the walk back from the office had drenched me in a thick layer of chilling rain. The old house I live in — which in fact used to be a barn — felt like a meat locker. I turned on Mr. Toasty, our gas-fired furnace, took off

my wet clothes and decided I needed a drink to warm up. It was too late for coffee, the diuretic effects of tea would keep me up as well and I don't have the money for scotch. That's when I walked to the fridge and pulled out that most delicious of all winter-time treats, the winter beer.

Christmas or winter or holiday beers have quite a long tradition, one that recent American craft brewers have been quick to adopt as well. In ancient times, the Vikings use to brew a special ale to

celebrate the winter solstice and this tradition carried on into modern times with various brewers continuing to brew a special winter ale or winter warmer. These beers were stronger than usual to help celebrate the dark winter weather, and fuller bodied and richer tasting to help keep everyone satiated and warm. They also sometimes included spices and were typically malty and darker in color, in between an amber ale and a stout.

Winter beers make sense,

when it's cold and dark outside, you need the extra calories and alcohol to help keep you warm, or at least give you the illusion, since alcohol is a depressant and will make you colder in the long run. Just like the rich cake, cookies, turkey, stuffing and prime rib you'll be enjoying at all those family get-togethers, winter beers help bring in the season with its own version of extra, sneaky smooth alcohol and all sorts of delicious flavors the brewers aren't willing to share the rest of the year.

Winter beers are some of my all-time favorites, and while I wish I could drink them all year long, I know I couldn't drink them during a 90 degree day in the summer. But since it's freezing and miserable outside and you have to deal with your family, winter beers come to the rescue to make everything better.

Jubelale - Deschutes Brewery

Having grown up in Bend and remembering smelling the brewery downtown on brew days or the one down by the river, Deschutes will always have a special place in my heart because of its home town even if one day they sell out and stop making some of the world's most delicious beer. So, I might be biased when judging any beer from

them, but I don't think so.

Jubelale is one of my top ten favorite beers and I get excited around the end of October, knowing it's going to show up on tap or in the store any day. And then I see it, and I become happy in a way that seeing cherries for the first time in stores during summer makes me feel.

And the reason why? Because it's supremely delicious. It is well balanced and has everything you need in a beer around this time of year, a full body, extra alcohol and extra maltiness complimented by 60 IBU's of hops to prevent it from going into the cloyingly sweet side. It's got some caramel flavors with a hint of sassafras and aromas redolent of a Ponderosa Pine Forest. It's a sneaky beer that warms you up and then tries to put your hand in the fire. It also according to Mr. Casler, my junior high English teacher who is now a part-time tour guide at the brewery, is Deschutes' third best selling beer, which is pretty amazing considering they don't sell it 9 months of the year. And Deschutes makes a lot of beer.

Christmas Ale - Anchor Brewing

A little harder to find, a little more expensive, but worth the search, Anchor has

been brewing this beer since 1975. They change the recipe and label, which is usually a tree of some variety every year. While it does change every year, the recipe is usually tawny in color and rich in flavor; It's like getting a waft of spice cookies coming in from the kitchen while you're kneeled underneath the tree pouring some more water into the stand, face deep into a noble fir.

They also sell the Christmas Ale in magnums, which is pretty gangster, and classes up any sort of Tuesday evening bacchanal.

Session Fest - Full Sail Brewing

I've been a proponent of Full Sail's session beers since they appeared. I love the stubby bottles, which help make me feel better about myself, and they are delicious when spending a night playing board games with friends or throwing an impromptu James Brown dance party with your roommates. So when I saw they made a Christmas session beer, I thought it was too good to be true.

Session Fest is bright red beer with an eerily white head in a bottle with a green label and cap. It's malty, reminding me of muffins eaten in front of

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A drinking game for the holidays

■ For those times when the family and carols get to be a little too much

By Warner Strausbaugh
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As shoppers start to get routinely mauled at shopping malls, it can mean only one thing: We're now entering the holiday season. Families are reuniting, for good or for bad, and to unwind during the holidays, I propose a Christmas drinking game. You might have to start playing at 8 a.m. so don't make a fool of yourself.

So pour something in your eggnog or your Martinelli's Sparkling Cider; try one of Don Iler's Christmas beers from this issue; or for you cheap bastards, just mix some HRD and Tampico Juice together (Sadly, I've done this before).

Here's how you play

- Every time the songs "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," or "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" start playing, take one drink.
- If the movies "A Christmas Story," "Miracle on 34th Street," or "It's a Wonderful Life" come on, take one drink.
- Any time a family member younger than you looks disappointed in their Christmas gift, take two drinks.
- If a grandparent tells a story from before the year 1970, take three drinks.
- Any time two or more family members start arguing over something ridiculous/irrelevant, take one drink. If it's about politics, take three drinks.

- Every time you see someone wearing an ugly Christmas sweater, take one drink.
- Any time somebody else pours an alcoholic beverage, take one drink.
- Each time you find yourself checking your Facebook or Twitter, take one drink and slap yourself on the wrist.
- Every time a younger family member talks about Santa Claus, take one drink.
- Any time someone asks you about your major, your job, or how college is, take one drink.
- If it starts snowing, kill your drink.
- If you wish you were back in Corvallis, kill your drink.
- If you want another drink, kill your drink.

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Laughing Planet Cafe makes smiles with sustainable practices

■ The popular chain opens new outpost in Corvallis on 2nd street downtown

By Kim Kenny
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A pink triceratops action figure observes plaintively as I sip a steaming mug of coffee at my table in Laughing Planet Café. His dinosaur comrades occupy nearby tables and booths, the largest of them posed atop the wall like guardian gargoyles, who are made slightly less intimidating by the fuzzy Santa hats currently pulled over their eyes. The red, yellow, blue and green walls are adorned with an eclectic collection of weird posters and artwork. Many are foreign, such as an advertisement in Japanese for the film "Godzilla." Others are portraits of musicians or feature colorful comics. The music is equally eclectic, alternating between the expected indie rock, smooth and soulful Billie Holiday-esque ballads, jazzy trumpet/piano/drums improv, an upbeat country twang and some mysterious, swankier form of elevator music. The high ceiling allows for a small garden of large green potted and hanging plants above the entryway. I can see why this restaurant was so successful in Portland.

I order this week's special, the "Mr. Green Jeans" bowl, along with the Hungarian mushroom soup. The bowl has its brown rice base mixed with melted cheese, topped with corn, black beans, onion, edamame, parsley, and finally crowned by a mild pico de gallo in an aesthetically pleasing pyramid-shaped monument to organic health. I enjoy wielding my fork to get every single ingredient in one bite, and am pleasantly surprised that this healthy mixture is also enjoyable to eat. My small order of the creamy Hungarian mushroom soup

is served in a white mug with tortilla chips on the side. The herbs and spices added to the soup give it a surprising savory aftertaste.

With the convenient use of their free wi-fi, I browse the Laughing Planet Café's creatively designed website. Located on 2nd Street between Monroe and Jackson, Laughing Planet Café was founded by Richard Satnick, self-proclaimed "Chief Burrito Officer," with the goal of providing "real food, real fast, and real affordable" in a vibrant atmosphere. The name was inspired by an interaction between radical environmentalists and aborigines observing a modern city in Australia, the environmentalists lamenting the cancerous nature of Man's development of Earth. The aborigines responded with laughter, assuring their friends that human development is a surface wound at worst, that

when the earth is tired of civilization's shenanigans it will laugh heartily at the follies of humanity and in the long run take care of the problem itself. The restaurant's emblem honors the image of a guffawing planet with a green, one-eyed smiling sphere encircled in a blue Saturn-like ring.

Laughing Planet serves their signature burritos (otherwise known as PNDs - Portable Nutrition Devices), bowls, soups, salads, smoothies, juices and home-made cookies. The first Laughing Planet was opened in Indiana in 1995, and there are now seven restaurants in Portland and three in Eugene to join the recently opened Café in Corvallis. Their website timeline ends with the year 2036, when "the comet Apophis smashes into earth, ending civilization as we know it. (Better stock up on them burritos, kids)." The City of Portland's Office

of Sustainability presented a BEST award to Laughing Planet in 2009 for sustainable food systems and business practices that promote economic growth and environmental benefits.

Despite having sworn off desserts until my stomach can deflate back into the confines of my stretched jeans post-Thanksgiving, I convinced myself a review of Laughing Planet Café would not be complete without a sampling of their pumpkin pie. Though not a particularly decadent specimen, the pie does not disappoint — at least not until later that night when I reevaluate the jeans situation. Much like grandma's, the crust is slightly flaky and the filling smooth. I bus my own plates at the station along the wall, complete with a compost option.

Leaving the café, I catch myself feeling proud of the odd sentiment that I have

somehow contributed to the greater cause of world peace by spending my money at a sustainable establishment. Perhaps it was the three cups of coffee that's got me feeling so jazzed — free re-fills! —, but I think more likely it's the hopeful idea that we can try to combat unsustainable, unhealthy food practices in a light-hearted manner. Perhaps this will inspire a comprehensive life-style change. Probably not. But I did enjoy the atmosphere, thought the service was good and left with a happy stomach. Laughing Planet Café is open everyday from 11a.m.-9p.m.

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Memory, gnawing nostalgia, the holiday season

■ Snow, the smell of gingerbread, the music, sounds, aromas

By Armand Resto
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"A wistful desire to return in thought or in fact to a former time in one's life, to one's home or homeland, or to one's family and friends; a sentimental yearning for the happiness of a former place or time..."

Greek roots 'nostos,' meaning "returning home," and 'algos,' "pain" or "ache..."

A state of mind. Or simply another emotion, tied indirectly to past instances, positions and sensations.

It's almost like 'déjà vu,' except nothing like it — as the late George Carlin said, "...this is vujá de. This is the strange feeling that somehow none of this has ever happened before." It's only anticipation of what this moment had previously felt like.

A sound, a specific song, a melody in your ears; one played in your room as a teenager for hours on end; replaying in your car, friends out for a night on the town; a Christmas album resonating in your home, the same ritual year after year; the song you danced to at your wedding; the one song, a specific sound, that no one else in this world will ever appreciate as much as you do — vibrations that simply put you in a place.

A visual, proprioception, an ambience in a room or an atmosphere of the season or weather; one where you

immediately find a turn in your stomach, nerves firing off somewhere in your head, fan-tods; a neighborhood doused in snow, evergreens and bright lights, an effulgence of anxiety; some city, some town where you can only find comfort and content, whether it be with past relationships or current ones, the position is a story in itself; a television show, taking you back to some previous day where things now seem so simple, so glorious and amusing; a person, somewhere along the road who affected you more deeply than you ever once realized — of course, none of it becomes apparent until you've passed it all.

A smell, or a taste, but without any semblance of corporeal flavor or aroma; gingerbread, evergreen, a seasonal candle scent; the rain, or the grime run off the road that smells like the overcast; a trail of a cigarette, a wafting from next door's bakery, the smell of a honest wood fire — all merely fascination of some prior pleasure, or dysphoria, marked into the olfactory senses.

It's not a sentiment that can be put into words, much less understood inside our own heads. Yet, ironically, it's an intangible, reticent reoccurrence many of us are far too familiar with.

It may be autumn's waning presence, gold and amber illuminating the sidewalks, or even the sogged clumps of leaves, and the chill in the air; winter break, with a familiar visit home, old habits, even

new ones spark some past memory; the holiday spirit and all the recipes, traditions, the typical comfort found around this time of year; stumbling across an old song as of late, catching an old television show, passing a park, a coffee house, an old position on Earth that sends you into a cathartic, sentimental state; or, it could

simply be the constant stream of memory pouring from our conscious as we age.

Life drags along, just another holiday season, again reminiscing about all the years before. It's all quite marvelous. And it's all sort of nostalgic.

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“Jingle All the Way” more than just a family friendly flick

While derided by some, “Jingle” may be the best holiday film out there

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Some people watch the classic “A Christmas Story”, others watch recent favorite “Elf”, and many enjoy watching Clark Griswald’s antics in “Christmas Vacation” but I’ll stick to the most underrated Christmas movie of them all, “Jingle All the Way.”

“Jingle All the Way” tells the heroic tale of Howard Langston and what Christmas really means in America. But, before I tell you what that is, I need to paint you a picture.

The year is 1996 and this country is living high on the hog. The stock market had reached all-time highs, the best selling car is a SUV, and the unemployment rate is about to hit a 24 year low. In fact, I think the biggest world crisis in 1996 was when Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales got divorced.

Howard Langston, played by Arnold Schwarzenegger, is living the American dream. He, clearly a European immigrant, is a successful mattress salesman with a lovely wife Liz and a young son, Jamie. They live in an upscale, primarily Caucasian, suburban

neighborhood and everything seems hunky dory. Howard doesn’t know that in just a few short days he will be committing felonies and assaulting police officers, all in the name of Christmas.

Howard is so preoccupied by his pursuit of money that he starts putting his family on the back burner. First he misses Jamie’s karate test and then realizes he forgot to buy him the Christmas present he wanted: the Turbo-Man action figure.

Turbo-Man is the must have toy of the season. He has his own TV show and advertisements that entice the minds of children all across America, telling them that what they NEED is a Turbo-Man action figure, and if they don’t get it then they didn’t have a good Christmas, their family doesn’t love them, and they are inferior. Howard hasn’t been the best father or husband lately, but he knows he can fix everything by purchasing a Turbo-Man for Jamie. Unfortunately, finding a Turbo-Man on Christmas Eve is less likely than Greg Oden ever playing a full healthy season.

To make matters worse, Howard is tormented by his obnoxious neighbor Ted. Ted is the kind of guy that is just a little too perfect, the kind

of guy who you know has something creepy is going on behind his facade. Ted bought his son a Turbo-Man doll months ago and loves to remind Howard of this. Ted knows the Christmas routine, he has danced the dance before and he’s good at it.

Howard knows what he must do next and is soon spending his Christmas Eve mobbing around town in his 13 miles-per-gallon GMC Yukon (preferred upper-class, suburban cruising vehicle of that era) looking for a Turbo-Man. On this crusade Howard encounters Myron Larabee, played by none other than the venerable Sinbad. Myron is a post office worker with one semester of junior college under his belt and drinking problem. He too is on the quest to find a Turbo-Man for his son. Myron is a reminder of both the dichotomy and the equality of this country. America, where even those without money to blow are called upon to join in the ranks of consumer culture and buy goods they can’t afford and don’t need.

Howard and Myron become both enemies and teammates; men from different social classes uniting to find Turbo-Man.

Their cooperation doesn’t last long once they hear there

is only one action figure left. After nearly coming to blows with Myron in a toy store, Howard fights off a small army of mall Santas running a counterfeit toy operation, and nearly gets arrested trying to break into a radio station.

Things really hit rock bottom for Howard when he is caught breaking into Ted’s house trying to steal the Turbo-Man intended for Ted’s son. He gets busted after nearly setting the house on fire and physically beating the live reindeer Ted had rented to add to the Christmas spirit. I don’t even think Mike Tyson has ever been caught in a situation like that.

Who can blame him for all this, though? Howard is just a product of his environment. He wants nothing more than

to please his family and be a successful member of society. Unfortunately that means putting the right gifts under the tree, by whatever means necessary.

It was 1996, Americans didn’t know what was going to happen 5 years later on 9/11, American’s didn’t know a major economic collapse was on the horizon. At that point, and to some extent still today, we all lived in a lavish materialistic bubble. All we cared about was getting our Turbo-Man.

The film has a ridiculous ending that features Arnold Schwarzenegger flying around in a life-size Turbo-Man suit, saving Jamie from the clutches of evil (lower class enemy #1 Myron Larabee), and even

getting him the Turbo-Man doll. The ending is great and all, perhaps even one for the ages, but the real theme of the film is revealed in its first two-thirds.

IMDB only gives Jingle All the Way a perfectly average rating of five out of ten and Rotten Tomatoes rates it a dismal 15 percent (out of 100) but I have to give this Christmas classic a solid five golden stars. No other film, in the pantheon of Christmas films, so perfectly captures what this holiday, supposed to celebrate the birth of a man who preached that money was the root of all evil, has become.

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BEERS

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a warm fire with your brothers after a day of splitting wood. It’s an immensely drinkable lager, like the other Session beers, and comes with special Christmas themed rock, paper, scissors bottlecaps. But at 6.2 percent alcohol, it’s a bit stronger than any session beer should be. Which I’m not complaining about; sometimes it’s a wholesome session, sometimes it gets a little sloppy. In fact it’s so delicious and smooth, it’s been making regular appearances in my fridge since it was first spotted in the store. It also might be my new favorite Christmas beer.

Fireside Chat- 21st Amendment Brewing

Besides the insanely awesome FDR drinking by the fire beer can design, Fireside Chat is a great winter ale. It starts off spicy, with a burning alcohol sensation, which numbs your mouth into a silky warm oblivion. It’s like a dense rich fruitcake that grandma poured too much rum into — a whole ton of different flavors with an alcoholic presence.

This beer also comes in cans, which makes it convenient for those mid December beach outings and camping trips.

Figgy Pudding- Block 15

This beer is a barrel aged kick in the face that defies any sort of categorization beyond

that it tastes like figs and kind of burns on the way down. There is more complexity going on in this beer than a 19th century Russian novel and you could spend paragraphs describing in detail all the different flavors. But I will spare you my mildly existential words on the wonder that is figgy pudding and just say that in not drinking it, you are missing out on half your life. Also, for those responsibly minded folks, this isn’t a pre-work or start the night out right kind of beverage, as it comes in at 11 percent, and could result in embarrassing happenings.

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911 tape describes efforts to save FAMU drum major

Band members who were with Florida A&M University drum major Robert Champion on the bus in a parking lot in Orlando, Florida, where he died last month tried frantically to get him help when they realized he was not breathing, according to a 911 tape released Thursday.

"One of our drum majors is on the bus and not breathing," a male caller tells a female dispatcher for the Orange County Fire Rescue.

"Is he breathing or is he not breathing?" she asks.

"We don't know if he's breathing or not, but we need to get an ambulance ASAP."

"I have help on the way already," she says. "Is he awake?"

"He's not even responding. He's responding a little. He wasn't responding. We thought he was breathing. He was making noises, but I don't even know if he's breathing now."

"Is he awake?"

"His eyes are open; he's not responding."

"But is he breathing?"

"I have no idea. I cannot tell you. He just threw up."

"He just threw up?" "Yes."

The dispatcher then asks whether Champion was shaking prior to stopping breathing.

"No, he wasn't. He wasn't

shaking. I don't even know how he was. He was just sitting there. We were just talking and the next thing you know, he was shaking and not doing anything."

Asked again whether Champion was shaking, the caller — who says he has left the bus in order to hear the dispatcher — tells her, "No, no, he wasn't shaking. He wasn't moving. I don't know what's going on."

The dispatcher then calmly asks him to get back on the bus. "I want you to see if he's breathing, because that's very important," she says.

After a silence, the voice of another man tells the dispatcher, "Ma'am, we have a band member right here," he says. "He's on the bus and he's not breathing."

He says, "I tried to give him CPR and he started to vomit."

"OK, and you're right by him now?" she asks.

"He's in my hands, ma'am. He's cold. He's in my hands."

Asked to lay Champion flat on his back on the floor of the bus, the man says, "OK, I'm going to try. He's heavy." "I understand," the dispatcher says. "Just try to do your best, OK?"

"All right."

After more silence, the conversation resumes. "All right,

cool. He's flat. He's flat on this back."

"OK, then I want you to kneel next to him and I want you to look in his mouth for food or vomit."

"Yes, there's vomit."

"There is vomit in his mouth?"

"Yes."

"OK, then I want you to turn his head to the side and I want you to clean out his mouth and his nose."

At that, six minutes after the call started, the connection is lost. The dispatcher calls back and gets a recording: "Sorry, you've reached me at a time of inconvenience."

Champion was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

His death at age 26 occurred on November 19 after a football game that included a halftime performance by the Florida A&M Marching 100 band. Officials have said his death was related to hazing.

The tape was made public Thursday as a school official confirmed that FAMU had dismissed four students.

The dismissals were announced Tuesday in a letter from university President James Ammons to the board of trustees. Another 30 students were dismissed from the band, Ammons wrote.

No reason was given.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called Thursday for a review of state universities' hazing and harassment policies.

"Hazing should be strictly condemned on our college and university campuses and by any organization associated directly or indirectly with our institutions," Scott said in a letter to the chancellor of the state university system.

He asked Chancellor Frank Brogan to request that the state's 11 university presidents to "remind students, faculty and staff of these policies and procedures and how potentially detrimental hazing can be."

No cause of death has been released.

Champion's family has said it plans to sue the school "to get answers."


Speakers at Champion's funeral in Decatur, Georgia, described him Wednesday as a kind person and a leader dedicated to achieving his goals.

"Robert gave us his all every time that he took the field. ... Whenever Robert heard the sound of the drum, his knees raised, his toes pointed and he was on a mission to make the FAMU community proud," said Julian E. White, who began leading the 420-member FAMU band in 1998.

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Yesterday's Solution

Sandusky attorney denies plea deal being considered

The attorney for former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky denied what he called "rumors" Thursday that his client was considering a plea deal.

"The rumors ... are completely unfounded," Joe Amendola told CNN in an e-mail.

Sandusky, 67, is charged with 40 counts relating to the alleged sexual abuse of eight boys he met through The Second Mile, a nonprofit organization he founded for underprivileged children. He is free on \$100,000 bail and has maintained his innocence.

Amendola said he was asked in a recent interview whether his strategy would change if the attorney general filed new charges involving 15 or 20 new alleged victims.

"I responded, if that happened, in addition to the planned course of defending against all the charges, I would have to discuss other possible alternatives with Jerry," he said. "I wouldn't be fulfilling my legal obligation to him if I didn't discuss those other alternatives with him, including the possibility of a plea."

"Jerry has never considered and is not currently considering a plea in his case," Amendola said. "He has always maintained his innocence and continues to do so as we prepare for his preliminary hearing."

Separately, two organizations aimed at preventing sexual violence said Thursday they have partnered with Penn State to focus on that mission. As part of the three-year partnership, Penn State has pledged \$1.5 million to facilitate the effort, said

a joint statement from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

The organizations said they "are combining their expertise and resources to work with Penn State University to focus on preventing sexual violence."

The Penn State scandal, which has raised questions of whether university and community leaders took appropriate action about allegations involving Sandusky, "is not unique," Delilah Rumberg, chief executive officer for the two organizations, said in the statement.

"We know that adults see or hear things that make them uncomfortable, or may even have a child disclose sexual abuse, but they don't get involved. We want to prevent abuse by equipping people with information, skills and resources."

Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley, 57, and the school's vice president for finance and business, Gary Schultz, 62, were charged with one count of felony perjury and one count of failure to report abuse allegations.

In addition, Penn State President Graham Spanier and legendary head football coach Joe Paterno lost their jobs soon after Sandusky's arrest amid criticism they did not adequately handle the matter when allegations involving Sandusky arose years earlier.

Attorneys for an alleged sexual abuse victim said Thursday they reached a settlement with Second Mile that allows it to stay in operation but requires it to obtain court approval prior to transferring assets or closing. Second Mile also is required

to notify the plaintiff about any proposed distribution of assets.

"Our goal in filing this lawsuit was to protect the interests of our clients and other victims," attorney Ben Andreozzi of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, said in a statement. "This settlement will preserve the assets of the Second Mile, and allow these victims to have a voice before any assets are transferred."

"We intend to initiate a civil lawsuit seeking damages from the organizations and individuals responsible for the sexual assaults upon our clients," said Andreozzi, who said he represents other alleged victims of Sandusky.

On Wednesday, a 29-year-old man filed the first civil lawsuit against Sandusky, claiming Sandusky sexually abused him more than 100 times over several years during the 1990s, when he was a boy. The accuser, identified in court documents as "John Doe A," was not cited in the report from a grand jury that prompted the charges against Sandusky, his attorney, Jeff Anderson, said.

The lawsuit targets The Second Mile, Sandusky and Penn State University. The school said in a statement Wednesday it had not received the documents and could not comment on pending litigation.

The Second Mile said, "We will review the lawsuit and respond appropriately when we have done so. The Second Mile will adhere to its legal responsibilities throughout this process. As always, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families."

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been packed end-to-end.

"It's not even close," Brandt said, comparing last year's turnouts to this year's.

"And it's been packed early now," sophomore guard Roberto Nelson added. "It doesn't take 20 minutes into the game for the section to fill."

Attendance is only slightly up from last year's nonconference average — 4,167 versus 3,822 — but Robinson said that's indicative of the general fans' attendance, not the students.

If the Beavers keep winning — they have five consecutive home games beginning Sunday, against teams they'll be favored to beat — the attendance should continue to climb, even with students leaving town for winter break.

Starks said the team's sports information director, Shawn Schoeffler, tells the guys how loud Gill Coliseum used to be, and how the lines were out the door when players such as Gary Payton donned the orange and black.

"We're always talking about how we want to fill Gill and get it loud like the old days," Starks said.

When it's packed and loud, Robinson said, the players take notice.

"I can see when I'm watching film and when I'm watching during the actual game how hard it helps us play," Robinson said. "We're the type of team that plays hard around, but when the crowd's going crazy it helps us and it hurts the other team."

Football Effect

The fast start has certainly helped, but there's another factor at play that's led to the "basketball or bust" attitude some of the student body may have taken up.

Without even being prompted, Brandt brought up the elephant in the room when asked why he thinks the support is higher this year than it has been in the past.

"I hate to say it, but [OSU] football didn't have the best year and students are looking for a team to come out and do well," Brandt said.

Mike Riley's squad struggled to a 3-9 finish this fall. Last year, the Beavers went 5-7 on the gridiron.

It's been 14 years since the football and basketball programs each had back-to-back losing seasons.

"Football hasn't had a good year, so we're just trying to make sure we're going to have a big year," Nelson said.

The demand for student football tickets was down this year — evident by the fact you could get a 50-yard-line ticket without having to camp out Sunday night — which indicates some students may have turned their attention to Robinson's team much earlier than in the past.

"Everybody knows football is in a rebuilding year, but people are like, 'Hey, men's basketball is doing well,'" McShane said. "That's definitely part of it."

The notion that they need to give fans something to get excited about is being felt by Robinson's squad.

"It puts pressure on us, and on me, because we really want to do well for our fans," Robinson said.

Jumping on the bandwagon

Players and coaches say they hold no grudges toward students who have jumped on the basketball bandwagon who may not have cared a lick about the team when they were stuck in the Pac-10 basement.

"It's not the fans' fault," Nelson said. "It's more our fault. I can't blame the fans for not coming and wanting to watch the basketball that was played here."

The Beavers haven't finished above .500 since the 2004-05 season, when they lost in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

In 2009, Robinson's first year, Oregon State saw a significant boost in student support on its way to a College Basketball Invitational title in March, but other than that, it's been here and there as far as packing Gill goes.

"You can't help that," Brandt said of the students' wavering support in the past. "People are people. They get behind teams that are winning and tend to forget about teams that are losing."

Robinson said he understands the nature of the business, and all he cares about is the amount of support his current team receives.

"I like the fact that people are coming to the games, whether they jumped on today or they've been watching us since the first year," Robinson said. "It doesn't matter to me. Just climb aboard, climb aboard."

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and Allen Iverson frequently faced box-and-one defenses in college.

The Commodores did manage to keep Cunningham in check offensively. They held him to a season low nine points and handed the Beavers their first loss of the season, 64-62. Cunningham still affected the game with seven steals, but also turned the ball over seven times.

Cunningham scored only 12 points in Oregon State's next game against Towson University, but the Beavers managed to win that one handily, 66-46.

With teams putting forth so much effort to stop his scoring, Cunningham will be forced to find other ways to contribute.

"Those are good problems to have when you have a guy who the other team is completely focused on," Robinson said. "Jared is the consummate team player so his play doesn't change. If he's open, he tries to take it. If he's not, he looks for the next guy."

No matter how much an opponent does to shut down Cunningham offensively, there is nothing they can do to stop his relentlessness on defense. Despite all the attention his scoring has garnered, Cunningham is no slouch in other offensive categories. His speed and passing ability allow him to drive to the basket, draw double teams and dish the ball to his teammates.

"We have a lot of players that really haven't shown a lot of their offensive skills yet but early on I feel that I might have to score a little more and then later in the season, use my defense to help me score,"



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Jared Cunningham scored 35 points against Hofstra on Nov. 16, and opponents have paid more attention to him every since.

Cunningham said. "A lot of players on our team, like Ahmad [Starks] and Roberto, you really haven't seen their offensive skills, but they'll come on."

The other Beavers know that opponents are gunning for Cunningham and it's up to them to step up if the team is going to have the kind of season they expect to have.

"We're going to try and make more shots so we can free up Jared," Nelson said.

Robinson understands that Cunningham is a marked man as the Beavers

wrap up nonconference play and gear up for Pac-12 play. He is a major reason why the Beavers are 5-1, equaling their best start since the 2002-03 season, and defenses will use every weapon in their arsenal to keep him from scoring.

"He's going to face that from here on out," Robinson said. "He is one of the premier players in this conference so people are going to be thinking that if they shut him down, they shut us down."

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5
Will Cherry
Vital Statistics (Junior guard)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	16.7	4.0	3.0
Career	11.6	3.3	3.3



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Kareem Jamar
Vital Statistics (Sophomore forward)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	14.8	7.2	3.7
Career	9.3	5.2	1.8



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Billy Reader
Vital Statistics (Freshman forward)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	7.3	4.3	0.7
Career	3.9	2.5	0.3

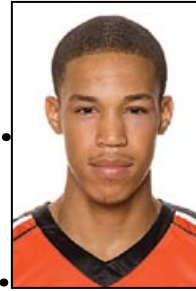


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Art Steward
Vital Statistics (Senior forward)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	6.3	4.3	0.7
Career	8.2	3.7	1.1

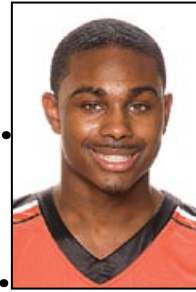
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Jared Cunningham
Vital Statistics (Junior guard)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	20.8	4.3	2.2
Career	11.0	2.7	1.5



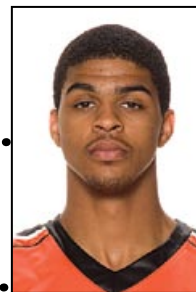
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Vital Statistics (Sophomore guard)

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2011-12 Season	10.2	2.7	2.7
Career	8.2	1.2	1.7



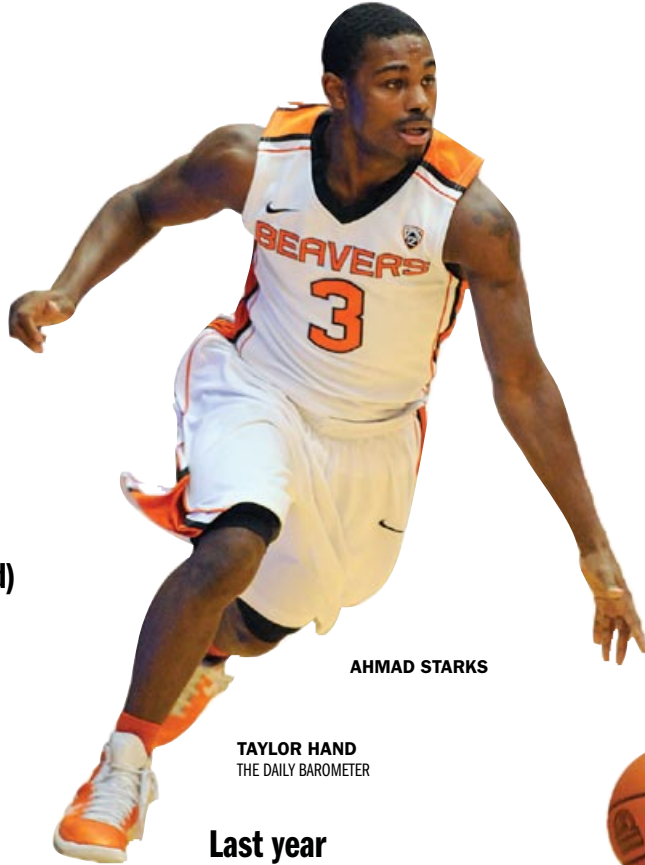
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Joe Burton
Vital Statistics (Junior forward)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	9.3	5.5	4.5
Career	6.1	5.1	1.9



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Devon Collier
Vital Statistics (Sophomore forward)

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	16.3	4.5	1.5
Career	8.5	4.4	0.9



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Last year
Montana beat OSU 71-66 in Missoula behind 27 points and 18 rebounds from center Brian Qvale, who has since graduated. Will Cherry scored 22 points for the Grizzlies.

Scariest nonconference opponent?
At home, at least. Of the eight non-conference opponents OSU faces at Gill Coliseum this year, the Grizzlies may present the biggest challenge. They beat Long Beach State University last week, who beat No. 17 University of Pittsburgh in mid-November.

Opponents keying on Cunningham

Roberto Nelson said opponents would be “stupid” if they didn’t focus on stopping Cunningham

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After back-to-back 30-plus point games earlier this season, the target has officially been placed on Jared Cunningham’s back.

“Everybody’s been keying on Jared,” sophomore teammate Roberto Nelson said. “He has 20-something points per game, they’d be stupid if they weren’t.”

Coming into the season, everyone knew Cunningham would be good.

As a sophomore last year, he was All-Pac-10 Second Team and All-Pac-10 Defensive Team. He led the conference in steals and demolished the Oregon State sophomore steals record held by none other than “The Glove,” Gary Payton.

Despite the aforementioned achievements, few expected him to start off the season the way he has.

“I think they expected him to be good, I don’t think they expected him to carry our team like he is,” head coach Craig Robinson said. “Right now, he is playing at an all-league clip. I don’t know if people thought of him as that... I know I did.”

Cunningham exploded onto the scene nationally when he had a career-high 37 points against the University of Texas on Nov. 19. That broke his previous career high of 35, which was set just three days earlier against Hofstra.

Currently, Cunningham averages 20.8 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 2.2 assists per game, but the last two games have been more challenging for him with defenses doing everything in their power to shut him down.

Teams have tried a plethora of different defensive looks to shut the junior guard down. Vanderbilt put their best and most athletic defender on him — they also ran a box-and-one defense. It should be noted that box-and-one defenses are typically employed against teams with one dominant scoring threat. In fact, greats like Ray Allen

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Students are jumping on the basketball bandwagon

Players are getting recognized more around campus, Twitter accounts are blowing up as support has “tripled”

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kevin McShane distinctly recalls how members of a losing basketball team were viewed around Corvallis.

“It was ‘oh look, there’s a basketball player’, ‘they’re like this and they do that... they might win some games,’” the senior forward said.

Now?
“It’s like ‘oh that’s one of the basketball players... yo, when’s your next game, I want to come,’” McShane described.

Oh, the life of a winner.
The life of a 5-1 Oregon State University men’s basketball team that is suddenly the buzz of campus.

estimates the amount of support for the basketball program has tripled in comparison to last year, when the Beavers started 4-6.

“People all around campus are congratulating us,” Starks said. “People are stopping us on the way to class and stuff like that.”

“People have been making [Facebook] statuses about us,” junior Angus Brandt added.

McShane said he’s seen a spike in Twitter followers and that some fans are “reaching out to his cell phone.”

“It feels great to have the support,” McShane said. “We really appreciate it.”

Head coach Craig Robinson has noticed a change, too.

“At the beginning of the season, people were like ‘meh, they have played a couple teams they should have beat and they beat them,’” Robinson said. “After we beat Hofstra, we heard a little bit more and people were like, ‘we’ll see when they come back [from the

East Coast].”

After beating the University of Texas, taking Vanderbilt University down to the wire and winning by 20 at Towson University?

“I’ve noticed people commenting, off-the-street people, not even just the students,” Robinson said. “There’s some excitement now.”

The Student Section

Oregon State lost three of seven nonconference home games last season, and those three losses came to Texas Southern, Utah Valley and George Washington.

It wasn’t uncommon at all to see the student section half-full — if that — at tip-off.

“You’d have the middle section packed, then it’d fade out toward the edges,” Brandt described.

This year, in wins over Cal State Bakersfield, West Alabama and Hofstra, the student section has



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The student section for men’s basketball games has been packed so far this year, and players are taking notice.