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Kicking out the jams for peace



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Oregon State University played host to PeaceJam Northwest this weekend. The annual event brings together youth from throughout the region to discuss service projects and what they can do to serve their communities. This year's event featured a speech from Nobel Peace Prize winner, Adolfo Perez Esquivel on Friday night. Nearly 40 OSU students served as mentors during the weekend.

Stirring journey on the road to freedom

■ **Nguyen Huynh struggled to get into the United States, now works in McNary**

By **Linh Le**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Customers of the Boardwalk Café in McNary Dining Hall often see a short Asian chef in the stir-fry bar who doesn't stand still for a second. She stirs noodles, chops raw vegetables and takes orders while barking directions to students working with her.

People who do not know this little powerhouse might think that she is sometimes too grumpy with customers. If they only knew the story of her life, their attitudes might change.

Nguyen Huynh has been working as a stir-fry chef at Boardwalk since 1996 and is a political refugee from northern Vietnam. She endured hardship to bring her family to the United States, the "dreamland" she tried to reach both illegally and legally since 1969.

"All the refugees, who are desperate to leave the land where our homes were taken by the communists, and where our social status was destroyed publicly, were waiting for the boat to come," Huynh said.

The boat to which she refers is a cargo ship, many of which sail to Hong Kong, Malaysia, and other countries from ports in Vietnam. From those countries, the refugees sought to find another boat to America. It is a long dangerous trip, Huynh said, that takes months, or even years. Some who flee face death by hunger or thirst.

"The human-smuggler told us to wait on the beach, and if no boat comes after 3 a.m., then leave," she explained. "After 3, no boat came and the communist police showed up with dogs. The dogs barked and we ran. I lost my shoes, and my feet were cut by the sharp stones, but I kept running

because I was holding my daughter's hand."

Huynh and her family failed to escape from Vietnam four times. They tried a different human-smuggler but again failed. After her husband's sister was caught, they stopped trying to leave illegally and instead waited for official documentation. The family finally made it out in 1979 after 10 years of trying.

A sense of nostalgia lies thick in the living room of Huynh's apartment in north Corvallis. Even though she has been in the United States for more than 30 years, she still organizes her home in a Vietnamese style. The kitchen stove is never used. Huynh instead puts a stove under a roof in the garden and cooks outside so her home won't smell like cooking.

Huynh keeps her house very neat and tidy, and economizes by saving things such as empty coffee cups, plastic utensils and used cans. She also tries to re-cook the leftover food, making them into new dishes so the family will finish them later. Her husband, who is 12 years older and has been retired for five years, assists her in cleaning the house but is not very helpful in caring for her handicapped father. Huynh's father is 93 and had a stroke in 2003. Since then, Huynh has taken care of him, which includes his feeding and bathing.

The misfortune does not stop there for Huynh. In 2000, her 20-year-old daughter, Thanh, who was attending Oregon State University, suddenly suffered a mental breakdown and has not recovered. Thanh quit OSU, stopped communicating with people unless she had to, and usually sits staring blankly while her father cleans the garden and her mother cares for her grandfather.

Overcoming her family circumstances, Huynh works full time as the main chef of the stir-fry bar at

Boardwalk and rarely takes a day off.

"She is small, but is a very tough person. She yells at us all the time to get us working, but I know she never means anything bad by it," said Monica Kdep, who works alongside Huynh.

The stir-fry bar is always crowded and busy. Huynh tries to be there most of her shift and only takes a break when there are no customers.

"I usually have to wait in line but I never give up the stir fry because she can serve people with incredible speed, and makes really good food. I also feel that Huynh is a very caring person. She remembers what I usually have so I don't have to repeat my order every time," said Kingsley Chan, a freshman who lives in McNary Hall.

Huynh relaxes and opens up with people she comes to know. She laughs and cleans dishes in the kitchen as she explains that she likes to keep herself busy so "I don't have time to think about the sad facts in my life."

Huynh's only wish is to maintain her good health so she can take good care of her family, for whom she is responsible. She stares into the distance when she considers her long-term future, and sighs deeply.

"Nursing home, nursing home," she whispers. "Are there any other words scarier?"

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Huynh works as a stir-fry cook at McNary dining hall. Huynh struggled for over 10 years to bring herself and her family to the United States.

And then there were two

■ **Harris, Hatlen advance from primary election to compete in general election in two weeks**

By **Don Iler**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The field has been narrowed from three to two.

At the end of the second week of the Associated Students of Oregon State University, primary elections have eliminated some from their quest to be student leaders.

Voting on Blackboard ended at 10 p.m. on Friday, and the tallied votes left two clear contenders for both president and speaker of the house.

Amelia Harris and her running mate Dan Cushing will advance along with Drew Hatlen and Karli Olsen to the general election. The general election will take place in two weeks, beginning at 10 p.m. on April 25 and concluding at 10 p.m. on April 27.

Brett Deedon and Jacob Vandever also will advance to the general election and will be running against each other for the position of speaker of the house.

The primary election eliminated Jackson Lile and Robert Ohanesian from the election for president and Jacob Neiss from contention for speaker of the house.

"It feels fantastic having student support," Hatlen said. "We're going to continue to reach out and not take our primary victory for granted."

Hatlen and Olsen had the largest number of votes, beating the Harris and Cushing ticket by 153 votes. But it could change in the weeks to come, with anything possible in the general election.

"I'm honored and we're excited. Our campaign so far has been true to our values," Cushing said. "It's bigger than just us; it's about all our student volunteers helping us reach our personal best over the next couple of weeks."

Harris echoed her running mate's sentiments.

"This accomplishment is a step in the right direction for ASOSU and we are humbled by the support OSU students have shown to our vision," Harris said in an email. "We are dedicated to upholding ASOSU's commitment to students through using its resources effectively and its finances judiciously to represent and support all students."

Jackson Lile, the losing presidential candidate, said the election was a great experience, despite losing.

"I was bummed. I hoped we would squeeze into the general election but we didn't," Lile said. "We showed ASOSU there are other people and other voters out there."

A total number of 1,560 students voted in the presidential primary, 6.2 percent of the entire student body.

On Wednesday April 18, there will be another candidates debate at noon in the Memorial Union.

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ASOSU Primary results

President:

Hatlen/Olsen

671 votes 43 %

Harris/Cushing

518 votes 33 %

Lile/Ohanesian

371 votes 23.7%

Speaker:

Vandever 438, 43%

Deedon 416, 40%

Neiss 163, 16 %

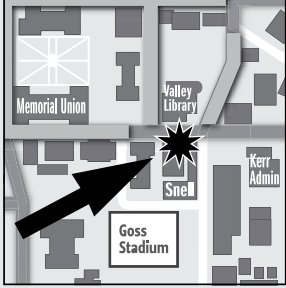
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New explosions rock Kabul after Afghan forces repel earlier attacks

A series of explosions rocked central Kabul early Monday, the day after Afghan security forces said they repulsed a wave of insurgent attacks in the capital and three other provinces.

The explosions persisted for some time, and followed periodic gunfire that lasted well into Sunday night in the Kabul district that houses government offices and allied embassies. There was no immediate explanation, but Afghan authorities had said late Sunday that they were trying to dislodge insurgents in an empty building near the headquarters of NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Seddiqi said the remaining insurgents "have no choice except surrendering or to be killed by the Afghan forces."

"They came today with more than 20 insurgents and suicide bombers and attacked four provinces," Seddiqi told CNN Sunday. "As a result, they got nothing, and 19 of them were killed."

The assault was a rare occurrence in a heavily guarded part of Kabul -- but Gen. John Allen, the U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, said the Afghans beat back the insur-

gents without allied assistance.

"They were on scene immediately, well-led and well-coordinated," Allen said. "They integrated their efforts, helped protect their fellow citizens and largely kept the insurgents contained." He said the attacks were meant to signal "that legitimate governance and Afghan sovereignty are in peril," but the Afghan response "is proof enough of that folly."

Seddiqi said two civilians were killed across the country, and 15 Afghan police officers were wounded. He said 15 of 19 suicide bombers were stopped before they could blow themselves up, with most of them killed by Afghan security forces.

And Lutfullah Mashal, a spokesman for the National Directorate of Security, said three men arrested in Kabul confessed to plotting to kill Karim Khalil, Afghanistan's second vice president. Two of the men planned to blow themselves up in Khalil's home, Mashal said.

The Taliban militia that once ruled most of Afghanistan claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying it launched fighters into battle with suicide vests, RPGs and hand grenades in Kabul and the

provinces of Nangarhar, Paktia and Logar. But Mashal said the three men who targeted Khalil confessed to being members of the Haqqani network, a separate insurgent group that sometimes allies itself with the Taliban.

In his statement, Allen said, "No one is underestimating the seriousness of today's attacks." But ISAF spokesman Lt. Col. Jimmie Cummings described himself as "underwhelmed," and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker told CNN, "The Taliban are very good at issuing statements, less good at fighting."

Crocker told CNN's "State of the Union" that no Americans had been hurt, but "our hearts go out" to the Afghans who had been killed or wounded. He suggested the attacks may be the work of the Haqqani network, rather than the Taliban, saying the Taliban did not have the capacity to carry them out.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said as many as seven locations in Kabul were attacked, including Afghanistan's parliament building and the American, German and Russian embassies. Seddiqi said the insurgents took up positions in empty

buildings in three Kabul districts to carry out the attacks, and still held one as midnight neared Sunday. Kabul police said they found and detonated a van full of explosives.

Meanwhile, an airbase used by U.S. troops in the eastern city of Jalalabad, in Naranghar province, also came under attack, the NATO command in Kabul reported. Four suicide bombers wearing women's burqas tried to attack the Jalalabad airfield where United States troops are based, airfield commander Jahangir Azimi said.

At least three of the attackers were killed, ISAF said in a statement about the incident.

Separately, a group of suicide bombers attacked the police training center in the city of Gardez, in nearby Paktia province. At least eight civilians were wounded, said a police official at the center, who is not authorized to speak to the media and asked not to be named.

And 15 would-be attackers were arrested in Kunduz province plotting similar strikes, said Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, a spokesman for the chief of police for north and northeast Afghanistan.

— CNN

U.N. monitors arrive in Syria as killings continue

The first members of a U.N. monitoring team have arrived in Syria, a U.N. spokesman said early Monday, four days after a so-called cease-fire that is showing serious signs of collapse.

The six monitors arrived Sunday in Damascus and will begin their work Monday morning, said Kieran Dwyer, a spokesman for peacekeeping missions at the United Nations.

"They will be liaising with the Syrian government, security forces and the opposition members to establish the monitoring process across the country," Dwyer said.

The first members of the advance team arrived a day after the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to authorize unarmed

observers to travel to Syria to monitor the shaky cease-fire.

The 15-member council approved the deployment of an advance team of 30 monitors meant to pave the way for a larger group of up to 250 observers, calling on Syria to provide them unimpeded freedom of movement. The remaining 24 members of the advance team will arrive in Damascus in the coming days, Dwyer said.

The second, larger deployment rests on how the cease-fire holds and whether discussions between Syria and U.N.-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan can make headway to quell the bloodshed.

Still, the resolution marks the Security Council's first on Syria since the conflict

gripping the country broke out more than a year ago.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pledged to try to develop by Wednesday a more concrete proposal for an official, and likely more broadly defined, observer mission.

Bouthaina Shaaban, a Syrian government spokeswoman and presidential adviser, said Sunday that the "length of work of the observers and their movement will be determined in coordination with the government of Syria." A protocol agreement on the observers' mission will need to be signed before the larger group is allowed to come, she said, according to a transcript on the website of state-run Al Dunya TV.

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Calendar

Monday, April 16

Events
College Republicans, 10am-4pm, MU Quad. Second Amendment Week. Structured on education with a focus on firearm safety and how firearms are really used. Raffle prizes and special prizes for military.
Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, 5-7pm, MU 109. Revealing the impact single-parent households have on a child's development.

Tuesday, April 17

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

Events
College Republicans, 10am-4pm, MU Quad. Second Amendment Week. Structured on education with a focus on firearm safety and how firearms are really used. Raffle prizes and special prizes for military.
College Republicans, 6:30-10pm, Benton Fairgrounds. Free Concealed Handgun Licensing Class for any student or faculty member. Class taught by Jim Jacobs. More information at College Republican booth during Second Amendment Week.

Wednesday, April 18

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. Convenes to discuss student issues and concerns. Students and student organization delegates are welcome to attend.

Events
College Republicans, 10am-4pm, MU Quad. Second Amendment Week. Structured on education with a focus on firearm safety and how firearms are really used. Raffle prizes and special prizes for military.
SEAC: Student Events & Activities Center, 5pm, Club level of Reser Stadium. God vs. Gay? Join bestselling author and activist Jay Michaelson for conversation and discussion, God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality.

Pride Center, 1:30-1:30pm, The Pride Center. Join a sit down lunch and conversation with author Jay Michaelson. This will serve as a precursor event to his later presentation entitled "God vs. Gay?"

Thursday, April 19

Meetings
OSU Pre-Law Society, 6:30pm, StAg 111. Regular meeting.

Speakers
College Republicans, 7pm, Withcombe 109. Lecture on the Constitution and Bill of Rights by Jeff Grossman out of Portland.

Events
College Republicans, 10am-4pm, MU Quad. Second Amendment Week. Structured on education with a focus on firearm safety and how firearms are really used. Raffle prizes and special prizes for military.
Human Services Resource Center (HSRC), 11:15am-1:30pm, MU Quad. Sandwich Blowout! Join the HSRC staff for a free sandwich!

Obama calls for 'rigorous' probe into Secret Service prostitution allegations

President Barack Obama called Sunday for a "thorough" and "rigorous" investigation into allegations involving prostitutes and Secret Service agents in Colombia.

Some 11 Secret Service agents and officers are being investigated over preliminary findings that they allegedly brought back several prostitutes to a hotel in Cartagena, U.S. government sources familiar with the investigation have told CNN.

"What happened here in Colombia is being investigated by the director of the Secret Service," said Obama, who spoke in Cartagena, where he was in town for the Summit of the Americas event.

"I expect that investigation to be thorough and I expect it to be rigorous. If it turns out that some of the allegations that have been made in the press are confirmed, then of course I'll be angry," he said.

The alleged misconduct occurred before Obama arrived in Cartagena. The Secret Service personnel have since been sent back to the United States and put on administrative leave, the agency said. The U.S. military said that five U.S. troops who were working with the Secret Service are also under investigation for missing curfew and alleged "misconduct" at the same Colombian hotel.

"We're representing the people of the United States and when we travel to another country I expect us to observe the highest standards," said Obama. "Obviously what's been reported doesn't match up with those standards."

Still, he cautioned: "I'll wait until the full investigation is completed until I pass final judgment."

None of the agents or officers being investigated was part of the president's personal protective detail and Obama was not based at the Hotel Caribe, where the alleged misconduct occurred. But dignitaries and journalists reporting on the hemispheric meeting were staying there, a U.S. government official said.

Rep. Peter King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, was briefed on the matter and told CNN on Saturday that the government personnel brought prostitutes back to their rooms Wednesday night and "one of the women did not leave the room in the morning."

A hotel manager tried to get in the room, and eventually the woman emerged and said "they owed her money," according to King. Similarly, U.S. government sources said there was a dispute between at least one Secret Service member and a woman

brought back to his hotel over a request to be paid.

At least one of the women brought to the hotel talked with police, and complaints were filed with the U.S. Embassy, the sources said.

"The Secret Service saw that report, and they immediately began an investigation," King said.

Secret Service spokesman Edwin Donovan said that the agents were relieved of duty Thursday — prior to the president's arrival in Colombia — and replaced after "allegations of misconduct."

The agency's assistant director, Paul Morrissey, noted his agency's "zero tolerance policy on personal misconduct."

"This incident is not reflective of the behavior of our personnel as they travel every day throughout the country and the world performing their duties in a dedicated, professional manner," Morrissey said Saturday. "We regret any distraction from the Summit of the Americas this situation has caused."

The U.S. military is conducting its own investigation and will mete out "punishment, if appropriate ... in accordance with established policies and the Uniform Code of Military Justice," U.S. Southern Command said in a statement Saturday.

Ronald Kessler, a former Washington Post reporter who has written a book about the Secret Service, called the incident "clearly the biggest scandal in Secret Service history."

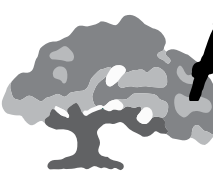
The Washington Post, which was the first to report the story, said it was alerted to the investigation by Kessler.

Jon Adler — president of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, which represents Secret Service agents and other federal law enforcement officers — urged caution in jumping to conclusions, characterizing the incident as "isolated" and not necessarily a scandal.

"That's just sort of an over-dramatic interpretation of an isolated incident," he said. "We have to trust the process of the internal review."

While soliciting prostitution is legal in certain areas of Colombia, it is considered a breach of the agency's conduct code, the government sources said. High-level officials in the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security were outraged over the incident, the sources said, noting that the investigation indicated the prostitutes were brought back to a hotel that had been secured for the summit.

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Upper mid west braces for round of severe weather

Large swaths of the upper Mississippi Valley braced Sunday evening for severe weather, part of a system that earlier struck a hospital, shredded buildings, blew tractor trailers off highways and killed five people.

Tornado watches were in effect through 11 p.m. CT (midnight ET) in one county in Minnesota, nine counties in Wisconsin and 26 counties in Arkansas, according to the National Weather Service. Such a watch extended through midnight in six counties in Missouri, 14 counties in Illinois and 26 counties in Arkansas.

Cities that have been under these alerts include St. Louis, Mi., Little Rock, Ark.; and Minneapolis and St. Paul in Minnesota.

"Strong winds near the surface and aloft will support fast-moving supercell thunderstorms that will be capable of producing tornadoes, some potentially strong, as well as damaging winds and large hail," the service's Storm Prediction Center said in its severe weather outlook.

As of 10 p.m. CT, the center had received 10 reports of tornadoes on Sunday. Still, while forecasters had warned that several twisters may touch down as the night wore on, there have been no such reports since 5:30 p.m. in McLeod County in

Minnesota.

Those numbers are below the 122 tornado reports from Saturday.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback told CNN that "97 tornadoes touched down" in his state, a figure not yet confirmed by the National Weather Service.

Oklahoma was also hard-hit, with Gov. Mary Fallin declaring a state of emergency in 12 counties in order to help expedite resources.

All the known deaths tied to the weekend storm were in Woodward, a small northern Oklahoma city of about 12,000 people about 85 miles west of Enid.

Frank Hobbie was confirmed dead along with two girls — presumed to be Hobbie's 5- and 7-year-old daughters — said medical examiner's office spokeswoman Amy Elliot. Woodward Mayor Roscoe Hill earlier said a father and his two children were inside their trailer at the Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park when the tornado rolled through and they were killed.

Elliot identified one of the other dead as Derrin Juul. A 10-year-old girl also killed was found with him and is presumed to be Juul's daughter. Hill had said that two people died when the car they were in rolled over several times.

Another 29 in Woodward were treated for injuries, said Matt Lehenbauer, the city's director of emergency management.

"This thing comes in the middle of the night. It caught us asleep, mostly," Hill told CNN.

In addition to leveling 89 homes and 13 businesses, the storm "took out" the transmitter for the public siren and tornado notification system, and "we lost our manual override" when the electricity was knocked out, City Manager Alan Riffel said.

Given that and timing of the tornado — after midnight, and after other severe weather had barreled through — Fallin said the human cost could have been even worse.

"It's remarkable that we didn't have more loss of life in Woodward," she told reporters late Sunday afternoon.

Officials credited working early warning systems elsewhere in the region with preventing more fatalities.

Advisories from the system were issued two days in advance, rather than just a matter of hours, and were "remarkably accurate," Brownback said. "People took it very seriously."

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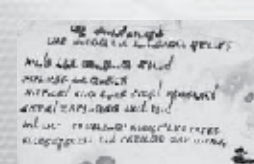

This evening, Sala's daughter, Ann Kirschner, will discuss her mother's story and illustrate it with the letters. Dr. Kirschner is a noted educator and the author of *Sala's Gift*, a highly acclaimed biography of her mother.

Please note: An exhibit containing Sala's letters and history, *Letters to Sala - A Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps*, will be at the Corvallis Public Library through April 30. *A dramatization of Sala's wartime experiences will be performed at the library at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 17.*

All Holocaust Memorial Week events on campus are free and open to the public. Accommodations for disabilities may be made by calling 541-737-3421

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Harris, legal
advising office issue

The timing of Audrey Bach's decision to leave her 28-year position as executive director of the office of legal advising couldn't be worse for Amelia Harris. With the ASOSU presidential elections wrapping up in the coming weeks, Bach's criticism, along with several legal advising interns, of Harris's "micromanagement" of the office has left Harris with a serious blotch on her and Dan Cushing's, campaign.

Bach and the interns claim Harris denied multiple requests for new equipment — particularly how Harris required the equipment costs to come from legal office budget, not the ASOSU budget as it did in the past — and pay increases, demanding student evaluations and job descriptions for each intern before the pay increase was considered. She also supported next year's contract, which would eliminate the student paralegal intern system. By all accounts, it's a drastic and rigorous change in policies — seemingly unwarranted.

However, until we get a personal account of Harris's reasons behind her decisions, Harris should not be condemned nor ridiculed for her decisions; in fact, considering how our current presidential administration handled pay increases this past year and the (consistent) outside pressure to cut money from programs across the university, Harris's more arduous and administrative demands may be a just reaction in properly handling future pay increases and budgets.

Few are fans of bureaucracy, of making administrative procedure a drawn-out, extensive process, but few are fans of mismanagement as well. We should keep in mind that although these legal interns may have been simply given pay increases along a specific timeline in the past, a delay — or more intrusive process in this manner — may be for good reasons. At this moment, we simply cannot tell for certain; we have only heard one side.

Moreover, the legal interns and other staff members submit a flimsy complaint in arguing that Harris's decisions go against the way things were done in the past. This is the present, not the past.

No business should be dictated and controlled by past leaders or outdated rules; they should be run and directed by pertinent and conducive policies supported by the entire business at the time — in this case, the legal office. If this means the staff agrees to the rules of the past, so be it. But a changing of the guard is not cause for immediate criticism — unless there is changing of the guard without majority support.

In turn, this makes one of the legal interns' and other staff members' criticisms legitimate: Why should an outsider manage the services and equipment provided to the office, especially when he or she has never stepped foot inside said office? The key to successful management and administrative policy is direct and immediate involvement and participation, not micromanaging from afar — particularly not micromanaging to make up for past mistakes of others (i.e. mis-handled pay increases this past summer).

As of this moment, Amelia Harris seems to have made unreasonable changes to the office of legal advising. But without Harris publicly addressing the issue — she declined to comment on the situation — neither admitting to unwarranted demands or addressing the misinformed opinions, the university will never know who's in the wrong. And unfortunately for Harris, time is running short.

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Hopeful and disappointing reality of organ donation

Tragically, 19 people die every day waiting patiently on the organ transplant list. That list, titled the United Network for Organ Sharing, currently has more than 110,000 anticipative individuals on this list; many of these people are clinging to optimism and, wretchedly, end up finishing the last of their days on this list. The number has exponentially grown by the decade, and will proceed to skyrocket if action isn't properly and speedily taken.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, you have the option to give your written consent to become an organ donor at the DMV when you receive your driver's license, or at any other time you wish. Unfortunately, this does not guarantee that someone on UNOS will receive your organs if, God willing, tragedy or natural causes were to take your life.

Under our health care and legal system, unless your immediate family gives their permission, the hospital will not procure your organs regardless of your prior



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consent. It would seem that a written document would (and legally should) bind you to said agreement and in turn, they should grant you this selfless request to gift a part of you to someone in dire need.

Put it into this perspective: your mother or father catastrophically passed away unexpectedly. It would be undeniably difficult for anyone to sign away their loved one's organs, especially in a state of grief. In fact, I think this would be an extremely uncomfortable situation to handle, especially if their consent was given and their wants clearly stated.

For this reason, the requests of the dead should be solidified and upheld through their signature on this document. Why isn't such a system already in place and such requests granted? Simply, the hos-

pitals fear a lawsuit from mourning family members, particularly if they are resistant to the idea of organ donation.

The sizable statistics of the potential (and actual) benefits of organ donation are difficult to argue with, as it reinstalls hope in those waiting and gives many a second chance at "normal life." In fact, according to the National Network of Organ Donors webpage, these are simple percentages of transplant recipients that are still alive five years after their operation (as of May 4, 2009): kidney: 69.3 percent; liver: 73.8 percent; heart: 74.9 percent; and lung: 54.4 percent.

This is just a short list of things that can be utilized through organ donation. Not included here are: eyes, intestines, pancreas, bones, skin, femoral and saphenous veins, and tendons. Take a quick moment to think about how many of the 110,000 waiting could benefit from this.

Simply stated, everyone dies at some point; it's an undeniable aspect of the circle of life.

Although you would not be able to witness the selected recipients, how noble, selfless and altruistic would it be to give someone another shot at the greatest gift of all: life. Comparatively, the Red Cross states that you can save up to three lives by donating blood; recalling the list above, you have the potential to save (or drastically improve) the lives of 10 people, potentially more.

Such generosity was displayed through the acts of Cody Thompson, who fell while long boarding in 2010 and was announced brain dead later that night at the hospital. During the fall, he hit the back of his head on the curb, and the impact was severe. After a few days at the hospital, his parents decided to pull the plug and allow his organs to be harvested.

Family and friends were told at the hospital, the night he actually passed away, that many of his organs would be used, including his eyes, core organs and skin. He

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CHRISTIAN SMITHRUD IS A SOPHOMORE IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

American Nazi Party finds its first willing lobbyist

The Nazis are back in town. But don't let the Thin Lizzy parody throw you; this isn't a happy thing for anyone.

The American Nazi Party has registered their first lobbyist to try and help progress their movement in the government. John Bowles is the group's lobbyist, who even tried to run for President of the United States in 2008. Despite his affiliation with the Nazi Party, Bowles' other lobbying interests are agriculture, civil rights, the constitution and healthcare — a wide variety.

Over the years, Bowles has made a few less than reputable comments that make his fellow Nazi's proud. Comments about how white taxpayers shouldn't have to pay taxes, the Jewish people are still responsible for strife in this country, and the evils of race-mixing. But try and look past the racist, anti-Semitic, bigoted remarks, and instead focus on the issues he is presenting and how his personal ideology could affect his political tendencies. We'd be foolish to expect that this man could manage to keep his Nazi ideals from interfering with government policies.

Granted, the argument from John Stuart Mill that we don't have the



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Rebel without a pulse

right to prohibit anyone's right to free speech could apply here, but that doesn't mean we can't scrutinize the actions of people. Free speech is one thing, but allowing for hate speech and bigoted propaganda in the government is entirely another. Mr. Bowles is a lobbyist for the Nazi Party; by the remarks he has made in the past, he isn't looking to benefit everyone, but rather the white, non-Jewish portion of society. This isn't going to help anyone, but further push the United States backwards and undo the progress we have made.

This is just mild speculation, but at what point do we decide what our country will and won't stand for? The fact that we have a political party called the American Nazi Party — an ideology founded by George Rockwell, also the founder of the National Socialist White Supremacist movement — is disgusting. In 2012, we still haven't

progressed far enough as a species to live peacefully with each other, casting off our hatred. To think that rational people could still consider the Nazi ideals relevant is beyond disappointing.

The lobbyist Mr. Bowles brings up some points that show he might be a humble representative of the party, stating, "I'm not going to go in and shove a swastika in their face." He understands that some congressmen are just going to crumple up his letters, stating that he won't hold anything against anyone who may dismiss him. However, Mr. Bowles believes that there will be a few congressmen that may find something he has to say interesting. It may be rude, intolerant and hypocritical, but I really hope that no one finds what this man has to say "interesting."

According to the party's website, members are engaged in a "very serious struggle...for the very existence of our White Nation of people." Having been around a bunch of white people, I can honestly say that a nation of only white people would be horrible. That it would be stale, boring and way too monochromatic for my taste.

Not to mention that we have a lot

of trouble deciding who is "white," when the majority of us are no longer a single ethnicity or race. Even from a genetic standpoint, without plenty of diversity, a species will eventually die off. That's right, science proved that white supremacy — any race supremacy for that matter — will lead to the inevitable death of a species — take that, Nazis.

I probably don't need to convince anyone on campus that Nazism is bad, or that the beliefs they have are flawed. I'm hoping that by pointing out that Nazism is still around, we can educate people and finally rid the world of such a hateful way of thinking. Can we really be satisfied with allowing such an ideology to exist in our country?

Hopefully, this man finds no success in congress and fails at his attempt to spread Nazism through the United States. For this man to gain any foothold in the government would be a giant step back after everything we have done, and can still do, to make our country better and more equal for everyone, regardless of race or creed.

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Life in 140 characters or less

Twitter is becoming more popular by the day. So popular in fact, that some teachers are beginning to use it for their classes.

For those unaware, Twitter allows you to post anything you want in text, as long as the message is 140 characters or less in length, at which point anyone that is "following" you can read what you posted. As great as Twitter is as a new social medium, I want to address something specific: the character limit.

Have you been in a class where the teacher poses a question to the group and a student answers with what seems to be a five-minute speech (which turns into you counting how many times they use the word "like")? Or how about listening to two students walking by you, where one is trying to describe something to the other and you have no idea what they're describing (and neither does the other student, I'm willing to bet)? I know I've experienced both of these phenomena multiple times.

It seems to me that in our generation of information overload, we've lost the art of speaking concisely. When I hear complaints about Twitter, the most common one is, "I can't fit everything I want to say in just 140 characters." To which I respond, "Why not?" Is there really a concept you can't describe in under a sentence or two?

I'm not trying to say that there's never a time for detailed description — there's plenty of moments where extrapola-

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tion is necessary. I'm also not suggesting that people should just answer everything bluntly and unoriginally. What I am saying, is that we've reached such a complex set of ideas and thinking that it seems students and people in general have forgotten the beauty of simplicity. There's a special art in taking a complex idea and summing it up in just a few words (e.g., "I love you").

The other day I was talking to a friend of mine, and we had both just read a text for a class we shared. Our assignment was to take what we had read and summarize it in four sentences or less. I wrote down a single sentence and began to put away my stuff, at which point he stopped me, asking why I didn't finish the assignment. I stated that I did complete it, to which he immediately demanded for me to tell him what I wrote.

I read him the sentence and he just looked at me. After a minute of mulling it over in his head he said, "There was no way I would have ever thought it possible for all of that to be summed up in one sentence, but you did it." When we were in class, and people were reading their summaries, I was the only one that didn't use four longwinded sentences.

I don't think that I'm better than the rest of my classmates because I kept my summary short; some of their summaries were quite well written. However, I do think that very

few people are attempting to sum up their thoughts in a short and concise manner.

In this case, I don't want to be special. I firmly believe that time is valuable and that everyone has the ability to be succinct in their speech and writing. Not only does speaking laconically save time, it shows that you actually know what you're talking about and are confident in your answer.

Can you imagine if every professor spent each day on a single simple topic, describing it from every angle possible? After thirty minutes you'd be either fighting to stay awake, or about ready to do something drastic. The sad thing is, there are professors that do this, some of them with two-hour lectures.

At first thought, Twitter may seem like a limiting program, preventing you from saying everything that you want to. But maybe it's just the limit we need to get us thinking about representing our thoughts in a simple way. Sometimes less is more.

The next time you have to answer a question, or describe something for a class, see if you can do it in a sentence or two. Not only will it save you time, it will save your teacher and possibly others time, and it will show that you understand the material well, giving a more likely chance at a good grade. Of course, if you don't actually know the answer, describe away.

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Academic inflation making it difficult to find a career

James Leathers

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spring graduates in 2010 found jobs out of college. Compare this to 90 percent in 2006.

What can the United States do about academic inflation? Not much. We can't stop people from attending college, nor should we. We can't withhold degrees from those who have deservedly earned them, and we shouldn't persuade people not to pursue higher education. There may be no real solution to this new dilemma. It's a bleak reality that we must individually face. Competition isn't the new tomorrow, it's today.

Seniors, how are you going to stand out in college class that is projected at around 2 million? Volunteer experience? Leadership? Internships? I hope you have something else on your resume other than a bachelor's degree.

Underclassman, heed the warning and answer the call because it is your future that hangs in the balance. Do the stuff you don't want to do today, so that you can do the things you want to do tomorrow. Work hard and pad those GPAs, because a college degree may not cut it in today's world.

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Letter to the Editor

Office of Legal Advising clarification

I am concerned that the article published Friday about Amelia Harris's supervision of the ASOSU Office of Legal Advising may have been misleading. The article contained views and experi-

ences of three members of our nine-member team, as individuals, not as representatives of our office as a whole.

Sincerely,
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was a perfect donor, young with everything in good condition (except his brain). With the addition of a "D" to his license, Cody went from an accident to a sacrifice, and showed the same selflessness we should all emulate.

However, as stated above, simply having your aspiration to donate your organs on your driver's license isn't enough. There are a few extra precautions you must take to solidify this unselfish decision.

First and foremost, tell direct family mem-

bers your ambitions to donate, as they will be the first people contacted. Additionally, tell any people of importance to you, or people that are trustworthy and you are extremely familiar with. These may include: close friends, physicians, faith leaders, or next-door neighbors.

Lastly, put your wishes in your advance directives such as your living will. With these fulfilled, coupled with increased awareness of the benefits, we can help a movement that saves lives daily, giving hope to countless people.

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Parties continue to skirmish over the female vote

Both political parties continued jockeying Sunday to position themselves as more deserving of the female vote, a battle that took on new life last week after a Democratic strategist questioned Ann Romney's validity in giving her husband advice on economic issues affecting women.

The criticism from Hilary Rosen, also a CNN contributor, rekindled the national conversation on whether Republicans or Democrats are better equipped to improve economic conditions for women and gave Republicans a line of attack against Democrats. Polls show a majority of female voters favor President Barack Obama over presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended the Obama administration's record on job creation and accused Mitt Romney of leveling "ridiculous" accusations against the president's policies. He specifically pointed to Romney's claim that 92.3 percent of jobs lost in the country were among women.

"It's a ridiculous and deeply misleading look at the economy," Geithner said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Remember the recession and the crisis started at the beginning of 2008 before the president took office. It caused a huge amount of damage to men, to women, to families. And the damage lasted for a time, and you're still seeing the scars of that."

The 92.3 percent figure was batted back and forth to job Obama in the latest skirmish in the war over women. Although the number is correct, when including non-farm-employed women from January 2009 — when Obama took office — to March 2012, women have gained 863,000 jobs since February 2010. The percentage also does not reflect that men constituted a much larger chunk of the job-loss pie in the year leading up to Obama's inauguration.

Geithner stressed the downturn "hurt everybody," and unsurprisingly rallied behind the president's proposals, including the "Buffett Rule," which he said is part of a com-

prehensive plan that will continue to improve the country's economic outlook.

But Romney backers, including Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington, argued that the former Massachusetts governor is armed with proposals that will not only court female voters, but also turn the economy around.

McCain, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee, predicted Romney would win the female vote, despite the gender gap in current polling.

"I do believe that Ann Romney was right when she said the women she talks to and the women I talk to, traveling around my state, are interested in jobs and the economy," McCain said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "There's no doubt that a lot of women have been hurt very badly in this recession. And jobs and the economy is their No. 1 priority."

A recent poll from ABC News/Washington Post showed Obama leading

Romney among women, 57 percent to 38 percent, despite his single-digit lead among all voters over the former Massachusetts governor in a hypothetical general-election matchup.

Ann Romney, a mother of five, came to her own defense and the defense of her husband on Thursday after Rosen questioned her qualifications for advising her husband, given she had "never worked a day in her life." Rosen later apologized for her comments, but not before igniting a firestorm.

Rodgers, who was one of the women dispatched by the Romney campaign to capitalize on Rosen's comment last week, told CNN Chief Political Correspondent Candy Crowley that her candidate's policies will "help women succeed in this country and all people in this country succeed."

"President Obama's policies are the ones that are failing, Americans failing women," she added on CNN's "State of the Union."

— CNN

Republicans call Romney tax return squabble a distraction

Democrats pressuring likely GOP nominee Mitt Romney to release 10 years of his personal tax returns are creating a political diversion, two leading Republicans said Sunday.

The claim came two days after the White House released Obama's own tax returns, an annual disclosure Democrats turned into a political event by pairing the release with a call for Romney to disclose the same information. Late Friday, Romney's campaign said the former Massachusetts governor had filed for a tax filing extension from the Internal Revenue Service.

"First of all, Mitt Romney released his 2010 tax returns," Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus told CNN Chief Political Correspondent Candy Crowley on "State of the Union."

Priebus continued, saying Romney's tax information was far from the minds of voters.

"We have bigger issues to talk about," Priebus said. "This election won't come down to the timing of a tax return. This election will come down to the state of this economy and how Barack Obama failed this country."

Arizona Sen. John McCain, who endorsed Romney in January, said releasing a decade's worth of personal tax information wasn't necessary for a presidential candidate. Democrats often point out Romney disclosed several years of returns to McCain's own presidential campaign in 2008 during the vice presidential vetting process.

"He gave that to me and it was confidential, and so did a lot of other people," McCain said on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

"We agreed with everybody we considered that would remain confidential. John Kerry only introduced two years, Mitt

Romney did, I did, two years is sufficient. And frankly, I'm not sure that's the key issue Americans are worried about," McCain said.

Priebus also pointed to presidential campaigns of the past, saying Romney would eventually follow the same precedent.

"The type of the rigorous financial disclosure requirements when running for president are so expansive and vast that if you were to look at what John Kerry, John McCain, all of these other presidential candidates have revealed, Mitt Romney is going to do the same thing," Priebus said.

In 2008, McCain released his tax information by mid-April, by which time he had virtually wrapped up the GOP nomination. Obama released his 2000-2006 tax returns in late March; his main rival, then-Sen. Hillary Clinton, released hers in mid-April.

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Track and field have impressive showing at John Knight Twilight

By Oregon State Athletic Communications

MONMOUTH, Ore. – The Oregon State track and field program finished competition at the John Knight Twilight meet Friday night hosted by the Western Oregon University Wolves. The Beavers were able to rebound off a tough competition at the Stanford Invite with several impressive performances Friday.

“We had a much better meet tonight with a lot of personal bests and good performances,” head coach Kelly Sullivan said. “I liked the way that some of them bounced back after last week. Overall, it was a really good meet.”

Laura Carlyle made her outdoor track debut in an expectant fashion finishing in second place overall and in second place in heat one of the 800 meter run. She ran the race with a time of 2:10.26 clocking the fastest time in the event on the team this season.

“She didn’t tell me until after the race was over that she has been sick the last couple of days, so it was good to see her get back out there and she ran a great time and a great race,” Sullivan said. “She is coming off such a great indoor season and she has felt a little under the weather

the last week or so, but for her to run and race as well as she did tonight was a really good step.”

Lacey London also competed in heat one with Carlyle and finished the race in fourth place with a time of 2:14.06. This was only the second time this season that London has competed in the 800 meter run, beating her previous time by close to seven seconds.

The Hunt sisters rounded out the Beavers in the 800 meter run. Taylor Hunt finished in seventh place overall in heat one with a time of 2:21.15, while Haley Hunt finished third in heat two with a time of 2:23.27.

In her first outing as a Beaver, Kylee Cook finished in first place in heat three of the 400 meter dash. She finished with a time of 1:01.99, being the first Oregon State athlete to compete in the event this season.

Oregon State had nine different athletes competing in the 1,500 meter run, with six of them notching season best times. Marsha Lampi, Erin Jones, Sandra Martinez, Sarah Olson, Whitney Pitman and Sabrah de Voir all improved their 1,500 meter times by at least two seconds.

Jones finished in second place in heat

two of the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:45.41 with Martinez right behind her in third place with a time of 4:47.48. Olson placed seventh in heat two and improved her time in the 1,500 meter run for the fourth meet in a row to a 4:52.74.

“Sarah came in here and her college personal record was unfortunately only 5:15, so the last three meets that she has run, she has improved her time and has gotten back to what she was out of high school,” Sullivan said. “We had recruited her pretty hard out of high school, so it has been fun to kind of see her get back to that level and over the next month we will see her drop even considerably more the next few meets.”

Kristin Oenning continued her consistent performance in the high jump as she finished in third place overall with a jump of 5-03.00. She was joined by newcomer on the team Justine Bird who finished tied for eighth place with a jump of 4-09.00.

The Beavers will return to action on April 19 when they will have athletes competing at the competitive Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. or the Oregon Relays hosted by the University of Oregon.

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Women’s rowing N8 sweeps races at Michigan Invite; V8 second

By Oregon State Athletic Communications

THE DAILY BAROMETER

BELLEVILLE, Mich. – The Oregon State women's rowing team faced its stiffest competition of the season when it traveled to the Wolverine State to compete at the Michigan Invitational on Saturday. The Beavers had four crews compete twice each on Belleville Lake, as OSU's N8 swept a pair of races against host Michigan and Ohio State while the team's 1V8 finished in second

place in a duo of heats that featured those same schools, ranked third and sixth in the nation, respectively.

The first of OSU's crews to race in both the morning and evening sessions of the event, the Beavers' N8 of Hailey Page (coxswain), Demetria Thompson, Katie Low, Alissa Kummer, Kaleen Coker, Priscilla Macy, Emily Wright, Julie Stark and Staci Sherer first defeated the Wolverines by more than 11 seconds, finishing with a time

of 7:05.62. The matchup with the Buckeyes later in the day was not nearly as easy, as Oregon State (7:10.15) edged Ohio State (7:10.33) by less than two-tenths of a second.

In the 1V8 tilts against top-10 crews, the Beavers equipped themselves well. No. 3 Michigan won the morning edition with a time of 6:38.47 while Oregon State came in second at 6:55.69. OSU finished in second place to No. 6 Ohio State in the afternoon after finishing in 6:53.72, a mere five seconds behind the Buckeyes. Oregon State finished ahead of Tennessee in both of those races.

The Beavers' 2V8 had a third-place result in the morning, coming in behind Michigan

and Tennessee, but backed that up with an improvement in the afternoon session, coming in second place (7:11.09), after Ohio State, but ahead of Tennessee.

Oregon State's 1V4 crew on Saturday finished in third in both of its races. It crossed the finish line behind Tennessee and Michigan in the morning and placed behind Ohio State and the same Lady Vols crew in the afternoon.

OSU will be off next weekend before it travels to Pullman to take on Washington State on Saturday, April 28, in what will be the team's final race before the Pac-12 Championships on May 13.

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Women’s rowing at Michigan Invitational

Morning Session Results

1V8

1. Michigan (6:38.47)
2. Oregon St (6:55.69)
3. Tennessee (7:02.76)

2V8

1. Michigan (6:49.29)
2. Tennessee (6:55.27)
3. Oregon St (7:10.92)

1V4

1. Tennessee (7:44.00)
2. Michigan (7:50.80)
3. Oregon St (7:59.84)

1N8

1. Oregon St (7:05.62)
2. Michigan (7:16.26)

Afternoon Session Results

1V8

1. Ohio St (6:48.25)
2. Oregon St (6:53.73)
3. Tennessee (7:04.56)

2V8

1. Ohio St (7:00.40)
2. Oregon St (7:11.09)
3. Tennessee (7:14.55)

1V4

1. Ohio St (7:44.42)
2. Tennessee (7:57.72)
3. Oregon St (8:04.86)

1N8

1. Oregon St (7:10.15)
2. Ohio St (7:10.33)

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to do my job and drive them in,” Conforto said. “I can’t try and do too much out there, just get base hits and do my job.”

Another plus for OSU going into Monday’s game is the recent improvements of freshman pitcher/outfielder Dylan Davis, junior first baseman Ryan Barnes and sophomore designated hitter Kavin Keyes.

All three are a vital part of Oregon State’s ability to score runs and have struggled at the plate as of late, but regained their form this past weekend. In Sunday’s win they combined to go 6-for-8 with four runs batted in, including a towering Davis homerun.

“Sometimes it’s tougher to hit against teams you’re supposed to hit well against,” Casey said. “I thought our guys did a nice job getting back in the groove of things though. Barnes and Davis hit well, and Keyes had a big hit, too, so hopefully they can continue it going forward.”

Davis was especially impressive, going 3-for-5 at the plate while closing out the game on the mound, throwing a no-hit inning where he hit 96 mph six times.

“I was chomping at the bit

to get back out there [on the mound],” Davis said. “I got the opportunity and made the most of it... I went to the cages this past week with the coaches and fixed some things in my swing and things felt good today out there.”

Though Davis and the Beavers are riding a good deal of momentum, there are still obstacles in place to get by non-conference opponent Portland. Tired arms could be a potential problem for the Beavers.

Sophomore right-hander Dan Child will get the start, but throws against No. 7 UCLA this coming weekend and will likely have a smaller pitch count to keep fresh for that pivotal conference matchup.

Senior righty Taylor Starr, usually the first man out of the bullpen, will be unavailable after getting his first career start at Goss Stadium on Sunday, meaning the younger pitchers will likely need to step up to keep the Pilots in check.

“It’s a tough, short schedule with four games in a row and the UCLA series starting right after,” Casey said. “The bullpen will be key to getting wins in our next few games.”

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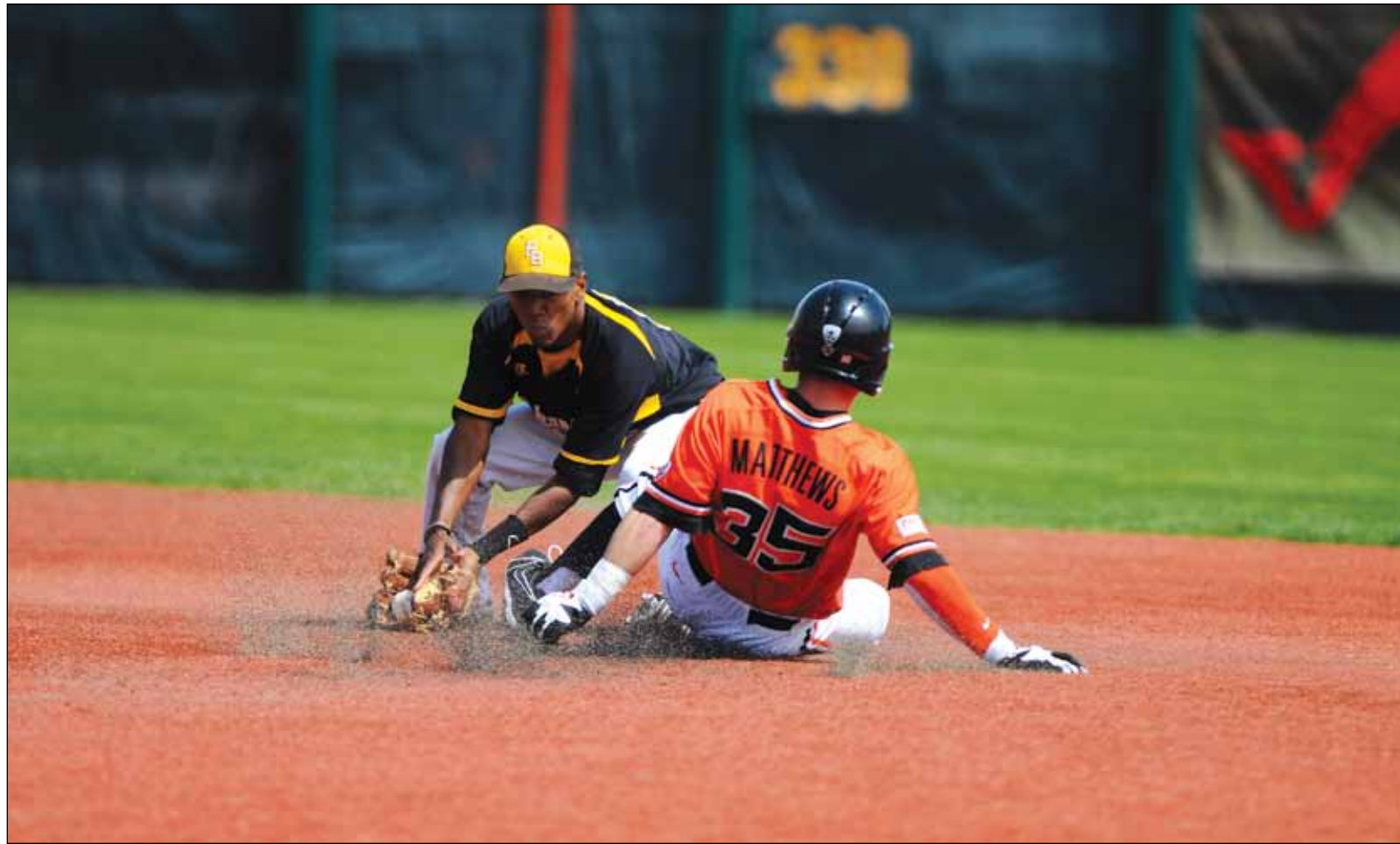
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— @astarks3 (Ahmad Starks)
Beaver Tweet of the Day



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Junior Joey Matthews slides safely into second base during Oregon State's 16-1 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff Sunday at Goss Stadium.

Beavers take win streak to UP

■ The Beavers, set to play their fourth game in four days, have won five in a row after sweeping Arkansas-Pine Bluff

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Entering today's matchup with the University of Portland, Oregon State has beaten the Pilots in 12 consecutive meetings, is riding a current five-game winning streak, and won its last game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sunday by a staggering score of 16-1.

It's safe to say that OSU likes its chances.

Oregon State (23-11, 6-6 in Pac-12 play) beat the Pilots (19-10, 6-5 in the WCC) 8-2 in Corvallis earlier

this year and will travel to Portland for the 3 p.m. game.

While everything points to another Oregon State victory, head coach Pat Casey doesn't want his team to get complacent or overlook any opponent, especially one that has won nine more games than it has lost.

"It's not always the most talented team that wins, it's the team that plays the best," Casey said. "We're playing a tough schedule with our fourth game in four days on the road tomorrow, so we have to be ready."

The biggest reason for OSU's current five-game winning streak is the increase in their offensive production. In the past 15 innings against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, OSU scored 28 runs on 29 hits.

"We have to swing the bats better, we've talked about it, and sometimes less is more," Casey said. "We've worked hard enough on the physical part of it, we just need to work on the mental aspects. The last two days our mental approach was much better."

The most impressive Beaver by far during this past weekend's series was freshman leftfielder Michael Conforto, who was 6-for-11 with seven runs batted during the three games. Sunday's four-RBI performance gives him 50 for the year, which puts him in the top ten in the entire nation.

"I always seem up to get up with guys on base, so they're getting on base for me, and then I just try

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Softball team swept at Stanford

■ The Beavers were outscored 23-4 in three games in Palo Alto over the weekend

THE DAILY BAROMETER

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The Stanford softball team entered this past weekend as owners of the second-worst conference record in the Pac-12.

Yet, because of its strong non-conference record, Stanford entered this past weekend ranked 15th in the country.

Apparently, Oregon State drew the Stanford team that rattled off 19 straight earlier this year — not the Stanford team that lost nine of its first 12 conference games.



Lea Cavestany
3 hits in series

The Cardinal (32-12, 6-9 Pac-12) decisively swept Oregon State in a three-game series at Smith Family Stadium, outscoring the Beavers 23-4 on the weekend.



Desiree Beltran
2 RBIs in series

The Beavers (27-14, 4-7) lost 8-4 on Friday, 7-0 on Saturday and 8-0 on Sunday. They've now lost four in a row dating back to a 3-2 loss to Arizona State last week.

The Stanford series got off to a promising start for the Beavers, who led 2-1 midway through Friday's game before Stanford exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to seize control. The Beavers tacked on two runs in the seventh inning to make the final margin of defeat four.

Dani Gilmore and Desiree Beltran combined for four hits and three RBIs Friday, but the rest of the Beaver lineup combined to go just 3-for-18 from the plate. Starting pitcher Tina Andreana, who walked five and allowed four hits and three runs in four innings on the mound, fell to 5-8 on the year with the loss.

Stanford blew game two open with a four-run third inning. Freshman pitcher Aryn Feickert, who allowed five runs off six hits in five innings of work, picked up her first loss of the season.

In game three, the Cardinal scored six runs off Andreana before the Beavers could record a single out. Stanford led 7-0 after the first inning, and OSU's offense was unable to mount any sort of rally, finishing with just four hits as a team.

Stanford pitcher Teagan Gerhart pitched all 19 innings for the Cardinal. She improved her season earned run average to 2.50 and improved her record to 27-7 with the three victories.

The Beavers, who now sit in 10th place in the conference, will be back at home this weekend for a three-game series against Washington. First pitch Friday is set for 3 p.m., games two and three are set for noon on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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Women's golf approaches end of regular season

■ The Beavers will begin their final tournament before the Pac-12 Championships today

By Caitie Karcher
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With its season coming to a close, the Oregon State women's golf team is hoping for a strong finish.

"We have a tough conference, and we are becoming true competitors with the rest of the teams," said head coach Rise Alexander. "Being so close to postseason play is exciting."

The Beavers have never finished in the top six of the Pac-12 (previously Pac-10) and their last NCAA regional appearance came in 2006. The last two years, they have finished ninth in the conference, but with recent improvements, they plan on changing that.

"This season I think we have been doing a lot better," said sophomore Seshia Telles. "We've definitely improved from last season."

Today they start the last tournament of the regular season in Half Moon Bay, Calif., in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate tournament.

This is the second year of this tournament, and last year the team was not able to attend, so they have not had a chance to play the course before.

"Since we haven't played it before, we just really need to focus during the practice round and pay atten-

tion to all of the minor details," said senior Whitney French.

The tournament will include seven top-25 teams, led by the nation's top team, UCLA.

"Since our conference is so strong, it is important for us to not pay attention to how others are playing, but to focus on us and not get distracted by everything else that is going on with all of the other teams," French said.

The team's main focus has been putting speed and short game, while also keeping the wind factor in mind. The course the Beavers will play this week is known for strong wind gusts, which isn't something most teams have to deal with on a regular basis.

They also will be trying to work on placing the ball and course management, so that they don't get into any tricky shots.

The Pac-12 Championships — April 27-29 in Pullman, Wash. — will follow this tournament.

"We are pretty confident going into the tournament, but we want to get through this week before we start thinking too far ahead," Telles said.

The team's goal is to focus on their individual goals and performance, hoping that if they do, then they can improve as a whole.

"Staying in the present is something I have been stressing to them this season," Alexander said. "The more we can focus on each individual shot and not get distracted, the better."



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Sophomore Seshia Telles practicing her putting last week at Trysting Tree Golf Club.

With the championships approaching swiftly, the team has high hopes for a strong finish.

"We usually start off really strong, but then struggle toward the end," Telles said. "If we can just finish out

strong for this last tournament and the Pac-12, then we should be in good shape."

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