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Fashion promotes AIDS-less generation

■ **Advocacy groups join with fashion organization for an event meant to erase stigma toward victims of HIV/AIDS**

By **Joce DeWitt**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last night fashion offered itself as a bridge between the world's deadliest pandemic and students who feel there's little they can do to counter it.



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Above, a red dress by Jessica Rodriguez for the 'everyday girl with a flashy personality.'

The Third Annual Red Dress Fashion Show drew in the campus masses with an evening of scarlet glitz that not only impressed the fashion-forward students of Oregon State University, but also advocates for a world free of HIV.

As an audience large enough to fill the seating provided in the Memorial Union Ballroom settled in, representatives of various student health and advocacy groups kicked off the event with PowerPoint slides providing statistics about the disease.

Every 9.5 minutes, someone in the United States is infected with HIV.

Sita Ping, Vice President of OSU FACEAIDS, and Bridget Phillips of Peer Health Advocates, gave opening remarks about actions their respective organizations are taking to combat AIDS.

"The fight has made a lot of progress," Ping said. "But AIDS is not a disease that can be eradicated with a cure."

Phillips, who described the subject of AIDS as taboo in society, reminded the audience of the evening's theme of red: a universally recognized color that represents the fight against HIV and solidarity for its victims. "I encourage you all to remember why we're here," Phillips said.

"I want to commend the student body for paying attention to this disease," said Keynote speaker Chris Gray from the Benton County Health Department, who took the stage to express the longevity of the issue in not only in urban areas and developing countries, but also in rural towns like Corvallis. He presented an anecdote about an OSU student named Matt, who had contracted the HIV virus as a baby and died only four years ago.

Gray described Matt's life as one "full of rejection," a result of the stigma that follows victims of the disease. "We can stop it by loving those who are different than us; we can stop it by being advocates for condoms," Gray said.

The runway glamour followed, shifting the stoic mood completely as the audience cheered audibly over the bass of the soundtrack. Twenty-seven handcrafted creations epitomized the hope for the future in the battle against the sickness.

Amanda Grisham, a student in apparel design and red dress designer, said fashion is a way to make an uncomfortable subject comfortable. "It's a great time for awareness," Grisham said.

How fitting, then, that a dress made of 536 red condoms designed by student Jana Boyle concluded the show.

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Designer Thea Matos; left, model Sam Pflug

"I started the dress over winter break, draped it and made the pattern pieces, then fit it to Sam."

—Thea Matos

New class 'occupies' students intellectually

■ **Philosophy 499/599, offered for the first time this term, will center on the Occupy Movement**

By **Katja Kozber**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As a testament to OSU's ability to adapt to current events, winter term is offering a course discussing the Occupy Wall Street Movement.

Many people may still be unclear as to what the Occupy Movement stands for, and in some ways its cause can be called ambiguous due to the personalized values and beliefs of each of its members. There is a unifying issue addressed by the movement, though: economic inequality.

Occupy has grown from "the idea that we are the 99 percent," said Tony Vogt, one of the professors for PHL 499/599, "(and that) the system is rigged to favor the minority."

The movement has been trying to rectify these issues for years. Recently they have taken to protesting as a way to draw attention to what they think is causing the injustice.

The main goal of PHL 499/599 is to spread an understanding of the Occupy Movement. Between the media's portrayal of protesters and the apparent mystery surrounding the movement itself, it can be difficult to have a strong grasp on the movement and what it's about. This class hopes to deepen its students' understanding of the movement, as well as encourage discussion of its ideas throughout campus.

The course will be discussing the philosophy, history and ideology behind the movement, focusing on "investigating the social

movement and trying to understand it," said José-Antonio Orosco, Vogt's co-professor for the course.

Only a few classes about the Occupy Movement are available throughout the United States, and this particular class is unique in that it is meant to be a civil conversation of, in Vogt's words, "the ideas that animate the movement."

Students have joined the course for various reasons. While some in the course say they joined due to a negative view of Occupy because of the media, others are already intertwined with the local group.

Daniel Houser, a student in the course, expressed interest in what direction the Occupy Movement will travel in politically and what action will be taken as a result of it.

"It's very cool to have a class that looks at the history and the ideologies behind this movement," said Tom McElhinny, a student in the class, and a member of Occupy Oregon State University.

The professors and students alike are hopeful that the course will encourage understanding and awareness. Regardless of whether any students decide to join the movement, many agree that the most important thing is that discussion happens — that people are aware of their country's economy, especially college students who will soon be, or are already, a part of it.

PHL 499/599 will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for any students who are interested in joining.

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Hungry like a wolf, lawsuit decides

■ **Legal disagreement arises regarding what to do with Oregon wolves**

By **Amanda Antell**
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For various reasons, wolves became an extinct species in Oregon in the 1930s. For some people, it was to protect their cattle, for others it was to protect themselves and their families. Others simply wanted the wolf bounty.

The last wolf was reportedly shot in Wallowa County in 1947.

When wolves were discovered in Oregon in 1999, the state reacted in both excitement and panic. At first, it was assumed the wolf had simply wandered in from Idaho, and was quickly relocated. Then two more appeared—one was poached and the second hit by a car.

Now there are five official packs — one with a breeding pair and several other individuals—that have wandered into the state. The official headcount has now reached 29.

Biologists are enthusiastic about the impact the wolves

will have on the ecosystem; conservationists are pleased by the idea of recovering the species, but livestock owners fear for their animals.

Conflict regarding wolf species among Oregon residents has hit.

Currently, there are two wolves from the Imnaha pack that are under trial for killing livestock on multiple occasions on a specific cattle rancher's property.

Wolves are considered legally safe in any state, though landowners who own a "caught in the act permit" are permitted to kill them. However, statistically, such is an unusual occurrence.

There have been more than 15 confirmed livestock kills by the two Imnaha wolves. In the 15th case on Sept. 22, 2011, Oregon Department of Fisheries and Wildlife initiated lethal removal of the alpha male and a sub-adult on Sept. 24 because the alpha male's GPS collar had placed him on the scene of several of the kills.

As soon as the order became public knowledge, Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity and Oregon Wild sued ODFW,

hindering the kill-order. Oregon Wild and Cascadia said, "They did not have the authority to take an endangered species under the OR ESA (Oregon Endangered Species Association)."

The Court of Appeals granted the stay, halting the kill-order, on Oct. 5 to Oregon Wild and Cascadia, putting the wolves' lives in the result of a prolonged legal battle. It is unknown how long it will last, but a court date was set for next month. Five cows/calves have been killed since then.

"ODFW's problem is that they're so used to resorting to the kill-order to solve their problems with predators. That may have been the case a hundred years ago, but that shouldn't be the case now," said Shawn Stevens, Oregon Wild's communication director.

Due to the lawsuit, ODFW cannot lethally remove the animals until the case is resolved. However, they will continue to provide technical support in the way of providing landowners updates on where the wolves are and

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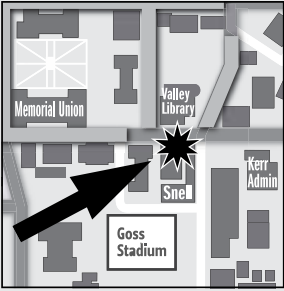
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International News From CNN

MIDDLE EAST

Arab League extends mission to Syria

Syria has extended the Arab League monitors' mission for a month, Foreign Ministry spokesman Jihad Makdessi told CNN Tuesday.

This comes after the league voted Sunday to extend the mission. Syrian media quoted the Foreign Ministry as saying the mission will last until Feb. 22. Foreign Minister Walid Moallem sent a letter to Arab League Secretary-General Nabil el-Araby notifying him of Syria's agreement to the extension.

But the mission took a hit when it lost more than a third of its manpower Tuesday.

The six nations from the Gulf Cooperation Council withdrew their observers because of continuing bloodshed in Syria and the government's "lack of commitment" to adhere fully to the plan it agreed to with the Arab League.

The bloc includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. Saudi Arabia decided to pull out its monitors Sunday and the other countries followed Tuesday.

Ahmed Marai, an Arab League official in Cairo, told CNN that 55 monitors from Gulf Cooperation Council countries have been withdrawn from the mission. The council called on other Arab countries to pressure Syria to implement Arab League decisions.

It is also calling for the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China — and other council members to ratchet up pressure on the regime. It wants the Security Council to support the Arab League's Syrian initiative.

AFRICA

Mozambique struggles with floods

Double-punched by two Indian Ocean storms, the southern African nation of Mozambique on Tuesday struggled with the destruction of a portion of its main national highway, cut-off communications and a reported death toll of 18, according to the nation's National Institute for Natural Disasters.

Tropical Cyclone Funso is lashing the central portion of the country, causing flooding along the Incomati River. Officials fear fuel and food shortages will start hit northern cities in Mozambique that usually get supplies via roadway from the capital, Maputo.

Funso currently has winds of 213 kph (about 132 mph), which would make it equal to a Category 4 major hurricane if located in the Atlantic, said CNN Senior Meteorologist Brandon Miller. The center of circulation is in the Mozambique Channel, between central Mozambique and the island of Madagascar.

It is forecast to strengthen as it meanders south through the Mozambique Channel over the next several days, Miller said. The storm is spreading rainfall over much of Mozambique and Madagascar, and this will continue for several days as the storm is moving very slowly, Miller said.

Last week, southern Mozambique was hit by heavy rains from tropical depression Dando.

Cecilio Grachane, the chief of the National Roads Administration, expects provisional repairs will be done on the nation's critical north-south highway.

EUROPE

Salvage effort continues for ship

Undersea salvage experts will not start siphoning fuel off the partially sunken cruise liner Costa Concordia before Saturday, according to the man in charge of the operation, Franco Gabrielli.

Teams of divers have begun to set up the operation, Gabrielli said Tuesday in remarks televised from the island of Giglio, where the ship hit rocks Jan. 13.

He has asked the company that owns the ship to come up with a plan to clean up pollution from the vessel, such as garbage, by Wednesday, he said.

A total of 15 bodies have been recovered after the accident, leaving about 17 people still missing from among the roughly 4,200 aboard the cruise liner at the time of the wreck — about 3,200 passengers and 1,000 crew members. The vast majority fled the ship safely.

The bodies of two women were found Monday on Bridge 4, near the ship's Internet cafe, said Gabrielli, the head of Italy's civil protection agency. He was put in charge of the Costa Concordia operation last week.

An Italian admiral had said Monday that salvage workers were to begin pumping fuel out of the liner that day. Adm. Ilarione Dell'Anna said it would take 28 working days to remove all the fuel from the ship.

The search for survivors and victims will continue alongside the salvage, said Gabrielli.

The man in charge of the rescue operation said the divers faced a grim task.

MIDDLE EAST

Emergency law partially suspended

The head of Egypt's ruling military council said Tuesday he will partially suspend an unpopular and wide-ranging emergency law that became a focal point for demonstrations forcing the ouster of former President Hosni Mubarak a year ago.

But an opposition leader called the move by Supreme Council of the Armed Forces Marshall Hussein Tantawi little more than "a farce" designed to appease protesters ahead of the one-year anniversary Wednesday.

"That is what they did when they said they will suspend military tribunals except in the case of thugs, and they ended up arresting political activists," said Rami Shath, a member of the Egyptian Revolutionary Alliance.

The emergency law allows authorities broad leeway to arrest citizens and hold them indefinitely without charges, according to Human Rights Watch. It was first enacted in 1958. Although it was suspended during the rule of slain President Anwar Al Sadat, it has been in place since Mubarak took power in 1981, according to the group.

Abolishing the emergency law was on top of the lists of demands announced by pro-democracy protesters during the 2011 uprising.

But the suspension announced Tuesday does not include crimes committed by "thugs" who commit acts of violence against citizens or use weapons to destroy public and government property, according to Maj. Alaa Iraqi, an armed forces spokesman.

Marine accused in Haditha, Iraq killing pleads guilty in plea bargain, Iraqi government condemns deal

A U.S. military judge sentenced a Marine squad leader charged with alleged war crimes in Iraq to a maximum of 90 days in prison and a reduction in pay and rank.

But because of a plea deal with prosecutors, Staff Sgt. Frank G. Wuterich won't serve any time in the brig. The military judge was obligated to abide by the plea arrangement between prosecutors and the defense.

In the end, Wuterich's sentence amounts to a reduction in rank — to private — and a pay cut.

A final adjudication will be made by Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser, commander of Marine Corps Forces Central Command, but he cannot increase Tuesday's sentence, a Marine spokesman said. The commander can reduce it, though, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi officials condemned the plea deal for Wuterich, who was facing several manslaughter and other charges. Also, a military law expert said the U.S. military needs to justify the ruling.

The trial of Wuterich, who pleaded guilty to one count of negligent dereliction of duty, ends a six-year investigation into one of the Iraq war's worst attacks on civilians by U.S. troops. Twenty-four Iraqis died.

In the sentencing, the military judge, Lt. Col. David Jones, cited how Wuterich ordered his troops to "shoot first, ask questions later."

Wuterich, a divorced father of three young daughters, was the last of eight Marines charged. Charges were dropped against six of the other Marines charged in the case, and one was acquitted.

One U.S. congressman compared the Haditha killings to the 1968 Vietnam massacre at My Lai.

Wuterich, 31, of Meriden, Connecticut, originally faced 152 years in prison on nine counts of involuntary manslaughter, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and three counts of dereliction of duty in the Nov. 19, 2005, killings — charges he has vehemently denied.

In exchange for his guilty plea, the most serious charges of manslaughter and assault charges were dropped.

Facing the judge in a Marine base courtroom Tuesday, Wuterich, dressed in uniform, expressed no emotion.

In the sentencing hearing, prosecutors asked for the maximum sentence.

"Today, Staff Sgt. Wuterich stands vindicated by the very same system that has held him captive for over six years," said Wuterich attorney Neal Puckett in a statement.

"We believe justice prevailed for Staff Sgt. Wuterich, and in turn, he wishes it was within his power to impart that same measure of justice to the families of the victims of Haditha," Puckett said in the statement.

Earlier in the day, Wuterich told the judge that he was not a "monster" or "cold-blooded baby killer."

"For six years, I have had to accept that my name will always be associated with a massacre, being a cold-blooded baby killer, an 'out of control' monster, and a conspiring liar," Wuterich told the court. "There's nothing I can do about whoever believes these things."

"I never fired my weapon at any women or children that day" in 2005, Wuterich said. "When I told my team to shoot first and ask questions later, the intent wasn't that they would shoot civilians, it was that they would not hesitate in the face of the enemy," he said.

Wuterich's case signals the end of a handful of alleged war crimes cases that came to light during the height of the war in Iraq.

Wuterich pleaded guilty Monday to one count of negligent dereliction of duty, a charge that could have brought a brig confinement of up to three months, two-thirds forfeiture of pay for three months and reduction in rank to private, authorities said.

"Words cannot express my sorrow for the loss of your loved ones," Wuterich said to the families in his statement.

Wuterich said he was "absolutely devastated" when his commanders were relieved of duty "because of my words or actions."

He said he's been unable to advance his military career or pursue "a secure life for my family outside of the military."

"Many of the Marines who were there that day, along with everyone who has stood by me and supported me, may be disappointed that I pled guilty. It might suggest that I believe we behaved badly or dishonorably. The truth is, I don't believe anyone in my squad, nor any member of 5th Kilo Co, 3/11 behaved in any way that was dishonorable or contrary to the highest ideals that we all live by as Marines," Wuterich said.

"Regardless of the outcome, I am here to take responsibility for my actions, and to accept the consequences," Wuterich said.

Wuterich's plea came nearly two weeks into his court-martial at Camp Pendleton near San Diego.

The killings enraged Iraqis, put a spotlight on the conduct of the U.S. military and saw a congressman compare it to Vietnam's My Lai massacre.

—CNN

Calendar

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.

Educational Activities Committee, Noon-2pm, MU 110. Budget meeting.

Events

Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, 4-5:30pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. What is Causa? Causa is an organization that helps promote latin@ issues, hispanic civil rights and human rights. Our guest speaker is Victor Mondragon.

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!

Educational Activities Committee, Noon-2pm and 4-6pm, MU 110. Budget meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Meetings

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

Educational Activities Committee, 4-7pm, JPLC Talisman Room, MU. Budget review.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

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 yourself — Bring your favorite inspirational reading, prayer or devotion to share in an interfaith surrounding.

Educational Activities Committee, Noon-2pm, MU 110. Budget meeting.

Monday, Feb. 6

Meetings

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Meetings

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

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. Interfaith meditation or devotions — bring your favorite inspirational reading to share.

Sunday, Feb. 12

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, Feb. 13

Meetings

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

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Meetings

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

Psychology's student-to-professor ratio now over 40:1

■ Psychology majors consider alternative options due to unavailability of classes

By Evan Anderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At a university where the official student to faculty ratio is 25:1, the more than 40:1 ratio of the Oregon State University psychology department is leaving many students out of class and worried for their future.

"You can wind up not taking any psychology classes in a term," said Jon Loetscher, a declared psychology major.

Junior Stephanie Moyle said, "I don't even feel like a psychology major, because it's been so long since

a psychology class... I'm concerned that I'm going to have to stay here for five or more years if this continues."

The number of psychology majors passed 700 in the fall, leaving the 10 departmental professors struggling to meet demand.

"It's been going on for years," said John Edwards, associate professor and chair of the psychology department.

Edwards pointed to recent student growth and the major's popularity within the university as the prime causes. "Enrollment increases hit us harder than the smaller majors. When I started here in 1995 we had about 300 majors. It's been accelerating."

The department is not only affected by the new psychology students,

but by the entirety of the rising student body at OSU as well. "There are over 30 different degree programs that require one or more of our classes. That's not including Bacc Core," Edwards said. "We have some of the most popular Bacc Core classes."

The major's structure is also a minor cause. "You have to take them all in order, and if the first one isn't there then you have to take an elective. If you can't get into the first one, it can be kind of a waste of a term," Loetscher said regarding the core of the major, many courses of which are also offered as Bacc Core classes.

"At the 200 level we get a lot of pressure from the other students," said Edwards.

This has left a large number of

senior psychology students scrambling to fill their degree requirements, which in turn blocks up the classes for the younger students. When asked how she felt about her academic future, Moyle said, "I've considered switching schools very seriously. I'm still considering it. If I can't get into a psychology class next term, I will have to switch."

Even though Edwards admits that he's "probably in the red budget-wise on instruction," he encouraged psychology students to stay with the program. The school has been expanding to meet demand. "A few years ago we were down to six tenure track professors... It's just slower than the students would like, we have to do everything on a year schedule,

which isn't ideal for someone registering for winter term."

For now, he advises students in need of psychology credits to stick it out, saying "We've got a full set of summer classes, (and) I'm not a big advocate of on-campus students doing e-campus, but it's a good pressure release."

There is hope, however, for increased on-campus classes. "The dean's been very supportive," Edwards said. "We'll have two new tenure track professors next year."

He maintains confidence that new professors will lighten the load. "I see the light now, but a few years ago I wasn't so sure."

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Senate discusses student bill JB.7102

■ New senators sworn in, along with discussions surrounding senator office hours outside of Snell

By Evan Anderson
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Last night a session of the Associated Students of Oregon State University senate was held, during which four new senators were sworn in. Lubna Khan is a freshman studying biochemistry, biophysics and math; Amin Alipour is a graduate student studying computer

science; Dylan Hinrichs is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry; and John Varin is a freshman studying chemical engineering.

The senate also discussed JB.7102, a new bill that would require senators and representatives to attend three student-sponsored events each term. The bill went through a first reading, and will be soon open to the possibility of amendment.

An amendment was made to SB.7103 allowing ASOSU members to hold their office hours, which will become man-

datory if the bill passes, at on-campus locations other than the ASOSU office in Snell Hall.

JB.7101, a bill that would eliminate suspensions of ASOSU members during impeachment trials, was also discussed. Several senators expressed concern that the bill did not allow for circumstances of extreme conduct violation, but it was decided that in such cases the university administration would step in directly.

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Fire alarm clears Dixon

By Joce DeWitt
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Dixon Rec Center was shut down yesterday evening when a fire alarm sounded and the sprinkler system went off, evacuating everyone from inside the building.

"It was not a false alarm, a sprinkler head was activated," said Eric Baxter of the Corvallis Police Department. "No actual fire, but it got activated for some reason."

According to Corey Osenga of the Corvallis Fire Department, the sprinkler system went off accidentally. "It looked like it was a heater that was aimed at a sprinkler head. It was just that one that went off."

Students utilizing Dixon's facilities were forced to exit and then promptly let back in soon after to get their belongings from the locker rooms.

"We were lifting weights when the fire alarm went off," said student Mitch Lock. "Everyone just stood around for a little bit."

Corvallis Police confirmed that everyone was safe. The gym was open at around 6:30 p.m.

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WOLVES

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information about nonlethal forms of control.

Oregon State University's professor Daniel Edge is currently the head of ODFW, and was one of the employees who drafted the wolf recovery plan. Though he couldn't give his opinion on the case due to its sensitive nature, Edge gave his opinion professionally.

"Winners and losers are a matter of perspective and I will not speculate on that except to say that the Oregon Wolf plan, like every other wolf plan ever written, was predicated on two objectives: 1) conservation of wolves, and 2) building tolerance among affected landowners," Edge said.

According to Edge, the suit is leading the plan in a backwards direction based on the second objective.

"The people who own the land where these animals and most of the state's other wildlife live absolutely don't want them—and perhaps

other wildlife—on their land anymore. They may become uncooperative with state, federal, tribal biologists/agencies and surely won't let a non-government organization on their property."

But why is relocation not an option? Turns out, it was one of the few things Oregon Wild and ODFW have agreed upon: It won't work.

"These wolves are close enough to the wilderness in the problem-area that it wouldn't make a difference to relocate them," said Stevens.

While ODFW had a different response, they agree that it is not a viable option.

"Once a predator of any kind kills livestock, they'll develop a taste for it, even

preference for it. So it doesn't matter where you move them, they'll still kill. It's (been) proven multiple times in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming," Edge said.

In the way of alternative solutions, there seems little to be offered.

"Considering that not even a third of the livestock population is being impacted, killing the wolves is not only a gross overreaction, but a quick go-to action that requires no thinking," Stevens said.

Historically, Oregon had solved its wildlife problems with either a gun or relocation. Stevens said it's not surprising that ODFW is at a loss of what to do about the present conflict.

"First of all, no one's actually seen the wolves kill any

Considering that not even a third of the livestock population is being impacted, killing the wolves is not only a gross overreaction, but a quick go-to action that requires no thinking

Shawn Stevens
Oregon Wild

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Today is the last day for the Diversity Development event at the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center on 27th and Jackson St.

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. the center will be offering snacks, drinks and various activities for free to anyone interested in participating. The event features learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in different cultures. There will also be opportunities to discover personal Chinese Zodiac signs and what they mean.

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Editorial

Tax returns and wealth

Yesterday, Mitt Romney released his tax returns: he made \$42.7 million over the past two years. His effective tax rate was about 14 percent.

While the tax rate is in fact larger than the majority of our nation — nearly 80 percent of Americans have an effective tax rate lower than 15 percent, according to the Tax Policy Center — between offshore accounts, making most of his money through investments, and getting tax deductions through donations to his church, Romney is still a very wealthy man. But why should anyone be shocked?

His opponent, Newt Gingrich, made \$3.1 million in 2010 and Barack Obama made \$1.8 million. Considerably less, but we're merely picking through income, not private investments — there isn't much difference here. Public employees have a lot of benefits, and most of them get paid plenty a fair share. This type of wealth has run our country for decades. Romney's campaign isn't presenting anything new.

The release stirs up the debate over wealth inequality once again — something that clearly has the attention of our country as of late. But no protest will write policy onto paper, and our "leaders" certainly aren't worried about their investments, those will always be kept safe.

What they should be worried about are our wallets — where we choose to spend our money, and what we choose to support, whether that is directly or indirectly. And it's always been our responsibility in keeping an eye on those investments.

Since when did America get off on criticizing 'getting rich' — doesn't everyone want that? Sure, everyone isn't set on the same playing field, and our system doesn't work in the same manners for every person, but should we blame another for finding a way to make it to the top? Especially when the climb involves a product or service demanded by the public.

Consider Apple: Capping a \$127.8 billion year, Apple sold 37 million iPhones and 15.4 million iPads this past quarter. According to CNN, the \$46.3 billion quarter is a record for the tech industry. Next year, many expect Apple to surpass the nation's largest tech company, Hewlett-Packard, and the world's, Samsung.

But it's not only technology making all the money: the previous record-holder for a quarter was ExxonMobil in 2008. Big Oil's always gotten scrutiny, but we have yet to hear about Big Tech. What's the difference?

We all know these companies have their favorite Washington allies, yet we continue to think the \$35 fill-up at the gas station, the new iPod or HD television doesn't necessarily mean much in the grand scheme of things. But you have a million other Americans thinking like that, and you get Big Business.

Then, you get Washington. Or the people we choose to run it.

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For students, Quiet House provides peace and tolerance

The college atmosphere, with its many demands, can be overwhelming in many ways.

Our teachers hold us to high expectations to do our homework consistently, study hard and perform well on assigned exams, tests and papers. Our friends and extracurricular activities also request a large amount of our time, making day-to-day life an intricate balancing act. Socializing, although it seems like a valiant way to escape these pressures, can hold overpowering tendencies that make many uncomfortable. Underage drinking, usually done in a 'bingeing' form, and use of illegal drugs are examples of norms that engulf the atmosphere of most parties on any college campus.

Although this may be fit for some, there are many students who abstain from these activities and would rather enjoy wholesome activities of other varieties. Thankfully, there is a living option for students who desire to evade these norms, pressures and expectations.



Located on Forest Drive in Corvallis, at the top of Witham Hill, this custom built home offers a view of the city of Corvallis with a backdrop of beautiful mountain ranges. "The Quiet House," as it's referenced, hopes to provide an alcohol and drug-free environment that instills a sense of peace and respect for others. The house is non-secular, non-political, and non-discriminating with emphasis on providing a positive living situation that will provide a positive example for students living there.

"We are not here to judge what others do, but instead, provide a haven for not being judged for what some don't do," says owner and chief operator Bill Blok. "Quiet House pledge and rules with the cornerstone being 'do unto others as you would have them do

unto you.'"

This 4,000 square foot, craftsman style home has a complete wood interior and is equipped with a wonderful view to the east, a spacious backyard, and a hot tub that's great for resting those weary bones after a long day in the classroom. The house also hosts a waterfall, which provides a peaceful sanctuary for the residents as well as a watering hole for local wildlife.

The home has five total bedrooms — all are very spacious and inviting. To compliment, there are four bathrooms and three fireplaces in the house as well. Tenants only share a common kitchen and laundry facilities. The house's convenient location makes biking to campus a breeze, and allows for great access to public transportation opportunities.

The house mandates that you sign a pledge upon gaining residency. You are also required to follow the house rules that, after reading, are all based on respect and common courtesy for others.

The Quiet House is a great instructor on proper manners when living in a social environment with many other people. Blok, the title holder of the home, likes to call the way of life in the Quite House a "lifestyle choice."

"We accept all walks of life," Blok states. "But to live here, all must subscribe to the Quiet House pledge and rules with the cornerstone being 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

The pressures of college social life aren't for everybody, some just want to relax and enjoy an inaudible place to reside; thankfully, the Quiet House currently has rooms that need renters. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to inquire about the house, peep the website, browse the information, and take a gander through the rules and house pledge.

Quiet House website: <http://www.futonman.com/1415.htm>

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Straddling the line between virtual and real world

My son wakes up when his iPhone alarm goes off. Before getting out of bed, he checks his Facebook site, scrolls through his Google email and answers a myriad of texts and tweets. He has one foot on solid ground, while the other straddles a virtual world. He is sixteen years old, and an alien species to my generation.

Now don't get me wrong, don't judge me as an ancient creature of Stone Age technology, I do own a Smartphone and my latest toy is my iPad. I drool over the upcoming AR Drone 2, and my whole house is Wi-Fi capable. Yet, still, some things escape my comprehension, like why have we evolved into this hybrid culture of realism and virtualism? In other words, we have learned to walk in two worlds, the real and the virtual, which sounds like a pretty cool thing to do, but is it?

These virtual worlds are everywhere, we use them every day. Smartphones, gaming devices, 3D televisions, the Internet, Facebook — our society has created a culture that revolves around this hybridism of real and virtual. It's interesting to note that the root of culture is "cult." Have we become a "cult?"

Facebook has become the fastest



growing social network in the world. But how social is Facebook making us? Many young people admit to having more issues making friends in person than online. This seems to be a growing concern.

According to a Harris poll, 58 percent of people surveyed said social networking has given them more virtual contact with friends and acquaintances, but less physical interaction with "real people." Studies have also shown that 34 percent of people admit to feeling more lonely and isolated than ever before.

Smartphone technology has allowed us to become more multi-task-oriented and has given us the freedom of becoming a generation on-the-go. With virtual keyboards, we have become a society of "texters and tweeters." Many of us have become inept at real-time social interaction.

Don't believe me? How many people are incapable of eating a whole meal without checking their phone or

texting? How many people are unable to have a thirty minute conversation face-to-face without checking or using their phone? Maybe it's even you.

Gaming is a popular recreational pastime in the United States. A 2010 report from the Entertainment Software Association showed that Americans spent a whopping \$25 billion on games and consoles, with sales expected to increase in 2011. The latest trends show that MMOGs (massive multiplayer online games) have also become popular. These games allow real-time playing in either virtual worlds or augmented reality, which sounds like a lot of fun and allows social interaction, right? But studies have found that excessive gaming actually has the opposite effect.

Tokyo Nihon University conducted a study on how excessive gaming affects the brain. It was observed that excessive gaming can cause "video game brain," a condition where the key parts of the frontal region of the brain become chronically underused, resulting in mood alterations, with increased aggressive and reclusive behavior. Studies have also questioned what the long term affects of excessive gaming will be on the autonomic nervous system since gaming

affects blood pressure, heart rates and hormonal activity. Only time will tell.

With the virtual world fast replacing reality, we as a society have made the internet our world of choice. Social networking allows us to expose the most inane part of our lives, making us even more narcissistic. Does anyone really care what we had for breakfast or what we are wearing today?

There has been a shift in values, as we are placing more value on how many friends we have on Facebook versus our ability at making and retaining friends in the real world. Our voice has been replaced by our fingers, as we talk less and text more. We have become our own avatars, so to speak, as we are living more and more in a virtual world, detached from our present.

If this sounds like some weird sci-fi movie, then guess what, we are the protagonists. Wake up world, shut down your technology for a while, go make a friend and learn how to reach out and touch someone. There's a real world out there, and its beauty lies in the fact that it is "real."

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First time reality, asymmetrical breasts a common issue

Dear Dr. Sex, I recently lost my virginity with my girlfriend, and before having sex, I was really nervous because I've been told how all guys ejaculate in 10 seconds or less their first time. Well, I didn't ejaculate till about 15 minutes afterwards, resulting in my girlfriend not believing that I am a virgin.

I had sex with her immediately afterwards and wasn't able to ejaculate for another two hours afterwards. I haven't had this problem before with masturbation. Because of the time delay, I've become worried that I suffer from delayed ejaculation. I wanted to know if that's most likely the case and if it is, should I be worried?

Signed, Awkwardly Worried
Dear Awkwardly Worried,

I understand your frustration, but the more you worry about this, the worse it's going to get. You don't have delayed ejaculation in terms of having a physical problem. If you did, you'd have trouble ejaculating while masturbating — and it sounds like that's not the case.

It's much more likely that your



delayed orgasm is a psychological problem. There's a lot of unnecessary hype about the first time one has sex and the reality is — and I've written about this before — the first time one has sex, it usually isn't the best experience. In fact, it usually isn't even a really good experience.

For most people, the first intercourse experience is destined to be awkward because it's your first time. Who is good at anything the first time they do it? I think our standards and expectations are just too high for this one event.

As a result, I'll bet you went into this first intercourse experience with all sorts of expectations, particularly about how long you would, or wouldn't last. Many men reach orgasm quickly the first time they have intercourse because, for the first time, the penis is experienc-

ing perfect and complete stimulation inside the vagina.

But that's just many men; it's certainly not all men. The average, sexually experienced man usually maintains 2-7 minutes of thrusting before reaching orgasm. It's not 10 seconds, but it certainly isn't two hours either.

Assuming that you lied about your virgin status simply because you didn't "ejaculate in 10 seconds or less" doesn't say much for your girlfriend's faith in you. Let's assume she has since apologized for not trusting you. In future interactions, just let things happen and don't expect anything in particular. The more relaxed you are and open to letting things just happen, the more likely you are to reach orgasm whenever you want to reach orgasm.

Dear Dr. Sex,
Why don't my breasts match?

Signed, Single Cup Stuffer
Dear Single Cup Stuffer,

You're definitely not the only one. The reality is very few human bodies are truly symmetrical. Even though we have a lot of pairs of things, rarely are the individual things perfectly matched to each other. Nearly all

women's breasts are different from each other. Many women are at least a half cup different, and even others have one breast that is an entire cup size larger or smaller than the other breast.

If it bothers you enough that you are actually stuffing one bra cup, you should consider looking into a specialty bra store or online site. They custom make bras so that one cup has a lot of extra padding in it helping your smaller breast look more like the larger breast. You then look nearly symmetrical when clothed.

A simpler and cheaper alternative is to purchase a regular bra where the cup size matches your larger breast. Then just add a little padding (sold in bra departments) to the other cup and voila! You are symmetrical.

This doesn't help for when you are naked. In that case, you just have to accept your uniqueness and find a partner who feels the same way about you. If your partner is uncomfortable with your body as it naturally is, I suggest you upgrade to a nicer, less judgmental partner.

Kathleen M. Greaves, Ph.D

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Defiant Obama challenges congress to act on economy

In what could be his final State of the Union address, President Barack Obama on Tuesday called keeping alive the American dream “the defining issue of our time” and pledged to fight obstruction by congressional Republicans.

The speech to a joint sitting of Congress is an annual evening of political pageantry, but the stakes are higher this year with Obama’s re-election on the line in November.

Obama defended a long list of his trademark policies — tax increases on the wealthy, Wall Street reform, health care reform, government stimulus spending — to applause from Democrats while also offering some proposals of interest to Republicans, such as new corporate tax breaks.

“It was a politically shrewd

speech,” said CNN Senior Political Analyst David Gergen, adding the address was likely to satisfy Obama’s Democratic base while winning over some independents.

Amid a festive atmosphere, with Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in attendance the night before she will resign due to her brain injury from last year’s shooting attack in her native Arizona, Obama began and ended the speech that lasted longer than an hour by praising U.S. troops for unity and teamwork that can serve as a model for facing the country’s problems.

With unemployment still above 8 percent amid a sluggish economic recovery, Obama framed the challenges facing the country as a choice between opportunity for some or giving everyone a chance to prosper.

“The defining issue of our time is how to keep that promise alive,” the president said. “No challenge is more urgent. No debate is more important. We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by. Or we can restore an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules.”

He continued by saying, “What’s at stake aren’t Democratic values or Republican values, but American values, and we have to reclaim them.”

“The state of our union is getting stronger, and we’ve come too far to turn back now,” Obama said.

He offered a set of policy proposals for the final year of his first term intended to seek common ground with Republicans on some issues while pushing longstanding Democratic priorities that previously stalled in Congress.

At the same time, the address also was a political opportunity for Obama to present his re-election message as a choice between two different visions for the future of the country and the role of government.

He called for lowering corporate taxes and providing incentives for U.S. manufacturers to bring overseas jobs back to America, while ending tax breaks for businesses that continue to outsource. At the same time, Obama said, every multinational company should pay a basic minimum tax, while giving American manufacturers a tax cut.

“It’s time to stop rewarding

businesses that ship jobs overseas, and start rewarding companies that create jobs right here in America,” Obama said, adding a line that he repeated throughout the speech in a challenge to Congress. “Send me these tax reforms, and I’ll sign them right away.”

He also challenged Congress to act on comprehensive immigration reform, a major election-year issue for the important Hispanic-American vote. Short of a major overhaul, he called for legislation like the DREAM Act that provides children of illegal immigrants who go to college or serve in the military a path to possible citizenship.

In response to Republican criticism of his energy policy, Obama said to applause he was ordering his administration to open up 75 percent of potential offshore oil and gas resources. At the same time, he also said U.S. oil production was at the highest level in eight years, countering GOP claims he was stifling oil development.

On income taxes, Obama repeated his longstanding call for the wealth to pay more in taxes, including a specific proposal for millionaires to have a tax rate of 30 percent. Earlier Tuesday, millionaire Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney revealed his actual tax rate was lower than 15 percent.

Obama’s presidency so far has been mostly defined by the ideological battle between Democrats and Republicans over the role of government in American society.

Bolstered by the conservative tea party movement that helped deliver the House majority in

2010, Republicans have pushed for shrinking government to ease mounting federal deficits and debt.

Obama and Democrats argue that deficit reduction must include both spending cuts and revenue increases in a balanced approach that maintains the essential role of government in American prosperity and opportunity.

The partisan divide has led to repeated congressional show-downs over budget and tax issues, with public dissatisfaction with Congress at historically low levels and the U.S. credit rating downgrade.

In his speech, Obama described the possibilities offered by what he called a “blueprint for an American economy that’s built to last.”

“Think about the America within our reach: A country that leads the world in educating its people,” Obama said. “An America that attracts a new generation of high-tech manufacturing and high-paying jobs. A future where we’re in control of our own energy, and our security and prosperity aren’t so tied to unstable parts of the world. An economy built to last, where hard work pays off, and responsibility is rewarded.”

At the same time, Obama repeated his readiness to work with Republicans to build on economic recovery that has started but still struggles to take off.

“But I intend to fight obstruction with action, and I will oppose any effort to return to the very same policies that brought on this economic crisis in the first place,” Obama said.

He also rejected any efforts to “go back to an economy weakened by outsourcing, bad debt, and phony financial profits,” according to the excerpts.

“Let’s never forget: Millions of Americans who work hard and play by the rules every day deserve a government and a financial system that does the same,” Obama said. “It’s time to apply the same rules from top to bottom: No bailouts, no handouts, and no cop-outs. An America built to last insists on responsibility from everybody.”

Republicans, including candidates to take on Obama in November, already were panning the speech before its delivery, saying they expected few new ideas or sincere efforts by the president to end the partisan gridlock in Washington.

In the official GOP response, conservative Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels said that “it’s not fair and it’s not true for the president to attack Republicans in Congress as obstacles,” according to excerpts released beforehand.

“No feature of the Obama presidency has been sadder than its constant efforts to divide us, to curry favor with some Americans by castigating others,” Daniels said. “As in previous moments of national danger, we Americans are all in the same boat. If we drift, quarreling and paralyzed, over a Niagara of debt, we will all suffer, regardless of income, race, gender or other category. If we fail to shift to a pro-jobs, pro-growth economic policy, there will never be enough public revenue to pay for our safety net, national security or whatever size government we decide to have.”

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Sports Editor's Note: We here at the Barometer are curious how knowledgeable OSU athletes are about OSU athletics, so we decided to find out. Each week, we'll ask two athletes from the five OSU winter sports five questions each. We'll reveal their answers in The Daily Barometer and keep track of how many questions each team has gotten right over the course of the term. The team that produces the most correct answers will be crowned winter term champions. (Women's soccer was our fall term champion.)

Good luck, all.

Participant (sport)	MBB: Who is second on the team in scoring, behind Cunningham? A. Devon Collier B. Ahmad Starks C. Roberto Nelson D. Joe Burton	Gymnastics: What gymnast was one-time named Pac-10 Freshman of the Year? A. Olivia Vivian B. Makayla Stambaugh C. Leslie Mak D. Brittany Harris	WBB: Who is the Beavers' leading scorer this year? A. Ali Gibson B. Alyssa Martin C. Patricia Bright D. Earlysia Marchbanks	Wrestling: Who was the 2011 Pac-10 Champion in the HWT division? A. Clayton Jack B. Taylor Meeks C. Mike Mangrum D. Ty Vinson	Swimming: Which two swimmers swam in the NCAA Championships last year? A. Jenni Dole/Shelby Webber B. Crystal Kibby/Aya Fujimura C. Crystal Kibby/Rachel O'Brien D. Jenni Dole/Rachel O'Brien	Total Correct
Devon Collier (MBB)	B (Starks)	C (Mak)	B (Martin)	B (Meeks)	B (Kibby/Fujimura)	1
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Makayla Stambaugh (Gym)	B (Starks)	B (Stambaugh)	A (Gibson)	A (Jack)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	5
Jenna Dixon (WBB)	B (Starks)	A (Vivian)	A (Gibson)	A (Jack)	B (Kibby/Fujimura)	3
Sage Indendi (WBB)	B (Starks)	C (Mak)	A (Gibson)	B (Meeks)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	3
Mike Mangrum (Wrestling)	C (Nelson)	B (Stambaugh)	C (Bright)	A (Jack)	C (Kibby/O'Brien)	2
Scott Sakaguchi (Wrestling)	A (Collier)	B (Stambaugh)	D (Marchbanks)	A (Jack)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	3
Rachel O'Brien (S)	C (Nelson)	B (Stambaugh)	A (Gibson)	A (Jack)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	4
Margo Clinton (S)	C (Nelson)	B (Stambaugh)	B (Martin)	A (Jack)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	3
Correct Answer	B (Starks)	B (Stambaugh)	A (Gibson)	A (Jack)	D (Dole/O'Brien)	—

STANDINGS (after one week)

1. Gymnastics (8/10)

2. Swimming (7/10)

3. Women's basketball (6/10)

4. Wrestling (5/10)

5. Men's basketball (4/10)

GIBSON

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looks up to notoriously successful and competitive athletes Brett Favre and David Beckham which puts her personal drive to be successful into perspective.

Her teammates didn't want her development within the program to be understated.

"She works her butt off. Her very first practice she was out to prove herself, and she's come really far as a player," sophomore guard Jenna Dixon said.

To learn and play in the Pac-12 is an exceptionally high expectation put on every student athlete. Gibson's all around role within the pro-

gram has her playing several positions, and becoming a leader in the team's mental approach to the game.

"Ali has really been challenged by coach Rueck on and off the court. She knows every single one of our plays, and understands our scouting reports," said junior guard Sage Indendi. "She is there for us, all the time. She is an ideal teammate as a player or a coach."

Gibson is just happy to be here.

"I have really enjoyed it," Gibson said. "I really didn't expect any of this; I am lucky to play. The whole thing has been so fun."

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Gibson's not just blessed with a solid skill set, she also possesses a winning attitude and is a "high character person," according to her coach.

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facelift this summer.

They plan on replacing the roof and upgrading the structure to accommodate members.

Once the renovations are made, they are going to be naming the range the "Anderson and Keeling Memorial Target Range," in honor of Wade Anderson and Ken Keeling, the two men who founded the Pistol Club.

The Pistol Club is a good way to get involved and learn more about the concept of target shooting, and general understanding of how a pistol is used.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about firearms, so I believe everyone should come try it so they can understand what it is like," Jones said.

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Gibson is making an early impact

■ Team’s lone freshman is ‘a perfect example’ of individual Rueck wants in the program

By Jacob Shannon
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Scott Rueck first saw Ali Gibson play, he had no doubt she could play in the Pac-12.

Rueck was looking into the future when he carefully recruited the only team member of this year’s freshmen class.

Gibson already had offers from the University of Portland and the University of Pacific, but wasn’t heavily recruited by any big-time programs. That is, until her invitation to play for Oregon State came along.

Pac-12 opponents, as Rueck says, are “going to, if not already, realize they missed out on an opportunity.”

Gibson is making her presence felt on the court for the Beavers.

It shows in the statistics. As a freshman she leads the team in points (12.6 per game), steals (2.4) and minutes played (31.5).

She ranks 12th in the Pac-12 in scoring and is one of two freshmen in the top 20.

The Woodbridge, Calif., native was ranked No. 47 in the country among guards by ESPN. Her decision to attend Oregon State sort of slipped past the soap-opera style media coverage, as she shared the national signing day spotlight with five of her high school teammates.

Gibson has ties to Corvallis, which helped make her decision to don the orange and black an easier one.

“My aunt lives in Oregon, so I had visited a lot. I also had two cousins attend and speak highly of the university,” Gibson said. “I really liked my recruiting visit. I liked all the coaches and people. It was one of my last visits, and I really clicked with the other girls and staff.”

Her previous success and positive



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Ali Gibson wasn’t heavily recruited out of high school, but the freshman is doing her fair share of damage in the Pac-12. She leads the Beavers in scoring, steals and minutes played.

attitude within the sport are hoped to be a statement for what’s to come.

“She played within an elite high school and AAU program, and has played against and with the best,” Rueck said. “Nothing fazes her, she knows she can compete with anyone, so there is no awe factor that most freshmen would have to deal with, because she has already learned how to deal with this.”

The 5-foot-10 guard is familiar

with what it takes to succeed within a program. Her high school career included three Division III state championships with perennial powerhouse St. Mary’s High School in Stockton, Calif. She also played AAU ball for the Cal Stars, who finished 46-8 and fourth in the West last year.

Her winning ways and general makeup is what intrigued Rueck, who is currently in his second year at the helm of the women’s program.

“She is who we want our program to be. She is a perfect example of who we want our program to be,” Rueck said. “She is a high character person, and people who have that as a characteristic bring a winning mentality and expectation to our program.”

If Rueck is going to successfully turn around a program that was in a disastrous state less than two years ago, bringing in players like Gibson is key.

“When we are building this program it’s important to have people like her,” Rueck said. “She is a perfect person for this situation, and will be a catalyst for what we hope to accomplish in the future.”

Gibson comes from an athletically successful family, with a mother who played basketball and father who was an All-American in football, both at the University of Pacific. She also

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Club sports at OSU: The Pistol Club, open to students and faculty



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A team member partaking in target practice at McAlexander Fieldhouse last week. The club meets Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

■ Nearly 200 members make up a club that’s existed at Oregon State University for more than half a century

By Caitie Karcher
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Since 1948, Oregon State University students have been gathering to partake in the practice of target shooting using pistols, now known to students as the Pistol Club.

When it was first founded by Wade Anderson, it consisted solely of ROTC members, who later went on to win the national title that same year.

Now, though, the club is not exclusively for ROTC. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join, from students to faculty.

“Primarily, people want to come and learn something new that they have never done before,” Pistol Club President Eric Sundholm said. “It’s convenient and cheaper than going out to a shooting range.”

It only costs \$5 to join the club, and \$2.50 for ammunition, which is 50 rounds. You can go practice shooting at any of their practice times. They meet Sunday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at McAlexander Fieldhouse.

Students who have not yet participated are required to meet at 6 p.m. to go through the training process before being allowed to shoot the .22 bull’s-eyes pistols.

The training consists of learning how to properly use the guns, as well as the safety rules enforced at the club. Once the training is completed, members are allowed to practice.

Officers and coaches are always at practice to monitor what is being done.

“I’ve been the coach for four years. I never showed up as an undergraduate, but when I

was hired as faculty I decided to give back and help out,” Head Coach Jordan Jones said.

There is a distinction between club members and competitive members. Anyone who attends practices and has gone through the training is considered a member, whereas competitive members are the ones who compete with other clubs in their league.

They have competitions once a month against the Willamette Valley Pistol League. OSU is the only collegiate team on the West Coast, so the teams it competes against are actually clubs formed throughout the valley.

The last two years, the competitive team has been invited to the National Rifle Association Intercollegiate Pistol Championships. They placed sixth in the nation last year.

The competitive team consists of 14 members, while the general club itself has around 200 members.

For those members who are more interested in just practicing, some things must be kept in mind.

With target shooting being so precise, it takes a lot of dedication and serenity to be able to improve.

“It is one of the most relaxing sports I’ve ever been a part of. You have to be mentally focused to do well,” Sundholm said.

Many compare shooting to martial arts and Zen, because of how “in tune” with you have to be with your body. “Kenjuudo” is the Japanese word that translates into “way of the pistol.”

The mechanics are simple, but it is the focus and restraint required with one’s body that makes it difficult.

Since the club has been around since 1948, the building they practice in will be getting a

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