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Phill Bocchi looks on at the Willamette as it overflows the river banks on Friday. Heavy rain and floods demobilized the city as certain roads were closed and the university campus was shut down due to unsafe conditions.

Summit addresses Oregon's hunger problem

- Oregon the least food secure state in the nation, Summit's five year hopes to help

By Alex Hilborn
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Organizations that attended the Ending Hunger in Oregon: 2012 Food Security Summit discussed a five-year plan for fighting against hunger issues that face the state.

On Jan. 19 and 20th, Oregon State University, in collaboration with the Oregon Hunger Task Force,

Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon and the Oregon Food Bank, hosted the event.

Oregon's Call to Action 2010-2015, the new five-year plan, seeks to eliminate hunger and establish food security in the state by addressing the underlying problems that cause food insecurity. The call to action presents hunger as a problem that has a negative effect on all of society and directs people in ways that they can help combat the problem.

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Individuals and organizations gathered on campus for the 2012 Hunger Summit on Thursday and Friday.

HHS alters curriculum, work load

- Health instructors decide to change class due to unnecessary work load

By James Shrieve
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Over winter break, Health and Human Services 231 changed two major parts of its curriculum: the Personal Health Portfolio, which went from a single long-term assignment to a two-part assignment, and the inclusion of clickers in the lectures.

Splitting the portfolio will disperse the work load and should allow students to focus more intently on the portfolio and the class as a whole, while the clickers will help maintain attendance rates and time spent focusing in class.

The changes were made by Erin Driver, instructor of fitness and wellness leadership, Stasi Kasianchuk, an instructor of public health and human sciences and Melinda Ameele, HHS lifetime fitness director.

Through observation of the number of hours spent by teaching assistants grading the PHPs, they determined that not only were the TAs being overworked, but so were the students.

Ameele had taken on the TA position in an attempt to experience first-hand how much work they were doing. "I've done it two terms, and this was how I determined that it was too much last term. We all grade a sample PHP and time ourselves, just to make sure we're all on the same page. Just by doing that

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Students in HHS 231 crowd into Milam Auditorium for one of the university's most populated Bacc Core lecture courses.

Socratic Club debate tonight in Milam

Two speakers will discuss the influence of Christianity on Latin American history

By James Shrieve
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Milam Auditorium, the Socratic Club will sponsor a debate on the topic, "The Influence of Christianity on Latin America: Beneficial or Destructive?"

The speakers will be Dr. Joseph Orosco and Dr. Nicole von Germeten. The event will be mediated by Luke English, a member of the Socratic Club. Also present will be Father Ygnacio Llorent, Campus Ministry Director at the Newman Center. It is a free event and open to the public.

"The influence of Christianity on Latin American life and culture has long been hotly debated. The names of conquistadores like Pizarro and Cortes have become synonymous with the brutality of Spanish imperialism," according to the Socratic Club. "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. Latin American history has become a battleground for historians' disputes over the influence of Christianity on native cultures."

Orosco will argue that Christianity has had a negative effect on Latin American culture, while Dr. von Germeten will argue that it had a positive influence.

Orosco received his Ph.D. and M.A. in philosophy from the University of California, Riverside, and his B.A. in philosophy from Reed College in Portland, Ore. His primary area of interest is in social and political philosophy, particularly democratic theory and global justice. He teaches classes in American Philosophy and Latin American thought, with an emphasis on Mexican culture, history and immigration to the United States.

Nicole von Germeten received her Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in 2003. She also has an M.A. in Spanish language literature and wrote a thesis on Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz's use of indigenous Mexican language and religion. She has written two books and contributed essays, reviews and articles to several edited volumes and journals, including "Black Mexico," "Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture," "Colonial Latin American Historical Review," and "Local Religion in Colonial Mexico."

The speakers will each be given 15 minutes to present their case. Then there will be a seven minute period given to each of them for rebuttals. Following that, Father Ygnacio Llorent will speak on his experiences with Christianity in Latin America. This will

roll into a discussion between the three of them and the event will end with a 45-minute open conversation with the audience.

Dr. von Germeten participated in a debate during fall term for the Socratic Club, in which she flexed her knowledge of Mayan history and culture. The Club asked her to return for this event and she suggested that Dr. Orosco be the other speaker.

"We hold two or three one-hour meetings for administrative planning for preparing the debate. Dr Ferngren, a member of our club and a professor at OSU, spends a good bit of time talking with the speakers, emailing them, and making sure they understand the topic and how the debate will go. He also spends untold hours emailing religious newspapers in the area; religious organizations to get the word out," said Matt Reuben, president of the Socratic Club. Club members spend a couple of hours getting finances together, as well as posting fliers and ads around campus.

The Socratic Club sponsors five to six debates every year on subjects at the intersection of the Christian faith and contemporary culture. This is their tenth anniversary as a student organization on campus. Most of the debates can be found on YouTube.

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sample one, I knew it was too much," she said. "Too much for a two credit class, that's the key point."

Now the assignment will be split up "in ways the students don't even know yet," Ameenle added. "This is the test term. It was just developed and now it is going into play. We hope it will make the work load more manageable." The effectiveness of the change will be measured by the amount of time it takes TAs to finish grading assignments.

The changes come after a relatively steady period during the class. Students learn how to journal about what they are ingesting, then go online and discover the nutritious details. This whole package will be requested from students in week five so that the TAs would have enough time to grade it before dead week. This was all done while taking on a regular course load of

lectures and labs.

Along with the new arrangement of the PHP comes the inclusion of clickers in the lectures. Ameenle sat in on a few lectures and discovered just how effective they were. "The classes were full and the instructors are

doing well and the students are taking notes. It's going good. From what I can see the changes have been effective."

The class is also responding to a change in government policies regarding nutrition and health.

Up until 2010, the Department of Agriculture had used the MyPyramid system as a way of evaluating nutrition. In 2011, MyPyramid was replaced by MyPlate, which emphasizes the nutrition in each meal over that of a day's intake. While this seems mundane, it is the most radical change the government has made to its nutrition policies in at least a decade.

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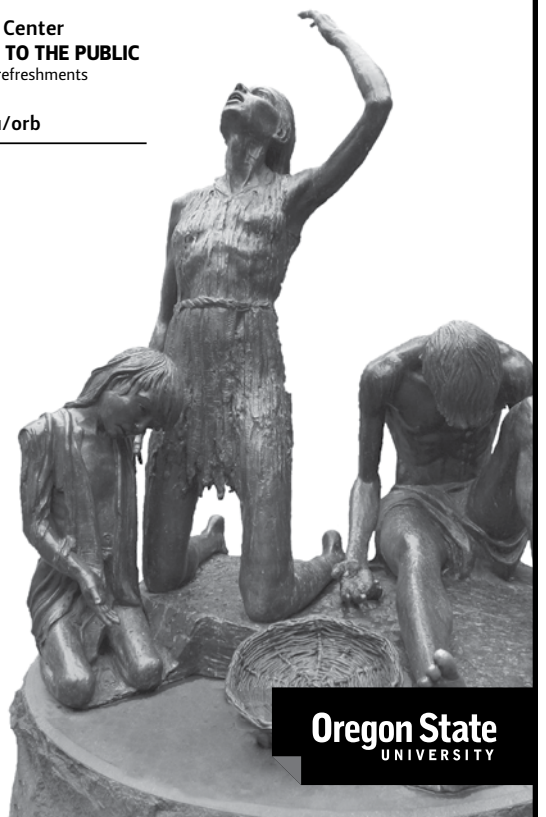
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The Socratic Club at Oregon State University, celebrating its 10th anniversary, presents a debate that is free and open to the public:

The Influence of Christianity on Latin America: Beneficial or Destructive?

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 Orosco 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.



Joseph Orosco
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Time to end OLCC, another wasteful layer of government

In 1933, the 21st Amendment brought that noble experiment, prohibition, to an end, which Oregon had ignominiously suffered since 1916. Soon after the repeal, the Oregon state legislature created the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to regulate the newly legalized substance. Both Oregon and the United States have come a long way since the days of prohibition, but the state still suffers under the antiquated yoke of the OLCC.

While alcoholism continues to be a horrible disease that afflicts too many Oregonians, and we certainly don't condone underage drinking, is it really necessary to have a separate, redundant government regulatory agency for a single commodity? It isn't, and it is overdue to end this remnant of our puritanical past.

The fact is the OLCC hurts businesses. Few other commodities are subject to the sort of stringent regulation, asinine and arcane rules, and sting operations that alcohol faces

under the OLCC. Businesses aren't allowed to advertise happy hour specials or drink discounts. Restaurants and retail establishments often deal with sting operations where a simple mistake can lead to hefty fines and lost licenses. What other government agency goes out of its way to create infractions and hurt businesses that provide valuable jobs in a rocky economy?

The state also controls the sale of distilled spirits through a state monopoly, leading to higher prices, diminished selection and inconvenient locations and hours. Many other states allow liquor sales in non-state run stores with no problem; why can't Oregon? By eliminating the state monopoly on liquor and replacing it with a higher tax on liquor, sales would undoubtedly increase, which would be a boon for local distilleries and businesses that make more money from the convenience of selling liquor. Liquor is no longer a demonized substance that deserves to be unnecessarily locked

away from the public, and our state must do away with the last remnants of prohibition.

Furthermore, OLCC agents are notorious for being unpredictable and showing up to write hefty fines with little notice, making themselves the scourge of every mini-mart employee and bartender. Agents receive little training and have few requirements, yet can have the power of God over businesses that rely heavily on alcohol sales to make ends meet.

Two years ago, an OLCC agent, Doitchin Krasev, who had already been accused by businesses in Bend for demanding bribes and uneven enforcement of regulations, and had been transferred to Ontario as a result, was discovered to be in the country illegally and not an American citizen. He was living under the false identity of a murdered Ohio boy, Jason Evers. If OLCC agents are able to get jobs

as agents under false pretenses, what else could be wrong with an agency that is universally reviled and completely unnecessary.

It is especially troubling that the OLCC finds it necessary to continue such harsh enforcement efforts when by its own accounts, businesses have for many years exceeded expectations and target goals in not selling to minors. Of course there are always going to be those who try to break the law and get away with it, but for the most part, it is incredibly difficult to buy alcohol as a minor in most establishments, unless you're getting an older brother to buy it or have a false ID. That bar down the road that doesn't ask questions doesn't exist anymore and hasn't for a while, but the OLCC continues to exist as if it did. And if that bar did exist, there are already police officers who are more than capable of enforcing the "over 21" law. There is no need for an extra set of liquor agents.

At a time when state budgets are already tight, an easy way to free up some funds would be to get rid of the OLCC. To those who are worried about the loss of revenue in ending the state-run monopoly, we propose increasing the cost of licenses to sell alcohol and increasing alcohol taxes across the board. Without having to pay for the payroll and other costs of an agency, the state would also be helped by the extra tax revenue that could be created from loosening up liquor sales.

Prohibition was a poor idea, generally accounted as a failure by all. But even worse, over 90 years later we are still suffering the effects of this absurd experiment in regulating people's personal lives and limiting their personal freedoms. It is high time to put the final nail in the coffin of this superfluous government agency left over from another time and place.

Editorials serve as a means for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on issues both global and local, grand in scale or diminutive. The views expressed here are a reflection of the editorial board's majority.

Alex Danfelt

The Daily Barometer

A possible hangover remedy on the way

In my experience with Eastern medicine and herbal remedies, many "ancient Chinese secrets" have proven to be no more than an ancient Chinese placebo. I'm not saying there aren't any traditional medicines that have verifiable medical merit, but it's not likely that indiscriminately wolfing down the genitals of a badger is going to make me "strong and powerful."

Every now and then, researchers will catch on to something that has a significant enough following to warrant a second look. This time, it's an extract taken from the Chinese raisin tree, *Hovenia dulcis*, which has the medical world getting very excited over raisins.

The extract in question has been used for over 500 years as a treatment for hangovers, utilizing the chemical dihydromyricetin (DHM) as the active ingredient. Researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles, have been experimenting with DHM's effects on lab rats and are preparing for human trials. Through their research, pharmacologist Jing Liang, who led the team, mentioned that, "DHM will reduce the degree of drunkenness for the amount of alcohol drunk and will definitely reduce the hangover symptoms... in time it will also reduce the desire for alcohol."

The testing consisted of injecting lab rats with a dose of alcohol equal to a human consuming between 15 and 20 beers in two hours. After the rodent binge, researchers would place the rats on their backs in a cradle and time how long they took to flip themselves onto their feet. After administering the alcohol without DHM, the rats took an average of 70 minutes. When they injected the same amount of alcohol with one milligram of DHM per kilogram of body weight, the rats decreased their time to right themselves to a respectable 5 minutes.

After their wild bout of involuntary excess and whatever rats like to do when they get rat-hammered, the researchers observed that rats not given DHM retreated to the corners of their maze in classic hangover fashion while those who were given the extract behaved "normally," exploring the enthralling halls of their maze.

The researchers made a clear connection between the intake of DHM and its ability to ward off the effects of alcohol on the body's motor skills. I can't say for sure how many beers it would take for me to be stuck on my back for 70 minutes, or even 5 minutes, so without human testing, it's difficult to determine if this chemical can fully eradicate the effects of alcohol. But it absolutely made a notable difference.

Considering there are 2.5 million people who die due to alcohol abuse every year, this chemical may prove quite valuable. Though it is a tricky disease, those who are truly willing to kick the habit can benefit greatly. If they have a physical dependency, they may be able to drink enough to quell the withdrawals and slowly wean themselves while not feeling alcohol's physical and mental effects, encouraging them to further indulge.

The potential problem are individuals who won't be able to get drunk and continue to drink until their heart stops or turn to a different substance to abuse. If somebody is hounding for a chemical escape, they are going to find it. If somebody is mentally ready but not physically able to stop, DHM may be the key.

For the casual drinker looking to stay sober, this extract is worthless and potentially dangerous. Without any feedback from their body to determine their level of inebriation, users could continue drinking to the point of alcohol poisoning and cause serious health issues. Granted, you would have to be rather absent-minded

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Finding purpose in the Baccalaureate Core

In the recent Daily Barometer editorial from Tuesday, Jan. 16, "What should be getting fixed in the Bacc Core requirements," the editorial board exhorts, "Let's get some serious thoughts going on the actual purpose of the Bacc Core." After several years of involvement in the review and revision of the Baccalaureate Core, we applaud this outlook and encourage all of the OSU community to actively engage in such dialog. And we agree with many points made in the editorial regarding a need for flexibility and purpose.

However, what followed was off the mark: rather than taking a view that is narrow in scope and encourages sequestration of students by major, we offer a contrasting vision of the foundational elements that general education plays in both the professional and personal growth of students. OSU's Bacc Core can serve this function.

The requirement of a general education component in the university curriculum is not unique to OSU; rather, it has a rich history, as institutions have struggled to develop an architecture to meet the needs of immediate and long-term student development. Critical thinking, effective communication, and problem solving are undoubtedly valuable to future careers and to leading a fuller life. Additionally, being able to express beliefs while seriously considering the views of others, to understand one's own identity while respecting the culture and history of others, and to ponder multiple sides of an issue are all cornerstones of our democracy.

Our alumni, employers and stakeholders have repeatedly endorsed these educational goals. This view of general education is consistent with a comprehensive initiative led by the Association of American Colleges and Universities that includes input from hundreds of universities and over 300 employers. In fact, in surveys conducted by the AAC&U, employers indicate graduates need to be better prepared in the very knowledge and skills that form the foundation of general education — such as critical thinking, oral and written communication, global knowledge, adaptability, quantitative reasoning, social responsibility, intercultural skills and ethical judgment. These attributes are often listed primary to any specialized training and/or knowledge in a particular field of study.

The vision and structure of OSU's Baccalaureate Core was ahead of its time

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in the 1980s and continues to be a model for other institutions. Its mission states: "The Baccalaureate Core Curriculum represents what the OSU faculty believes is the foundation for students' further understanding of the modern world. Informed by natural and social sciences, arts and humanities, the Bacc Core requires student to think critically and creatively, and to synthesize ideas and information when evaluating major societal issues. Importantly, the Bacc Core promotes understanding of interrelationships among disciplines in order to increase students' capacities as ethical citizens of an ever-changing world."

In 2009, an ad hoc review committee was charged with assessing the state of OSU's Bacc Core. The review committee consisted of 11 faculty members from a cross-section of colleges, two senior administrators and two student leaders. Input was gathered from focus groups of students, staff (e.g., advisors) and faculty, and was reinforced by a survey of over 2,300 OSU students across all majors and academic standing. Responses showed a clear campus-wide consensus that the philosophy and goals of the Bacc core are worthwhile and consistent with modern national trends.

But how do we achieve these goals? Historically, there have been two approaches to meeting general education outcomes. In the "Great Books" approach first developed at the University of Chicago, students engage with classic texts, and the curriculum tends to take the form of a limited set of required core classes — there is little room for choice.

In contrast, the "modes of inquiry" approach focuses on the different ways of knowing. The premise of this approach, and our philosophy at OSU, is that exposure to multiple modes of intellectual inquiry (e.g., that of a mathematician and a historian) sharpens and broadens our thinking, as well as our understanding of what it means to know. With this latter approach, a distribution of courses is made available to students within broad categories, and they select courses that align with personal areas of interest, provided they meet appropriate contextual category criteria.

Why the dissatisfaction with the baccalaureate core? The baccalaureate core ad hoc review committee's assessment

also showed that students perceived the Core in practice as a discrete and seemingly unrelated set of courses presented and navigated as a mere checklist. In order to better align the current practice with the nobler intent, the committee outlined and the Faculty Senate approved a fundamental vitalization that needs to proceed across the campus over many years.

One of the foundations of this revitalization plan is the implementation of multiple direct and indirect assessment measures to ensure that classes within a Bacc Core category support the category criteria, and reinforce the modes of inquiry that are intended. Such assessment allows feedback loops to the Faculty Senate and other appropriate units. To be successful, this plan requires shared governance in its truest sense and several years and iterations — we are restoring and powering an oil tanker, not a speed boat, while at sea (and not in the calmest waters).

What we heard at the Faculty Senate this month were preliminary details of a comprehensive assessment plan, which is a critical first step. We thank our colleagues on the Faculty Senate's Baccalaureate Core Committee for this service and also encourage the entire campus community — students, faculty, advisors and administration — to participate in the dialog and create the baccalaureate core that will best prepare our students for what awaits our futures.

For more information on the AAC&U's initiative, visit <http://www.aacu.org/leap/vision.cfm>.

For more information on surveys of employers and recent graduates conducted by AAC&U, visit <http://www.aacu.org/leap/documents/Re8097abcombined.pdf>.

To view the final report of the baccalaureate core ad hoc review committee for the Faculty Senate (the revitalization plan), visit <http://oregonstate.edu/senate/committees/other/bcr/reports>.

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ed to allow this to happen, but you always have to consider the lowest common denominator.

The lack of a hangover also seems to be a moot point. If you don't drink excessively, you won't have a hangover. If you do drink excessively, you are probably looking to experience the effects of alcohol. Sure, if you drink heavily with DHM, you are not getting the hangover but you are also surrendering the intoxication, so what's the point? "DHM: All of the liver damage with none of the fun!"

As a controlled tool, this Chinese folk medicine has a promising future. As of yet, no adverse side effects have been identified, but that will likely be fully addressed with upcoming human trials. It could lead to more drinking rather than less, but if it is properly administered, it may be worth the risk.

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Letter to the Editor

In response to "Sensationalizing science"

In defense of the Bulletin

In 1942, when the world's first nuclear reaction took place at University of Chicago, I was a student there. Three years later, after surviving a bullet wound at Iwo Jima, I walked through Nagasaki six weeks after the A-Bomb destroyed it. I have done my best to prevent the use of nuclear weapons ever since then.

I was back on the Chicago campus studying pre-med when the Bulletin was formed. I continue to believe in their cause and consider their concerns about the precarious state of the world to be realistic and well-founded. The aftermaths of Chernobyl, Fukushima, Hiroshima and Nagasaki are real, lasting warnings of what lies ahead if we can't reverse proliferation.

Your editorial is wide-ranging, and you make some good points about "science" and reactions against it. However, it's not good to throw pies at the messenger (The Bulletin) if you don't like the message (The moving up of the Clock).

CRAIG B. LEMAN, M. D.
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Subjective criticism doesn't clarify anything

Whenever we experience art, we experience it as an individual. We apply the only consciousness we have to a painting or song or sculpture, and develop a kind of analytical summary of what we are seeing, hearing or feeling.

While we can imagine and sympathize with the perception of other observers, we can never look at a piece of art in the exact same way that another can. Through discussion and review, people are able to communicate what they find attractive or repulsive about a particular work of art, and provide some sort of rationale for their opinion.

While this method of judgment seems the most logical, more often than not, I find myself dealing with others who have a much more simplified and frustrating system of expressing their opinions. Instead of admitting that his or her aesthetic preferences (which can be diversely explored without too much effort) are not in sync with those of the artist, a person would rather say, "That painting is stupid" or "That song sucks".

This kind of knee-jerk reaction does not make the work of art appear stupid, just the observer. Making a claim like "that song sucks" says nothing. In fact, it suggests that the song was not actually listened to, but overheard, and that more than anything, it was distracting.

I do not intend to take the hipster perspective entirely, and tell every skeptic that if they did not like a specific work of art, it is



Kirk Pederson

The Spaces in Between

because they did not understand it. I would not force someone to listen to a song a thousand times until they get why I think it has no faults. However, it is difficult to believe the people who claim — often with strong conviction — that a song simply "sucks" without reason or explanation.

I will usually say to this person, "Why do you think it sucks?" And their reply glazes over the issue with a comment like, "It was just really annoying" or "The singer's voice is terrible." I know prying will most likely get me nowhere, so I usually leave it at that and try not to sound like a therapist. But afterwards, it is hard to shake my own thoughts. Like a little kid, I want to ask, "But why was it annoying?"

A painting cannot paint, and a song cannot perform; these creations are brought to life through the artist that imagined them, and the artist is not omniscient. Every time I hear someone accuse a painting or song of "sucking," I feel bad for the painting or song because it did not do anything wrong.

It makes sense to look at a lawn mower with no blades and say the lawn mower "sucks" because it does not serve its function as something that cuts grass. But when experiencing art, it is arguably impossible

to say that the painting or song it is not serving its function; the purpose of art is human expression, which is by definition an inherently subjective enterprise. Perhaps an artist meant to do one thing and ended up doing another, and the art did not fulfill its purpose for the artist. Although, if one is truly channeling personal expression into any kind of art form with a pure intention, I do not believe that there is a right vs wrong element involved — it is all an outlet of human expression.

Instead of projecting onto a work of art, providing personal accountability for one's judgment is much more preferable. Saying "I didn't like that song" is way better than saying "That song sucked," because not only does it provide the observer with better insight to their own preferences, but it takes other people's consideration into account as well. In admitting that they did not like the song, the observer still permits others to find authentic enjoyment in it. By making such a claim, they are intrinsically admitting that they actually do have reasons, and have thought about them more than some other observers.

I understand this is not a great concern of many people, and it is impossible to be aware of this critical approach for every little bit of artistic input that surrounds us. But in this case, please, if my article was not written to your liking, do not tell me it sucks.

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Gabrielle Giffords will resign to focus on her recovery

Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords announced on her website Sunday that she will resign from Congress this week to continue her recuperation from the brain injury she suffered when shot just over a year ago.

"A lot has happened over the past year. We cannot change that," Giffords, 41, says in a video on her website, speaking in a halting manner.

"I don't remember much from that horrible day, but I will never forget the trust you placed in me to be your voice," Giffords continues. "Thank you for your prayers and for giving me time to recover. I have more work to do on my recovery. So to do what is best for Arizona, I will step down this week."

Giffords, a Democrat, will submit a letter of resignation during the week to House Speaker John Boehner and Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer. Brewer said Sunday in a statement that she will call a "special primary and general election" to fill the state's eighth congressional district seat for the rest of Giffords' term, which expires at the end of the year.

A statement from her office said Giffords will attend the State of the Union address Tuesday as one of her last acts before stepping down.

She also will finish her "Congress on Your Corner" event that was interrupted by the shooting rampage of Jan. 8, 2011, that killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Giffords, the statement said.

President Barack Obama was effusive in his praise for

the congresswoman, saying Giffords "embodies the very best of what public service should be." He added that her "cheerful presence will be missed in Washington (and) she will remain an inspiration to all whose lives she touched — myself included."

"Over the last year, Gabby and her husband Mark have taught us the true meaning of hope in the face of despair, determination in the face of terrible odds, and now — even after she's come so far — Gabby shows us what it means to be selfless as well," Obama said in a statement.

Boehner, an Ohio Republican, said that Giffords "will be missed." And Brewer, the Arizona governor, lauded Giffords as a "noble public servant ... and a model of what can be accomplished with persistence and determination."

House Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi called Giffords a "bright star" whose "message of bipartisanship and civility is one that all in Washington and the nation should honor and emulate."

"Her legacy in the Congress and her leadership for our nation will certainly continue," Pelosi said in a statement.

In her website video posted Sunday, Giffords says her public service career has not ended.

"I will return, and we will work together for Arizona and this great country," she says.

Earlier this month, Giffords joined thousands for a vigil in Tucson, one of several emotional events over the weekend to mark one year since the shootings.

Prosecutors accuse Jared Lee Loughner, 23, of carrying out the attack, which purportedly targeted Giffords during the constituent meet-and-greet event outside a supermarket.

Giffords is still recovering from her injuries, and her right side remains weak. She has made few public appearances since the incident with some rare exceptions, such as casting a vote in Congress to raise the federal debt ceiling and conducting an interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer.

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Women's hoops beats USC in overtime

■ **Indendi hits trey to send it to overtime, where Beavers dominate for third conference win**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – The Oregon State University women's basketball was able to find itself in the win column Saturday afternoon, beating the University of Southern California in over-

time at the Galen Center.

This was an all too familiar circumstance for the Beavers, who have played their fair share of down-to-the-wire contests.

The Beavers were led by junior guard Sage Indendi's 17 points, who set a new school record for career 3-pointers (102). Indendi's last three in regulation was what tied the game and sent it into overtime.

Freshman Guard Ali Gibson was able to carry the teams momentum through

the overtime period, scoring four of the total nine points. She would finish the game with 14 points and team-high seven rebounds.

Junior forward Patricia Bright was the third player to finish with double figures, scoring 12 points.

The Beavers will host the University of Oregon this upcoming Saturday at Gill Coliseum.

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Gymnasts win in Arizona but score low

■ **Week after scoring 196.525, gymnasts score 194.825 in Tucson**

The Daily Barometer

TUCSON, Ariz. — The No. 4-nationally ranked Oregon State gymnastics team wasn't perfect Friday night, but they got the job done.

In their first meet with a Pac-12 opponent, OSU defeated No. 13 University of

Arizona 194.825-194.375 in Tucson, Ariz. Friday's victory was now the 11th straight time Oregon State has defeated the Wildcats.

While it was not quite the show the Beavers put on in their opening week defeat of the University of Oklahoma, Oregon State still came out of their first meet on the road with a victory, with a few standout performances from Leslie Mak and Brittany Harris.

Mak, last week's Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week, had the best performance of the night, scoring a 9.95 on the balance beam. Mak's strong score was much needed, as the team struggled on the beam, scoring their lowest score in any event so far in the early season on beam Friday.

The sophomore, Harris, did very well on both uneven bars (9.85) and vault (9.825). Senior Olivia Vivian was also a sound

performer, scoring a 9.8 on both bars and beam.

Even though they defeated the Wildcats, OSU's score will most likely drop their ranking out of the top five, and possibly the top 10.

Oregon State will return home this Friday to face another ranked Pac-12 opponent when No. 14 Stanford University comes to Corvallis for a 7 p.m. meet.

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If they truly want to get back into the mix of it in terms of relevance in the conference, they'll have fix their road woes as soon as possible.

Naturally, that was a hot topic of discussion in Saturday's postgame press conference – "how will you win on the road?" – but not until after the Beavers sheer dominance of the Trojans was discussed first.

USC entered Saturday's contest with one of the nation's worst offenses – their 54.3 points per game ranks 341st in the nation. But their steel-curtain defense hadn't allowed more than 66 points in any game prior to Saturday, and they were fresh off a 3-point loss to first-place University of Oregon in Eugene.

Oregon State's defense, particularly the once-go-to 1-3-1 defense, shut down a USC offense that looked like it never had a chance. The Beavers forced 18 turnovers, several of which came in the game's opening moments.

"We started off early tonight, started off hard," said junior guard Jared Cunningham. "We knocked down a couple shots and got it going early. We did a great job of jumping out to a lead early and finishing."

The Beavers have played man-to-man defense around 75 percent of the time this year. But Saturday, Oregon State pri-

marily played zone.

"The reason why we stayed with the one-three-one was because we got like six steals in a row and built a good lead and just kept doing it," Robinson said.

The zone was particularly effective against USC guard Maurice Jones, the Trojans leading-scorer and best 3-point shooter.

"At the beginning of the game we had to key in on him," Cunningham said. "We went and stopped his offensive game and made him have to pass the ball off to other players. It was important to limit his touches."

Jones finished with two assists and seven turnovers. He needed 14 shots to score 13 points and was 0-of-4 from 3-point territory.

Three-pointers had been killing the Beavers prior to this weekend, but the Trojans connected on only three treys Saturday night. Sophomore Garrett Jackson, a product of Westview High School in Portland, was the only Trojan to have any success from beyond the arc (2 of 4).

Oregon State may have gotten a boost from a certain former Beaver who was in the house. NBA great Gary Payton

watched the game from a courtside seat and spoke to the team before the game.

Robinson said at least one player, and several coaches, got an emotional boost from the experience.

"Well to be completely honest, other than Jared, I think that the staff was more excited about it because we know him as a player," Robinson said with a bit of a chuckle.

Robinson went on to explain that the majority of the players on Oregon State's roster were born after Payton had hung up the orange and black.

But Cunningham, who naturally has been compared to Payton, fully understood the significance of Payton's appearance.

"It was great to see Gary come back," Cunningham said. "He was one of the best players to ever come through here at Oregon State. It was good talking to him earlier before the game and hearing what he had to say."

Cunningham finished with a team-high 18 points on 7 of 11 shooting.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day

Weekend scoreboard

Near-perfect weekend for Beavers; only swimmers fall

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Men's basketball

Saturday, Gill Coliseum

OSU 78, USC 59

	1st	2nd	Total
USC	22	37	59
OSU	36	42	78

OSU

Cunningham: 18 pts, 5 assists

Burton: 11 pts, 9 rebounds

Moreland: 4 pts, 11 rebounds, 3 steals

USC

Wesley: 15 pts, 7 rebounds

Jackson: 12 pts, 2-4 (3-ptrs)

Women's basketball

Saturday, Galen Center (Los Angeles)

OSU 65, USC 61

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
OSU	38	18	9	65
USC	34	22	5	61

OSU

Indendi: 17 pts, 3-7 (3-ptrs)

Gibson: 14 pts, 7 rebounds

Bright: 12 pts, 5 rebounds

USC

Corral: 20 pts, 6-14 (3-ptrs)

Gilbreath, B: 9 pts, 8 rebounds

Gymnastics

Friday, McKale Center (Tucson)
(4) OSU 194.825, (13) Arizona 194.375

Top OSU Participants

Vault: Harris (2nd, 9.825)

Bars: Harris (2nd, 9.850), Stambaugh/Casey/Mak (T3rd, 9.825)

Beam: Mak (1st, 9.950)

Floor: Jones/Mak (T2nd, 9.850)

All-Around: Mak (1st, 39.400), Stambaugh (3rd, 38.900)

Wrestling

Sunday, Gill Coliseum

OSU 20, NDSU 13

OSU wins:

133: Drucker over Solberg (12-6)

141: Mangrum over Diamond (16-5)

149: Sakaguchi over Erickson (10-3)

174: Weishoff over Garner (11-4)

197: Meek over Gusewelle (major decision)

HWT: Jack over Knutson (8-4)

NDSU wins

125: Sprenkle over Rollins (major decision)

157: Monk over Pena (9-7)

165: Johnson over Latham (9-8)

184: Stoll over Vinson (9-7, OT)

Women's swimming

Saturday (Boise, Idaho)

Boise St. 148, OSU 114

Top OSU finishers

Kibby: 3 dual wins (100- and 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard individual medley)

Dole: 2 dual wins (100-yd backstroke and 200-yd backstroke)

O'Brien: 1 win (200-yd butterfly)

Bloch: 1 win (1,000-yd freestyle)

Beavers beat USC, complete 'important' sweep



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Jared Cunningham scored 18 points and added five assists in Saturday's win over the winless-in-conference Trojans.

■ With former great Gary Payton in the house, Beavers get third conference win by trumping USC by 19 points

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After Oregon State beat UCLA Thursday night at Gill Coliseum, coach Craig Robinson said it was the most important game since he'd arrived at Oregon State.

After beating the University of Southern California 78-59 Saturday, completing a sweep of the Los Angeles schools and improving the Beavers to 3-5 in conference play, Robinson added to his "most important" sentiment.

"...This was the most important weekend (since I've been here)," Robinson said. "Getting back into the mix with our confidence was really important, and I thought we did that tonight and it started with Thursday."

“We started off early, started off hard. We knocked down a couple shots and got it going early.”

Jared Cunningham
Junior guard

It did appear the confidence that carried the Beavers to a 10-2 mark in nonconference play had returned, though it remains to be seen whether or not that will carry over to road games. The Beavers, who have not won a conference road game yet this year (0-4), hit the road for three straight beginning Sunday at the University of Oregon.

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Garrett Drucker was one of six Beavers to post a win Sunday vs. NDSU.

Wrestling picks up two wins

■ Beavers rout Northern Colorado Friday, top North Dakota State Sunday to give coach Zalesky 200 career wins

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As No. 5-ranked senior heavyweight Clayton Jack walked onto the mat at Gill Coliseum for the last time, with the Oregon State University wrestling team clinging to a 4-point advantage, there was no doubt what the outcome was going to be.

The "Imperial March," Darth Vader's theme from Star Wars, boomed throughout the arena as Jack controlled the deciding match and sent North Dakota State packing Sunday.

It was a weekend filled with story lines for the Beavers as they took care of business, winning both of their duals and improving to 7-2 overall.

In addition to Senior Day, Sunday marked a historic day for head coach Jim Zalesky as he accumulated win number 200 as a head coach, making him the 13th active NCAA Division I coach to reach the milestone.

"It's not about records for me personally," Zalesky said. "It says more about the wrestlers I've had and the wins they've been able to achieve."

The 20-13 win was even more memorable for the seniors wrestling for the last time at Gill Coliseum. The class has three members, including 133-pound Garrett Drucker who secured a win in his last home match. Jason Lara, the third senior on the Oregon State squad, was unable to wrestle due to a knee injury suffered earlier in the season.

The senior class is unique to Zalesky because it was his first recruiting class, so it was fitting that Jack sealed number 200 for his head coach with an 8-4 decision much to the delight of the appreciative Gill Coliseum crowd.

"This is a special group and one that came in with me," Zalesky said. "Clayton Jack, Drucker, and Lara are what make it special for me."

Oregon State and North Dakota State were tied until redshirt freshman 184-pound Taylor Meeks dominated with a major decision to put the Beavers up four going into the pivotal final match.

"It hurts that we're not that deep into the season and it's our last home meet, but unfortunately it had to be today," Jack said. "I'm happy I could go out and get a win in my last match at Gill though."

The North Dakota State win was following an impressive 35-9 rout of Northern Colorado Friday.

The dual was highlighted by No. 18 ranked, 157-pound R.J. Pena's team-leading 18th pin of the season.

Though Pena lost a close match to No. 11 ranked Steven Monk on Sunday, he remains only one pin away from tying the Oregon State record for pins in a season by a sophomore. His improvement has been a big part of the team's continued success this season.

"I've spent a lot of time in the weight room getting strong and going over my technique," Pena said. "I just think everything's starting to come together and my wrestling's really starting to click. I'm having a lot of fun out there and my hard work's starting to pay off for me."

The two wins came after a heartbreaking loss by criteria to now No. 5 ranked Wyoming, which Oregon State felt it should have won.

"The Wyoming loss was really hard on us," Jack said. "It was important that we came out and won our last two home meets of the season and we took care of business."

The Beavers will try to continue their two-game winning-streak when they take on Pac-12 opponent Boise State Friday.

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Gary Payton, arguably the greatest player to put on an Oregon State uniform, sat courtside at Saturday's game and was swarmed by fans throughout the night.