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# Shedding light on the dark textbook industry

While capitalism drives publishers to increase prices, Internet, OSU Beaver Store provide cheaper alternatives

By Kim Kenny  
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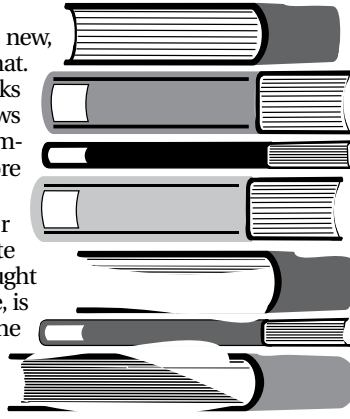
High textbook prices have long topped the list of the proverbially poor college student's woes.

With publishers raising their prices an average of eight to 10 percent each year, various outfits have sought to offer a lower cost option. One of these outfits is the OSU Beaver Store, which adopted a program on its website for the comparison of textbook prices this fall.

The program allows students to select textbooks online and compare the prices offered at the store with other providers such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Half.com. Students can then

purchase their textbooks online new, used, as rentals or in digital format. The store also has a "Sell Books OSU" cell phone app that allows students to use smartphone cameras to check the price the store pays to buy its used books.

Catherine Skipper, senior in economics at Oregon State University who has always bought her textbooks at the Beaver Store, is buying her textbooks online for the first time this term. She usually uses course reserves, but this term only one of her textbooks for the five courses she is taking is available on reserve, so she is buying the rest. Throughout her four years at OSU, Skipper estimates she has spent close to \$2,500 on textbooks. That number seems small when compared to



the estimated \$7,500 total cost of Michael Fyffe's textbooks during his five years as a construction engineering management major at OSU. On a Wednesday morning you can find Fyffe outside Milam auditorium, handing out fliers that urge students to "join the movement to end textbook tyranny." The paper handouts advertise a new website, Boundless.com, that boasts free digital copies of textbooks.

Fyffe was the first person at OSU to visit their website, so the company offered him one dollar for every new person from OSU to join, though he said he would do it for free because he believes so passionately in the cause. Fyffe speaks about the atrocities of textbook pricing with the

same conviction some activists speak about abortion or government oppression.

"I love the concept because I hate the fact that giant corporations are gauging students who can least afford to pay it. I am so broke I have to go to the library and get the books on reserve. And if I really, really have to have it I'll scan it," Fyffe said. "You're not supposed to do it more than 10 pages, that's copyright infringement, but when you're broke and you gotta go to class to get a degree to make money you don't have a choice."

He explained that Boundless does not infringe on publishing rules because it is not word for word, but rather conceptual. The company collects public information and correlates it with the information given in the textbook, filling in gaps with text provided by hired Ph.D.'s.

Searching online is only one of the options col

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# Pledges for freedom written in MU

Trysting Tree lounge offers space for students to sign words of solidarity, hope for a prosperous generation

By Annecy Beauchemin  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On Wednesday and Thursday in the Trysting Tree Lounge, students, staff, and just about anyone passing by were invited to participate in the "Sign the Pledge" event for the 2012 Martin Luther



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The Trysting Tree Lounge in the MU by the bookstore was the location of the pledge wall on Tuesday and Wednesday.

King, Jr. week long celebration.

Put on by the Panhellenic Council, the activity entailed signing the "Pledge Wall," a giant sheet of butcher paper meant to be displayed after the conclusion of the signing. Those signing mostly wrote their names, but personal messages supporting freedom, peace and social change were encouraged.

She pointed out the colored ribbons laid out across the table, noting that all signers were free to take one. Multicolored, each shiny ribbon was printed in gold with "Choose at the Crucial Moment," this year's theme of celebrations.

The activity began on Tuesday, and the signature-filled portion of the wall on the table was only the current day's work — the other half, from Tuesday, was rolled up at the table's end, also filled with signatures.

Encouraging messages from signers included "Challenge those who attempt to defy you," "Freedom is for everyone," and "Fight for what's right," all anonymous. Quotes showed up from different faiths and cultures, such as Baha'u'llah's "So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth." Some international students signed in their native scripts.

**Choose at the Crucial Moment**  
—Theme for this year's MLK celebrations



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Participants provided many phrases and words, but most just signed their names in solidarity.

Along with names, messages and quotes, small drawings such as a number of peace signs graced the wall, and of course, several Greek symbols.

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# Campus alerted to suspicious activity in Kerr

By staff  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students across campus received phone alerts from Oregon State Police yesterday around noon about the evacuation of Kerr Administration Building on SW Jefferson St. due to "suspicious activity."

According to Associate Vice President of University Relations and Marketing Todd Simmons, whose office is located in Kerr, the suspicious activity was an unmarked package left in the basement of the building.

"There was a box left down near Career Services, it wasn't marked and we don't know who it was sent to," Simmons said. "They had to call the authority and they proceeded with what they do in a situation like that and had their bomb team look through it."

Once the team discovered the package was not threatening or problematic, they cleared the situation and let everyone enter the building. According to Simmons, the process was orderly and quickly taken care of. People were evacuated around noon and let back in around 1 p.m.

OSP had fewer people to evacuate today because various senior leaders were out of town for the delivery of University President Ed Ray's State of the University address.

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## The life of Professor Odahl:

# Saint Peter's bones, terrorist captivity

History professor expels secrets on Roman world, explains life motto

By Tony Santilli  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University professor Charles Odahl received his doctorate in Greek, Roman and Medieval History at the University of California, San Diego. Odahl has traveled, lived, studied and worked at sites all across the Roman world from Britain to Israel and from Germany to North Africa, and his research and teaching specialties include Ancient Rome, Early Christianity and Late Antiquity. He has written four books and over forty articles on these topics, including his current best sellers "Cicero and the Catilinarian Conspiracy" and "Constantine and the Christian Empire."

Odahl has taught at the University of Avignon in the south of France and at Bath College of Higher Education in England, and for most of the past 30 years was the Professor of Ancient & Medieval History and Director of Classical

Languages at Boise State University. Odahl retired from full-time teaching last summer. He now writes at his condo and teaches part time at OSU. The Daily Barometer's Tony Santilli caught up with Odahl

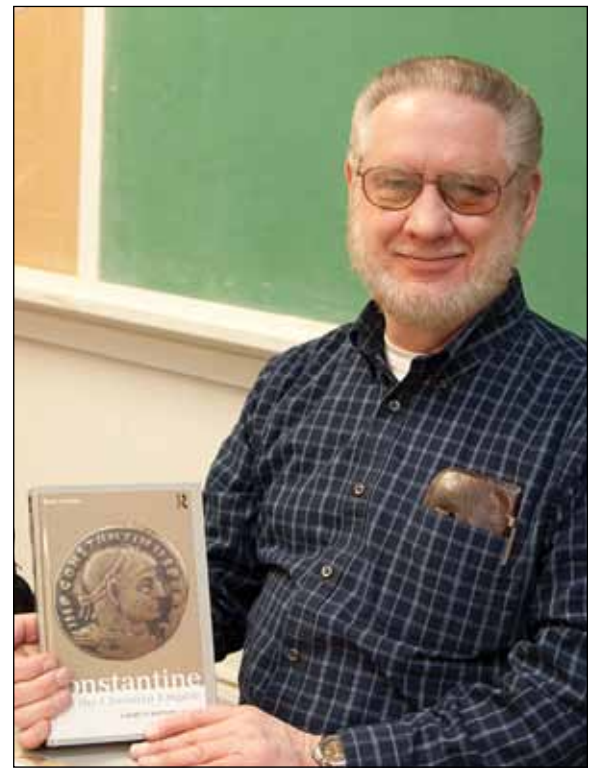
**Q: What brought you to OSU?**

**A:** I retired and had enough resources to find a wonderful new condo above Agate beach in Newport. I had been searching up and down the Oregon coast because I have come up here for vacations and have always loved it. I found a place on a cliff between Agate and Nye beach in Newport that is great for me to write. I spend three to four days at the cliff working on my articles and books.

But, it is nice to come in at OSU a few days a week to teach my specialties; Roman Early Christian and Byzantine history. So my main reason for being here is to share the knowledge I've picked up over the years with my students and I will keep doing this as long as OSU wants me here.

**Q: Do you have any favorite memories from your experiences?**

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Charles Odahl with his book "Constantine and the Christian Empire," which is being adapted for film.

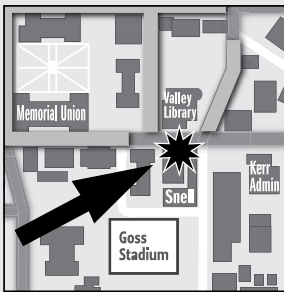
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# International News From CNN

## MIDDLE EAST

### Diplomatic solution for Iran still hoped for

A diplomatic solution with Iran is still possible, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said Wednesday.

"We have always expressed a willingness to try to do that," Panetta said at a Pentagon briefing. Panetta was responding to a report from Iran that said President Barack Obama had proposed direct talks in a letter passed to Iranian leadership.

Panetta refused to comment about specific communications but said diplomacy is always an option to pursue.

The United States recently sent a letter to Iran warning about blocking the Strait of Hormuz, among other communications, CNN reported earlier this week. The United States has suggested to Iran that the two sides establish a channel of direct communication to ensure miscalculations don't escalate.

The choice to talk is Iran's, said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

"If you, Iran, are prepared to engage seriously and come clean about your nuclear program and demonstrate to the world that you have no military intent," the United States is open to engagement, Nuland said.

While diplomacy is an option, Panetta noted that, given threats made by Iran, the United States also is willing to respond militarily. Two U.S. officials told CNN's Elise Labott the letter the Obama administration sent to Iran did not ask for negotiations, it suggested establishing a direct channel of communications to ensure no miscalculations escalate the situation.

## AFRICA

### Workers in Zimbabwe plan one day strike

Civil servants in Zimbabwe plan a one-day strike Thursday to protest low wages even as the government says the public payroll is too high.

Union leaders tried to meet with Public Service Minister Lucia Matibenga on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the issue, "but she kept us waiting for four hours," teachers union President Tendai Chikowore said.

"She has left us with no choice but to ask our members to stay away from work," said Chikowore, whose Zimbabwe Teachers' Association counts 44,000 members. "If they all heed this call, there will be a total disruption of services in what we see as the beginning of a series of protests for living wages."

The unions want an entry-level salary of \$538 U.S. per month for government workers. But a decade of political instability and violence has left the country's economy in tatters, and Finance Minister Tendai Biti said government salaries are already eating up more than 60% of the country's budget, crowding out spending on infrastructure, health care and education.

A unity government was formed in 2009 by long-time President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, now prime minister. That government is struggling to lure investors back into the country.

## CANADA

### Canada disappointed over Keystone rejection

In a phone conversation that came as little surprise, President Barack Obama called Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper Wednesday afternoon to explain why he had rejected the Keystone oil sands pipeline project.

In a statement released by Harper's office, the president is quoted as saying that the decision was not a decision based on the "merits of the project" and that TransCanada, the company looking to build the pipeline, could reapply for permission after a new route had been developed.

The statement went on to say that Prime Minister Harper "...expressed his profound disappointment with the news. He indicated to President Obama that he hoped that this project would continue given the significant contribution it would make to jobs and economic growth both in Canada and the United States of America."

But crucially, the statement also said that the prime minister reiterated to President Obama that Canada will continue to work to diversify its energy exports.

In fact, in a sign of warming relations, Harper is scheduled to make a high-profile trip to China in February. Canada is proposing to build a pipeline of its own through western Canada that would make oil exports to China faster and cheaper.

In recent months, Harper has pushed more forcefully for the Northern Gateway pipeline project to get underway.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Musharraf warned not to return home

Pakistan reiterated Wednesday that it will arrest former President Pervez Musharraf should he return home after three years of self-imposed exile.

Musharraf, who has announced plans to return at the end of the month, would be taken into custody the moment he sets foot on Pakistani soil, in connection with the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Interior Minister Rehman Malik told lawmakers.

The former military ruler resigned and fled Pakistan in August 2008 and has been living in London and Dubai.

Muhammad Ali Saif, secretary-general of Musharraf's All Pakistan Muslim League party, called Malik's threat an "empty" one.

"We are ready to face every situation," Saif said, adding that Musharraf plans to return between January 27 and 30.

Musharraf recently announced his intention to run in next year's elections, in a speech to thousands of supporters in the southern city of Karachi via video link from Dubai. Musharraf said he accepted the risk of arrest and understood that his life might be endangered as well.

"It's not a bed of roses leading Pakistan, governing Pakistan," he said. "It's a thorny issue. ... It's very, very difficult. We are a country of many diversities, and as you said, you have to risk your life and you have to burn midnight oil -- you have to work extremely hard to understand and to deliver. You are risking your comfort and your life."

# House of Reps discusses immigration attorney

■ House conducts second meeting of winter term, discusses bill to eliminate suspension during trial

By Kristin Pugmire  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At last night's second meeting of the Associated Students of Oregon State University House of Representatives, the following issues were discussed:

•JB-71.01, a bill to eliminate suspensions during impeachment trials, was tabled for discussion until next week. The bill was initially presented by Rep. Brad Alvarez at last week's meeting. Representatives agreed that the ASOSU

Senate should be given an opportunity to review and edit the bill before the House of Representatives brings it back for discussion.

•Representatives voted to invite former Speaker of the House, Paul Aljets, to come before the House to discuss the history of the ASOSU Constitution. Aljets was one of the original authors of the constitution and its statutes, and representatives agreed that his input would be valuable before voting on JB-71.01, a possible constitutional amendment.

•Amelia Harris, ASOSU director of services, invited representatives to ask questions or provide comments

regarding a proposal for a budget increase, which would fund the hiring of a part-time immigration attorney for the ASOSU law offices. The attorney would assist both domestic and international students with immigration issues. Currently, International Student Advising Services is able to advise international students on issues such as obtaining visas, but are unable to give legal advice. Harris stated that a budget packet will be distributed at next week's meeting, which will contain answers to the questions put forth by representatives at the last two meetings.

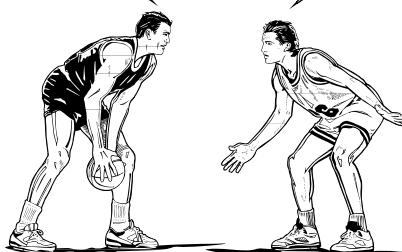
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# Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 19

Meetings

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

Events

Diversity Development, ISS, Noon-1:30pm, Valley Library, Willamette West Room 3622. Student leaders from cultural centers will highlight prominent figures from their communities who worked to strengthen MLK's vision & the Civil Rights Movement. 30 min. Q&A and light refreshments provided.

Graduate School, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. Free screening of The PhD Movie, based on the popular comics of Jorge Cham. Refreshments at 6 p.m., movie at 7 p.m.

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 Orocco, 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.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Meetings

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

Friday, Jan. 27

Speakers

Sustainable Energy Initiative, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. Bill Bradbury, former Secretary of State, will present "Global Warming Hits Home" and discuss conservation efforts in Oregon, job opportunities created by renewable energy and Oregon's new energy economy.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Meetings

Vegans & Vegetarians @ OSU, 5pm, SSC, 738 SW 15th St. We eat, chat and exchange recipes. All are welcome, even if you aren't vegetarian.

Monday, Jan. 30

Meetings

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

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# Poetry Slam tour comes to OSU

Linus Pauling hosted nationally-recognized poets Tuesday night

By Cody Visscher  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A small crowd braved the torrential rains and possible ice Tuesday night to attend a poetry reading at the new Linus Pauling Science Center. Three world-class poets appeared to share their talents and inspire others to write poetry.

Neil Hilborn, Hieu Minh Nguyen and Dylan Garity traveled from St. Paul, Minn. for their Good News poetry tour. They will be traveling to other colleges, including Linfield and Willamette. They will also be visiting local high schools to hold workshops.

Neil Hilborn was a member of the 2011 Macalester Poetry Slam team that ranked 1st in the nation at the 2011 College National Poetry Slam.

Hieu Minh Nguyen was a mem-

ber of the Minneapolis adult poetry slam team that ranked 5th at the same competition.

Dylan Garity hosts poetry slams and readings monthly; he also founded the Macalester Poetry Slam in 2008.

The three poets all have self-published compilations of their works as well as CDs of selected works.

The poetry reading Tuesday evening was a success. People cheered, clapped and snapped in approval as the poets gave voice to their metaphors and imagery.

Jordan Jantzi a senior in speech communication was in attendance. His opinion of the reading: "[It] was very interesting," he said. It was "emotional and hard to describe, but an overall enjoyable experience."

The poem topics ranged from life, love and family, to homosexuality, OCD, and "Punk Rock Johnnie."

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## ODAHL

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A: Yes and I can give you two. My favorite one would probably be working with professor Bruno Apollonian Getty who dug up Saint Peter's bones under the high alters in the Vatican. I had gone over there in the mid 1980's to try and figure what the original Constantinian churches were when Rome became Christian in the fourth century.

So, Bruno worked with me day by day and showed me how they dug up the acropolis under modern's Saint Peter's. I'm the only American scholar who has been allowed to touch the bones of Saint Peter and to work in Bruno's home office and see his drawings when he dug up the cemeteries upon which Constantine's had built for the first church of Saint Peter.

Earlier on the trip I was wondering around in the desert and some Palestinian terrorists grabbed me to take me into captivity. I was a champion track athlete and weight lifter

so I resisted and was able to knock out one of them and to run away, but they were shooting at me and I have permanent bullet scars in my neck. The Israeli military police came to my rescue; I probably wouldn't have gotten away if it weren't for them.

Q: Are you currently working on a book?

A: Yes I am. My biggest seller "Constantine and the Christian Empire" is currently being adapted into a movie by the producer and script writer of the movie Gladiator. So that's selling worldwide, and my publishers want me to do a follow-up on Constantine's mother, Saint Helena.

Q: What steps do you take to write a book or article?

A: Well in my field, to get a doctorate (ancient early Christian history) you have to learn Greek and Latin in which the ancient texts were written and know several modern languages besides English, such as French, German and Italian, to read modern scholarship so your books can be published around the world

and scholars can read them.

So the background is learning the languages, learning the archaeological techniques, learning about art history, and in my case I became an expert on ancient Roman coinage. You learn all those disciplines to be able to interpret the ancient sources, both the written sources and the material sources.

Q: Anything else you want to share?

A: I try to live by the Roman classical motto "Mens sana in corpore sano." The one thing that you should wish for is healthy mind and body. All my life I have tried to be athletic, workout, run and so on. I think that if you have a strong body, that is the basis for a strong mind. You should always be open intellectually and not get stuck in some little group. Always keep an open mind and learn something new every day. If you have that intellectual activity and physical activity and spiritually, you can then be open to balance in life.

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## TEXTBOOKS

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lege students have when considering textbooks. Some choose to buy used textbooks, borrow from friends, rent from the library, or simply go without, choices that can lead to illegal copyright infringement or have a detrimental effect on student grades.

Which begs the question, why are textbook prices so wallet-wrenchingly high?

The simple answer is capitalism, explains OSU Beaver Store Academic Materials Manager James Howard. Publicly held companies, with stockholders who expect a return on their investment, seek to make money.

One need hardly read past the title: "RipOff 101: How the Publishing Industry's Practices Needlessly Drive Up Textbook Costs." In this 2005 second edition national survey of textbook prices, State Public Interest Research Groups, or PIRGs, highlight frequent new editions and bundling—shrink wrapping additional instructional materials such as CD-ROMS or workbooks to the textbook—as publisher-induced factors that drive up the cost.

OSU librarians John Pollitz and Anne Christie identified these as problems as well, in their 2006 article, "The High Cost of Textbooks: A Convergence of Academic Libraries, Campus Bookstores, Publishers?" Both sources mention the prices of American textbooks are often much greater than the same book sold in international markets.

The Association for Psychological Science past president Henry L. Roediger, III in his 2005 article "Why Are Textbooks So Expensive?" addresses the questions of inflation, more brightly colored diagrams, the exit of traditional "genteel" textbook companies who have been bought up by larger conglomerates seeking larger profits, and reduced competition among companies through

the merging of formerly independent companies under the same corporate umbrella.

Yet Roediger argues that the root cause is the sale of used books. Describing them as "true parasites" and comparing their practice to movie pirating, Roediger says used book stores cheat the textbook company as well as authors by re-selling books the writing of which they themselves did not contribute to. This, he argues, pressures textbook companies to create more editions that can be sold new.

"That's a question for the publishers," said Steve Eckrich, CEO of the OSU Beaver Store, in response to the reasons behind high textbook prices. "The bookstore doesn't set textbook prices so we don't have any input into the pricing mechanisms. What we do control, however, is the markup that we put on any given book that we sell as a retailer. So if you understand how that process works, we buy for a wholesale price and then we mark that up for the retail price that we end up selling that item for. The difference between those two is called a margin. It's our job as a student-owned non-profit to keep that margin as small as possible."

As one of the only non-profit college bookstores in the country, the OSU Beaver Store operates on about a 15 percent margin, while most U.S. college bookstores operate on 26 to 28 percent, and private bookstores like Barnes & Noble 32 to 33 percent, according to Howard.

The same Campbell Biology textbook found at OSU would likely be marked up by nearly double at other universities, Howard said.

The student governed non-profit organization, began in 1914 as the Oregon Agricultural College Co-op. In 1960 the store moved to its current location in the Memorial Union East Wing. In 1998 the Co-op converted into a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, officially assuming the name "OSU Beaver Store" last year.

Dynamic pricing, reducing textbook prices

after each cycle on campus, helps the store keep prices down. Yet the frequent publishing of new editions prevents these continuous price decreases because students have an entirely new book, with a new price, to buy.

In the 1990s, textbook editions came out about every four years, but now they appear on average every two years, Howard said. The bookstore has the freedom to change used books and buy back policies, but Pearson, Mc-Graw Hill, John Wiley or another of the main publishers used at OSU ultimately sets the price. The option of online rental has been particularly popular through the OSU Beaver Store this term.

In the 1990s the average cost of a textbook was \$27; now the average is \$54. This average is significantly higher for engineering, math, and science majors, however.

The Organic Chemistry 331 bundle nearly broke the \$300 dollar mark this fall, with a four-part bundle of textbook, solutions manual, molecular model kit and 3D glasses. The Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics textbook for Construction Engineering Management 311, one of Fyffe's required courses, currently costs \$143.33 at the bookstore. Senior Instructor Kevin Ahern's

Biochemistry Biophysics 451 course textbook is listed as \$210.15.

"I do see differences in strategies publishers employ to reduce the use of used textbooks. These include 1) including "free" study guides as part of packages that are only provided with new texts and 2) increasing the frequency of new editions," said Ahern.

A big fan of online resources for students that can help avoid textbook expense, Ahern hopes to move away from using a textbook altogether. "I'm preparing a 100 percent free online resource that my wife, Indira Rajagopal, and I wrote," Ahern said. "The methods for choosing a textbook varies tremendously across campus. For classes where I am the only instructor, the choice of text is pretty much up to me," Ahern said.

Many seem at a loss for ways to curb the rise in prices, pointing fingers at everyone from those companies selling textbooks to those who are buying. Regardless, students at OSU now have another resource available to look at the textbook price selection for themselves.

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Outreach in Biotechnology – Food for Thought Lecture Series  
PUTTING IT ALL ON THE TABLE

## Feast, Famine and the Future of Food

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Monday, Jan. 23 • 7:30 pm • Milam Auditorium

The influence of Christianity on Latin American culture has long been debated. Conquistadors like Pizarro and Cortes are synonymous with the brutality of Spanish imperialism. But missionaries like Bartolome de Las Casas and bishops like Samuel Ruiz Garcia have drawn attention for their efforts to defend human rights, especially of the Amerindians. Two experts will debate the issue.



Nicole von Germeten  
Latin American history instructor

Nicole von Germeten teaches Latin American history at OSU. She is the author of "Black Blood Brothers," which describes the social and religious life of Africans in Mexico. She will argue that Christianity exercised a positive influence on Latin American culture.

Joseph Oroscio teaches classes in Latin American thought, with an emphasis on Mexican culture, history, and immigration to the United States. He will argue that Christianity had a negative effect in Latin America.



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teaches Latin American thought

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## Editorial

## Wiki-less for a day

There were several reactions to news of Google's and Wikipedia's plans for a 24-hour blackout. Some stood behind Wikipedia's deliberate act of government protest, and some, in support of Congress, were pleased that there is finally something to be done to protect intellectual property and prevent piracy on the Internet. Some didn't think of it at all because up until yesterday, it did not affect them.

As the blackout occurred all day yesterday, however, one thing was certain: Wikipedia's threat to become unavailable in protest to legislation was not empty, and those who did not care before had a reason to start doing so — especially students. What is college, after all, without the availability of the ultimate online source?

For those who were unaware, SOPA and PIPA, the Stop Online Piracy Act and Protect Intellectual Property Act, are bills introduced by the House and Senate respectively, in 2011 with the intention of stopping copyright violations. Both were aimed toward "rogue" websites — the kind that perpetuate infringement, hacking and counterfeit — based outside of the United States.

SOPA restricts entry to websites that enable the exchange of pirated content, and cuts off funding toward any potentially infringing website. The implementation of PIPA, which is different than SOPA in that it requires any site whose funding is cut to have no other use beyond copyright infringement, would eventually cost the government about \$47 million within the next five years.

Apart from the economic impact, this legislation would have a tremendous impact on free speech if passed. Even if they aren't specifically aimed at American sites, universal Internet usage will change drastically, and eventually the effects will hit close to home. The question is not what would be affected online if the bills are passed, but what wouldn't. For our current generation of college-aged students, this issue is a step backward after several progressive steps forward — thanks to high access and social media — in the realm of citizens' rights on the Internet.

The protest yesterday was a wake-up call to America — a foreshadowing of events that will follow Congress's decision to limit what can be said online. And it should be considered a victory, as several original co-sponsors of the bills pulled their support for the bill. It seems that Congress will listen to the disagreement over the bills.

Maybe the effects of SOPA and PIPA are not evident to students right now, but they will be when sites that promote educational and economic progress will not be available as they always have been. Do we want to wait until then to voice opposition toward the bills?

The blackout protest lasted a day. This is all it took for us to see the downward spiral of events that Congress's censorship would inevitably cause. One day without the benefits of Wikipedia was long enough.

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## A cinematic solution in getting past languages

It is unfortunate that many Americans are denied some of the most enlightening and entertaining experiences because of a language barrier. A very direct example, and one with which I have a fair amount of experience, is film.

To many, story and character are the elements that determine whether they enjoy a movie or not; if the plot is too silly or boring, or if the characters are too unbelievable or over-the-top, it can ruin the experience. However, when one thinks about watching a foreign film, those considerations become second to language.

Though I have not yet seen it, the Iranian film "A Separation," directed by Asghar Farhadi, is the most critically acclaimed movie of 2011 (released in the United States in December) — with an average rating of 94 out of 100 on metacritic.com. It is a drama with a specific story, about a particular family, which happens to take place in Iran.

The reviews seem to applaud the film for its engaging story and acting, but western audiences (Americans in general) will not see it over an American drama because it is not



Kirk  
Pederson

## The Spaces in Between

familiar and is in subtitles. The plot can be straightforward, and the actors can be attractive, but when attempting to convince a friend or relative to see a foreign movie, there is always a tendency to attempt to rationalize why.

When given an option between a comedy or action film in English, one might weigh the positive aspects of the specific films — whether he or she likes the subject matter, the special effects or the characters based on advertisements. But when the choice is between a foreign film and an American film, it is first a contest between the relative worth of the two films as films. The conversation moves from content to form, and only after deciding that the foreign film can be included with an American movie on a similar plane of discussion can one examine and cross reference the movies, deciding

which to see based on their comparable aspects.

I understand the hesitation to a certain extent. It is true that reading subtitles can be distracting, and that one cannot absorb the visuals and the dialogue in a fluid way looking back and forth between different areas of the screen. Also, cultural differences can make certain story elements difficult to understand, creating a more educational and intellectual experience than most audience members prefer — sometimes an audience member's relationship to a film can become too complicated and ruin what was supposed to be a good time.

However, it is sad that many use these kinds of judgments on a wider scale than is deserved. There are innumerable foreign films that provide better stories and, in general, better entertainment than so many American films, but are lost. The foreign film has had to work harder for an audience in America because of these prejudices, and I hope that foreign studios and directors strengthen their works with better filmmaking, rather than pandering to American audiences for better

financial success.

Even if American viewers remain skeptical about seeing foreign films, I will continue to encourage it. Whether or not an audience member concludes that "A Separation" is a "good" movie, it can still be a great source of perspective, and a familiar medium through which issues can be communicated — issues that are more universal than many viewers would have previously thought.

American audiences are so familiar with movies today, that the relationship between the two has become stagnant. There is a canon of domestic films that we know and understand, but they arrive at such speed and force that the movies we see start to become one large blur. One of the best reasons to actually seek out movies in other languages is that they can tell us so much about movies in our own language. Hopefully seeing a foreign film every once in a while will expand the American audience's palate for cinema in general. After all, nothing compliments sweet better than savory.

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## Why such a quick rise and fall for Rick Santorum?

Rick Santorum was on the rise. After a surprising second place finish in the Iowa caucus, just eight votes behind winner Mitt Romney, the former Pennsylvania senator has been labeled the real victor of Iowa. Political pundit Rush Limbaugh even went as far as to say on his talk show, "Santorum won last night. That's the bottom line here."

Santorum seemed to be picking up speed in the Republican GOP race until his presidential dreams were dealt a dose of reality in a lackluster fifth place finish in New Hampshire. Sticking with the trend of front running GOP candidates (not named Mitt Romney) dropping social faux pas and controversial sound bites, Santorum has his share of outrageous statements that have kept him from being a serious threat in the race.

On Dec. 5, speaking in Le Mars, Iowa on cutting government spending on food stamps, Santorum argued that rising obesity rates make food stamps unnecessary, asking the crowd, "If hun-

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ger is a problem in America, then why do we have an obesity problem among the people who we say have a hunger program?"

Insinuating that the rising obesity rate is correlated with spending on food stamps is like saying "red-zebra-ham-mock": it doesn't make any sense. What Santorum failed to recognize before making his statement is that food stamps are income-based, not hunger-related. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 20 percent of households receiving food stamps have no income at all.

Through out the course of his campaign, Santorum has made numerous remarks on gay marriage. For the most part, they have been of the usual variety, talking about the intrinsic value of marriage and the adverse effects on society of redefining marriage. On the lucky

occasion though, Santorum manages to sneak responses that would have Michele Bachmann calling you crazy.

On Aug. 25, 2011, when asked about gay marriage during a question and answer interview with the Iowa Independent, Santorum said, "Marriage is what marriage is. Marriage was around before government said what it was. It's like going out and saying, 'That tree is a car.' Well, the tree's not a car. A tree's a tree. Marriage is marriage." Other than showcasing his distinct ability to tell the difference between a tree and a car, Santorum did not accomplish much in his statement.

Like most politicians, the best bits from Santorum come from when he is criticizing someone else's work. In an hour-long interview with CNS news, speaking about Obama's decision on when to define human life, Santorum said, "I don't think you'll find a biologist in the world who would say that [an embryo] is not a human life. The question is, and this is what Barack Obama

didn't want to answer — is that human life a person under the Constitution? And Barack Obama says no, well if that human life is not a person then ... I find it almost remarkable for a black man to say, 'Now we are going to decide who are people and who are not people.'"

If it seems culturally insensitive for Santorum to insinuate that because Obama is black it should be an outcry to define something as not living, it's because it is.

Like Bachmann and others before him, Santorum's penchant for outlandish quotes has kept him from becoming anything more than a flavor of the month in the GOP race. Santorum was on the rise, but if his recent finish in New Hampshire is any indication of his chances, he's falling fast, like an uprooted tree, or maybe that's a car.

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## SSI: Learning to get involved in sustainability initiatives

I can still recall the first computer my family owned, a large white IBM which I used religiously for my ever important doses of "Wolfenstein" and "Mortal Kombat." Reminiscing about it is almost nostalgic; there is just something about a joystick and poor graphics that really brings me back.

Since then, technology has taken us to places unexpected and thrilling, and opened up doors we could not have dreamt into existence. However, as we continue to strive for bigger and better, we are unknowingly sacrificing significant portions of the planet we call home.

Don't get me wrong, I am a poor excuse for an environmentalist. I choose to drive two minutes to campus instead of walking on those cold Oregon mornings, enjoy imported food as much as the next person, and refuse to sleep without the hallway light on. However, when I came across the Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI), I couldn't help but be interested. It's not often you find an ecologically focused student group that doesn't come off as a bunch of radicals.

Wanting to know more, I set up an appointment with Morgan Dumitru, co-director of SSI, before which, I have to admit, I was a little nervous.

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Preparing for what was sure to be an indirect lecture on how I have failed as a defender of Earth, I entered the SSI's office only to be met by a friendly face and a conversation I hadn't expected.

According to the OSU website, our university ranked in the top-25 nationally on the College Sustainability Report Card. Our position as a front-runner has both descended from, and triggered, additional expansion of campus sustainability through both creation and adjustment. At the forefront of these developments is the SSI, which seeks to administrate, communicate, and educate the masses on the importance and methods of living a more sustainable lifestyle.

Living within our means isn't exclusively about the environment — that's simply the area receiving most attention due to its scientific endorsements. Instead, the case for sustainability can be made on all planes. As Dumitru said, "Financially, ecologically and ethically, it just makes sense."

Sustainability improves the economic bottom line by reducing operating costs and optimizing efficiency, not to mention providing unmatched

marketing advantages. Subsequently, sustainability speaks to our ethics by providing the agenda for a more positive vision of our future.

Although acknowledging the idea was borrowed, Dumitru says, "Infinite growth in a finite world is impossible, and yet it is the decree on which we build our nation. Producing 3 percent more each year is unfeasible unless considering inflation and comparable events."

The real problem with our economy is more complex than our subprime market and dollar worth. What it really comes down to is our unreasonable demand for more.

The SSI has addressed the issue in their own unique way: targeting students and driving interest on all levels. In any given year, the SSI is working on 10 to 15 projects, both long and short term. In 2011, they installed a solar hot water heater on top of Dixon along with many other victories. They're now attempting to institute a green roof on Kelley, Oregon State composting facilities and a Corvallis ordinance banning plastic bags, among many other projects. On a smaller scale, keep an eye out for SSI's 5K Run, Energy Civil War, and Sustainable Film Festival.

There is no correlation between living sustainably and being unhappy,

and there never will be. The truth is, less doesn't have to mean worse. If I learned anything from my time with Dumitru, it was that we need to find pleasure in what we already have for the benefit of our families, our planet and ourselves.

Through our actions we create a domino effect, which in turn influences our campus, our city and so on. Changing our lifestyles may not be easy, but it is not impossible. As Dumitru put it, "Sustainability is the capacity to continue an activity in practice for as long as desired. For example, in a marathon, sure you can run fast, but you will almost always deplete your resources and be unable to finish the race. Alternatively, you could pace yourself and continue running for as long as [you] wanted, meeting one goal and carrying on to the next."

If you're interested in learning more about the SSI, they can be found online at oregonstate.edu/sustainability/ssi. Take the time to impart your ideas, share your passions, or just lend a hand. There is no better way to explore your interests and get involved on campus — all awhile doing something substantial for the community.

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# Storms continue to pummel the Pacific Northwest

Even as snowfall slowed Wednesday in the Pacific Northwest, officials warned that falling temperatures would make roads icy and dangerous for drivers.

"We are seeing multiple spinouts and collisions," the Washington State Department of Transportation reported on its website, advising drivers to slow down as road conditions worsened.

Some normally busy streets in Seattle looked more like ski runs, as residents with sleds and snowboards took advantage of what could be one of the area's largest snowfalls in decades.

The National Weather Service cancelled a winter storm warning for the area Wednesday afternoon, but said a winter weather advisory would remain in effect until midnight. Light snowfall was expected to continue throughout the evening.

High-wind warnings were in effect along the coast, where winds could gust to hurricane force, knocking down trees and causing power outages, said CNN meteorologist Taylor Ward.

Wednesday's snowfall in Seattle may equal its annual average, Ward said.

CNN affiliate KOMO showed

images of overturned vehicles and carports and awnings that collapsed under the weight of the snow.

Precipitation moving in from the south and west is combining with cold air moving south from Canada to create the heavy snowfall, said Dustin Guy, a meteorologist at the weather service's Seattle office.

If snowfall amounts top seven inches, the winter weather event will rank among Seattle's 10 worst since the early 1940s, when record-keeping began, he added. A series of severe winter storms and record-breaking cold also hit the region in the 1950s, according to CNN affiliate KOMO.

While that amount of snow is no problem in places that receive snow regularly, heavy snowfall is relatively rare in Seattle, where steep hills can make winter travel treacherous.

"This city shuts down when winter hits. It's nuts. ... This city is just so unprepared for snow," Derek Stanek, 25, told CNN's iReport.

Nevertheless, city officials maintained they were ready for the storm.

Deicing measures were in place on bridges and over-

passes, emergency shelters were opened, schools were closed and some flights were cancelled.

Washington's capital, Olympia, had already received 13 inches of snow by Wednesday afternoon: the third highest 24-hour snowfall on record and the largest amount of snow that had fallen there since 1972, when 14.2 inches of snow fell in one day.

As of late Wednesday morning, the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport had received four inches of snow, with 4.7 inches measured in Tacoma, as the second of twin winter storms moved through, according to the National Weather Service

Up to eight inches of snow was forecast for the metropolitan area.

The town of Winlock, Washington, about 105 miles south of Seattle, had received 16 inches by late Wednesday morning, the weather service said. The town of Chehalis, about 18 miles north of Winlock, had 14 inches.

Mountainous areas of the Pacific Northwest will see even more snow, with the largest accumulations on the eastern slopes of the Cascades, according to the weather service. Significant snowfall is expected across south-

ern Washington, northwest Oregon and into western Idaho.

From late Tuesday through early Thursday, 2 feet to 3.5 feet of snow is forecast for the mountains east of Seattle, Guy said. Mount Rainier could see 10 feet of snow by Friday.

However, the snow in Portland, Oregon, had changed into heavy rain Wednesday morning as warm air intruded into the area. The city was under a flood advisory because of the rain and melting snow, the weather service said.

High winds were also forecast for the area. At Otter Rock, on the central Oregon coast, a gust of 110 mph was recorded, CNN meteorologist Sean Morris reported, along with gusts topping 80 mph at Lincoln City and Florence.

The snowfall extends south into Oregon, with as much as 18 inches forecast for the Bend area. CNN affiliate KTVZ in Bend said an earlier round of snow over the weekend gave a boost to local ski resorts but also created dangerous driving conditions that left at least one motorist dead.

Those conditions were expected to worsen.

—CNN

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## MEN'S HOOPS

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Wear brothers, who transferred to UCLA from basketball powerhouse University of North Carolina in 2010.

"For the first time we probably have a team that has little more speed and athleticism than a UCLA team, certainly since I've been here," Robinson said. "We want to make sure that we don't get taken to the cleaners down low because they are as big as we are."

The Beavers are thankful to be returning to Gill where they are 8-2 this season and look to have a packed house for the first home game since school resumed on Jan. 9.

"This is a great place for us to play and we feel really confident when we are here," Robinson said. "It's important that we are back home. If I had to have a weekend back home, this would be the one."

Despite their struggles, Robinson and the team are sticking with their motto of one day at a time and now, more than ever, that motto is key if this team is going to make a run back to success.

"Coming off recent years we haven't had a preseason like that, so we were definitely a little excited and thinking about the future before we got there," Nelson said. "It kind of put us in our place and now we can go back to that one day at a time."

Alex Crawford, sports writer  
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## WOMEN'S HOOPS

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several games slip away in the last minute, self-confidence in finishing a game isn't said to be a factor.

"Everybody has the confidence we can win, we are huge strides ahead of where we were last year," Martin said. "Everybody wants to win, and we are definitely capable of doing that."

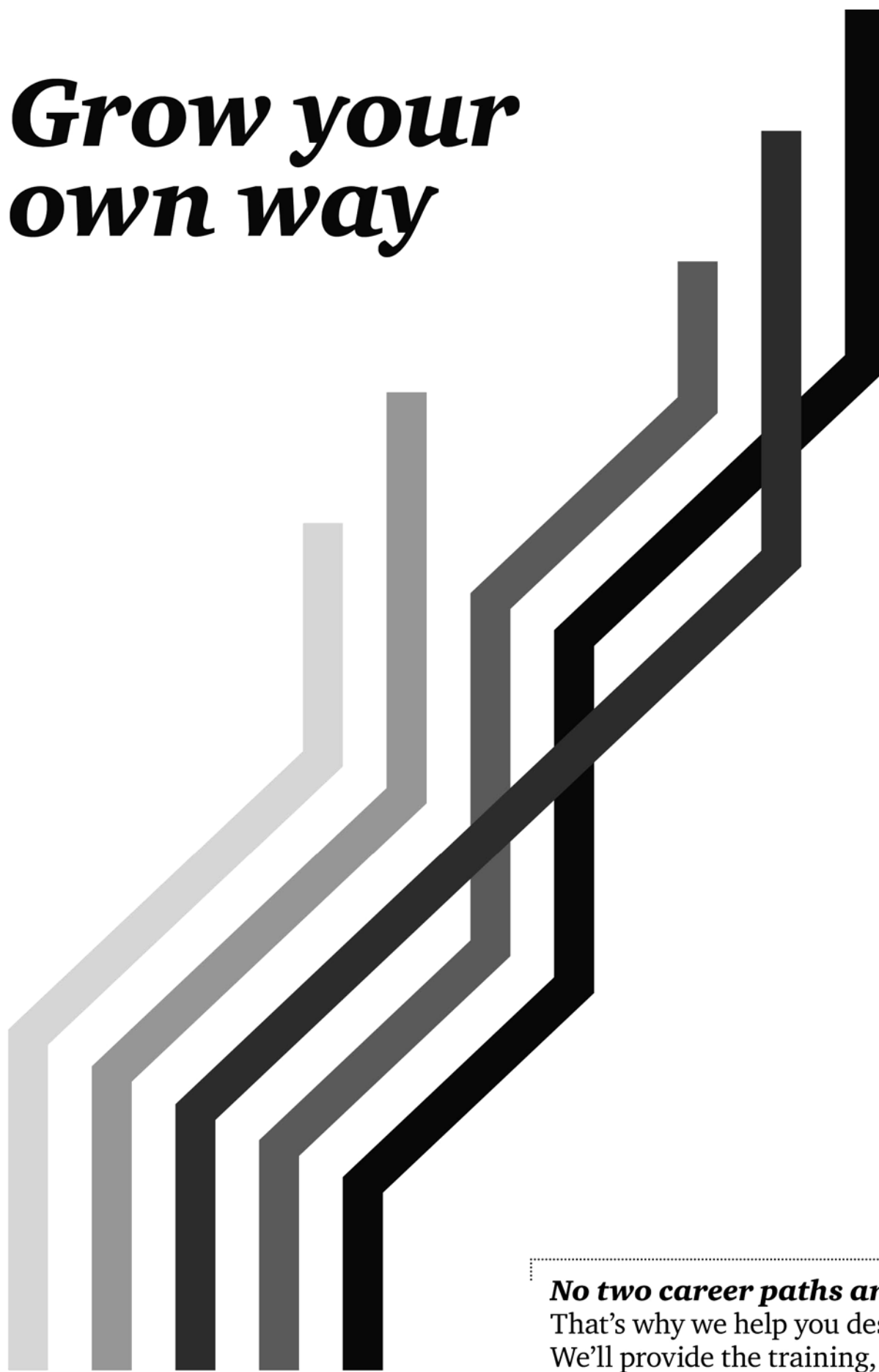
Last year, the Bruins lost only two conference games and were a 3-seed in the NCAA Tournament. Although their record isn't as gaudy, this year's team is still a tough out.

"Every Pac-12 road game is tough and this is no exception. A year ago they were an elite program," Rueck said. "They have played the eighth-toughest schedule in the nation to this point, and competed well against those teams. They are athletic and well-coached."

"We have definitely taken the time to work on some things this year, that's all part of the competition," Martin said. "You love it because it's a chance to get better and I think we will be a great matchup."

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Lazeric Jones

**Vital Statistics (Senior guard)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	13.3	3.6	4.2
Career	10.5	2.6	3.8



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Travis Wear

**Vital Statistics (Sophomore forward)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	11.5	4.9	0.3
Career	6.0	3.0	0.3

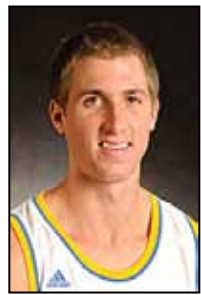


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Joshua Smith

**Vital Statistics (Sophomore center)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	9.7	5.3	0.8
Career	10.5	6.0	0.7



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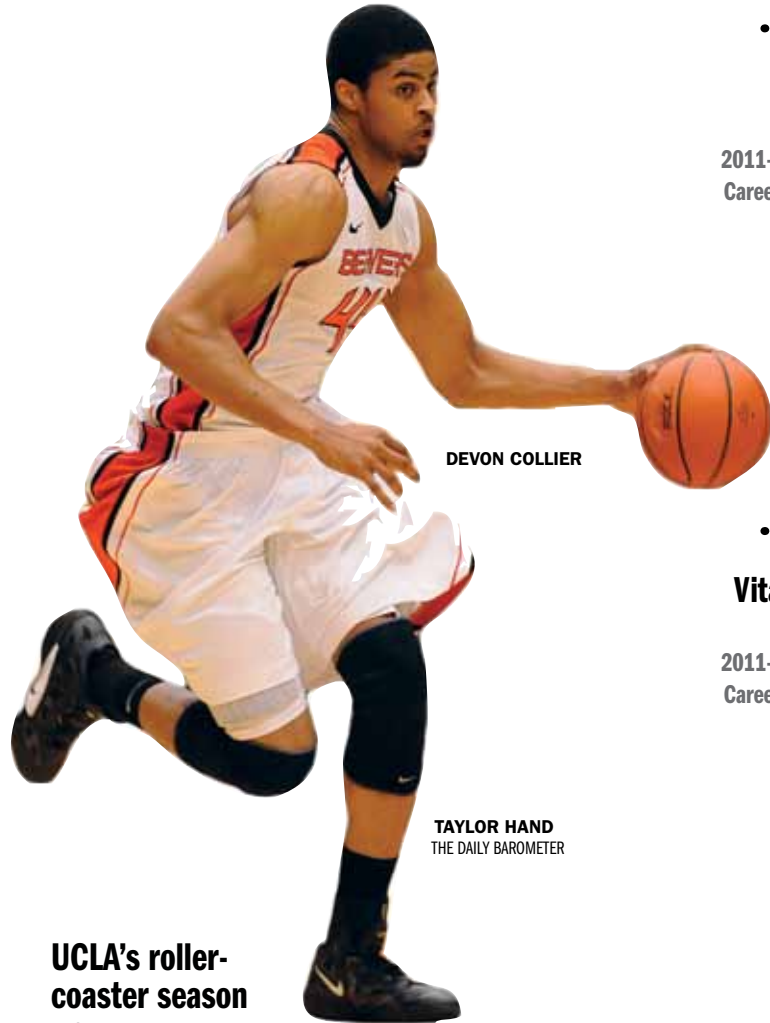
David Wear

**Vital Statistics (Sophomore forward)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	9.4	6.4	0.9
Career	5.3	3.4	0.6

## UCLA vs. OSU

Gill Coliseum — Tonight, 7:30 p.m.



DEVON COLLIER

TAYLOR HAND  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

**UCLA's roller-coaster season**

UCLA, who was picked to win the Pac-12 in the pre-season media poll, lost five of its first seven. But since last year's leading scorer (Reeves Nelson) was dismissed from the team on Dec. 9, the Bruins have won eight of 10.

**Can OSU turn it around?**

In conference, the Beavers have lost two games they were favored to win (@WSU and @ASU) and two games they had ample opportunities to win (vs. Stanford and @Arizona). At 1-5, there's simply no more room for error.

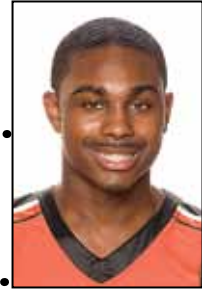


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Jared Cunningham

**Vital Statistics (Junior guard)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	17.6	3.8	3.0
Career	11.8	2.8	1.8



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Ahmad Starks

**Vital Statistics (Sophomore guard)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	13.7	2.4	2.8
Career	10.0	1.5	2.0

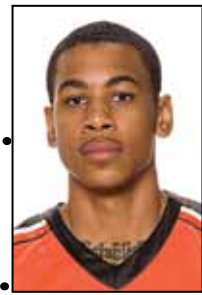


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Devon Collier

**Vital Statistics (Sophomore forward)**

	PPG	RPG	APG
2011-12 Season	12.8	5.1	1.9
Career	9.2	4.7	1.2



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Eric Moreland

**Vital Statistics (Freshman forward)**

	PPG	RPG	BPG
2011-12 Season	4.7	6.7	1.8
Career	3.9	5.7	1.6

## Beavers glad to be back home

■ If Robinson could choose any weekend to be back home, this would be it

By Alex Crawford  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

While most Beavers are hungry to chomp on some wood, these Beavers are hungry for nothing but a win right now.

The Oregon State University men's basketball team enters Thursday's game against UCLA at 11-7 overall and 1-5 in Pac-12 play.

For a team that started off the season with aspirations of dancing in March, this is not the way anyone envisioned conference play starting.

"We have to stay positive," said coach Craig Robinson. "We're two or three plays from being 3-3, or maybe even better than that so we can't let that fact bring us down."

For a team as young as the Beavers — only one senior is on the roster — it is key that they don't lose confidence after dropping four of their last five games.

"Most definitely, we're confident," said sophomore guard Roberto Nelson. "We lost a couple games in overtime so if you take those losses off and add wins we are right in the middle of the Pac-12 and I think we're ready, we're just a couple plays off from being in the top part of the Pac-12."

If Oregon State wants to start winning their way into the upper echelon of the Pac-12, beating the Bruins in Gill tonight would be a great place to start.

UCLA comes into the game at 10-7 overall and 3-2 in the Pac-12.

After a rough start to the season where they lost four of their first five games, the Bruins have righted the ship and are currently on a three game winning streak.

The Beavers have historically struggled with the Bruins and have not defeated them since 2005, three years before Robinson's tenure began. Still, Robinson is confident in this year's squad.

The biggest need for Oregon State is to defend the post game. UCLA starts two 6-foot-10 forwards, the

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# Women's basketball vs. UCLA 'a great matchup'

■ OSU has struggled in L.A. recently, but this year's UCLA team appears less daunting

By Jacob Shannon  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Roll scene, Pac-12 women's basketball — week four!"

The city nicknamed "La-La Land" is known for letting you live your life as the protagonist of a feel-good movie.

However, Oregon State has not played its part when it comes to show time at Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles.

Oregon State (11-6, 2-4 Pac-12) has not found a way to beat UCLA (7-9, 2-3 Pac-12) on its court since the 2006-07 campaign. In addition, the last four matchups have been decided by 10 points or more.

This season, where their schedules have overlapped, their records

**OSU vs. UCLA**  
When: Tonight, 7:00 p.m. PST  
Where: Pauley Pavilion (Los Angeles, Calif.)

are identical; both have a win over Arizona State University and losses to Stanford University and the University of Arizona.

Like Oregon State's last opponent, UCLA also has two players ranked top 10 in the conference for scoring, Thea Lemberger is averaging 15.6 points per game (fourth in the conference) and Rebekah Gardner averaging 14.6 points (seventh).

"Lemberger is a great catch-and-shoot player," said second-year head coach Scott Rueck. "But Gardner is really their go-to. She is a slasher, so she'll take you off the dribble, and is a tough cover."

Limiting those players' points while finding an offensive rhythm themselves will be a test for the

Beavers.

A fundamental approach on both ends of the floor should dictate the pace of the game.

"This team slows down in the half court much more, and from what I have seen they like to stretch the defense," Rueck said.

Creating opportunity in the half-court offense is something Oregon State emphasized and executed well in their last-minute loss to Arizona five days ago. The Beavers come into the game leading the Pac-12 in blocks and ranked fifth in rebounding — well ahead of 11th-ranked UCLA.

"Last year they were very athletic and could rebound," said sophomore guard Alyssa Martin. "They were a little bigger than us at every position, but this year we have our big posts, so that's nice."

Although the Beavers have seen  
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Earlysia Marchbanks rises for a jumper in the Beavers' 56-51 win over ASU last Thursday.