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Tonight's Too \$hort concert aims to continue Thompson's legacy

■ Concert put on by Greek life will donate proceeds to foundation in memory of Thompson

By Martin Forde
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Shortly before the start of winter break, campus was crippled by a tragic death that struck the entire Oregon State University student body.

Fred Thompson, a freshman defensive tackle for OSU's football team, collapsed at Dixon Recreation Center while playing a pickup game of basketball. Upon being rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital, he was pronounced dead. The occurrence sparked campus-wide grieving and left many wondering how to continue his legacy.

Members of the Greek community bonded together to organize and plan a concert by rap artist Too \$hort.

The fraternity Theta Chi, as well as sororities Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Kappa Gamma are responsible for putting on the show.

With help from Cora Wilcots, Thompson's mother, concert proceeds will go directly to his family to help to start the Fred Thompson Five-Star Youth Center in his hometown of Richmond, Calif.

Matt Makarowsky, head director of the concert said, "We'd like to give 100 percent of the proceeds from the benefit concert to the



youth center. As of right now, 1,700 people say they are attending, which would turn out to be about an \$11,000 profit to go straight to starting the foundation."

In terms of her motivation for beginning the youth center, Wilcots explained that her home was typically the gathering spot for Thompson and his friends. He had a passion for music, dance and sports. Wilcots said her vision for the center is a place where his friends "can get together and do all the things he loved to do." She added, "I want to be able to give young youth, young men and young women, the opportunity to do activities that they love and to

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Empty Bowls charity feeds those in need

■ The annual event raises support for food pantry, community service in Ethiopia

By Alex Hilborn
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On March 10, the Oregon State University departments of anthropology and athletics will host the sixth annual Empty Bowls charity event in the Valley Football Center to raise money for the OSU Food Pantry and World of Good.

The event, which runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will include a silent auction and live entertainment. The variety of soups served at the event will come in take-home ceramic bowls made and donated by local artisans and high schools on a first come-first serve basis.

"It's an awareness event. There is symbolism in the bowl," said Courtney Everson, a doctoral student in biocultural medical anthropology, who has helped coordinate the event. "People go home with the bowls to show some people don't always have full bowls, as well as a token of appreciation for attending the event."

During the event, attendees will also receive education on food insecurity issues and how they affect communities on both a local and global scale, including how the United States throws away more food than Canada consumes, via presentations put together by Dr. Melissa Cheney's introduction to medical anthropology class.

"In medical anthropology we examine how political-economic inequities affect health outcomes and emphasize working toward a more

egalitarian society," said Danielle McNaughton, a dietetics student taking the anthropology class. "In putting on the Empty Bowls Event, we are 'doing' applied anthropology — putting our classroom knowledge to use while further developing a sense of civic responsibility."

Dr. Cheney, inspired by similar events she attended while living on the east side of the country, decided to bring Empty Bowls to OSU as a way to teach students course objectives through service learning while providing support to charities.

"We pick an international and local charity to remind us that we have issues close to campus," said Dr. Cheney about the event's choice of beneficiaries. "There is this kind of joke of the hungry college stu-

dent but there are students that don't know where their next meal is coming from."

The OSU Food Pantry, the local charity supported by the Empty Bowls donations, helps to combat food insecurity in the college community through programs like the distribution of food boxes. During the 2010-2011 school year the Food Pantry provided services to 1,294 individuals from 702 households.

"The Food Pantry is funded through private donation, grants and fundraisers such as Empty Bowls. We use the funds to buy food from the Linn-Benton Food Share," said Clare Cady, Human Services Resource Coordinator. "Empty Bowls is a won-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO | COURTNEY EVERSON

Bowls for sale as part of the annual Empty Bowls charity. Empty Bowls raises money for the OSU Food Pantry and World of Good.

Asian landscape, calligraphy: expanding OSU's artistic horizons

■ New OSU professor discusses his research, technique, encourages students to attend his classes

By Tony Santilli
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Lei Xue is a new professor at Oregon State University in the art department.

Q: Are there any similarities between Beijing Normal University, Columbia University and OSU?

A: I think it is a different school from Beijing University and Columbia University because they are in a big city, more dynamic and open life. New York is where I studied, but I taught agatree in William and Mary, in Virginia. So in terms of location, there is a huge difference. Corvallis is a college town. I feel like the students are quite the same in all of the universities; there are good and bad students. Here it's more focused on campus, which I think gives me more time to focus on my research and interests.

Q: What are you currently conducting research on?

A: My current research is tranquility and I'm turning my dissertation into a book. My dissertation is focused on calligraphy, but it's not calligraphy on paper. It is on mountains, rocks and disciplinary mountains. So every visitor who visits the mountains can see them. The project is on how people should appreciate it. The calligraphies interact with the landscape, which is my research focus.

Q: What are some of the tech-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO | LEI XUE

Lei Xue is a new professor in the Oregon State University Art Department. He specializes in Asian art and is currently researching tranquility.

niques you use to teach your Asian art classes?

A: The techniques I use to teach my Asian art classes are using discussion, which I like to do for teaching. With discussion, you can focus on individuals' works.

Since this is an art history class, it's to note this class has large historical context and social context, but I want my students to focus on looking and

to know what they are talking about. I also create an environment where students express themselves freely to help them think critically and analyze art history. Through discussions and my teachings, I encourage my students to do this.

Q: Are you currently working on an article?

A: Yes, I am writing an article. It is about Chinese calligraphy and I'm

writing about the special architecture space involving Chinese gardens. It is regarding how the people there use calligraphy and how calligraphy can change Chinese gardens.

The book is called "Elusive Crane: Yi he ming and the Culture of Chinese Calligraphy." This manuscript explores inscribed stone

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Multiple campus groups bring discussion on mental health

■ Speaker series initiated by campus groups to encourage conversation on mental health

By Katja Kozber
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Division of Student Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services, Healthy Campus Initiative Office, Student Health Promotions and the students of the Active Minds chapter at Oregon State University are sponsors of a speaker series held to discuss mental health.

Titled "What's On Your Mind," the series has been put together as a part of the "OSU Mental Health Promotion Initiative," which is working to help people understand and improve their mental health.

The series will focus on "providing space and opportunity for conversation about mental health wellness," said Jodi Nelson, executive assistant to the vice provost for Student Affairs. Amy Thomson, a graduate teaching assistant at CAPS, said the series will "emphasize the importance of mental care."

The stigmas surrounding mental illness were also major motivating factor in the creation of the series,

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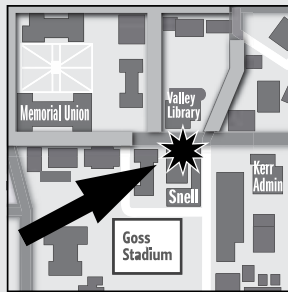
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MIDDLE EAST

Diplomats continue to search for solution

At least 62 people were killed Thursday in Syria as former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan cautioned against outside military intervention, saying it could worsen an already precarious situation.

But, Annan told the Arab League summit in Cairo, "the violence and killings must stop immediately."

Annan, the joint special envoy to Syria for the United Nations and the Arab League, began a visit to the region in Cairo on Wednesday. The U.N. said he will visit Damascus on Saturday "to seek an urgent end to all violence and human rights violations and to initiate efforts to promote a peaceful solution."

"I hope that no one is thinking very seriously of using force in this situation," Annan said Thursday. "I believe any further militarization would make the situation worse. We have to be careful not to introduce a medicine worse than the disease."

Meanwhile, shelling and explosions rocked several Syrian cities Thursday as the Syrian regime continued assaults against opposition strongholds.

Thursday's death toll included an entire family, said the Local Coordination Committees, an opposition activist network. Fifty-two people died in the city of Homs, the LCC said; 44 of them were executed in a field.

ASIA

Bin Laden widows to be tried in Pakistan

Pakistani authorities have started legal proceedings against the widows of former al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden for allegedly entering Pakistan illegally and alleged forgery, Pakistan's interior minister told reporters Thursday.

The widows are in the custody of Pakistani authorities, Minister Rehman Malik said.

Last year, Pakistan told U.S. officials that three wives of bin Laden, who was killed in Pakistan by U.S. forces last year, were living in the country.

Malik said two of bin Laden's widows have been detained. The status of the third widow, who authorities reported last year was also residing in Pakistan, was not immediately clear Thursday.

"Their entry into Pakistan was illegal," Malik said. "They also did not inform the authorities that they were living here."

"And there were many other incidents where deception and forgery was committed," Malik told reporters.

The widows have already been presented in court and are now in custody, the minister added.

"The most important thing is that the women are kept in a proper manner, and keeping this in mind they have been kept in a proper house which has been declared a sub-jail," Malik said.

ASIA

UK missing six soldiers in Afghanistan

The British Defence Ministry Thursday identified six British soldiers who are missing and presumed dead following an explosion in southwest Afghanistan.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast.

The soldiers were traveling in a tracked armored vehicle in Helmand province Tuesday when the explosion occurred, a British military official said.

The vehicle hit a land mine, setting off a substantial explosion, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The area where the blast occurred was not on a paved road. It is in the Nar-e-Saraj area of Helmand, where Britain has lost many troops previously.

The ministry identified the soldiers as Sgt. Nigel Coupe, 33; Corp. Jake Hartley, 20; Pvt. Anthony Frampton, 20; Pvt. Christopher Kershaw, 19; Pvt. Daniel Wade, 20; and Pvt. Daniel Wilford, 21.

All of the soldiers, with the exception of Coupe, were assigned to 3rd Battalion, the Yorkshire Regiment, the ministry said. Coupe was assigned to 1st Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, it said.

If confirmed, the deaths in Tuesday's attack would be the most British troops killed in a single day in Afghanistan since six were killed on July 10, 2009, according to a CNN tally.

MIDDLE EAST

Diplomats urge Iran to allow inspectors access

Faced with mounting pressure from world powers over its controversial nuclear program, Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency reiterated Thursday that his country "is ready to re-engage with (the) IAEA."

"A new chapter is open," Ali Asghar Soltanieh told reporters at the IAEA board of governors meeting in Vienna, Austria, though he insisted a wider agreement on a range of issues must first be reached between Iran and the United Nations before nuclear inspections can begin.

Soltanieh also said his country "will never ever suspend our nuclear activities," insisting that the program is exclusively for peaceful purposes.

The ambassador's statement came shortly after six world powers called on Iran Thursday to resume nuclear talks without preconditions, urging it to grant inspectors access to its Parchin military base where satellite images have raised suspicion after they revealed apparent changes to the facility.

Soltanieh told reporters that suspicions regarding the development of nuclear weapons at Parchin were "childish" and "ridiculous."

Iran recently signaled a willingness to let U.N. inspectors visit the base, a move that could possibly ratchet down rising tensions in the region.

Calendar

Saturday, Mar. 10

Events

Public Relations Society OSU, 2pm, Dixon Recreation Center, upper basketball courts. Red Bull Paper Wings: All aspiring paper airplane engineers and pilots are encouraged to construct paper planes designed to compete in one of three categories: distance, airtime and aerobatics.

Monday, Mar. 12

Meetings

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

Tuesday, Mar. 13

Meetings

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

Events

ASOSU Senate, 8pm, MU 109. Student Town Hall on ASOSU representation. This is an open forum event for students to come and share their opinions and get their ideas on ASOSU heard.

The Pride Center, 7-10pm, The Pride Center. Come study for finals, or work on that end-of-term project. We have plenty of work space and comfy couches! Yogurt parfaits will be provided.

Wednesday, Mar. 14

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. Tranquility Zone - Interfaith devotions on "Mind, Spirit and Soul." Bring your favorite inspirational reading to share.

Events

The Pride Center, 7-10pm, The Pride Center. Come study for finals, or work on that end-of-term project. We have plenty of work space and comfy couches! Yogurt parfaits will be provided.

Thursday, Mar. 15

Meetings

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

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

Events

The Pride Center, 7-10pm, The Pride Center. Come study for finals, or work on that end-of-term project. We have plenty of work space and comfy couches! Yogurt parfaits will be provided.

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Oregon State OSU STUDENT Media

Haley Johnsen no longer on 'Idol'

Johnsen's mother, friends share their disappointment, high expectations for the future

By Gwen Shaw
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After making it to the top 24, Oregon State University alumna Haley Johnsen was voted off of American Idol last week after she missed the cut to make it to the top 13.

"The most disappointing thing of all, besides the fact that she didn't get much air time, is the fact that she was hoping they'd give her the wild card. But she didn't get an opportunity to do that," said Haley's mother, Diane Johnsen.

For the past few weeks, American Idol has been shown on the big screen in the Memorial Union commons. Friends and supporters watched Haley and cheered her on every Wednesday and Thursday night.

"Haley I know is extremely grateful for all the support she got," Johnsen said. "She's very humbled at the amount of time and energy that people put in to supporting her."

While at OSU, Johnsen sang in Divine, the women's a capella group.

"She was pretty reserved at first and humble, and so sweet to everyone," said Divine president and senior in music Devon Sheppard. "Then she really grew into herself and the group and became more outgoing. She was just really fun to be around and kind to everyone."

Sheppard and fellow Divine member Erica Puopolo, who both sang and worked with Haley, said they watched her every week.

"We were all super excited for her. She has such an amazing voice and she was an amazing person," Puopolo said. "She was so humble and sweet. She never flaunted her voice. It was exciting for us to be able to support her."

"It was really upsetting because singing with her, I know her full potential," Sheppard said. "And I know how amazing she is, so seeing her get cut before she could show off her full potential was

really sad."

Even though Haley is no longer on the show, her contract still states that she is not allowed to do any interviews, so she was unable to provide further comment. Her mother, however, explained her plans.

"She's taking the time now that she's living at home and doesn't have any bills to just completely hammer on her music career," Johnsen said. "She's going to be in the studio recording; she'll be working with a voice coach to further her skills. This has become a full-time job for her now. At least for the next few months, she's just going to zero in and make that her number one focus."

Johnsen said Haley appreciates all her fans did to support her. "She doesn't want to let her fan base down by giving up; she is going full speed ahead; and that's something her fans need to know. This is not the end of the line for Haley, she's even more determined now to press forward."

Haley may be off the show, but there are no doubt high hopes for her budding music career.

"It sucks because they're just judged on that one performance," Puopolo said. "But it's one door closed and another opened. She'll still make it, just from another route."

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Clarification

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Yesterday, an article entitled "OSU scientists explain how to make snakes sexy" listed the authors of the study as Mason and Parker at the end of the article. In the published study, Parker is listed as the corresponding author and is therefore listed first. The Daily Barometer regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

XUE

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monuments in medieval China. Specifically, it examines the complex relationship between text and image, materiality and spatiality, and how these ancient works shaped later artistic taste and visions. My most recent article, "Enigma of the Eulogy to Burying a Crane," appeared in *Artibus Asiae* [vol. 73, 2012, no. 1].

Q: Do you encourage all OSU students to learn about Asian art?

A: I want to encourage students on campus to take or come to my classes. Most of my students are from the art department and I want students to know that it can be open to more audiences. Since this is a really new position at this school and for many years, there isn't really a whole lot of opportunities to learn about Chinese and Japanese art. I'm going to teach contemporary Chinese art and salivate to Chinese art next term.

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CHARITY

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derful opportunity for members of our community to come together and make a difference in the lives of people experiencing food insecurity."

The other half of the proceeds for the Empty Bowls will even go to Word of Good, a small nonprofit based in Junction City that sponsors community service projects in Ethiopia. World of Good has a sponsorship program that allows individuals to pay \$25 a month to send a child to school, from kindergarten through university, so that they do not have to give up education to help contribute to family income.

"The one thing that makes World of Good different from other programs is we actually send the money to the kid," said Jacque Gerdes, volunteer director for World of Good. "Other nonprofits, you get a picture of a kid but they use the money to build a school."

The nonprofit also uses funds to help set up family co-ops and properly train individuals to run them, such as a bakery ran by 14 single moms so that they can generate self-sustaining incomes.

Community members can buy tickets to the event at the door on a sliding scale of five to \$20, depending on how much money they feel they can reasonably contribute out of their budget to fighting food insecurity.

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TOO \$HORT

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pursue college at the same time." Wilcots elaborated on how much of an impact Thompson had on his community. He worked hard to get to OSU when he was in high school, devoting much of his effort to athletics, spending time with his friends or studying.

"Everyone around him — his friends, the kids in the neighborhood, saw how hard he was working to get where he wanted to go. Everyone around him saw that," she said.

When Thompson passed, Wilcots explained how the support from the OSU community had been overwhelming, with many students, players and coaches reaching out to her to offer their support. "What people don't realize is that Fred was my only child. He was my best friend. He was never away from me until he went to Oregon State. He was my protector. A big part of me is gone, but I know I have to move on," she said.

At Thompson's memorial service, Head Football Coach Mike Riley affirmed the role Thompson played in the community. "We all knew he had physical talents, but he had way, way more to offer than that. He was a caring soul and a truly wonderful man," Riley said.

The concert itself will take place tonight at the Benton County fairgrounds, where doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$15, \$20 in the Memorial Union Quad and \$25 at the door.

The show will feature opening acts from Cali Kidd, T-Walk, D. Worthy, Lalaboy, Oxymeron, Blaze and Jove and DJ Cloud N9ne.

Why Too \$hort?

Makarowsky was enthusiastic about Too \$hort's entertainment value, calling him experienced and well-known. "He has been in the game longer than I've been alive; his 19th album comes out at the end of [February]," he said.

Another reason for the selection was that "Oregon State has such a strong community that comes from the Bay Area. We have a ton of people flying up just for the concert who were friends and family of Fred, and who know who Too \$hort is, just to try and help out," Makarowsky said.

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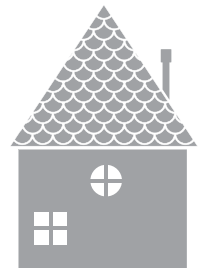


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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the weekend. Beaver baseball is home this weekend. The forecast calls for nothing but sunshine and happiness, and it is the weekend before Dead Week. Go golfing. Read a book. Do some studying. Go for a run. Go skydiving. Take a trip (we hear Eugene is lovely this time of the year). Indulge some of your wilder impulses and make sure you come out on top this weekend. Because...

Nay to Dead Week. It is rapidly approaching and is just waiting to ruin your life.

Nay to those damn quorums. You know those things you need to have to actually have a legitimate meeting.

Yea to ASOSU and their ability to pull a prank. They did this funny thing where they pretended to hold a meeting regarding student fee budgets for next year. Except the joke was on us, and they were just playing, because the meeting wasn't real. Funny. The only thing missing was Ashton Kutcher. Well played, ASOSU.

Yea to encores. Next week they will be holding another meeting where the Student Incidental Fees Committee will present once again. But will the meeting count or will ASOSU get us again? It's a surprise. Bring popcorn — it's going to be quite a show.

Yea to surprises. Evangelist Pat Robertson came out this week in support of legalizing marijuana. Yes, the same man who recently said that more praying could have prevented the recent tornado disasters. The same Robertson who claimed the founder of Haiti had a "pact with the devil," which indirectly contributed to the earthquake that ravaged the country in 2010. Clearly, Robertson is smoking something.

Yea to winning the lottery. Amanda Clayton, a Michigan woman, recently won \$1 million.

Nay to mo' money, mo' problems. Clayton continued to collect the \$200 a month in welfare payments after she won the money, until the Department of Human Services cut her off. Her reasoning? She says she had no income and she has bills to pay. Clayton has two children, two houses and a car. The car and one of the houses were bought after she won the lottery. Hey, we all have our needs.

Yea to America taking a lead in the world. No, not in education reform. No, not in human rights. No, not in an efficient and effective health care system. No, America chooses to lead in something much more important — bikini parades. The largest bikini parade was recently held on Panama City Beach, with more than 450 women walking on the beach and chanting "U-S-A, U-S-A."

Yea to patriotism. It is a beautiful thing. **N**ay to the husbands and boyfriends who stopped to take in the parade. We don't think "But honey, I am just being patriotic" worked as an excuse.

Nay to a pregnant Snooki. **Y**ea to theme parties. An ugly Christmas sweater party comes to mind.

Nay, however, to getting lazy with your theme parties. According to Facebook, there is a "Frat tanks and yoga pants party" taking place. A few questions, one what is the difference between a frat tank and a normal one? Two, is the purpose of this party to cut right to the chase, since both yoga pants and tanks are things people wear to bed? Oh wait, damn. OK, we get it now. Well played.

Nay, though, to saying "frat." The word brings up negative connotations and should not be used. Come on, show respect.

Yea to "Animal House." What an awesome movie.

Nay to leaving out one particular success from Thursday — no need to jinx it.

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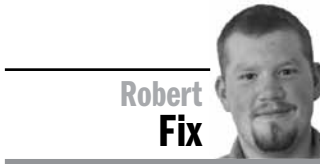
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Government should not restrict cell service

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for maintaining and monitoring the various ways in which we communicate with each other through television, radio and many other media. Some are beginning to question their power after a recent incident involving the Bay Area Rapid Transit, which interrupted cell phone communication at various transit stations to hinder protests last year. After all, a few public protests shouldn't constitute the "emergency" needed for the FCC to use such power.

In a statement to the New York Times, the FCC admitted there are rules allowing for intermittent interruption of cell phones and Internet service for emergency situations. However, the FCC acknowledged that there has been "insufficient discussion, analysis and consideration" to actually implementing such a service. No, you didn't have a stroke — a government agency actually said they don't know enough and aren't sure they have the power or authority to do something. The FCC hasn't condoned the actions of BART, but instead decided to investigate the matter.

The San Francisco-based transit service decided to interrupt cell phone service after a BART officer



Robert Fix

Rebel without a pulse

shot and killed a civilian at a local protest. The NYT makes no mention of the civilian either committing a crime, collateral damage or an incident of incompetence resulting in the death of another civilian. After much public outcry, BART felt that the safety of their employees would be at risk if they didn't prevent communication to other protestors by jamming cell phone service. BART later released a statement warning that interrupting cell phones is a procedure they will use if the situation warrants it. The transit service claims the cell-jamming is intended to prevent bombs that can be detonated remotely with a cell phone and other similar emergencies. If that's the case, then preventing protestors from communicating wouldn't exactly qualify under their provisions.

The FCC's NYT statement also specified that they believe "our democracy, our society and our safety all require communications networks that are available and open." This is inspiring to hear, but doesn't mean much unless

there is some action behind it. The FCC should just make it clear that they believe any form of cell phone and/or Internet interruption is criminal; instead, they've chosen to debate the issue.

Fortunately, they have decided to get public opinion. This requires the FCC to put together intelligent, rational and logical arguments as to why they should be allowed to do this. For instance, one criticism is that 70 percent of calls to 911 take place from a cell phone. In turn, the FCC is now talking to cell phone service providers to see if they can shut service down without preventing 911 from being called.

There is no reason to interrupt cell phone service for any reason. One might think that stopping service to prevent a bomb would be a great idea, but unless cell phone service is shut down completely, no one can prevent the use of cell phone bombs.

Not to mention that this is just a stepping stone to creating a tyrannical government. We all know the old idiom, "give them an inch, and they'll take a mile." To passively concede to the FCC the ability to shut service down in an "emergency" situation, and to allow them to decide what an emergency is, would be detrimental to society and future generations.

Imagine if cell phones were shut down during Hurricane Katrina, 9/11 or any of the other disasters that sent us into a state of emergency. While it would be insane to imagine the government cut service at a time like that, what other possible emergency requires them to enact such a plan?

This is the first time since the advent of the cell phone that the issue of jamming the signal has arisen for "emergency" purposes. The FCC is accepting public opinion through April 30 while they make a preliminary decision on the new policy.

The potential good that service interruption could do in no way outweighs the harm that it will create if allowed to pass. We need to let the FCC know that they don't have the power to do this and we, the public, do not support the power to do this.

As a society, we take one step closer to George Orwell's "1984" every time we concede a small amount of power for safety. Benjamin Franklin once said, "They, who can give up liberty for temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

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Fluke, Limbaugh debacle allows country to reconsider our real concerns and flaws

On Feb. 23, Sandra Fluke testified in a hearing about the importance of contraception from a woman's perspective. Then, on Feb. 29, Rush Limbaugh called her a slut and a prostitute. These completely sexist remarks reduced a modern, educated woman to a sexual object.

I find it remarkable that in the year 2012, not only do we have this kind of blatant, inexcusable behavior occurring in a public arena, but also that contraception has become a political issue.

Every presidential campaign has one "pet" issue that the main political debate centers around. This election season, it's not the economy, national security, environmental issues or doubting the legitimacy of the candidate's birth certificate. Instead, we're busy trying to defend a basic human right: the right to decide what we want to do with our bodies.

Our generation is focused on the future, but in this case, we should look to the past for a warning. John Milton's epic poem "Paradise Lost" is a story about the fall from Eden. The poem discusses Satan's fall from Heaven, the creation of Earth, and the creation and temptation of Adam and Eve, ending with hope for humanity's salvation. Satan is arguably the most interesting character in the story, and Milton basically sympathizes with a lot of his noble human qualities such as leadership and bravery, but the one quality

Allison Mermelstein
The Daily Barometer

Milton cannot condone is fancy speech.

The beautiful, well-constructed, eloquent speeches are condemned as being deceitful. As Milton says, "He seemed for dignity composed and high exploit: but all was false and hollow." People cannot be judged on whether they look honest; it is far easier to lie than we would like to think.

In a presidential election, it's easy to vote down party lines or to be swayed by rhetoric. Lofty speeches are requisite to the politician, and they can be every bit as deceiving as Milton warns us.

The entire American public knows what each candidate's stance is on birth control, but other issues have been obscured. In this day and age, birth control should no longer be an issue. Yet, essentially, a controversy has been made over a previously settled issue. The debate is no longer about stem cell research or even about abortion, but about providing a basic reproductive right.

As citizens of voting age, we need to question why this debate is happening and whether we can allow politicians to distract us in this manner. The American public must be vigilant and remain skeptical of any politician.

Politicians must be questioned

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Atheists don't need to take lessons from religion

Alain de Botton, bestselling author and atheist, recently stated at a TED conference, and in a CNN opinion article, "The most boring question you can ask about religion is whether or not the whole thing is 'true.'"

In some very small way, I agree with that statement — just substitute the word religion with the story Harry Potter and you'll see my point. However, Harry Potter is currently not the source material for the all-male panels on whether the government should mandate insurance companies to cover the costs for birth control. I'm still waiting for the all-lesbian panel on whether insurance should cover Viagra.

And while I don't find the question on whether religion is true or not boring in the slightest, Botton is poking at a larger question: With no God, with our ability to explore outer space, to manipulate genetic information, what can religion possibly contribute to our society? On this specific question, I only agree with Botton on one point: community.

Even if all aspects of religion were unequivocally disproven tomorrow, people would still go to church for the social aspect. It's a chance to meet people you may not see otherwise, exchange well wishes and have fun at the potluck afterward. We are social animals that love connections; even the freethought and skeptic group at OSU that I help found meets every other week on Sunday at a pub to catch up with friends and have intelligent discussion and discourse.

But Botton goes a step further

Harrison Pride
The Daily Barometer

in his views on the purpose of religion in our society, today stating that secular society has "grown frightened of the word 'morality.' We bridle at the thought of hearing a sermon. We flee from the idea that art should be uplifting or have an ethical mission. We don't go on pilgrimages. We can't build temples. We have no mechanisms for expressing gratitude."

Of these statements, I can only agree with two; I don't go on pilgrimages, nor do I see the point in building temples or churches. But as an atheist, and an annoying vocal and outspoken atheist at that, I am not afraid of morality. Every person's morality is a constantly shifting doctrine that we live our lives by, ever-shifting and changing as we grow older and more nuanced — vastly different than the static unchanging morality of any holy book.

Nor do I find art unmoving. It is true that much of the subject matter of art throughout the ages has been religious in nature, but I would say that it is more due to deep purses of churches or religion commissioning artwork for an illiterate public, rather than divine inspiration. I myself perform fire dancing once a month with a group of friends, and I find

the action so beautiful and unique that I find it difficult to put into words. I am constantly reading and reciting poetry, classical music and every once in a while, I try to view a Jackson Pollack painting.

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“With no God, with our ability to explore outer space, to manipulate genetic information, what can religion possibly contribute to our society?”

Letters to the Editor

ASOSU not doing its job

We need dedicated leaders

The Associated Students of Oregon State University has been nothing but front-page news lately in the Barometer. I feel most students are left asking themselves, "What is the point of ASOSU?"

This year has been nothing but how bad ASOSU is — from talks of corruption, lack of executive leadership, unauthorized pay raises, poor student representation, cultural diversity, breaking of the rules and statutes and now we have joint meetings to approve budgets not meeting quorum. The students who are in ASOSU are elected by the student body; therefore, they are in ASOSU for the sole purpose of representing the students of Oregon State University and the university as a whole.

My biggest problem is that there is a huge lack of commitment and lack of accountability, as well as a failure in leadership. We have elected a president who has broken many rules and statutes and we have a House and Senate who can't even make quorum. These people are supposed to be leaders and make the best

decisions for the students at OSU and so far, it seems that they have done nothing but fail.

As a past member of the Senate for two years, I saw the problems firsthand, and my biggest regret is that I didn't act then. Students are elected into ASOSU time and time again who have no leadership abilities or accountability to themselves or this school and its students they are sworn to represent and serve. I know there are hardworking and honest people in ASOSU, but as a whole, things need to change for the betterment of students at OSU.

The idea of ASOSU is a wonderful idea, but the people in ASOSU need changing. People are afraid to stand up for what is right, and don't have the courage to stand up anymore. They need to be strong when standing up for their beliefs and be the first to admit when they are wrong — and ASOSU has not done that.

The students at Oregon State University have lost complete and utter faith in their student government, just like the people have lost faith in the federal government. If you are in ASOSU, but do not do your

job representing the students at OSU, or are there for personal glorification, then you need to leave.

There is no excuse for not meeting quorum, and it is unquestionable when I say that there appears to be a lack of discipline and lack of commitment and leadership throughout ASOSU. The excuse "I didn't know" should not be tolerated anymore.

A community is made stronger through everyone's equal participation and strengthening the weakest links. But if our weakest links are our leaders in ASOSU, then we need to think about getting new leaders.

ASOSU is not a social club or a way to make friends; its purpose is to get things done, and now ASOSU is failing in its job.

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Gun ban a mistake

Right-to-carry prevents crime

In regards to your article about the recent gun ban policy on campus, I would like to point out a few fallacies in the arguments for why the gun ban is such a good thing.

First of all, the idea of making it illegal for individuals

who are holders of a concealed carry weapons permit will simply remove the protection that those people will provide to our campus. According to the Department of Justice's 2007 Uniformed Crime Report, states with right-to-carry laws have a 30 percent lower homicide rate, as well as a 46 percent lower robbery rate.

This just goes to show that the kind of people who perform those heinous crimes are not going to take the time to file for a permit in which you have to submit to a fingerprint and background check. Not to mention the fact that the percent of crimes committed by individuals with CCW permits is less than one percent of crimes committed.

Also, this gun ban is against the constitutional right of the Second Amendment to bear arms.

In conclusion, I believe the gun ban law to be a complete and utter mistake.

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because they have willingly embarked on a career where being corrupted by money or power is virtually a guarantee. The country must question anyone who might be willing, at some point, to disregard his or her ideals in order to get re-elected or elected in the first place.

Voters must keep abreast of critical issues, getting information from several different sources so that they can think critically about what they are being told. When we don't pay attention, when we are willing to believe anything someone says because they belong to the right party, then we neglect our duty to our community and ourselves.

We must wade through the mud that is the 2012 political campaign. While the right candidate may not inspire the changes that we so desperately desire to improve our nation, that person at least will not take a step backwards.

Every so often a voice punctures through the usual political noise and forces us to stir from our complacency. Perhaps Rush Limbaugh, when he suggested that Fluke should post videos of herself having sex on the Internet if she wanted taxpayers to pay for it, was enough of a wake-up call for the American public to pay close attention to this year's batch of politicians.

If that's so, then I'll have something to thank Rush Limbaugh for, and I never thought I'd say that in my life.

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As for expressing gratitude, I am confused that such an action can even be construed as religious. Religion has never had a monopoly on giving thanks, nor did it ever claim to do so.

Botton goes on to state numerous other straw man arguments on how an atheist idea leads to a lackluster existence. We don't sing with strangers, we don't have mental exercise in our life, we all eat babies — OK, he didn't say that last one, but I couldn't resist the old stereotype.

With how Botton describes the idea of atheism, it's a wonder we all don't just turn to nihilism and mug people outside of bowling allies. Atheism is not a doctrine, code of ethics, or religion, just a single idea that god or gods do not exist. In comparison, I fail to see how religion improves the human experience.

Religion has stood as the gate guard for every moment of social and scientific progress for the past hundred years. Religion had to be dragged kicking and screaming on the issues of civil rights, women's right to vote and slavery. Before then, it imprisoned scientists and thinkers such as Galileo for daring to state that the Earth

was not the center of the universe. Religion still leaves a poisonous mark on humanity today by removing the eternal curiosity and questioning attitude needed for our species to grow.

If we seek a cosmic purpose, a relationship with the universe around us, a role in the grand scheme of space and time, let us not constrain ourselves with the dusty old ways of religion, but see how science informs us about the universe we live — both in what we observe and, even more importantly, on the questions we ask. Where religion is static and unchanging, science and curiosity is a never-failing engine for us to travel through life.

Science has given us perhaps the most astounding fact in the history of the human race: In the last 50 years, science has revealed that the atoms that our bodies are made of were created in the furnaces of stars that supernovaed eons ago.

We should not be frightened by the universe, the size or scale of it, because we are the universe. As Carl Sagan said, "We are the way for the cosmos to know itself." What religious dogma can ever capture the beauty of such a statement?

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which will help reveal the falsehood of these stigmas. In addition, the series aims to make mental health a topic of discussion so that it can be normalized beyond the shameful secret it is so often treated as.

Mental health issues among college-age students can directly affect their ability to succeed, "but the stigma of speaking about them is enormous, so people go silent and may not seek help or receive support from friends and family," Nelson said.

Larry Roper, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, said the series will be "showcasing life stories and experiences of individuals who are living with mental health issues" as well as how they overcome them. The series will also be featuring "present researchers and mental health practitioners who will offer sci-

entific and clinical perspectives."

Having started this previous winter, a couple speakers have already been featured including successful basketball player Chamique Holdsclaw, who spoke on March 5 about her experiences with depression.

The next speaker will be Bryan Adams, a war veteran who has become an advocate for the awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Speakers featured during the 2012-2013 school year include film and television actor Joey Pantoliano, best known for his roles in "The Sopranos" and "The Matrix," as well as Corey L. M. Keyes, a sociology professor at Emory University.

"We feel strongly that a series such as this can help members of our community better understand the mental health needs of peers, colleagues and family members," Roper said. "This is an opportunity to educate and build a stronger campus support network."

In addition to strengthening the campus as a whole, the series aims to give individual students "hope, connections and resources for improving their own mental health wellness," as well as "better understanding for and supporting of others through the challenges that can come with mental health and illness," Nelson said. After all, even if a particular person isn't going through something, they probably know someone who is.

The next guest, Bryan Adams, will be speaking April 12 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. All students are welcome to come to this and future events, as they are open to the public.

"We hope that all will join us in challenging the unfortunate belief that mental health difficulties indicate some personal or moral failing," Ross Artwohl said.

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Senior Leslie Mak has been OSU's steadiest gymnast this year. One of OSU's other top performers, Makayla Stambaugh, is nursing a lower leg injury and won't compete on all four apparatuses this week.

Gymnasts head to Denver for three-team meet

■ Beavers will look to bounce back from last week's loss, but will have to do so with a limited Stambaugh

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Their first defeat of the season — which came at the hands of the University of Utah last Friday — is not the only loss Oregon State is currently troubled with.

Junior all-arounder, Makayla Stambaugh did not participate in beam and floor in last week's meet due to a lower leg injury, and the team may have to deal with her absence in a couple of events Saturday. Stambaugh was a 2011 All-American in uneven bars and floor, and is a vital part of a team trying to reach the pinnacle of gymnastics this season.

The No. 9 Beavers travel to Denver for a three-team meet with the No. 22 University of Denver and Texas Women's College.

It's still unclear exactly how much Stambaugh — who almost always finishes either first or second in the all-around with senior Leslie Mak — will participate in Saturday's meet.

"I'm feeling alright," Stambaugh said Tuesday. "I've been getting a lot of treatment, icing my leg, staying on top of it."

"Right now it's day-to-day, so we're just watching and seeing how [Stambaugh] progresses from day to day," said head coach Tanya Chaplin.

Without Stambaugh participating in her usual four events, some others will have to step up to fill the void created by her absence. Freshman Chelsea Tang competed on balance beam last Friday, after not doing beam since the second meet of the season.

It is vital that Stambaugh is as close to 100 percent as possible in two weeks for Pac-12 Championships, and then later on for regionals and potentially nationals.

"It's more important right now to give her the rest that she needs so she's ready in the future," said senior Olivia Vivian.

And the injury isn't one that just cropped up last week, it's one that's been nagging Stambaugh for almost the entire season this winter.

"It's actually been kind of an ongoing injury," Stambaugh said. "I started feeling a little bit of pain in my right shin the second week of season. It was my last home meet where I did a tumbling pass that really aggravated it. So since then, it's been pretty tender."

Whether or not the Beavers have Stambaugh for all four events Saturday, they're going to have to deal with it. And there are other worries outside of the injury status of one of their best gymnasts.

OSU is trying to put some solid scores up for their last two meets of the season, because qualifying for regionals is on the horizon. Last week's loss to Utah was a good reminder of how the judging can be in different venues. The total team score was Oregon State's second-worst of the

season.

"Utah was kind of disappointing," said Vivian. "We had a few mistakes here and there, but nothing too bad. Nothing personally that I believe deserved those scores."

"Our floor was amazing," Vivian added. "Kelsi [Blalock] started us off, all her landings were just spot on, and then she gets a (9.725). It just didn't feel like the judging was what we're used to — which is fine, and in the long run is going to make us better off for the future."

The Beavers rank eighth in the nation for their floor exercises, averaging a score of 49.134. In Utah, they put up just 48.825, a fairly substantial difference for gymnastics. Not one OSU gymnast scored above 9.900, which is also pretty uncommon for the Beavers.

"We didn't put up our best performances but they also weren't our worst," Stambaugh said. "Because the judges can be a little harder on us, so the next time we go in there, especially for Pac-12s, we need to make sure we're working on those fine details so they have no choice but to give us the scores that we deserve."

Getting scores back to where they need them to be may prove a little tougher without Stambaugh at full strength right now, but it'll be a testament to the depth of this lineup to see if they can continue to score as high as they want to be.

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but has been largely effective in the first 12 games.

"There are times in this game where it can be difficult," Casey said. "When there's only four at bats in a given game for a player there's a lot of room for freshmen to get frustrated and emotional. Most freshmen haven't experienced a lot of failure and when you see quality arms come in one after the other it can be a tough adjustment. It's surprised me a little bit that the freshmen have adapted so quickly."

Only junior outfielder Ryan Barnes, senior infielder Ryan Dunn, sophomore designated hitter Kavin Keyes and sophomore catcher Jake Rodriguez return as consistent starters from last season's team.

In spite of the drastically different lineup, the Beavers have gotten off to a decent start offensively, scoring 87 runs through 12 games. The mound is where the Beavers have faced the majority of their struggles, largely due to a starting rotation that is almost entirely different from last year's veteran staff.

Sophomore lefthander Ben Wetzler is the only returning starter and will likely anchor the bunch. Sophomore righthander Adam Duke also has some experience, but hasn't yet returned from injury, and sophomore righthander Cole Baylis has pitched with inconsistency in his place.

Freshman righty Riley Wilkerson has provided a couple of quality starts in his first collegiate action and heralded freshman southpaw Jace Fry

is expected to make his OSU debut later this weekend to round out the starting rotation.

"It surprised me that we haven't been better on the mound," Casey said. "We can see that we have some good young talent, but we're wanting a little bit more out of our pitching staff. We understand Childs is a sophomore, Baylis is a sophomore, Wilkerson is a freshman and Wetzler's a sophomore, but some of those guys have to make a jump and for us to make a jump as a club they need to make the jump on the mound."

Oregon State expects to see improvement from the pitching staff starting this weekend when the Beavers host the Nike College Showcase at Goss Stadium. The tournament consists of quality teams from the East Coast including West Virginia, Illinois, Connecticut, and Oklahoma.

"It's definitely exciting," Rodriguez said of playing at home. "I'm hoping that the weather holds up for us. It's good to have the home crowd behind us. We actually had a lot of Beaver fans support us on the road but it's good to be home back in Corvallis."

Improved defense and consistency on the mound is OSU's main focus going into the tournament, with the hope that the offense will continue to improve as well.

"We just need to stick to our game plan," Dunn said. "Pitching and defense is key and our offense is coming around. Each game our offense is getting better and we're starting to square up some balls."

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from attempting a game-tying three by fouling Ross as he crossed half court with just over two seconds left.

Ross made the first and missed the second on purpose, but that attempt didn't hit the rim, giving OSU the ball out of bounds.

Cunningham, who was fouled on the inbound attempt, then missed two more free throws, but the rebound was knocked out of bounds off Washington, sealing the Beaver win.

Cunningham finished with a near triple-double: 18 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. Junior forward Joe Burton notched a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Devon Collier (19 points), Starks (14) and Moreland (13) all finished in double-figures.

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That professor deserves a raise

One step at a time

Jared Cunningham and the Beavers need two more wins to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1990.



First round
W, 69-61 over WSU

TBD

Championship
Who: UA/OSU vs. TBD
When: Saturday, 3 p.m. PST
Where: Staples Center (L.A.)
TV: CBS



Semifinals
Who: OSU vs. UA
When: Tonight, 6 p.m. PST
Where: Staples Center (L.A.)
TV: ROOT Sports



Quarterfinals
W, 86-84 over UW

Check dailybarometer.com tonight for a recap by Daily Barometer reporter Alex Crawford, who will be covering this evening's game live from Staples Center.

Beavers upset UW, advance to semifinals

■ Things go haywire for 2 star players at the free throw line, but OSU prevails in the end

THE DAILY BAROMETER

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — At one point late in the second half Thursday, it looked like Jared Cunningham was headed for goat status.

The All-Pac-12 junior had three chances from the charity stripe in a 14-second span to add on to Oregon State's one-point lead over Washington.

He missed all three attempts — the first with 31 seconds left, the second and third with 17 seconds left.

But Cunningham would make up for it.

After Cunningham's misses at the 17-second mark, Washington freshman Tony Wroten missed a pair of free throws with eight seconds remaining.

Cunningham, who was immediately fouled after snatching Wroten's miss, made his next two attempts to help lead OSU to an eventual 86-84 win at Staples Center.

The Beavers (19-13, 7-11 Pac-12) became the first nine-seed to defeat a one-seed in Pac-12 Tournament history.

OSU led by 13 at the half and by as many as 15 early in the second half, but the Huskies (21-10, 14-4) went on a furious 26-6 run to take a 59-54 lead with just over 10 minutes to play.

Washington's lead got as high as eight with 8:49 remaining and was four after Wroten hit two free throws with 1:18 remaining to put the Huskies up 83-79.

That's when things got crazy.

Ahmad Starks hit a deep three — his fourth of the game — with 1:03 left to cut the Husky lead to one.

On the ensuing Washington possession, Husky forward Terrance Ross was called for an offensive foul after he plowed over Eric Moreland on a drive to the basket.

Cunningham then put OSU up by one when he scored on a layup and was fouled in the process. But he missed the free throw.

Wroten, who finished with a career-high 29 points, was then fouled inside with 18 seconds left, but missed both free throws.

Then Cunningham missed two, and Wroten missed two again.

Finally, Cunningham cashed in to put OSU up 86-83.

Moreland prevented Washington

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Baseball to play home opener today

■ Fans will get first chance to catch glimpse of Beavers, who have sights set on ending 4-year Omaha drought

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's amazing to think that it's been a full four years since the Oregon State baseball team won its second consecutive National Championship.

Since then, the team has failed to make it back to the College World Series, despite three winning seasons in the four-year span. The Beavers were two wins away from making the final eight last year before falling to highly ranked Vanderbilt in a three-game series.

This year the Beavers have reloaded with young talent at almost every position and will try to recapture some of their championship magic from years past.

Today, the people of Corvallis will get their first glimpse of the 2012 Beavers as they face West Virginia in their home opener at 5:35 at Goss Stadium.

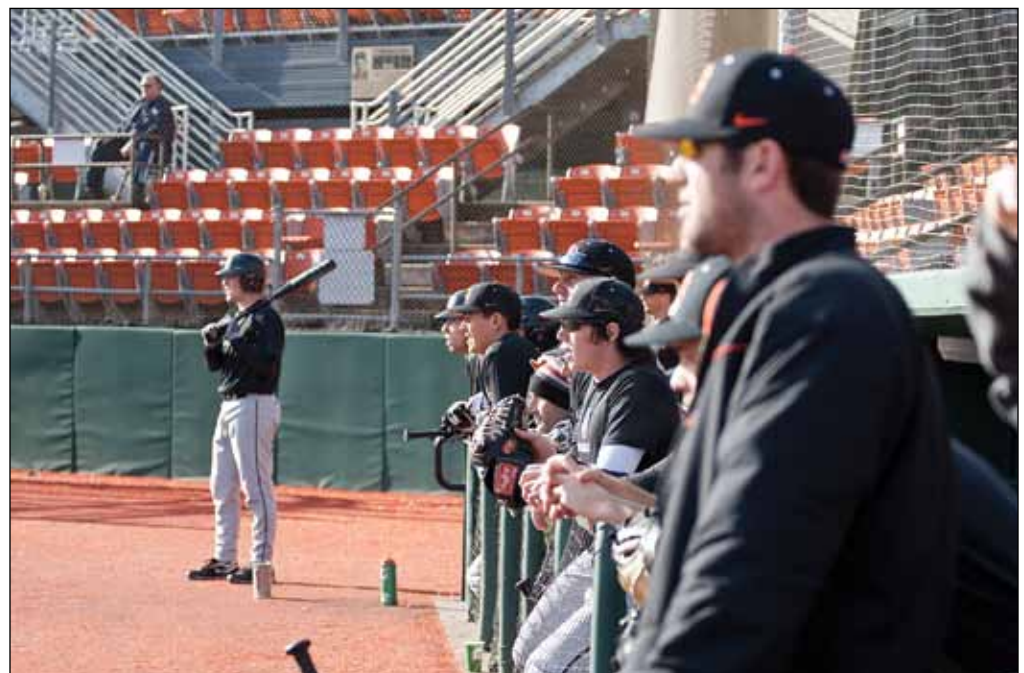
The Beavers have gotten off to a relatively fast start at 8-4 considering two starting pitchers are still sidelined with injury, and OSU has played every game up to this point on the road.

"We expected to get off to a good start," said head coach Pat Casey. "We knew that we're young and weren't expecting a couple of guys to be out but we feel like we haven't played as well as we could have. We're not going to complain about being 8-4, but we also have a little higher of a bar of the way we want to play the game."

The initial success is impressive considering the number of regular starters that either graduated or left for professional baseball after last season. Catcher Andrew Susac, starting pitcher Josh Osich, first baseman Jared Norris, third baseman Carter Bell, and centerfielder Brian Stamps are just a few notable players no longer on the roster.

Among the new positional starters are freshman IF/OF Michael Conforto, freshman OF Dylan Davis and freshman OF Ryan Howell. The young lineup has shown signs of growing pains,

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The Oregon State baseball team will play its home opener against West Virginia today at Goss Stadium. The Beavers went 8-4 on the road to open up the season.