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Student voice dominates town hall

■ Senate meeting followed by town hall forum last night to discuss student representation bill, restructuring

By Evan Anderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Yesterday evening a special forum was held in the Memorial Union welcoming all interested students to discuss the potential restructuring of the entire student government at Oregon State University. There were 28 people in attendance, three of which were Barometer staff.

The Associated Students of OSU held a senate meeting last night in which three different pieces of legislation were passed.

In a monumental event, HR-03.03, a bill to reinstate the \$75,000 funding for membership in the Oregon Student Association was passed, overriding President Hopoi's veto. It is the first time in this form of the ASOSU that congress has overridden a presidential veto.

In a follow up, JB-71.03 was also passed. The bill will create a memorandum of understanding between ASOSU and the OSA.

JB-71.01 is a bill to eliminate suspensions during impeachment trials of ASOSU members. The bill is based on the fact that the U.S. federal government does not remove authority and pay until the official is convicted. The bill was passed and awaits the signature of ASOSU vice president Sokho Eath.

Eath also spoke at the end of the meeting. He reminded the senators that Oregon's state congress would soon enter session, and proposed the idea of lobbying for more funding for OSU.

The forum was originally created to discuss the specifics of SB-71.01, a bill that was killed in a senatorial committee of the Associated Students of Oregon State University last term.

The bill, based on the idea that ASOSU might not be sufficiently representing the full student body, would have added 12 new voting delegates to the senate from 12 different and highly recognized student organizations such as the Memorial Union and the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The bill did not pass the senate because many of the senators, including Mousa Diabat, thought that in its current form the bill "did not have a democratic process."

"It doesn't have a direct input from the stu-



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A total of twenty-eight people were in attendance at last night's town hall forum at the Memorial Union, including representatives of various student organizations and cultural centers.

dents," Diabat said. "The bill grants voting rights to people who have not been elected."

Indeed, SB-71.01 would have given permanent seats in the senate to the 12 student organizations, which would then be left to appoint their own delegates internally year by year.

Sen. Crystal Boyd said, "The idea that the senate would be doubled is an extreme change to make, especially when as it was, the bill suggested adding a seat for each group regardless of the size (or) composition."

Once the discussion began, however, the senators were surprised to find that the problem went far beyond the wording of SB-71.01. The few non-ASOSU members in attendance spoke of widespread communication failures between the student leaders and the larger student body, and had several high-ranking members agreeing with them.

ASOSU vice president Sokho Eath admitted to

a "lack of connection between parts of campus and student government," and advocated for the principles of "accountability, sustainability, and responsibility."

Agreeing with Eath, Speaker of the House Drew Hatlen said, "When you run for office you're not there to pack a resume. You're there to advocate student issues."

The Dean of Student Life, Mamta Accapadi, was also present, and said that she hopes to see "a student voice that is nimble, representative, and visionary."

ASOSU has been working hard to better itself, Senator Jacob Vandever said, going on to mention the student government's great improvements from last year, when intoxicated attendees would sit in the gallery at senate meetings.

Administrative and Logistics Advocate Christopher Van Drimmelen was also optimistic, saying that the current session of ASOSU is well on its way to passing more bills than any other.

A major problem facing the student government might not be its organization, but rather its legislative authority in relation to the university administration.

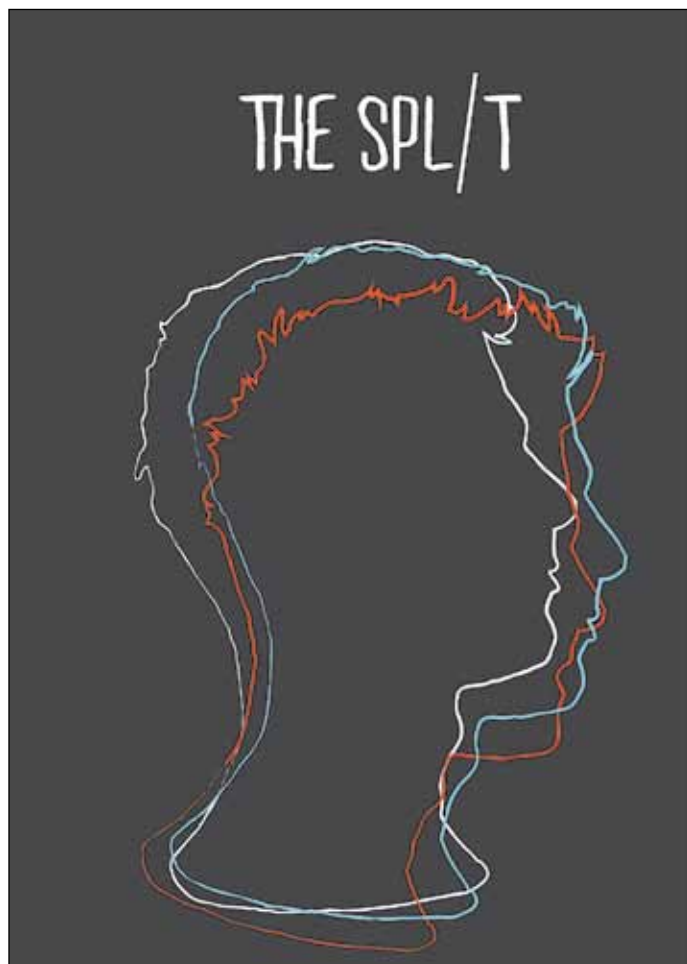
When asked if the student legislature had the power to fix the types of problems that could be brought to them by the interest groups in question, Sen. Boyd said the Senate can make resolutions that suggest student opinion, but that doesn't mean that the administration will put them into action.

Another senator admitted that the student legislature mainly deals with internal matters, affecting only the ASOSU.

Any major decisions were held off on, as the forum's main goal was the gathering of information, but the appearance of radical reformation bills in upcoming terms is far from unlikely.

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OSU alum produces film on personality problem



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■ 'The Split' is set to begin filming next month, will cost former OSU student more than \$25,000

By Gwen Shaw
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Imagine trying to get a team together to rob a small bank and all the impeding disagreements and arguments about the best way to do it.

Now imagine if all those personalities were put together into one man's mind.

Oregon State University alum Blake Heiss imagined just that when he came up with the idea for his thesis project at Chapman University in Los Angeles, Calif.

Finishing up his last semester in the Masters of Fine Arts Film program at Chapman, Heiss will be making an action-comedy short called "The Split," which starts filming next month.

"Sam Hapley is a regular guy, or at least he would be if not for a split personality problem," Heiss said, describing what the film will be about. "After getting in some hot financial water with the wrong people, Sam figures he's got no choice but to attempt a small-time bank robbery with the help of his other personalities, only to find they make the worst partners in crime imaginable."

Heiss has done two other films in the past couple of years: "Ghost Patrol" and "Pawn." When he's finished with "The Split," Heiss hopes to screen all of his films at OSU.

A film like this will cost between \$25,000-\$50,000. The money raised goes toward

renting equipment, renting locations and paying the cast and crew. Most fundraising is done on a website called Indiegogo, where friends, family and the community can donate whatever amount they want.

"Even small donations like \$5 or \$10 go a long way," Heiss said.

The cinematographer on the project is a friend of Heiss's from Chapman, Kai Saul, who coincidentally grew up in Philomath and graduated from Philomath High School in 2005. A large majority of the cast and crew are also from Oregon and have worked with Heiss before on his previous projects.

Heiss attended OSU before there was a New Media Communications program. He studied photography and art history and graduated in the class of 2008.

Heiss's brother Dane Heiss is a sophomore at OSU in new media communications. Dane Heiss plans to go into either directing or cinematography after he graduates.

"They don't really have a film program here, so you have to piece together your own curriculum," said Dane Heiss.

Even though there is no film program at OSU, Heiss said he would encourage anyone interested in it to start going out and making movies on their own.

"The best way to learn is going out and doing it because there's a lot of mistakes involved," Heiss advised. "Especially the first few times you do it, but those are the type of mistakes you don't make twice."

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Professor's research samples fish populations after flood

■ Professor Giannico finds native fish in Willamette during intermittent watercourses

By McKinley Smith
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Recent flooding in Corvallis and much of Western Oregon has brought attention to the research of Guillermo Giannico, an associate professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University.

Giannico's research included sampling fish populations in intermittent watercourses during winter and spring.

"Our data shows out of 14 (fish) found in our channels, 11 were native," Giannico said.

According to Giannico, the ratio of native to non-native fish is about one-to-one in the Willamette River. Non-native fish include small — and largemouth bass as well as

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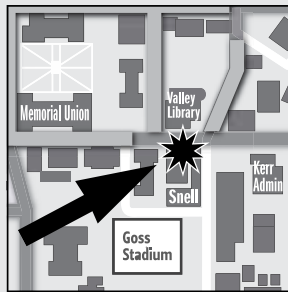
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U.N. Security Council debates approach to Syria

Russia and China spoke out Tuesday against a U.N. Security Council draft resolution that calls for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to step down. More effective, they said, would be the fostering of dialogue within the country.

"The council cannot impose the parameters for an internal political settlement," said Vitaly Churkin, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations. "We are convinced that at a time of intense internal political crisis, the role of the international community should not be one of exacerbating conflict, nor meddling by use of economic sanctions or military force."

The Security Council is considering a draft resolution proposed by Morocco that calls for al-Assad to transfer power to his vice president. Both China and Russia appear poised to veto it.

The resolution supports "full implementation" of an Arab League report that called on Syria to form a unity government within two months, but stopped short of supporting military intervention or economic sanctions.

Russia — one of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council, as is China — has said it is concerned about a Syrian civil war and does not want al-Assad pushed out of power. It has proposed its own draft resolution that assigns equal blame for the violence on both al-Assad and the

opposition.

No vote was expected Tuesday evening.

Arab leaders earlier told the council that Syria has failed to make reforms.

Qatar's prime minister said "the hope of the Syrian people is in your hands."

Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani cited the history of negotiations between the Arab League and the Syrian government. "The crisis started with absolutely peaceful demonstrations."

The prime minister reiterated calls for the violence to end. "The government killing machine continues effectively unabated."

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil el-Araby called for free elections and a multi-party system. "Do not let the Syrian people down in its plight."

But Syria's envoy to the United Nations said the nation is the victim of a systematic campaign to distort facts. The Arab League, he said, is interfering with Syrian affairs and has ignored reports from observers inside the country.

"Syria is going through decisive challenges in its history," said Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari. "We want this stage to be through the will of our people, not through the will of anyone else."

"That organization (the Arab League) is not speaking on behalf of all Arabs right now. Without Syria, there is no Arab League," he said.

The Security Council has

been unable to agree on any resolution on Syria.

In October, Russia and China issued a rare double-veto of a resolution that lacked sanctions but would have condemned the violence in Syria. This latest draft also lacks sanctions, but is tougher than the October version, which said nothing about transfer of power.

The Syrian regime is a major weapons client for Russia. Analysts with Max-Security Solutions, a security consulting firm based in Israel, said Monday in the New York Times that recent Russian arms sales to Syria are worth \$4 billion, and that Russian business investments in Syria amount to nearly \$20 billion.

A Congressional Research Service report in 2008 said the two countries had "concluded several significant arms deals."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the Security Council that "evidence is clear that Assad's forces are initiating nearly all the attacks that kill civilians, but as more citizens take up arms to resist the regime's brutality, violence is increasingly likely to spiral out of control."

She said it is crucial that the international community not embolden "the dictator."

"I know that some members here may be concerned that the Security Council may be headed toward another Libya. That is a false analogy," Clinton told the council. "Syria is a unique situation that requires

its own approach, tailored to the specific circumstances on the ground. And that is exactly what the Arab League has proposed — a path for a political transition that would preserve Syria's unity and institutions."

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said the draft resolution demands the Syrian government end the violence, pull back its heavy weaponry from residential areas, allow monitors to operate freely, release political prisoners and allow the news media to operate.

"It is primarily a straightforward condemnation of what has transpired, a call upon the government of Syria to adhere to the commitments it made," U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice told reporters about the draft. She noted that it contains no sanctions and does not threaten the use of force.

Meanwhile, a humanitarian crisis is unfolding in several areas of Syria, according to opposition activists.

At least 7,100 people — including 461 children — have died since the start of the anti-government uprising in March, the Local Coordination Committees in Syria (LCC), an opposition group that organizes and documents demonstrations, said Tuesday.

The United Nations estimated last month that more than 5,000 people have died since March, though it has also said it has been unable to update that figure because of the situation on the ground.

— CNN

9 killed in air strikes in area linked to al-Qaida

Three suspected air strikes hit militant targets in southern Yemen Monday night and Tuesday morning, killing at least nine people believed to be linked to al-Qaida, Yemeni security officials said.

A senior U.S. official confirmed to CNN Tuesday that a strike was carried out by a mix of drones and manned aircraft under the control of the Defense Department, not the CIA. Both drones and manned aircraft fired.

The post-attack assessment by U.S. officials was still underway Tuesday. A determination had yet to be made on how many people were killed, and who was killed.

A second U.S. official called the attack "very complex."

Three Yemeni security officials said missiles struck in the Abyan province near areas that have been taken over by Ansaar al-Sharia, a militant group with links to al-Qaida.

The militant group took over large parts of the province in May after government forces evacuated a number of security posts and military bases. The group announced Abyan as an Islamic emirate

and is calling for the implementation of Sharia law.

Hundreds of troops and militant fighters have been killed in the government's efforts to clear the province from the hands of the militants, according to Yemen's defense ministry.

Some residents in the area said they saw the aircraft in the attacks.

"The U.S. aircraft was flying in surprisingly low altitude Monday night. We were scared and expected a night of explosions and blood," said Mousa Abdul Kadoos Abu Ali, a resident of Lowder district.

U.S. officials rarely discuss the drone program, though privately they have said the covert strikes are legal and an effective tactic in the fight against extremists. But President Barack Obama did speak about the controversial use of drone attacks Monday.

"Our ability to respect the sovereignty of other countries and to limit our incursions into somebody else's territory is enhanced by the fact that we are able to pinpoint-strike an al-Qaida operative in a place where the capacities of that military in that country may not be able

to get them," the president said during a Google+ video chat room interview Monday.

He added that "drones have not caused a huge number of civilian casualties." He gave no indication that the U.S. policy of ordering drone strikes would change, at least as long as a terrorist threat remains.

"Al-Qaida has been really weakened, but we've still got a little more work to do," Obama said. "And we've got to make sure we are using all our capacities in order to deal with it."

In September, a CIA-operated drone attack in Yemen killed American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, the external operations commander and chief recruiter of English-speaking militants for the al-Qaida in the Arabic Peninsula (AQAP).

While the death may reduce AQAP's ability to plan attacks, the group still poses a danger, and "remains the node most likely to attempt transnational attacks," according to the annual U.S. intelligence community's threat assessment, released Tuesday.

— CNN

Calendar

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.

Events

Women's Center, 2-3pm, Women's Center. Coffee and Tea from Around the World. International women from all over the world will come and discuss their cultural traditions, social customs and women's roles. Cupcakes, coffee and tea will be served.

Campus Recycling, All day, Surplus Warehouse, all UHDS service centers, MU 103, Women's Center, APCC, ALS loading dock. Free clean styrofoam recycling.

Graduate School, 9-10:30am, MU 109. Forum for graduate students to provide feedback to the Graduate School.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Meetings

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

OSU Pre-Law Society, 6pm, StAg 111. Regular meeting.

College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 132. All are welcome no matter what beliefs or political party.

Speakers

College of Public Health and Human Sciences, 3-4pm, MU 213. "Using Microsimulation Modeling to Predict the Impact of the Affordability Care Act in California," by Dylan Roby, PhD.

Events

Dept. of Design & Human Environment, 8:30am-12:30pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Career Symposium. Industry professionals network and share professional experiences in apparel design, housing, graphic design, interior design and merchandising management.

Campus Recycling, All day, Surplus Warehouse, all UHDS service centers, MU 103, Women's Center, APCC, ALS loading dock. Free clean styrofoam recycling.

Friday, Feb. 3

Speakers

College of Public Health & Human Sciences, Noon-1pm, Hallie Ford Center 115. Seminar: A Social-Ecological Perspective on Vulnerable Youth: Toward an Understanding of Sexual Development Among Urban African American Adolescents.

Events

Campus Recycling, All day, Surplus Warehouse, all UHDS service centers, MU 103, Women's Center, APCC, ALS loading dock. Free clean styrofoam recycling.

Monday, Feb. 6

Meetings

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

Events

Women's Center Sister Scholars, 2-4pm, Women's Center. Game Break! Come to play games and hang out with rad ladies!

Graduate School, 4-5:30pm, MU 109. Forum for graduate students to provide feedback to the Graduate School.

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Research ship Wecoma retires, Oceanus to be replacement

■ Retirement ceremony to be held for OSU ship used by oceanography students for research at sea

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Since 1975, Oregon State University students and researchers have utilized the research ship known as the R/V Wecoma for their research on marine dead zones, climate change, fisheries and other oceanographic topics. The Wecoma went on its last official trip in November when it carried a research group to map the Cascadia sub-

duction zone.

A retirement ceremony is to be held in March.

"OSU has had the Wecoma since day one," said Mark Abbott, Dean of the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences. "Lots of oceanography students have used it for their research."

Abbott said Oregon State operates the Wecoma on behalf of the National Science Foundation. As to what will happen to the Wecoma upon retirement, Abbott added, "We'll pull equipment we think we'll need as spare parts. We will work with the NSF to deal with what remains of the Wecoma."

Abbott said that when considering whether or not to retire the Wecoma, a team from OSU led by Demian Bailey, OSU's marine superintendent, conducted a comparison in conjunction with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Mass.

"Both vessels are in very good material condition. It is expected, however, that Oceanus will be less expensive to operate over the next five to 10 years," Bailey said.

Technically, the Oceanus and Wecoma are contemporaries. Both were built in 1975 and overhauled in 1994 and 1995, respectively. The Wecoma is 7.5 feet longer, and has an additional range of 200 nautical miles.

Both have an endurance of 30 days, but the Wecoma can carry one more crew member and four more scientists than the Oceanus.

Both the Wecoma and Oceanus are owned by the National Science Foundation.

OSU is a member of the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System, which operates 16 vessels nationwide. The Wecoma is currently on its way from Woods Hole, Mass., to Newport.

Bailey, who is currently aboard the ship, said that the ship will arrive in Newport on Feb. 21.

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bullheads.

"It looks as if the life histories of the native fish are tuned by natural selection to react to the native habitats," Giannico said. "Non-native species go into the flooded habitats too late in the season."

According to Giannico, native fish receive a break from competition with non-native species and possibly from predation as well. The native fish find shelter in off-channel habitats and avoid expending energy in the fast-flowing channel.

"These creatures have evolved in a system of seasonal habitat expansion and shrinking that's predictable," Giannico said.

Stagnant waters heat up more quickly than flowing waters, and can easily reach even a couple of degrees more than the river water in the winter. This enhances aquatic bug production in the off-channel habitats, which helps the fish put on some weight during the winter months.

"In a small pond teeming with life, they have the opportunity to be, I don't want to say feasting, but they have a lot of food in their stomachs," Giannico said.

Stan Gregory, a professor for the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, is currently involved in a long-term study of the response of cutthroat trout to things like winter floods as well as a study of fish communities in the mainstream Willamette River from Eugene to the mouth.

"We've simplified the river channel, lost 25 percent of the river channel, 80 percent of the flood land forest and 80 percent of islands

since 1880," said Gregory.

According to Gregory, populations of cutthroat trout in the Cascade Mountains actually have higher populations after a flood than during years with low flooding.

What occurs seems to be the opposite of what is expected. Adult fish are good at finding refuge, and the floods create good spawning grounds, resulting in a large number of young trout.

"Our river ecosystems are actually benefited. During floods, the river has the power to disperse silt, dig pools, create productive riffles and to create flood plains," Gregory said.

Giannico's research began with ARS, a research lab from the department of agriculture on campus.

"They wanted to know whether the drainage ditches that farmers had created would have fish in them when flooded," Giannico said.

Giannico's research included two phases. In the first phase he sampled fish and bugs, and in the second phase his team looked at conservation practices.

According to Giannico, the National Resources Conservation Service and a sponsor for his research encouraged farmers to put up a riparian buffer "corridor" along waterways. This leaves a certain buffer strip, like patches of forest or grass, to prevent runoff from reaching streams and retain or filter some chemicals from the farm fields.

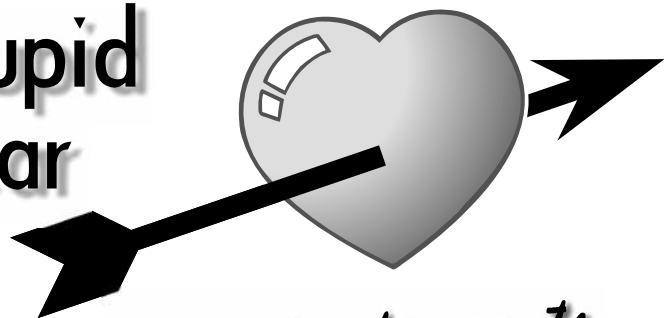
This bank of vegetation also provides shading and bugs for the fish, and its roots hold the banks together.

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The United States-led NATO forces have failed to secure the country to allow the construction of an Afghan state, with an army, police force, bureaucracy and the trappings that make up a modern nation-state.

Instead of a secure nation, we have an Afghanistan that is more fractious than ever. The Taliban is still in control of large swaths of land and their power and influence has spread into the frontier areas of Pakistan, leaving an evermore-unstable Pakistan.

The recent shooting of French soldiers by an Afghan soldier has accelerated French withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the French Defense Minister will be presenting the French plan to NATO this week. Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, recently sided with the French plan, going even further to call for withdrawal of all NATO forces by 2013 and handing military operations over to the Afghan military.

We agree with this plan, although not out of any sense of trust that the Afghan government is able to govern Afghanistan. It is more out of a sense of futility in attempting to create a democratic, pluralistic government there. Afghanistan's institutions are a wreck, although one can say they are better than they once were, only because before the NATO invasion, they were completely non-existent.

Karzai's government is corrupt, with report after report coming out that much of the money the United States gives to the Karzai regime isn't spent on the things it's supposed to be spent on. It is being spent on lining official's pockets and paying off political enemies. It is not being spent on roads, schools or creating a police force.

Elections in Afghanistan have also been a joke, with Karzai generally assumed to have rigged the last election and stolen it from his competitor. American officials have given up for now assuming that Afghanistan can create a democracy there and have since concentrated on building a stable, if undemocratic government.

The Afghan army is also in shambles. Desertions and drug use are rampant, and if the recent attack on French soldiers is any indication, they aren't to be trusted as allies. If

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we have been unable to train a solid army in 10 years, what makes us think we will be able to train one in two years?

The police force is also mostly non-existent outside major cities, having little effect against a Taliban that strikes more fear in people's minds than a distant Kabul government. Without a police force to protect people and enforce rules, trade and commerce are harder, which continue the endemic poverty of the country.

But what is most disconcerting of all is that this failed nation building has spilled into Pakistan, which has nuclear weapons and is now facing a resurgent Taliban. By concentrating on securing Afghanistan, we have driven the very elements we were trying to eliminate into Pakistan, which are now unraveling that country.

Our drone strikes to kill Taliban targets in Pakistan have angered our Pakistani partners, killed their soldiers and have fueled the fire that Islamists there purport — that Pakistan is nothing more than an American puppet.

This has put an already nervous Pakistan that is still recovering from devastating floods last year on alert. It is time that we forget about Afghanistan and instead concentrate on the more pressing problem of improving our relations with Pakistan and stabilizing that country. At this time, a peaceful and secure Pakistan is more necessary than an Afghan state, and

while nation building in Afghanistan was a noble effort, it has failed.

A few easy steps to improve relations with Pakistan would be to improve trade with the country. Eliminating textile tariffs with Pakistan would help one of its largest industries and encourage economic growth within the country. Creating further trade agreements and encouraging investment in its infrastructure would help as well and create a stable nation-state that has a frightening nuclear arsenal.

We would like to see a stable democratic Afghanistan, but let's face it, it's not up to the United States or NATO to tell the Afghan people to do it, it is up to them to solve it for themselves. While incredibly cruel, it would be better for a divisive Afghanistan to be controlled by warlords or a contained Taliban, rather than one that operates within Pakistani borders.

It is time to leave Afghanistan to the Afghans again. It was hubris that got us involved there to begin with; what made us think that the United States could control a land that was unconquerable by Alexander the Great, the Persians, the Mughals, the British Empire and the Soviet Union? Afghanistan is the only country that can determine Afghanistan's future and the folly that has been our effort needs to be ended before further American lives are lost on a wasteful and unwinnable war.

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Too much evaluation ultimately ruins the learning experience

There is a saying that if you love your job, you will never work a day in your life. One piece of advice I always received was to study what I was interested in, something I would want to do whether or not I got paid for doing it. This approach makes sense, but at some point, it seems that being so close to a specific enterprise would drain it of any appeal.

A hobby or recreational interest is fun because it is an escape from the monotonous tasks of everyday life. It removes us from the stress of work or from domestic chores and becomes a small but significant highlight. Playing videogames or reading a book can be a good time almost entirely because we do not spend all day doing those things — it is a break, not a part of the schedule.

As an English major, I have a lot of books to read, and there are many times when I am introduced to a novel and must examine it in a way that is not normal to me. And while often times I am intrigued to read the texts to which I am assigned, that intrigue slowly becomes diffused when I am put on a schedule to read, or given specific instructions to look out for certain themes or details in the book. When this happens, I feel that I am actually losing the majority of the reading to the recycle bin of my brain, because I am sorting through the pages and picking up only the relevant information. The rest just goes by the wayside.

True, the text is primarily a tool in an educational setting, a device in which



one can learn a theme or stylistic technique being taught. However, like many, I have been reading novels for much longer than I have been studying them as an undergraduate, so this shift from pastime to study does not always sit well with me.

To truly understand a novel — or any area of study — one must break it down into several different pieces and examine them. The grammar, the narration, the content — to find how an author's work is conveyed successfully, one must make connections between these components, and understand how each one is contributing in its own way to the overall creation.

In the sphere of academic study this is all well and good, but most of the time authors write for the entertainment of the reading audience (not for dissection upon a blackboard). If one were to take a clock apart, and lay out all the gears and cogs and pins that hold it together and make it run, it is (arguably) no longer a clock. These pieces are an arrangement of metal bits that do not do much on their own, but can combine to become a fascinating device that can tell us the time.

It is not useful to look at a set of random gears, but it is useful to look at the working face of a clock. Ultimately, it is best to look at a novel in the same way; learn the history of it and the intentions behind it, and how they manifest in each portion, but keep the total novel in view all the while (as it was intended).

If one can find even more enjoyment from reading a novel by splitting it into a billion different pieces and picking them up and saying, "Oh, how interesting!" then that is great. But there is a difference between actually enjoying something and understanding it. One can be confused by a particular subject, and

Simplicity in politics of birth control

The debate over birth control never seems to end.

Abortion, Roe v. Wade, morning-after pill, contraception — it's quite amazing that our nation continues to debate the process, given our day and age. But with the rising population, easier access to such amenities and the continual participation of the government — particularly in funding — birth control has become a more comprehensive issue than we could have ever anticipated.

Next year, insurance companies participating in the national health care system will be required to cover birth control, including artificial contraception and the morning-after pill, without a deductible or co-payment. Only a year after that, the Affordable Care Act would make this mandate quite compelling — it would truly be universal coverage.

Just this last month, the Obama administration extended this mandate to the health insurance plans of all employees in religious hospitals and schools. The decision drew immediate scrutiny from the Catholic Church, claiming the government is infringing on their freedom of religion. It is yet to be seen whether or not the courts will intervene.

Nevertheless, if it proves anything, proponents of birth control are winning the fight. It's only one of many recent successes for the pro-choice movement.

However, opponents of birth control — generally pro-lifers — have made a big push on the birth control issue in the legislative realm, though somewhat unsuccessfully. Last year, Mississippi voters rejected an amendment attempting to define a person, essentially when life begins. Colorado has shot down two separate personhood amendments as well.

But there have been major impacts — or at least attention — on the federal funding of abortion-related or contraceptive programs. As soon as the 112th Congress took control, there was a serious legislative movement to completely defund Planned Parenthood, America's largest provider of sexual and reproductive health care.

Planned Parenthood receives about \$1.1 billion a year, a third of which comes from government



funding, and serves about 3 million patients every year. Several states, such as Indiana, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Texas have pursued legislation to defund the program, as well as severely limit their rights in court and ability to receive contracts and grants. Even though, according to USA Today, President of the National Right to Life Committee Carol Tobias admits that Planned Parenthood does not directly fund abortions — the indirect link and contraception services are enough to draw attention to the issue.

But whether or not there are direct relations to abortion activities isn't the point — both sides have their own proof. Instead, the attack on Planned Parenthood illustrated opponents' message: Why should a government-funded organization commit acts their donors don't agree with? In essence, someone may disagree with abortion, but as the taxes roll in, and if Planned Parenthood indeed has any association with the act, that someone is theoretically supporting abortion. They don't get a say in what happens with their taxes.

But on that same note, neither does anyone else. Someone may disagree with the Middle East occupation, but our military is still there. Someone may dislike the Alabama immigration law, but they don't have a role to play in its ultimate facilitation.

There's been this arbitrary moral distinction made over birth control; what runs along moral, mostly religious lines deserves a certain respect, at least more than a social decision. And it's hard enough to try and differentiate what makes up a moral belief,

since theoretically, any personal decision could be chalked up to morals.

There should be no more honor for a moral decision or belief than any other. Moreover, no one should be forcing his or her moral beliefs on the rest of society. Birth control may invalidate some religious doctrines, some ethical standards people have come to terms with, but it doesn't mean everyone should sail in the same righteous boat.

So with the majority of people already sympathizing with the woman's right to choose, and continued failed attempts to get any real legislation through restricting contraception or abortion, why keep the fight going?

People make mistakes. People like to have a good time. No one wants to bring a child into this world under circumstances of instability, immaturity or spite. America doesn't need more people without homes, more families without money.

Some will always push their beliefs on society, as if another's action somehow affects their life. But if birth control reveals anything, it's that personal choice trumps moral standards.

America is about tolerance, acceptance and personal liberty, not mandates. But on that same note, for the very same reason birth control shouldn't be an issue, one could say the government shouldn't have a role in its facilitation.

The federal government should not be sending money to Planned Parenthood. It's clear the organization receives money outside of the government (one-third of \$1.1 billion), and our government certainly doesn't need to be handing more money out.

Obama shouldn't be mandating contraceptive support on religious institutions — a most blatant form of rejecting religious expression. No one is forced to work there, and the hospital should not be forced to provide a product that goes against their beliefs.

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Importance of keeping up dialogue on amount of sex

Dear Dr. Sex,
 My boyfriend and I have been dating for about 3 months and I'm already worried there is potentially a sex issue between us. I just read your Jan. 18 column about how it's common for one partner to want sex more often than the other. This is the case with my boyfriend and me. He wants sex more often than I do.



Kathy Greaves Ph.D.

Dr. Sex

you really don't want to have sex and you haven't told him that it hurts you if intercourse lasts too long. Perhaps your communication isn't as open as it seems . . .

Thankfully, I am secure with the fact that we are very close, and have great, open communication. Whenever there is a problem between us, we talk about it and most times we work through it successfully. However, I'm worried that deep down, he is bothered by the fact that I don't want it as often.

So, I think I've been agreeing to have sex more than I would normally want to, because I want him to know that I care. I feel like I should make a compromise sometimes, but sometimes I do it when I don't really want to. I know he would never try to persuade me to do it if I didn't want to, but I don't like always saying "no" to him. How should I deal with this? How do I tell him that I just simply am not that horny and can go a week or more without wanting to have sex?

Another problem, which I have yet to tell my boyfriend about, is that intercourse between us is sometimes not enjoyable for me - but not because of him. There is nothing he is doing wrong, but I believe I might have a short cervix or uterus and it starts to hurt me if we continue intercourse for longer than 5-10 minutes. I also have never had an orgasm from intercourse. (He pleases me from other things, specifically oral sex). On the other hand, he only orgasms by intercourse. So we're opposite in a way. I think because of these things, it is making me less horny and more hesitant to have intercourse with him more often. What should I do and how much of this should I tell him, in your opinion?

Signed, Sex Is Just Okay

Dear Sex Is Just Okay,

It sounds to me like neither one of you is being completely honest. You think that deep down he is bothered by the differing levels of desire and not saying anything, but you are saying yes to sex when

I'm going to move on to your other problem because I also think it's related to your differing levels of desire. If you don't always enjoy intercourse, that's probably why you don't seem to want sex as much as your boyfriend does.

When you said you think you have a short cervix/uterus, I think you meant vagina. If that's the case, then the pain you are feeling is his penis hitting your cervix. You need to avoid positions where the penis is likely to achieve a lot of depth, like doggy style. The best position is you on top because then you can control how deep his penis goes.

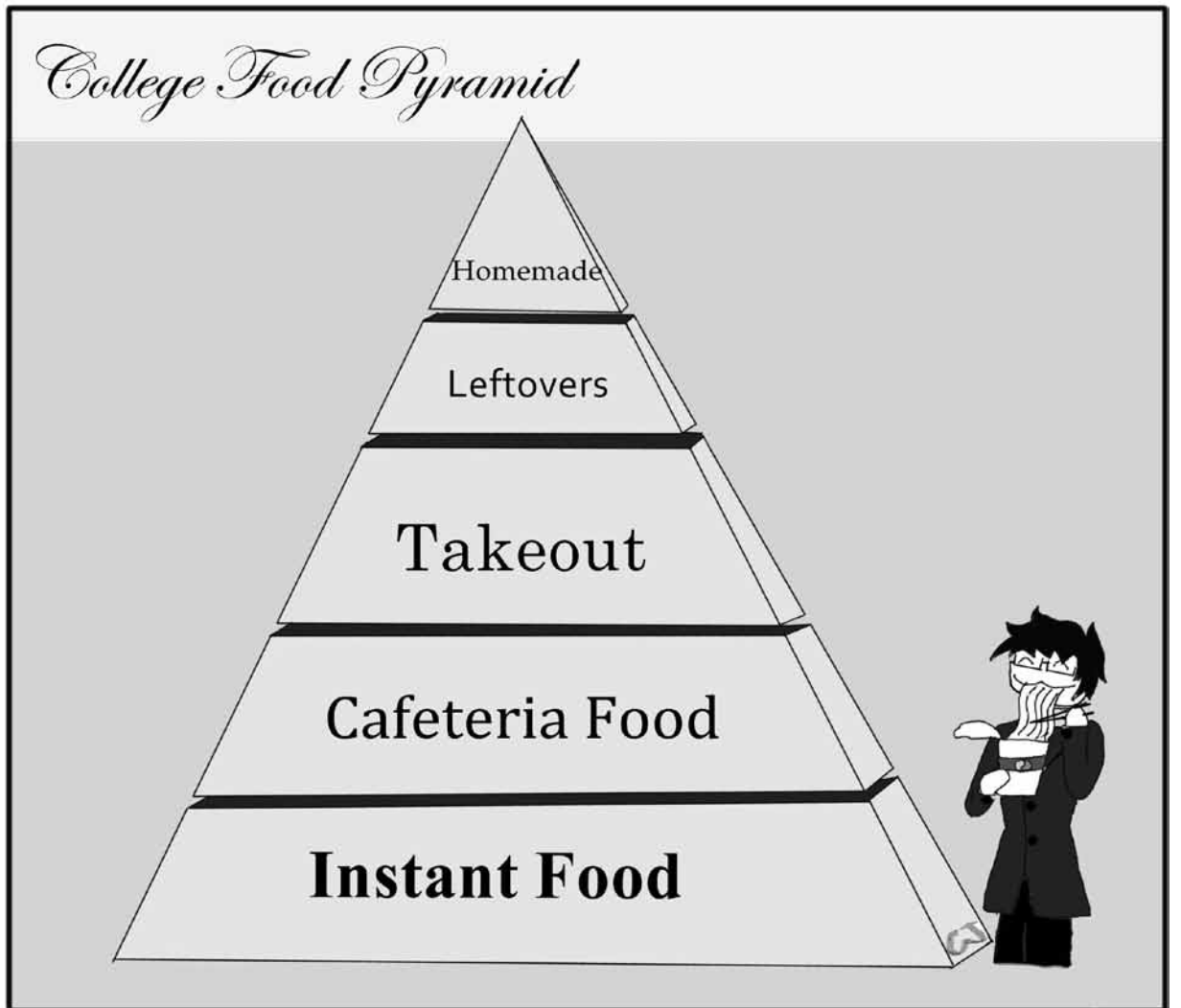
It could also be that you need more lubrication. I recommend the odorless, flavorless kind like plain K-Y jelly or any store's plain-wrap brand of personal lubricant. They are less likely to cause irritation and they are very inexpensive.

If you don't enjoy sex if it lasts longer than 5-10 minutes, you need to tell him that. Some men actually try to distract themselves during intercourse so that they will last longer, because they believe that is what their partners want. They also hear "talk" about how long this guy or that guy lasted. So, they chant things in their head, recite a formula they are trying to memorize for an exam, etc. The reality is the average male lasts only two to seven minutes if he is actively thrusting.

It is completely normal that you don't reach orgasm during intercourse and it's fairly normal that intercourse is the only way your boyfriend reaches orgasm. So as long as he's sure to provide you with oral sex at some point and keep intercourse to five minutes or so, you may just be in the mood more often.

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States should not be writing legislation to define when life begins or what constitutes a "person." Science can't answer these questions either, because the definition of life is but another personal judgment.

People do make mistakes, and it's unfortunate. But if proponents of birth control want to keep their right to choose, they've got to support the right to choose. And that means the government gets out of mandating how others — people, business, organizations — choose to run their lives. No matter whether it's for the religious, the poor, the pregnant or the provider, the Fed should not be involved in what comes out or stays in a woman's womb. It's real simple.

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then derive a certain amount of satisfaction after figuring out its particulars, but that does not mean they will like it any more (even if they think they do).

If the intention is to keep a personal interest interesting, then it is best to explore it only to a point. It is hard to say you really enjoy a book or a movie if you know absolutely nothing about it, but knowing too much will only provide separation, not connection. It is hard to not lose the grand effect, that overall cohesiveness of a work of art, or a field of study, when every nut and bolt is already before you. No one just stops learning at any point in their life, so why not take it one step at a time?

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Tevez stays put on transfer deadline day

After a frantic final day of dealing twelve months ago, this year's January transfer window has passed off in a far less febrile atmosphere.

Despite not going anywhere, Manchester City's Carlos Tevez still managed to hog the headlines as he lodged an appeal with the English Premier League over his six-week fine (\$1.6 million) for gross misconduct imposed by his club.

The Premier League confirmed Tuesday that it had received correspondence from Tevez informing them of his intention to appeal.

The Argentine striker hasn't played for the Blues since he allegedly refused to take the field during a Champions League tie against Bayern Munich in September.

One Manchester City player who did manage to leave the Etihad Stadium was Wayne Bridge who has joined Sunderland on loan until the end of the season.

The 31-year-old defender made just one appearance for Roberto Mancini this term and has played just 58 times for the club since he joined

from Chelsea in 2009.

Bridge's former London employers announced Monday the signing of winger Kevin de Bruyne from Belgian side Genk for a fee of £6.7 million (\$10.5 million).

But the 20-year-old prospect will remain at the Belgian champions where he will play out the rest of the season on loan to gain more experience.

Heading out of Stamford Bridge is 18-year-old striker Philipp Prosenik, who has joined AC Milan for an undisclosed fee.

The Austrian under-19 international joined the west London club from Rapid Vienna in 2009 but hasn't done enough to impress new coach Andre Villas-Boas.

North London neighbors Tottenham Hotspur have loaned out Croatian defender Vedran Corluka to Bundesliga side Bayer Leverkusen until the end of the season.

The 25-year-old, who joined Spurs from Manchester City in 2008, has only made eight appearances in all competitions this season.

Another Croatian on the move is Glasgow Rangers'

striker Nikica Jelavic who joins Everton on a four-and-a-half year deal.

The 26-year-old striker joins short-term loan signing Landon Donovan (from LA Galaxy) and Darron Gibson who arrived for an undisclosed fee from Manchester United earlier in the month.

Everton's French striker Louis Saha has joined Tottenham Hotspur for the remainder of the season, according to the club's website.

Fulham have agreed sell England international Bobby Zamora to West London rivals Queens Park Rangers for a fee of around £4 million (\$6.3 million).

Also on his way to Loftus Road is Lazio striker Drijbril Cisse who returns to the Premier League after a three-year absence.

According to the Italian news agency Ansa, the former Liverpool and Sunderland striker has signed a two-and-a-half year deal worth 5 million (\$6.5 million).

Meanwhile in Italy, Inter Milan made three signings before Tuesday's deadline passed.

Colombian midfielder Freddy Guarin joins on a four-and-a-half year deal from Portuguese champions Porto.

The 25-year-old Colombian forward is joined by Italy midfielder Angelo Palombo — on loan from Sampdoria with an option of making a permanent move at the end of the season — and 20-year-old defender Juan, who arrives from Brazilian club Internacional on a four-and-a-half year deal.

The triple signing is offset by the departures of midfielder Thiago Motta — who has moved to Paris St Germain in a deal reported to be worth 10 million (\$13 million) — and Sulley Muntari who has joined local rivals AC Milan on loan.

AC Milan have also signed the 21-year-old Brazilian forward Lucas Roggia on loan according to Internacional president Giovanni Luigi.

Juventus have signed midfielder Simone Padoin on a five-year deal from Atalanta, while 32-year-old striker Vincenzo Iaquinta leaves the Serie A league leaders to join Cesena on loan for the rest of the season.

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Yesterday's Solution

Aisha Gadhafi offers information to help protect brother Saif

Aisha Gadhafi, the daughter of Libya's deposed strongman Moammar Gadhafi, asked the International Criminal Court Tuesday to accept "concrete information" she believes may help her brother.

Saif al-Islam Gadhafi, once seen as his father's heir apparent, was captured in November after the fall of the regime in August and is being held in the Libyan city of Zintan.

He was facing an arrest warrant from the ICC for alleged crimes against humanity at the time of his capture, and the court, based at The Hague, in the Netherlands, is still seeking to prosecute him.

Conflicting reports emerged a week ago about whether he would be taken to a court in Tripoli to face trial, and the ICC said it had

not yet decided if he could be tried in Libya.

The application filed with the ICC by lawyers acting for Aisha Gadhafi says she "wishes to protect the interests of her brother ... whose exact whereabouts are presently unknown to her and whose fate is currently the subject of confidential litigation."

She wishes "to present concrete information which she believes will assist the pretrial chamber in determining the appropriate course of action it should take," the application says.

The "specific" information she holds will "assist the pretrial chamber in determining whether the Libyan authorities truly desire to provide Saif al-Islam Gaddafi with effective legal representation or to afford him a fair trial,"

the document states.

Aisha Gadhafi's information is based on her attempts to contact her brother through Libyan prosecutors and the International Committee of the Red Cross, in order to find out about his welfare and assign him a lawyer, the appeal says.

She also held two telephone conversations with the deputy prosecutor of Libya, from which it can be inferred that the Libyan authorities "refuse to deal with international legal counsel," it adds.

The ICC initially demanded that Libya hand over Gadhafi for trial after his capture, but then opened the possibility that he could be tried in Libya.

ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo said on a visit to Tripoli that Libya had the "right" to try him if it could prove it could do so fairly, with ICC judges to decide.

The ICC asked Libya last month whether Gadhafi was arrested because of the international warrant, if he was being held incommunicado, and if an ICC representative could meet him.

It also asked when and where a court-appointed expert could examine his

physical and mental health, and whether and when they planned to hand him over to the court, giving Libya until January 23 to respond.

Libyan officials have submitted a confidential response to those questions, the ICC said in a statement last week.

In August, as her father's regime crumbled, Aisha Gadhafi fled to Algeria along with several other family members.

She is a onetime U.N. goodwill ambassador, as well as a lawyer who assisted in the defense of deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, who was hanged in 2006.

Another brother, Saadi Gadhafi, has been granted asylum in Niger.

A third brother, Khamis Gadhafi, who led an army brigade blamed for the massacre of prisoners in a warehouse outside Tripoli, was killed in a late-August battle in northwestern Libya, rebel commanders said. A fourth brother, Saif al-Arab, was reported killed in a NATO airstrike in April.

Moammar Gadhafi himself died after his capture by anti-regime forces near Sirte in October.

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A: Absolutely.

Q: Has it ever been difficult to live in a location where you coached?

A: You know, I have spent so much time coaching and thinking about the athletes that I think I could live anywhere and do it. But I like Oregon and Corvallis because the people I meet are genuinely nice. I like the people, and I like to ride my bike, and the people are nice to bike riders here.

Q: Being a native of Detroit, does that put you at a distance from your family or do you have relatives here in Oregon?

A: No, my family are all in Detroit and Mary Anne's family is in Connecticut. I am far from them, but one of the highlights of this past year was my two brothers and I spent five weeks in Alaska together.

Q: Nice, What did you guys do up there?

A: Well, they had just bought a motor home and we wondered around Alaska for five weeks, and it was a blast.

Q: It seems like you and your wife have a lot in common, such as studying psychology and coaching swimmers for many years, and now coaching the OSU swim team together... What is it like working with Mary Anne?

A: I think its certainly has some challenges, but I mean, it is also something that is richly rewarding,

and to work together with her is one of my dreams as far as who I would be married to. We both understand coaching and understand what I do and how my mind is sometimes distracted. I really enjoy that part of it.

Q: How did you guys meet? What is your story behind that?

A: We met at swim camp and I think we dated for six years long-distance because she lived in Michigan... and actually I lived in two different places, the Baltimore area and just outside USC, and so we would see each other in the summers and sometimes in the winter. It was a long-distance relationship that worked out.

Q: Outside of coaching what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

A: I love cycling, I love reading and I love movies.

Q: Do you still keep in touch with swimmers that you have coached in your past?

A: It's unbelievable what Facebook, e-mail and all the social networking has done. I have heard from people on every team I have ever coached because of Facebook. It's amazing.

Q: You coached an Olympic youth team in 2010 - are you currently coaching any teams outside of this team?

A: No, I am just doing OSU right now, and there

may be other opportunities but really that's it for right now.

Q: Besides swimming do you have an interest in other sports, or do you have a favorite sports team ...of course, besides the Beavers?

A: I love every Detroit professional team. Those are the ones that I watch the most. I also try to watch as much of Beaver sports as I can. I am always at the basketball games, I go to the football games and I try to go to as many of those sports as I can. I love watching other coaches coach because I can learn from them.

Q: Do you go to any of their practices, or just the games?

A: Basketball is pretty easy if you go to the practice and watch, but you don't want to intrude. I enjoy even watching their game demeanor and how they discipline at practice.

Q: What is your number one motto or rule that you live by in life?

A: There is a quote from Zig Ziglar that I really like and it is, "If you help other people in life get what they want, then you will get everything in life that you want," and I believe that is a pretty truthful statement.

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a conference title after a 1-5 start.

But Oregon State has worked its way back into the picture with three straight wins.

The Beavers trail California and Washington by three games, and Oregon and Colorado by two games. They'll play Colorado twice and each of the other three once over the next five weeks.

Although they still reside in the bottom half of the conference (seventh), players feel like they're more than capable of making a run at a top-three.

"We just beat Oregon, we beat Cal who is one of the favorites and we took Stanford, another one of the favorites, to four overtimes, so we definitely have a chance of catching the guys at the top of the standings," Brandt said.

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Moreland is a lanky 6-foot-10 and is a strong defensive presence at the rim. He leads the Pac-12 in blocked shots.

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jump to the next level.

"I like to be in the gym, I do," Moreland said. "I'll be in the gym a lot. I shoot a lot and then when I get out of the gym and take days off, which is not good, then I get inconsistent. I gotta get down in the block and work on some post moves and just do what I gotta do."

It seems there isn't much more to Moreland's life besides basketball.

"My passion is basketball," Moreland said when asked what his passion was outside of basketball. "I wish they had a major for basketball."

Unfortunately for Moreland, he had to pick an actual academic major, settling on HDFs, but only because a deadline forced him to pick something. The future is still

greatly unknown to this young man.

"I need a backup plan. I do need to get it together with that because injuries happen, like last year, so I gotta really think about careers," Moreland said.

Regardless of future plans, Moreland is currently living in the moment and being a key contributor to Beaver basketball's resurgence this season. If he can stay healthy — Moreland sat out almost all of last season with a shoulder injury — he will be a valuable asset to the orange and black for the next three-plus years.

"Just staying healthy is a blessing, and I'm glad that I haven't got hurt yet; knock on wood," Moreland said. "It feels good to be out there with the team."

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Moreland brings Beavs' energy

■ The lanky 6-foot-10 forward has made a splash as a freshman, leading the team in rebounding, blocked shots

By Alex Crawford
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Eric Moreland is Oregon State's energizer bunny.

Whether he's starting for the Beavers or coming off the bench, Moreland provides good defense and is a spark plug for the team.

"[My role] is to keep the energy high. They want me to bring the energy a lot, and I'm an energy guy," Moreland said. "They want me to make sure I come to practice like that everyday and be like that in games as well."

A lot of NBA players have made entire careers out of being off-the-bench energy guys for their teams, but Moreland has aspirations bigger than that.

"Who inspires me? Kevin Durant, but I haven't transformed my game into that yet," Moreland said.

Durant may be the ultimate goal, but for now Moreland, will accept his teammate Jared Cunningham's comparison of Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan.

The two players have many similarities. Jordan and Moreland both are from Texas, are long and athletic, occasionally struggle with free throws and thrive off blocking shots.

"I actually love blocking shots. It feels real good," Moreland said. "It gets the crowd goin', it gets us goin', it gets the team goin'. There's no better feeling. It's the intimidation factor in that some people don't want to come in anymore."

Moreland's nickname might be Eazy-E, but he makes it hard as hell for opponents to get a shot

off in the paint against him.

If blocking shots has a direct correlation with providing energy, then Moreland statistically provides the most energy in the Pac-12. He leads the league with 1.7 blocks per game. He's already set the freshman school record for most blocks in a season with 36.

Moreland also leads the Beavers — and is fifth in the Pac-12 — in rebounding with 6.7 per game.

Not too shabby for a kid with three years of eligibility left.

In a few years, don't be surprised if ESPN's Chad Ford and John Hollinger are drooling over Moreland and talking incessantly about his length and potential — two of the most cliché words used by NBA draft analysts. Still, regardless of how cliché those words may be, Moreland does possess tremendous upside.

"Ideally, I would like to play in the league," Moreland said. "I don't want to get too far ahead of myself and not talk about the team, but if we're talking about ideally, I'd like to see myself in the league."

Coach Craig Robinson probably isn't too keen on the idea of Eric Moreland or anyone else thinking that far in the future. The team's mantra of "one day at a time" frowns on that kind of behavior.

"I think the 'one day at a time' thing is working out pretty good," Moreland said. "It's a good motto and you can use it in everyday life, too. Win every 24 hours you get."

Moreland has plenty of days left — and the work ethic — to turn his goals into reality. Moreland is known to be somewhat of a gym rat. He knows that he must develop a consistent jump shot and improve his postgame if he wants to make the

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Moreland defending Hostra guard David Imes earlier this year. Moreland, who says his role is "to keep the energy high," has seen his minutes increase as the year has progressed.

Men's basketball notebook: First half of Pac-12 play is over

By Grady Garrett
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If he had to give the Beavers a grade for their performance through nine conference games, junior Angus Brandt said he'd give the Beavers a "C."

"We're 4-5; five losses isn't acceptable," Brandt said. "A 'C' is probably being generous."

"I'd say a 'C-plus' because we beat

Oregon," junior Joe Burton said.

Burton said the team's chemistry on the road hasn't been as good as it needed to be.

OSU started Pac-12 play 0-4 away from Gill Coliseum before winning Sunday in Eugene.

"The road losses — we'd just kind of grow apart and not be one," Burton said. "The chemistry wasn't there. We did a good job coming together as a team against Oregon. Hopefully we'll

just keep working on that."

Cunningham's stock rising

For the second week this year, Jared Cunningham was named Pac-12 Player of the Week.

The junior guard torched Oregon for 24 second-half points and was the primary reason why the Beavers shook their road woes.

"Coach (Robinson) really called Jared out at halftime, said 'you have to help us, carry us, you're the best

player in the league,' and he really showed it in the second half," Brandt said.

Cunningham apparently responds well to halftime call-outs.

"It's happened before, and every time Coach does it, Jared responds well and generally has that type of performance," Brandt said.

Cunningham leads the conference in scoring (18.2 points per game) and steals (2.81 per game). He's fourth

in the conference in minutes played (34.1 per game) and in the top 15 in assists (3.0 per game) and free throw percentage (76.9 percent).

At this juncture, Cunningham certainly has to be considered one of the top Pac-12 Player of the Year candidates.

Can OSU make a run?

It's pretty hard to make a run at

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Coaches Corner Larry Liebowitz

By Natasha Raines
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Larry Liebowitz is in his eighth season as the head coach of the Oregon State swim team. He recently sat down with The Daily Barometer's Natasha Raines to discuss a variety of things.

Q: What made you decide to have a career as a swim coach? At Oakland you studied psychology — did you originally want a career in that field of study?

A: Yeah, I actually contemplated that career path and teaching. I started off working at a graduate program on teaching and I was at a middle school, but I felt like I had unmotivated students to work with. I decided to coach because I knew that I would be working with people who had goals.

Q: When did you start swimming?

A: I didn't start swimming until I was 13, and I swam through my sophomore year of college.

Q: You have had an extensive amount of coaching prior to coming to OSU for the past nine years. Can you pick a school or Olympic team that was the most fun or most memorable to coach for?

A: I think my most memorable moment in coaching was when Saori Haruguchi in 2008 won the NCAA Championship. That was a

'wow' moment, and it was really something special.

Q: How did you get the position to coach the Costa Rican Olympic team?

A: In 1988 I coached a girl who was the best breast stroker in Costa Rica, and when she made her Olympic time they invited me to go along with her to coach her.

Q: So what school was that?

A: It was not a school; it was a club team in Boca Raton, Fla.

Q: What made you decide to come to Oregon and coach the OSU team?

A: I was the assistant coach at USC and I was there for eight years. I thought it was time for me to try to see how I could do on my own, and I had some goals that I wanted to try and achieve. OSU was in the Pac-10, in a highly competitive conference, and it was a good choice.

Q: Was it a position offered to you, or was it one that you had heard about and came here to pursue?

A: I pursued it. I had heard about it, and pursued it, and I went through the whole



Larry Liebowitz



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Liebowitz says that he uses Facebook, e-mail and various other forms of social media to keep in touch with his former swimmers.

interview process.

Q: It seems like you have lived all over, depending on where you have coached; do you plan on staying here in Oregon for awhile?

A: I had never lived anywhere more than

eight years and this is my ninth year here. I am hoping that I can make it to 10, and I am hoping that I can maybe retire here.

Q: So the Corvallis area?

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