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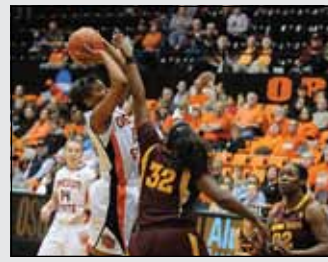
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## A cold, sunny day



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A glance from the Quad of the Memorial Union yesterday: one of several unexpectedly dry and frigid days the first week of winter term. Though the sunshine is expected to last through Saturday, the rain will be returning again Sunday and continuing all next week.

## Life experience now considered in acceptance to OSU

■ Guidance documents released to colleges in effort to expand diversity

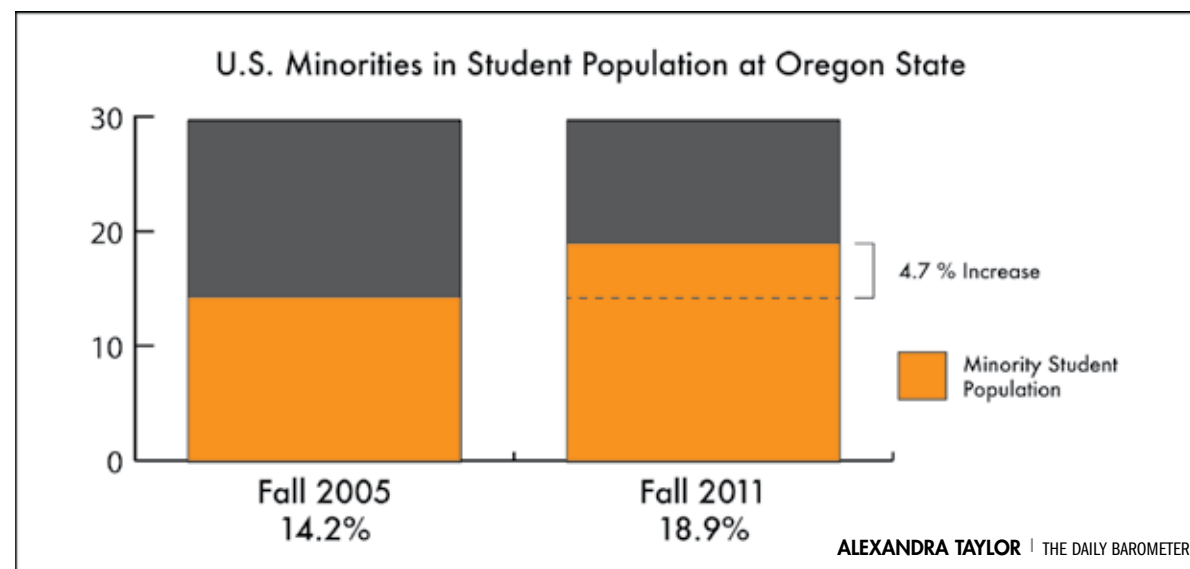
By James Shrieve  
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On Friday, Dec. 2, the Departments of Education and Justice released two guidance documents for K-12 and Collegiate schools.

They detail how schools can develop a more diverse student body and decrease racial isolation. It provides numerous examples of how this can be done and is more open to affirmative action than previous guidance, which was issued by the Bush administration in 2008.

The old guidance was withdrawn as the new one was put in place.

While the guidance may be relevant to other colleges, Oregon State University has maintained an increasing amount of diversity over the past six years. The enrollment summary of the Fall 2011 term states that 18.9 percent of OSU's student body is made up of minorities.



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"As good of a school as OSU is, it is still a state school, and thus the admissions standards are not highly selective," said Angelo Gomez, head of the Equity and Inclusion Department. "We maintain race-neutral policies when admitting students. We don't need to react to the

new guidance because we've already achieved diversity."

The guidance actually recommends that race-neutral approaches be attempted before race is considered as a criterion.

"In implementing its program, an institution should consider whether

it can meet its compelling interest in diversity by using race-neutral approaches," Gomez said.

Even if OSU were facing a diversity dilemma, its current acceptance policies would meet the standards for the

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## Faculty senate meets for first time Winter term

■ Committee looking to change bacc-core requirements

By Kristin Pugmire  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Yesterday, the Oregon State University faculty senate met in the LaSells Stewart Center for its first meeting of winter term. The following issues were discussed:

• Proposed revisions were announced concerning the procedural guidelines for promotion and tenure. Most of the proposed changes served to eliminate unnecessary language in the wording of the guidelines; others (such as the word "department" being changed to the word "unit") were proposed to reflect the university's changing structure. The changes will be voted on at February's faculty senate meeting.

• During a committee report, the Baccalaureate Core Committee presented its "vitalization agenda update." The speakers, Bill Bogley and Kerry Kincaon, stated that in 2010, it was found that implementation of the bacc-core had drifted over time and perceptions of the core had suffered. Proposed changes included the adoption of learning goals for undergraduates, experiential learning goals and a focus on student learning outcomes. Last night, the committee reported that new programs have been implemented, such as the START and CONNECT student orientation programs, which emphasize the importance of the bacc-core. In addition, core syllabus requirements have been introduced that explicitly state the course's core category and learning outcomes. The committee is working to develop a five-year bacc-core assessment cycle, which will be reported on this spring.

## Activity may have impact on sleep quality, study says

■ 3.5 hours of moderate and vigorous exercise help with sleep, alertness

By Vinay Ramakrishnan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The December 2011 issue of the journal, *Mental Health and Physical Activity*, highlighted a study that claimed 150 minutes of exercise a week can result in significantly better sleep and alertness during the day.

The study was conducted by Brad Cardinal, a professor of exercise science at Oregon State University, and Paul Loprinzi, an OSU alumnus who is now an assistant professor at Bellarmine University in Kentucky.

"Moderate exercise is when you can hold a conversation with someone while you're exercising.

Vigorous exercise is when you run out of breath," Cardinal said.

A run would constitute vigorous exercise, while a walk would constitute just moderate exercise. However, the difference between moderate and vigorous exercise is not that great. "Vigorous exercise does not provide much of an advantage over moderate exercise," Cardinal said.

Loprinzi says that the study did not involve personally working with participants. "We utilized publicly available data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey."

He also gave tips on how to be honest when it comes to measuring physical activity. "We recommend an objective-measure of physical activity, such as pedometers or accelerometers, as self report measures of physical activity are prone to error."

Loprinzi and Cardinal both said that exer-

cise can have other positive impacts, such as "reduced stress, anxiety, and depression" in college students.

On campus, students have a variety of resources they can take advantage of to help get an exercise routine going. Dixon Recreation Center offers personal training for a fee, but there are several other free resources available. Among these are the Beaver Strides motivational program and Free Health Coaching, both from Student Health Services.

"Free health coaching gives students the opportunity to speak to a health educator one-on-one, at no charge," said Malinda Shell, a health educator at SHS. "More movement in general throughout the day can be beneficial."

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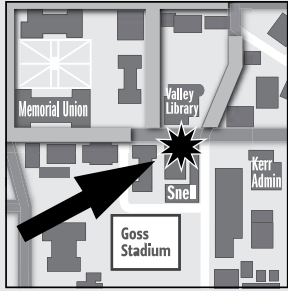
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## International News From CNN

### MIDDLE EAST

#### French demand inquiry in journalist death

The French foreign minister called Thursday on Syrian authorities to divulge the "whole truth" about the killing Wednesday of a French journalist in the city of Homs.

Alain Juppe told France 2 television that an "investigation must establish the origin of these events, and in particular where the firing came from, who is responsible for this, so that we can then act accordingly."

France 2 TV journalist Gilles Jacquier was killed after a mortar shell struck the pro-government rally he was attending as part of a government-authorized tour of the city, his network said. Eight Syrians also died in the attack.

Juppe said Syria "should have ensured the safety of the journalists who had been invited to carry out that visit."

The state-run Syrian Arab News Agency said Jacquier was among a delegation of international journalists visiting the city's Ekrima neighborhood "to document the damages left by terrorists on building with photos and interviewing citizens who were victims of terror in the city when armed terrorist member fired mortar projectiles on the delegation."

But the Syrian Revolution General Commission, an opposition force, disputed that description of events. It said security forces fired two shells at journalists from an infantry vehicle.

"The journalists were attacked in a heavily militarized regime stronghold -- it would be hugely difficult for any armed opposition to penetrate the area and launch such a deadly attack," said Wissam Tarif, an Arab world campaigner with the activist group Avaaz.

The Syrian National Council said the killing was "an attempt to silence neutral and independent media sources" and called for an independent investigation.

The Arab League has called on Damascus to stop violence against civilians, free political detainees, remove tanks and weapons from cities.

### AFRICA

#### Red Cross suspends Somalia food aid

Distribution of food, seed and medical relief intended for drought victims in Somalia has been suspended, the International Committee of the Red Cross announced Thursday.

The aid intended for up to 1.1 million people has been held up because local authorities blocked distribution of ICRC food and seed relief in the Middle Shabelle and Galgaduud regions in central and southern Somalia, according to a statement by the organization.

"We are actively seeking the cooperation of the local authorities to restore conditions that will allow the resumption of the suspended activities as soon as possible," said Patrick Vial, the head of the ICRC delegation for Somalia.

According to the ICRC statement, the organization has distributed food relief to more than 1 million people and agricultural support to more than 100,000 farmers.

In addition, the ICRC has helped treat more than 170,000 severely malnourished children and made health care more available in remote areas, the statement said.

Last month, two attacks on aid workers in Somalia killed five people -- two from Medecins Sans Frontieres, also known as Doctors Without Borders, and three from the U.N. World Food Programme.

The African Union Mission in Somalia, known as AMISOM, is trying to consolidate power for Somalia's weak transitional federal government in Mogadishu, the capital, where Islamic militants had been especially active in their battle against that government.

AMISOM forces reported in late December they had successfully pushed the Al-Shabaab movement out of Mogadishu.

Al-Shabaab is linked to al Qaeda and is considered a terrorist group by the United States.

### AFRICA

#### Strike sparks anti-government protest

Protests that started over a scrapped fuel subsidy expanded into an outcry against the government's shortcomings as throngs of Nigerians of all classes took to the streets for a fourth day Thursday.

Businesses including shops, banks and gas stations remained closed. Downtown Lagos, usually jam-packed on a regular day, was a ghost town as tires burned in the middle of empty streets.

In some areas, angry youth manned checkpoints and shut down major highways.

"People of all walks are coming out to protest," said Olumide Adeleye, a Lagos entrepreneur. "There are young people and old people. People parking their Mercedes-Benzes and Land Rovers. People walking barefoot."

The government removed fuel subsidies January 1, doubling gas prices that in turn led to high transportation costs and soaring prices of food and other goods.

The government also faces another crisis -- a wave of religious attacks which has heightened fears of sectarian violence in parts of the country.

As prices at the pump skyrocketed overnight, Nigerians rallied, accusing their leaders of corruption and squandering oil revenues as a majority of citizens battle grinding poverty.

In solidarity with the protesters, a union representing the oil industry threatened to halt production, which would affect global oil prices.

"Now that the federal government has decided to be callous-minded, we hereby direct all production platforms to be on red alert in preparation for total production shutdown," the union PENGASSAN (Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria) said in a statement.

### ASIA

#### McConnell to meet Burmese opposition

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell will meet next week with Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, government officials and U.S. embassy personnel in the Southeast Asia country, he said Thursday.

The Republican from Kentucky plans to discuss political reform, bilateral relations and regional security issues with Suu Kyi and the Myanmar leaders.

McConnell will arrive in the country on Sunday and return to the United States on Wednesday.

McConnell advocates political reform, reconciliation and democracy in Myanmar, he said.

Since 2003, McConnell, along with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, has introduced and enacted legislation placing sanctions on the Myanmar government.

McConnell has also consistently called for the release of Suu Kyi and other political prisoners.

Since Suu Kyi's release, McConnell has spoken with her several times on the phone. Next week's visit will be the first face-to-face meeting between the two.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, U.S. diplomats met with Suu Kyi in another sign of thawing relations between Washington and the Southeast Asian nation.

Derek Mitchell, the U.S. special envoy to Myanmar, and Luis CdeBaca, the U.S. ambassador-at-large for human trafficking, held talks with Suu Kyi at her residence.

The U.S. delegation arrived in the country Monday and has met with top government officials.

The meetings also coincide with an announcement by government officials that Myanmar has begun peace talks with a major rebel group, signing a cease fire with the Karen National Liberation Army.

Myanmar has been ruled by a military junta since 1962, and the generals have started to loosen their grip on the country after coming under criticism for their human rights record.

## Calendar

Monday, Jan. 16

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HOLIDAY

NO CLASSES

Events

**Socratic Club**, 7-8pm, MU 110. Information meeting. Sponsoring a book study that will meet weekly on Mondays. The book is Timothy Keller's "The Reason for God." The discussion is open to everyone.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Meetings

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

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Meetings

**ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7pm, MU 211. Convenes to discuss student issues and concerns. Students and student organization delegates are welcome to attend.

**Student Sustainability Initiative**, 7-8pm, Student Sustainability Center. Learn how you can get involved with sustainability projects on campus.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Meetings

**Recreational Sports**, 3-4pm, Dixon Conference Room. RecSports Board Meeting. Discussion and deliberation on 2012-13 Recreational Sports budget.

Monday, Jan. 23

Meetings

**College Democrats**, 5pm, MU Board Room. Come talk about current events, local campaigns and international news with like-minded people!

Speakers

**Socratic Club**, 7:30pm, Milam Auditorium. A debate: Speakers Dr. Nicole von Germeten, a Latin American History professor at OSU and Dr. Joseph Oroscio, a Philosophy professor at OSU, will debate "The influence of Christianity on Latin America: Beneficial or Destructive."

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Meetings

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

**Recreational Sports**, Noon-1:30pm, MU 110. Open Hearing. Public input for 2012-13 Recreational Sports budget.

Events

**The Pride Center**, 3:30-4:30pm, The Pride Center. A discussion group focused on LGBTQ issues and topics. Tea will be provided.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Meetings

**ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7pm, MU 211. Convenes to discuss student issues and concerns. Students and student organization delegates are welcome to attend.

**Baha'i Campus Association**, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Recharge your battery - Interfaith meditation, devotion and prayers - bring your favorite inspirational reading to share.

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# \$14 million raised for new Student Success Center

■ **Scheduled for June, the new SSC will house more student programs**

**By Gwen Shaw**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Construction began on another building on the Oregon State University campus on May 31 last summer. The new Student Success Center will soon be located on 26th Street, next to the CH2M Hill Alumni Center.

Lori Fulton, project manager for the SSC, said that the three-story, 34,000 square foot building, is scheduled to open in June of this year.

"The location was chosen because it is close to Athletics facilities where the student athletes spend a lot of time," Fulton said. "As well as close to the core of campus, so it's convenient to the rest of the undergraduate student body."

The building will house many programs not only for the general undergraduate student body, but student athletes.

Susie Brubaker-Cole, Associate Provost for Academic Success and Engagement, laid out an average day at the SSC. According to Brubaker-Cole, during the daytime hours, the building will be used as a space to expand the services of the Academic Success Center, including small-group peer tutoring for select courses, academic coaching and Writing

Center consultations.

During the evening, the building will host study sessions for the Academics for Student Athletes program. "The goal of ASA's learning services is to help all student athletes develop strong academic skills and become independent learners," Brubaker-Cole said.

The Evening Study Program helps student athletes with time management, goal setting, planning for the term, and a variety of other student skills.

On the third floor of the building will be the offices of Academics for Student Athletes staff. The first floor will hold university classrooms and during the day, "Disability Access Services will also have access to some of the smaller, more private tutoring spaces for test proctoring purposes," Brubaker-Cole said.

During the summer, September Scholars and the BEST summer bridge programs will be located in the SSC. BEST, or Bridge Encouraging Successful Transitions, is designed to help student athletes adapt to the college environment and for their academic coaches to figure out the best path and classes they need to be on to be successful. The September Scholars program is a transition experience offered to only 80 incoming first-year students, who must be invited. The program offers these students a time to

earn college experience prior to fall term.

Cole said that all the programs, with the exception of the BEST program and ASA, are available to all OSU undergraduates. The Writing Center also serves graduate students.

The estimated cost of the SSC is \$14 million. Michelle Williams, Director of Strategic Communications of OSU Foundation, said that \$7 million of that amount was private money donations, qualifying "for state matching bonds of \$7 [million]."

The largest gift was a \$5 million donation from a donor who Williams said wishes to remain anonymous. "Regularly, donors ask to remain anonymous; the reasons vary but it isn't a unique request."

The Campaign for OSU raised all the funds that were donated. It is the University's "first comprehensive fundraising campaign," Williams said. The campaign has helped to create many other campus projects, including various new buildings: Kelley Engineering Center, Kearney Hall, Joyce Collin Furman Hall, Linus Pauling Science Center and others.

They have also created "more than 400 new scholarship and fellowship funds" since the start of the campaign, according to Williams.

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# Marines caught urinating on corpses in Internet video

Officials in the United States and Afghanistan expressed shock and outrage Thursday regarding a video showing a U.S. Marine sniper team urinating on dead bodies, possibly in Afghanistan.

"I have seen the footage, and I find the behavior depicted in it utterly deplorable," U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said in a statement. "I condemn it in the strongest possible terms."

Panetta said he has ordered the Marine Corps and International Security Assistance Force Commander Gen. John Allen "to immediately and fully investigate the incident."

"This conduct is entirely inappropriate for members of the United States military and does not reflect the standards of values our armed forces are sworn to uphold," Panetta's statement said. "Those found

to have engaged in such conduct will be held accountable to the fullest extent."

A senior Pentagon official said Panetta was "deeply troubled" after viewing the video.

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos said in a statement the behavior is "wholly inconsistent with the high standards of conduct and warrior ethos that we have demonstrated throughout our history."

Lt. Gen. Adrian Bradshaw, deputy commander of ISAF, called the actions on the video "disgusting."

"Any acts which treat the dead, enemy or friendly, with disrespect are utterly unacceptable and do not represent the standards we expect of coalition forces," Bradshaw said in a video statement. He said he was speaking on behalf of Allen, who is out of the country.

An earlier statement from NATO-led forces in Afghanistan said, "ISAF strongly condemns the actions depicted in the video, which appear to have been conducted by a small group of U.S. individuals, who apparently are no longer serving in Afghanistan."

A senior U.S. military official said the Naval Criminal Investigative Service is the lead investigative agency on the incident. A Marine Corps investigation was also announced Wednesday.

While the identities of the people on the video haven't been formally released, the leadership of the 3rd Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment "is confident those are their Marines" on the video, according to a U.S. Marine official with direct knowledge of the initial investigation. Commanders are "not able to put names to Marines

yet, but confident they fall under the 3/2," the official said.

The unit is based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. They deployed in February or March of 2011 and returned in September or October 2011. While in Afghanistan, they were based primarily in Helmand province.

The story broke Wednesday when a number of websites, including TMZ and YouTube, posted a video showing four men dressed in Marine combat gear urinating on what appeared to be the dead bodies of three men on the ground in front of them.

One of the men says, "Have a great day, buddy." A voice asks, "You got it on the video?" To which another voice responds, "Yeah." Another jokes, "Golden, like a shower."

It was not clear who shot or posted the 39-second video.

—CNN

## DIVERSITY

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first stage of the guidance's proposals.

Another request made by the guidance is for institutions to "periodically review their programs to determine whether the use of racial classifications remains/are necessary and should modify its practices as needed." OSU has done this relatively recently and to quite an effect.

In 2006, the department of Admissions along with the heads of the administration, came together to review the policies of acceptance. They wanted to see whether admissions were fulfilling the expectations of the university: judging the applicant pool in a fair and equitable way and accepting a diverse range of quality students.

Race was not being used as an enrollment factor and diversity was being reached without making any concerted efforts towards it. However, enrollment had gone down between 2004 and 2005, and the administration wanted to continue progressing as they had from 2005 to 2006.

They decided to broaden the criteria for

acceptance. By adding a questionnaire about life experience and adding more courses which the school deemed as acceptable credits, each applicant's history and life experience began to gain importance. While not anywhere near as important as grades or academic standings, these factors began to rise in the decision making process.

OSU also began to include a more expansive geographic area for recruitment efforts. This expansion also meant more "minority-majority" schools could be considered for recruitment.

"The decision to recruit from minority-majority schools is not part of the admissions process," Gomez said. "The guidance deals with race being used as a determinant for acceptance to an institution, and selecting from these schools is merely a way of broadening the potential student body."

The effort and additives are proving to be worthwhile. The surveys from 2005-2011 showed a 4.7 percent increase in minority enrollment.

To read OSU's enrollment policies, visit <http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/>

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## SENATE

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•During a special report, Gita Ramaswamy, director of assessment, delivered a brief update on the results of the university's decision to utilize online course evaluations at the end of fall term. Ramaswamy reported that roughly 67 percent of students completed the evaluation and 21 percent declined to answer. While some students and faculty members expressed concerns regarding issues such as academic holds placed on students' accounts and glitches in the system, Ramaswamy expressed confidence that the developing team would be able to sort out the problems before the next round of evaluations.

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## Editorial

## Yeas &amp; Nays

**Y**ea to the new year. We're late. Yea to Yeas&Nays being back! We try.

**N**ay to bad weather. We're subjective.

**Y**ea to OSU avoiding the latter for the first week of the term.

**N**ay to the beginning of winter term, the worst term of the year by far.

**N**ay to 2012 seeing world's end. We suggest you put your things in order. Say your goodbyes, do something you've always wanted to do, like asking out that girl at Java that you've had your eye on for awhile, and the main reason why you're now addicted to coffee.

**N**ay to those who seem to endlessly harass students as we try to make our way through the Quad while we try getting to class. No, we don't have a moment for Jesus or the time to listen to how breathing kills a 1,000 trees every second. OSU should just pick one day where all these people can have booths in the Quad and MU ballroom and we can just get all the harassing out of the way. It's a win-win-win. Thank you, Michael Scott, for teaching us that.

**N**ay to The Office. The Office is like what Brandon Roy was for the Blazers these last couple of years: occasionally giving you a great moment. The Office's Christmas episode last year was great, as was Roy for game 4 against the Dallas Mavericks in the playoffs last year. In the end though, Roy realized he was no longer the player he needed to be and ended it. The Office should do the same.

**Y**ea to the first day of class and those first moments when you scan the room. You know, making mental notes about the people who think they're smarter than the professor, the section of students who will no doubt be the ass kissers.

**N**ay to the professor who decides to spend the first half of the class airing their frustrations and grievances about the negative student evaluations they received from previous classes. Will this inspire confidence in your teaching? No. Will you annoy the hell out of students who are currently in your class, who had nothing to do with the evaluations? Yes. However, will you make yourself feel better that you finally got it off your chest? We suppose.

**Y**ea to Beyonce giving birth to the most celebrated baby since, well, ever. In her short time on this planet, Blue Ivy has already tweeted and featured on a song by her pop, Jay-Z, that made her the youngest person ever to chart a Billboard single, at two days old.

**N**ay to the other million babies born this week, because no one cared.

**Y**ea to friendly conversations.

**N**ay to awkward run-ins. You know like running into the same person twice in one day or one of your professors outside class.

**Y**ea to it being Friday. Go for a walk or something. Play some bocce ball, or go skipping. Maybe read a book.

**N**ay to none of this happening. Instead, you'll end up at either Peacock or Impulse, having a Friday night fling that will turn into a Saturday morning mistake.

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## Hints of discrimination, intolerance still seen today

**J**ust when I think that America was on the pathway to cultural and racial acceptance, I am sadly disappointed.

Homework distributed recently by a racist teacher to third grade students at Beaver Ridge Elementary School in Atlanta proved to be bigoted and disturbing, to say the least. The teacher in question procured racially offensive math problems, such as "Each tree has 56 oranges. If eight slaves pick them equally, then how much would each slave pick?" and "If Frederick gets two beatings per day, how many does he get in a week?" The answer to these questions isn't numerical; it's offensive.

Whether a sick sense of humor or complete racial ignorance brought about these comments, the Atlanta teacher isn't teaching math. She's only promoting racial inequity to vulnerable minds. After a concerned parent observed his third grade son's homework, he reported the teacher in question, who claimed she was trying to combine math and history.

Hmm, combining division and slavery? Sorry, teach, two wrongs don't make a right. But as of current reports, the teacher is still employed.

Some may view the slanderous math problems as a form of overreacting.



Sarah Paeth

*On the Bright Side*

After all, we talk about slavery in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, so what's the big deal? Discussing slavery in a historical context, however, is far different than nonchalantly plunking it down in front of public school kids as normal material. We can't ignore the past and pretend slavery didn't exist, but by no means should we tolerate talking about slavery as if it was an all-accepted piece of American history.

Others view the issue of the inappropriate math problems as a mere joke, as popular TV shows have certainly utilized the uncomfortable feeling surrounding discrimination as comedy. For example, in one episode of "South Park," a game show contestant mistakenly guesses the "N word" as a Wheel of Fortune word on a game show. This episode turns the tables by making the racist game show contestant receive the same discrimination as often displayed to African Americans.

In one scene, the character is asked

to leave a store — much like the segregation of the south, pre-civil rights. Another scene shows the character getting affronted by a group of leering men with pitchforks. The use of discrimination as a joke in this instance is appropriate because its not-so-subtle irony demonstrates the absurdness of racial prejudice. Using the "N word" and other racial references in this context is appropriate because it pokes fun — and hopefully makes a point — at racism in our society, not at distinct races.

Discrimination goes beyond just words. Judging people off of their color and not their character affects the thoughts, words and actions we display to our families, work environments and our society. I'm not meaning to incriminate the many of us who look at a person of a different race, religion or sexual orientation and immediately jump to conclusions about him or her, but let's face it, at one point in time, we've all been guilty of unfairly judging someone.

Whether it was the blackface humor of the mid-19th century, or the slew of racial jokes surrounding Mexican immigrants that frequent popular TV shows, our history and media make it difficult to ignore societal views of

race. We may not have control over our past, but we do have control over our actions. In other words, we can regulate what words we use to describe groups and what jokes we laugh at.

With Martin Luther King Day just around the corner, now is the time to not only commemorate the undertakings of MLK, but also promote racial and cultural acceptance. We shouldn't have to rely on a once-a-year holiday to stop and think about how we view races and discrimination in our society. On the contrary, when it comes to racial acceptance we need to think about how we'd feel if we were the ones getting attacked or made fun of.

The case of the racist math problems demonstrates that parts of society still take racial discrimination lightly. Yes, we have a black president. Yes, we have a black Disney princess. Yes, we have desegregated schools. We've come far since the days of the Civil Rights movement, but not far enough. To fully achieve racial acceptance in our society, we need to carry on the dream of Mr. King — and not just once a year on MLK Day, but every day.

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## Tebow and the God particle

**T**im Tebow's rise to fame — at least on an entertainment level — could be considered both aggravating and inspiring. On one hand, a Tebow column is the last thing anyone wants to read, and on the other, there's something in it that divides and attracts people — and not only sports fans.

In fact, Tebow on a purely sports entertainment level — success on the field — was seen in 2006 with Vince Young. Unorthodox and sloppy spelling success isn't new.

Rather, there's something surrounding his character that's drawn the attention. Maybe it's his college success and subsequent back-up roll in the pros, or the "struggle-but-win" role he plays nearly every game. But that's all still on the field, it's nothing completely new.

Instead, he's got piety. The whole religious aspect that allows not only the sports-related public to debate about, but opens it up to the general media.

But religion is the one thing you don't touch. It's the one subject that has everyone trying to make a story, simply because no one can agree with another on faith. And often times, it only incites.

Then, to make a deal out of thin air, Tebow's demonstrations have people questioning:

"Do people dislike Tebow because of his faith?"

"Should he be outwardly expressing his faith on the field?"

"Is 'Tebowing' derogatory?"

"What role do sports and religion have together, if any?"

And it's questions like these that earn America the oft-heralded "state of secularization" label. Who believes any of this should be an issue?

Since when have people, even of extraordinary faith, pushed to see their own beliefs succeed in society. Or, vice versa, see other religions fail. Faith does not depend on another's opinion.

Why should one care if Tebow expresses some rudimentary action on a field? No one could imagine what actually runs through his head in his meditation. Then why should anyone assume to know he's asking for guidance, help, a prayer to simply provide the best form of entertainment to thousands of others



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that he can.

Even worse, those who share Tebow's faith and choose to criticize him for outwardly expressing it, or mocking his actions of it, are only committing the same offense. To desecrate his form of veneration is to gloat your own; who's really asking for the attention?

Nevertheless, despite any of the aforementioned criticisms, there has been no mainstream objection to Tebow's actions. No one has declared the celebrations, the timeouts or the post-game preambles inappropriate — as if no other athlete mentions God from their mouth, or around their neck. Tim Tebow isn't under any sort of fire, nor should he be.

Instead, Tebow is absolute proof America is not under a secular guise. He's discredited those who have made — and continue to make — any attempt in an argument that religion is no longer widely accepted in our society. He has shattered any claim of religious condemnation.

Religion is not under attack by the courts. In fact, it's the one establishment that continues to be protected, without bias. Today, still, homosexuals cannot get "married," in the most fundamental sense of the term, because the religious roots still hold true.

There is no "war on Christmas" come winter. Should a "holiday tree" label irk you so, then by all means, call it your "Christmas tree." Why should anyone allow another's political correctness, or merely their annoyances, to drag down their own beliefs? There's no censorship or ban on your freedom to practice. Don't be the whiner turning to the hypocrite.

Listen to any president's sign off, our national anthem, even baseball events with "God Bless America" added along into the middle of the 7th inning — God forbid you should be so adamant against the mention of God, or

## Young women must become financially literate

**T**he first time I cued in on "financial literacy" was a few years ago. It was a term I could not guess the meaning of, but had not heard before. And probably since many people our age, male or female, do not receive any sort of adequate financial literacy education.

According to research carried out by Professors Annamaria Lusardi of Dartmouth College, Olivia S. Mitchell of University of Pennsylvania, and Vilsa Curto, research associate of Harvard University, young people have low financial literacy rates, but young women have statistically significantly lower rates than their male peers. Some not even knowing the implications of basic terms like interest and inflation rate.

Worse, given their position in society, women are more adversely affected by financial illiteracy than men. Women are paid less than men; they take more time off from work for reasons such as maternity leave and parenthood; women also have a higher life expectancy rate, so their retirement savings have to cover more years. One must have financial literacy to successfully navigate these situations. Not all women's or men's lives measure up to statistics, but I am trying to take a snapshot of what women of all ages face today in terms of financial well being.

While we haven't been in this realm for that long — in 1970, a woman did not have her own credit rating unless she went to court to ask for it — we do have the same financial rights as men. Yet we are still less prepared to deal with a complicated financial life.

Why? It's a complicated answer, but when we grow up in a world that values women mainly on looks rather than capabilities, it only reinforces the lack of financial literacy.

We need financial literacy classes in college. And not only general college courses, but also ones with curriculum tailored towards young women. We need a course to consider the factors men do not face, such as maternity leave, longer lives and perhaps even unequal pay. Retirement does not happen overnight and we need to start empha-

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sizing the importance of saving at all ages.

One school, Champlain College in Vermont, has implemented a required program for all students, with the basics taught by fellow students and young professionals covering more complicated topics. The combination of peer counseling and older, yet not too old, mentors is effective and should be a model for any financial literacy program.

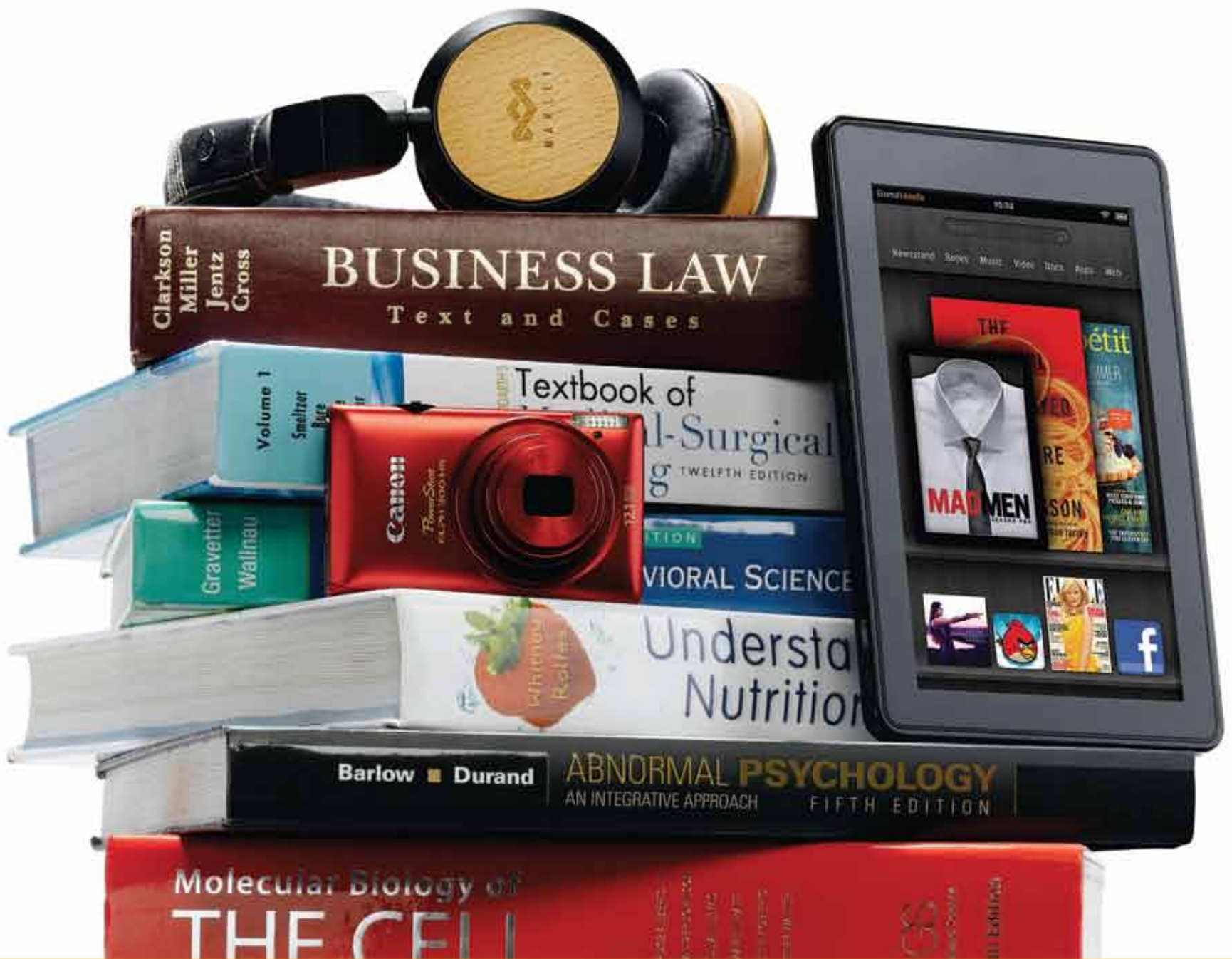
While these classes should be required, there must also be a certain amount of personal responsibility for educating oneself in financial matters. We're all receiving a higher education, which not only offers us specialized skills and knowledge, but the ability to examine our lives, take initiative, research and solve issues outside the academic world.

There are plenty of resources out there for young women that are self-guided. My favorite site for young women is learnvest.com, which allows a user to input her situation, earnings, debts and financial goals all into one big picture. The one drawback is that it does not have a "student" category. However, their advice is still helpful and far reaching, covering financial literacy basics, organizing finances, debt management and frugal living.

Another site I like is mint.com, which can track all your spending much more specifically than the former. If you bought multiple budget categories at one store, Mint will sort it out for you in your budget. You can create a budget or goals, view pie charts of your spending, set up bill reminders and download an app to track your spending from anywhere. And don't worry, both sites are verified by Verisign Secure, TRUSTe, and McAfee Secure.

Finances can be scary as hell; trust me, I avoid looking at my accounts as much as possible, and a lot of my financial strategy and planning involves crossed fingers. But it's a new year and one of my resolutions

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# Ahead to 2012: A world without tech

The ramifications of a massive solar storm hitting Earth today, as the one we experienced in 1859, would not only impact our lives technologically, but also socially. There may be no biological damage (a coronal mass ejection would not affect us physically), but a loss of power and communication would literally leave the public “in the dark.” It would generate chaos. Merely the belief that the world may end could incite major riots, looting and widespread panic. A social meltdown of our society would occur.

In this digital age, our social and technological infrastructure is fragile. From our basic everyday physical needs, such as food, water and hygiene, to our social network of communication and pleasure, we have proverbially placed all our eggs in one basket. Although we are far more technologically advanced than we were in 1859, we're more vulnerable than ever. The collateral damage to our society from a CME would be far greater than the actual damage to power grids and communication links. The

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vulnerability of our society to a loss of technology cannot be measured; it is as of yet, unfathomable.

With that in mind, one wonders what is being done to minimize such potential problems. NASA is in the process of creating a solar shield that could predict within a 30-minute range when a CME would hit and of what magnitude. Currently, NASA has a SOHO and two STEREO spacecraft parked in space that keep a lookout for CMEs. The latter has the capability of viewing the sun at a 360-degree angle; any solar storms can be detected before they reach Earth. NASA would have a 24- to 48-hour warning before a CME hits our planet.

Theoretically, this advance warning system would be enough time to alert utility companies to shut down power grids so transformers could be saved. Even though a massive CME would burn out

electrical wires, it would take only days to replace wiring, as opposed to weeks or months to replace transformers. But this scenario has never been tested and it remains to be seen as to whether there would be enough time to shut off all transformers, since there is a lack of trained personnel to implement this procedure in the time allotted.

Still, even if we managed to save most of the transformers, there would still be irreparable damage to home computers and electronic devices, and there would still be the inevitable widespread panic and chaos. As a society, we have lost our ability to deal with basic survival; we have become specialists, and not generalists. Many of us lack

the most rudimentary skills for surviving in a world where everything could become, for a time, manually driven.

But the world will not end, humanity will not be doomed, and technology will prevail. There will be casualties, sure, but they will be the result of our own vulnerability to drastic change and the temporary loss of technology. We will adapt as we always do.

I sincerely doubt that the event of a massive solar storm is related in any way to the Mayan prophecy. But if it were, the prophecy itself said the end of 2012 would bring a change, not an end.

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you'd find our country quite irritable. But yet the rituals continue on because there is not substantial movement against it.

Consider if there was a Muslim in this position; where he praises Allah following a win; where his offseason involves going on the hajj; where he can be seen in traditional garb during a prayer.

Should this player get to the Super Bowl, would Representative Peter King of New York call him into questioning, about the “radicalization in the American Muslim community?” Would he be allowed to participate in any New York field or arena? Would most be so quick to excuse the public displays of reverence?

If Tebow's rise has made one thing clear, not all religion is under attack in America, only the ones that most people feel comfortable with. And that's the sad, quiet reality behind Tebow's reception, whether the message has been made evident or not.

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is to at least chip away at this great unknown world of financial literacy and planning that seems daunting, overly complicated and so adult (when did I become an adult?).

I encourage everyone — guys and gals alike — to poke around the websites I mentioned, to let computers do all the grunt work for you, while you sit back and dream of trips, wine and an iPhone. OK, maybe it's not that easy, but it's a start.

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# Swim team to host UCLA and Utah

■ Beavers meet, only their second home meet of the year, starts at noon at Dixon Saturday

By **Natasha Raines**  
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Saturday the Oregon State University women's swim team is hosting their second home meet of the season at Dixon Recreation Center.

The Beavers are competing against Utah and UCLA. The events start at noon.

"UCLA is very good, they have been in the top ten [NCAA Championships] numerous times in the last few years, and they are a really strong squad," said head coach Larry Liebowitz. "Utah we haven't raced against for awhile. It's nice to have them back on our base."

"I'm excited to carry on the training that I had previous to the meet that I had in Atlanta, and I'm taking that into this meet and into Pac-12," said junior Crystal Kibby.

Kibby recently competed in Atlanta, Georgia for the USA Nationals and was two seconds shy of qualifying for the Olympic trials for the 200 meter breast stroke.

She will be competing in the 400 IM, 100 meter breast-stroke, and 200 meter breaststroke this Saturday.

Freshman Allison Gillespie said the Beavers have been putting in the work this week.

"We have been training really hard and this week even harder than usual. We might be sore," Gillespie said. "The main focus has been to practice and be more focused on our specific events, so that when the big meet does come we'll be more ready. That's when the there's more pressure on us."

The Beavers have three more meets until the NCAA Championships. Last year the Beavers finished eighth in the Pac-10. One of their team goals this year is to place higher than that in the Pac-12.

"The team has been making good progress, and I'm looking forward to the next few weeks," Liebowitz said.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

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### Katz to San Diego State

Former Oregon State University quarterback Ryan Katz has announced that he'll transfer to San Diego State University.

Katz, who will be eligible to play immediately, figures to have the upperhand in the quarterback competition when the Aztecs open spring practice.

SDSU is trying to replace four-year starter Ryan Lindley.

The Aztecs kick off their 2012 season at the University of Washington on Sept. 1.

### Assistant coach Heyward to Washington

The University of Washington announced Thursday that Oregon State defensive back coach Keith Heyward would be joining the football staff.

Heyward wrapped up his fourth season as an assistant at OSU this past fall.

The former Beaver defensive back (1997-2000) was considered one of the Beavers' best recruiters.

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and drive to beat that team that's in your home," said senior Olivia Vivian. "We've got to keep in mind that every week we're going against the whole nation. Scores come together every week, so it really is competing against the whole nation."

The regular season for gymnastics has much more to do with a team's total score, rather than their wins and losses. However, come postseason, head-to-head competitions means win-loss record has greater importance.

OU comes in with the advantage of having already competed this season. Oregon State has had their intra-squad meet, along with practices, but it'll be entirely different once OU enters the gym.

"Of course we want to one-up them," sophomore Brittany Harris said. "But last week we had an intra-squad here, which we basically said 'that is our first meet' ... We're going into this meet like it's our second meet and since we're at home, we're just going to do what we know how to do, and we'll have all of Gill with us."

Last year, OSU opened up with a home win over then-No. 12 Louisiana State University. Friday, the Beavers hope to do the same with Oklahoma, and end their NCAA-record regular season winning streak.

"That is a good opportunity to go out and compete against another team like that, because you have to bring your best right from the start," Chaplin said.

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# Wrestling team ready to host Wyoming

■ The Beavers, as good as they've been in a long time, will be tested by No. 13 Cowboys

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THE DAILY BAROMETER

Expectations are higher than they've been in recent memory, and the Oregon State University wrestling team has delivered thus far.

The Beavers share a belief that's been missing for over a decade. Oregon State doesn't just think that they can win the Pac-12 and compete for a national title; they expect it.

Oregon State, ranked sixteenth in the nation, will be challenged this coming Sunday when No. 13 Wyoming travels to Corvallis for what promises to be an exciting matchup. It marks the start of a three-meet home stand for the Beavers, who are eager to avenge their last dual meet in Gill Coliseum when they fell

by two points to then-No. 9 Missouri.

Oregon State is coming off of an impressive win over Arizona State this past weekend, and will try and maintain momentum going into this pivotal nonconference match.

"We won pretty good, I thought, but there were probably three matches that we should have won that we didn't," said head coach Jim Zalesky of the Arizona State dual. "There's still a lot of room for improvement from the win and we can still get better."

An improving area, and one that is sure to be key to the team's overall success, is the wrestling of the young underclassmen. Currently seven of Oregon State's main wrestlers are freshmen or sophomores. Freshman Pat Rollins, and redshirt sophomore R.J. Pena highlight the impressive group.

"The young guys are vital," said Zalesky. "You start at 125 [pounds] with Rollins, a fresh-

man, and the better he gets the better the team will get."

Rollins is coming off a big pin against Arizona State and impressive finishes in the Las Vegas Invitational as well as the Southern Scuffle.

"I was always told the 125-pounders are kind of like the sparkplugs of a team," Rollins said. "I feel like if I can get the momentum rolling, you know, the ball going, then I can really help set the tone for the rest of the team."

Pena has been even more impressive this season. He has an overall record of 21-7, and has racked up a whopping 16 pins. After wrestling for the Beavers his freshman year, Pena was redshirted last season. The decision may have been discouraging for some, but has only driven Pena to become even better.

"I feel really confident that I can be a Pac-12 champ this year. I'm looking forward to earning the number one seed in the Pac-12 tournament and

then winning and moving on to nationals," Pena said. "Being one of the younger guys and knowing that the team needs me to step up to be successful really motivates me."

Oregon State hopes that Pena and Rollins can win crucial matches in the upcoming dual with Wyoming. The Cowboys are led by 174-pound sophomore Pat Martinez and 165-pound senior Shane Onufer.

The meet is especially important, not only for their national ranking, but because Oregon State is quickly approaching the bulk of its Pac-12 schedule. The next three meets are the last chance for the Beavers to work out any remaining kinks.

"We're in a good training phase the last couple of weeks, and I think we're ready for the real beginning of Pac-12 play," Zalesky said.

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## WOMEN'S HOOPS

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"Alexis had a different energy and passion, her three-pointer was huge, she was big time in the second half," Rueck said.

Her biggest moment would be drawing the offensive charge with 24 seconds left to essentially seal the Beaver win.

"To practice all week and come in and execute what our coaches were saying and feel accomplished feels great," said senior forward Earlysia Marchbanks.

Last year, Oregon State lost three times to ASU by a combined total of 14 points.

"This is a great team and great program, been a top-three team in the (conference) for the past seven years," Rueck said. "Last year we went toe-to-toe with them three times and came up short in all three in the last minute, so it feels so good to get over that hump and that hurdle against this team and be the team that makes the plays down the stretch."

Oregon State will host the University of Arizona Saturday. The Beavers haven't found themselves in the win column twice in row during conference play since the '08-'09 campaign.

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Freshman Ali Gibson scored eight points, collected five rebounds and added five assists against ASU Thursday.



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Oregon State guard Alexis Bostick driving to the basket Thursday night at Gill Coliseum.

OSU 56, ASU 51

## OSU ends ASU's streak

■ The Sun Devils had beaten OSU 18 straight times, but Beavers rally to win Thursday

By Jacob Shannon  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State University women's basketball team had not defeated Arizona State University in 18 games.

Nor had the Beavers experienced a win in two weeks.

But Thursday night at Gill Coliseum, Oregon State took care of business, defeating the Sun Devils 56-51 in front of a crowd of 1,120.

The Beavers (11-5, 2-3 Pac-12) start-

ed out slow, with shooting fouls and careless turnovers leading to sluggish play on both ends of the floor.

Arizona State (10-5, 1-3) got a big boost from its highest scoring non-starter, freshman forward Jada Blackwell. Blackwell would be a noticeable presence in the post, and knocked down a big three pointer from the corner to give the Sun Devils their biggest lead (10) midway through the first half.

Although the Beavers would find themselves playing catch-up for most of the game, keeping the score close was junior guard Sage Indendi, who went 3-for-3 from behind the 3-point line.

The Beavers were able to see the second half in a more victorious light.

“Second half was the team that competed against Stanford last week, that gives themselves opportunities to win games, and this is the team we need to continue to see, where it is not only position and rebounding, but making hustle plays, getting tips, giving ourselves opportunities out on the court and have a chance to win,” said coach Scott Rueck.

Sophomore Guard Alexis Bostick's hustle and physical play would be an inspiration for the team.

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Arizona 81, OSU 73

## Another overtime loss

■ Beavers miss shot to win in regulation, lose in overtime to the Wildcats in Tucson

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Five games through Pac-12 play and the Oregon State University men's basketball team has just one win.

The Beavers (11-6, 1-4 Pac-12) lost 81-73 in overtime to the University of Arizona at the McKale Center Thursday night in Tucson.

For the second time in five days, Oregon State was done in by an inability to convert down the stretch.

Last Saturday, they lost to Stanford University by two in a quadruple-overtime affair.

The Beavers were led Thursday by junior Jared Cunningham, who scored 22 points and connected on a career-high four three-pointers.

But it was sophomore Ahmad Starks who almost walked away a hero.

Starks hit a 15-footer with 32 seconds to play to give OSU a 72-70 lead, a score that was matched when Arizona's Kyle Fogg converted a driving layup with 12 seconds to play.

The Beavers put the ball back in Starks' hand with a chance to win the game, but the 5-foot-8 guard's three-point try — which would have been his third make over the game's final 3:15 — went in and out at the buzzer.

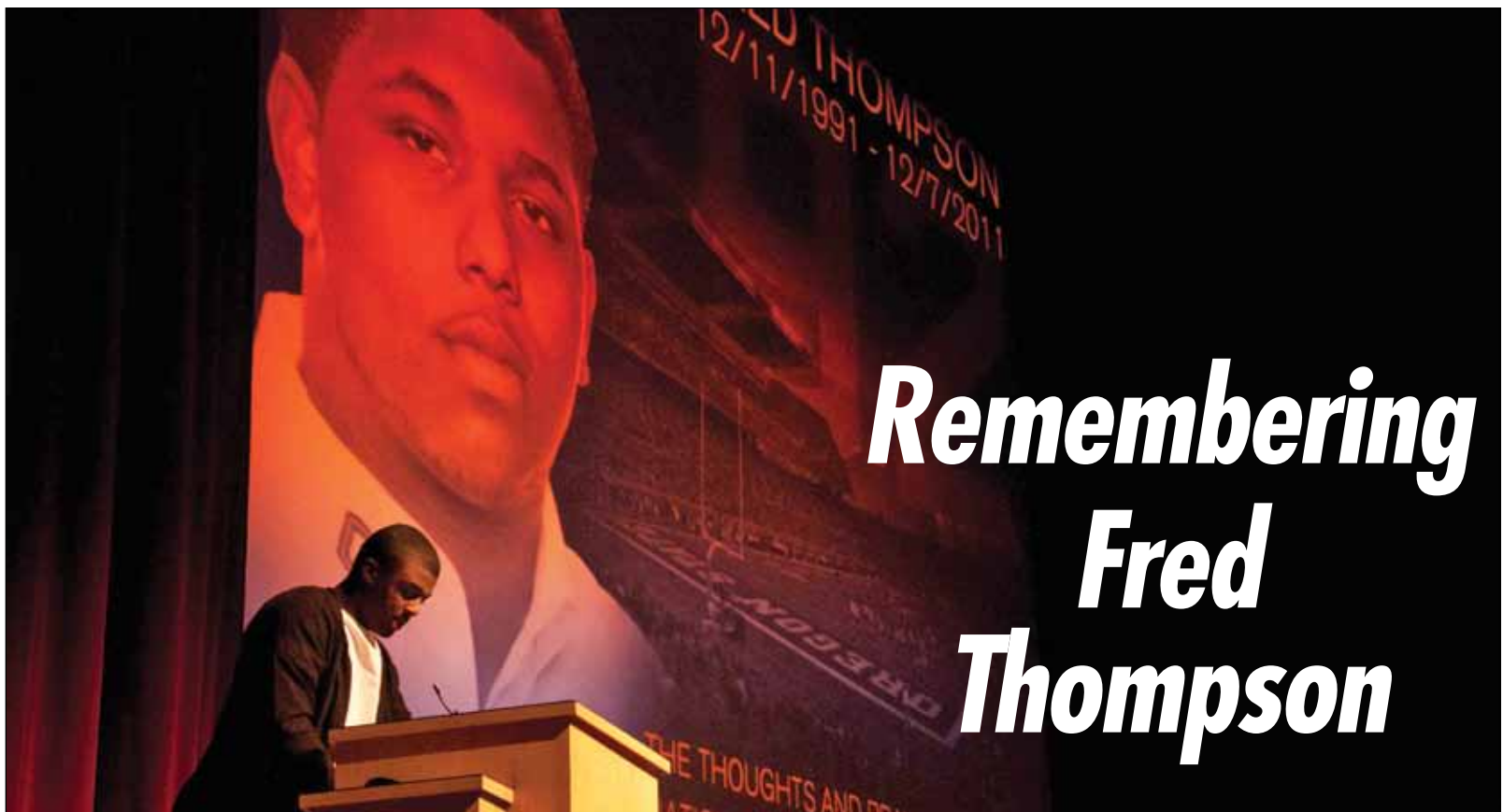
Arizona controlled the five-minute overtime period as the Beavers failed to score over the game's final 4:29.

Starks, who had made just one field goal until late in the second half, finished with 14 points. Devon Collier (11 points) was the only other Beaver to finish in double-figures.

Arizona, who entered the game having made the most threes of any team in the Pac-12, burned the Beavers time and time again from behind the arc. Fogg (23 points), Nick Johnson (19) and Brendon Lavender (18) combined to hit 11 of 18 treys.

With the loss, Oregon State drops to 11th in the Pac-12. Only the University of Southern California (5-12, 0-4) separates the Beavers from the conference cellar.

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## Remembering Fred Thompson

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Redshirt freshman safety Ryan Murphy reading a poem titled “Nothing Can Come Between Us” by Tupac Shakur at Thursday's ‘Celebration of Life’ for the late Fred Thompson. Murphy was one of Thompson's closest friends.

■ Riley, Murphy and team chaplains speak as hundreds gather at LaSells Stewart Center

By Warner Strausbaugh  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

As athletes, coaches, students, fans, and everyone else filed into the Austin Auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Center on Thursday at 3 p.m., only one thing was on everyone's mind: Fred Thompson.

A remembrance was held to honor the life of the late freshman defensive tackle, who passed away after collapsing during a pick-up basketball game at Dixon Recreational Center on Dec. 7, 2011.

Thursday's gathering began with a slideshow — pictures of Thompson's life from his high school days at

Oakland Tech to his time spent as a student athlete at Oregon State.

Then Oregon State University head coach Mike Riley took the stage.

“To do this is one of the hardest things that we've ever had to do, but we love the relationships that have developed here and we'll miss this one,” said Riley as he prepared to give his speech.

“Fred really grabbed us all,” Riley said. “Sometimes with that big bear hug, and other times with that big, beautiful smile.”

“Everyone loved Fred, and Fred loved everyone,” Riley added.

The most emotional part of the ceremony came when redshirt freshman safety Ryan Murphy took stage. Murphy and Thompson had known each other since their middle school days in Oakland. They both played football together at Oakland Tech,

and both planned to come to Oregon State together. The two were the first in their families to get accepted into college, and it was said that Thompson's acceptance into OSU was the biggest achievement of his life.

Thompson, Murphy and four others from Oakland Tech were the BFA (Brothers from Another). It was a group they created amongst themselves, as all lacked father figures in their lives, and all of them looked out for each other to stay away from the threatening influences surrounding their lives in Oakland.

Murphy was playing basketball with Thompson when he died.

When Murphy came to the podium, he read aloud a poem titled “Nothing Can Come Between Us” by Tupac Shakur.

Team chaplains Tom Ramsay and

H.D. Weddel each spoke after Murphy and Riley.

One thing Ramsey said stood out in particular, a quote he said came from Ryan Murphy when they had talked previously: “What you do for yourself dies with you, what you do for others lives on.” That quote was supposed to represent Thompson and the impact he will still have on everyone after his death.

There was also a moment of silence and a prayer held for Thompson during the remembrance.

The overarching theme from everyone involved in Thursday's Celebration of Life for Fred Thompson was that he was a great friend, a great player and a great person to everyone who crossed his path in life.

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## Gymnasts kick off the season with top-10 showdown

■ Coach Tanya Chaplin says it'll be good to 'get some of those beginning-of-the-season nerves out of the way'

By Warner Strausbaugh  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tonight will be the first time in almost nine months that the No. 7 Oregon State University gymnastics team will compete against another opponent.

What better way to begin the season than a matchup with No. 4 University of Oklahoma?

“The first meet — it'll be good to get out there, compete, get some of those beginning-of-the-

season nerves out of the way,” head coach Tanya Chaplin said. “We're competing against a very strong University of Oklahoma team.”

The Sooners are six days removed from a win in their season opener last Saturday at Excite Night at the Kentucky Classic in Lexington, Ky. With the victory, Oklahoma extended its nation-leading regular season winning streak of 32. One of those 32 wins was against OSU the last time these two teams met back on January 21, 2011, in Norman, Okla.

The Sooners finished first of four teams in the competition with a total score of 195.875. Runner-up No. 23 University of Kentucky scored 194.325, which is a much bigger margin of victory than it would appear.

“They're always very consistent, and very clean, which makes them very dangerous,” Chaplin said of the Sooners.

The last time the Beavers competed with other opponents was at Nationals last April, so having Oklahoma come to Corvallis will essentially leave them right where they left off competition-wise.

While OSU is not competing directly against Oklahoma in Friday's meet, there will still be the air of competition between the teams since they will be alternating back-and-forth. Not to mention, both teams are ranked in the top 10 nationally.

“Of course, quietly, there's that will and that want

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