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What does ASOSU do exactly?

■ A look at ASOSU's role in shared governance, its desire to represent student needs

By Evan Anderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It has been a year of tumult at the Associated Students of Oregon State University. From impeachment trials to meetings missed because of quorums to back-room dealings that averted crisis, ASOSU has not lacked drama.

As their highly public year is draw-



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Drew Hatlen has served as speaker of the house the last two years.

ing to a close, ASOSU has found itself frequently placed under a harsh light. Questions have been raised by students as to the recent effectiveness of the organization, largely regarding its efficiency, authority and representation.

Oregon State University operates through shared governance, where ASOSU members sit with faculty and administrative staff on important policy boards such as the OSU tuition setting board and the president's cabinet. Although this allows for the inclusion of student opinion, ASOSU still holds a minority vote within these meetings.

“When you boil it down, what ASOSU can do in a realistic sense is ensure shared governance and also make sure that student voices are heard through lobbying,” Vice President Sokho Eath said.

“We have no direct control over any organization but our own,” said Drew Hatlen, speaker of the house.

Every bill passed in the ASOSU Congress this year has been internal, affecting only the inner workings of ASOSU or its relations with other student groups such as the Oregon Student Association.

“ASOSU does not get to pay Ed Ray's paycheck or say whether Kerr stays open,” said Dan Cushing, sen-

ator and vice president elect.

But the question of ASOSU's ability to make independent decisions remains.

“We don't have that authority,” Hatlen said. “Shared governance gives us a little of that, but we really lack that power to make those decisions, which is why we have to resort to resolutions.”

Cushing agreed about ASOSU's limited power when dealing with administration.

“The only real external role of the congress is to

express to the higher ups how the students feel,” Cushing said.

Numerous resolutions pass every year, calling for the OSU administration to recognize the requests of ASOSU, but the administration is not under any sort of obligation to honor those requests.

“On one side, the OSU administration isn't doing what the students are asking, but on the other side we're in a tight position with the state,” Eath said. “Our university is built off of research. We're funded by the state and federal government to do certain things.”

“You don't have to concede to the wants and demands of the administration,” Hatlen said. “The other side of that is how resolutions sound to

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Senator, vice president elect

the administration. Conversations weren't had with administrators to see if things are feasible. They don't feel like we really want it.”

“It's not so much about power relations, as relationships,” Cushing said.

“Like any government,” Eath said, “things get slowed down because conversations have to happen. You want to have a conversation that is inviting to both sides.”

“This is an Oregon student university. It isn't just about the stu-

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Dan Cushing and Amelia Harris recently won the presidential election.



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Sokho Eath has served as vice president of ASOSU for the last year. Eath said that ASOSU makes sure student voices are heard through lobbying.

Arp takes over as dean of College of Agriculture

■ Arp, who was dean of the Honors College, takes over for Sonny Ramaswamy

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On May 1, Daniel Arp, dean of the University Honors College, took over as the Reub Long Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Arp succeeds Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, who left last month to join the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Arp, an Oregon State faculty member since 1990, has been appointed to the post for two years. While he is now dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Arp remains dean of the University Honors College until a replacement is named.

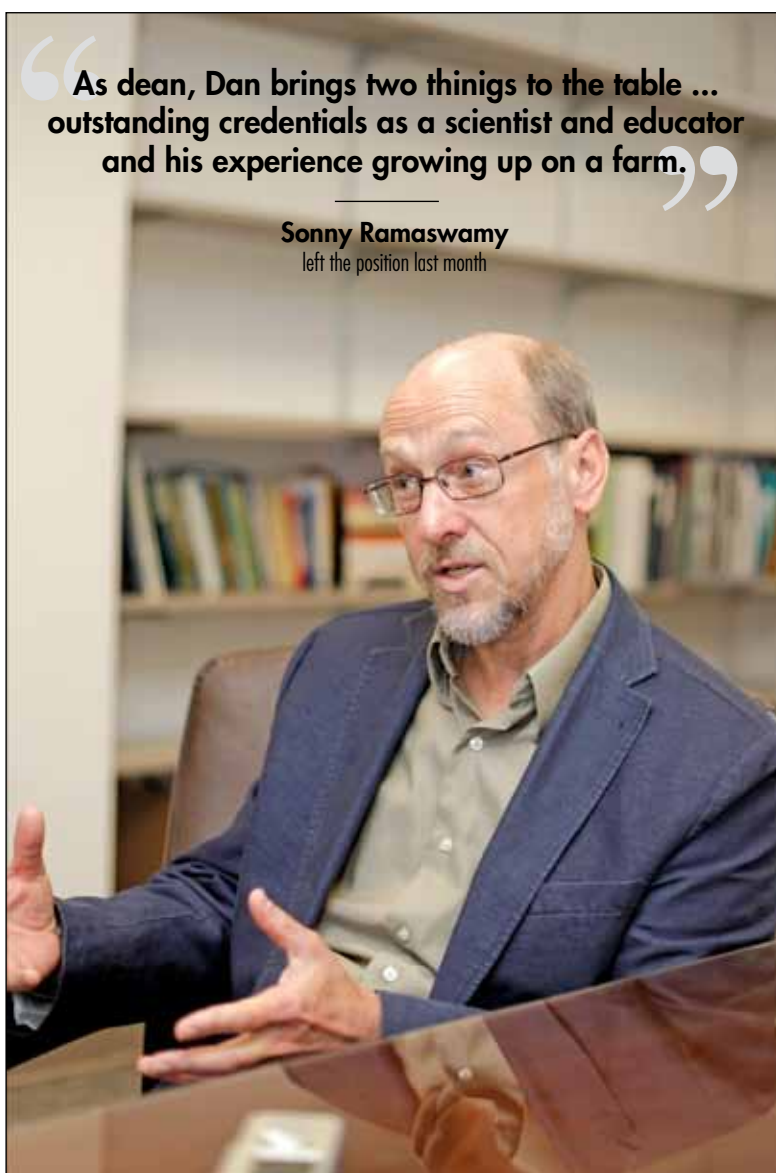
“Dr. Arp's appointment balances a number of important considerations, including continuity during the legislative session, continuity with fundraising, providing stability within CAS, and advancing an innovative and collaborative agenda for CAS and Statewide Public Service Programs,” said Sabah Randhawa, provost and executive vice president of Oregon State University.

Sonny Ramaswamy, the man Arp succeeded, feels Arp brings outstanding qualifications to the job.

“As dean, Dan brings two things to the table, which will be a game changer for the College of Agricultural Sciences: outstanding credentials as a scientist and educator and his experience growing up on a farm,” Ramaswamy said.

When speaking about the impact regarding the transition in deans, Dr. Arp said the change at the dean-

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Sonny Ramaswamy
left the position last month

Beavercab offers transportation option to international students

■ International students turn to Beavercab for transportation needs due to fair, frequency

By Amanda Antell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Beavercab representatives suggest that though international students don't use taxis for different reasons than domestic students, they may use it more often.

Not all students can afford to have a car on campus; parking alone is difficult to find. Some international students who are in America for the first time might not have access to a car.

There are various rental services in the area, but for financial and economic reasons, many students opt for taxis.

“They use it to ride to Winco or go out to dinner, you know, normal stuff,” said Glen Hay, a Beavercab driver of four and half months.

“In a small town, of course we have regulars, some are international students, some domestic,” said Sara Lucas, the night-shift dispatcher of the Beavercab.

Lucas, who has worked for Beavercab for four and a half years, said they normally get five to 10 international students Thursday through Saturday — specifically 6 p.m. and later.

There are four main taxi serv-

ices in Corvallis: Auto Taxi, Corvallis Pedicab, Beaver Cab and Pacific Cab.

“I use the Beavercab every day. I like how convenient it is and I don't have to deal with parking,” said Min Peng, a graduate student in Civil Engineering.

Peng has been in the United States for six months and uses Beavercab frequently.

While the frequent usage that international students provide to the taxi service is great for business, it can be fairly draining economically.

However, there are ways to get around the expensive taxi fare. Some international students travel in groups to reduce the cost.

“Yeah, some students live in big group houses, so they chip in (on) taxi fare,” Hay said.

Hay also said some international student custom-

ers seem to be apprehensive, due mainly to the language barrier and cultural differences. This may be one of the reasons they choose the taxi over the bus.

“The bus systems need more efficient wait times or schedules, as well as extended hours,” Lucas said.

The rate of the Beavercab service is \$3 per mile and 75 cents per waiting minute.

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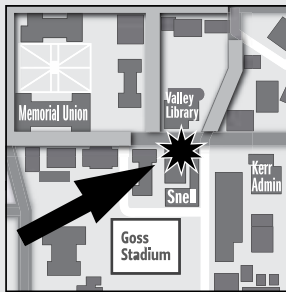
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House committee mulls Holder contempt resolution

The top Republican on the House Oversight Committee is moving to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress for failing to cooperate in the panel's investigation of the controversial "Operation Fast and Furious" weapons sting.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-California, sent a 17-page memo and a draft contempt resolution to members of his committee Thursday, outlining what he argued was Justice Department's "refusal" to comply with the panel's probe to get information about the sting set up by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that allowed weapons to be purchased illegally in order to track them to senior drug cartel members.

Issa indicated the committee may vote on the measure in an upcoming session, set-

ting up a major confrontation between the Republican-led House and the Obama administration.

The Justice Department firmly rejected the committee's publicly released document. A senior Justice Department official disputed the contention that Holder has failed to comply with the requests of the House Committee on Investigations and Governmental Reform.

"The department continues to comply with committee information requests. We would note the attorney general has testified on this no less than seven times in the last year and a half. We've provided many officials for hearings, interviews and briefings, and thousands of documents," the official told CNN.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity,

is a member of Holder's inner circle of advisers.

When word leaked last week that Issa was working on such a resolution, the committee's top Democrat, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Maryland, sent the chairman a letter accusing him of pressing the issue for political purposes.

"Holding someone in contempt of Congress is one of the most serious and formal actions our committee can take, and it should not be used as a political tool to generate press as part of an election year witch hunt against the Obama administration," Cummings wrote.

In an interview on Fox News Thursday, Issa said, "We're running out of patience."

He accused the Justice Department of a "cover-up," but indicated he was still giving the department a chance

to hand over the materials.

"If they don't, then I have the support of leadership to do what we have to do," Issa said.

If the Oversight Committee approves a contempt resolution, it could then go to the House floor for a full vote.

"While there are very legitimate arguments to be made in favor of such an action, no final decision has been made about moving forward yet by GOP leaders," a senior House GOP leadership aide said when asked about the timing of a potential vote in the House on the matter.

Last week, House Speaker John Boehner deflected questions on any vote, deferring to Issa's investigation. "I continue to support their efforts and believe that this Justice Department must be held accountable," Boehner said.

— CNN

Warren explains Native American listing was to meet people

Elizabeth Warren, currently engaged in a heated U.S. Senate race in Massachusetts, said Wednesday she listed herself while teaching at Harvard law school as having Native American roots so she could meet others with similar backgrounds.

Warren made the comments while speaking to reporters, according to the website of the Boston Herald. It was first reported earlier this week that the former economic adviser to President Barack Obama listed herself as a minority in law school directories in the 1980s and 1990s.

"I listed myself in the directory in the hopes that it might mean that I would be invited to a luncheon, a group something that might happen with people who are like I am. Nothing like that ever happened,

that was clearly not the use for it and so I stopped checking it off," Warren said.

The revelation that Warren listed herself as having Native American roots in the law school directories set off a flurry of reactions from conservatives, who suggested she used the label to advance her career as a law professor. Harvard's campus newspaper The Crimson printed articles in 1996 and 1998 quoting law school administrators hailing Warren's Native American heritage as evidence of faculty diversity.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society provided CNN with initial research showing several members of Warren's maternal family claiming Cherokee heritage. The Native American link extends to Warren's great-great-grandmoth-

er O.C. Sarah Smith, who is said to be described as Cherokee in an 1894 marriage license application. NEHGS gathered that information through a 2006 family newsletter, and says the original application cannot be located.

The society was quick to point out that research into Native American ancestries often relies on oral histories, and that paper documents were not kept for many early generations of Native American families.

On Wednesday, Warren said she was hired at Harvard for her teaching ability, not in an effort to bolster diversity on Harvard's faculty. She also added she was proud of her Native American heritage.

— CNN

Calendar

Friday, May 4

Events

Music Department, Noon, Giustina Gallery, LaSells Stewart Center. Music à la Carte, featuring the OSU Clarinet Mafia and the OSU Double Reed Ensemble. Free noon concert.

Student Events and Activities Center, 7-9pm, MU Commons. MUVies: Free showing of The Help for Mom's and Families Weekend. Includes free popcorn and snow cones.

ROTC, 10-11am, MU Quad. Joint Service Review. Traditional "Pass in Review" combining all members of Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Cadets & Midshipmen. Saturday, May 5

Events

Women's Center, 11am-5pm, MU 212 & 213. Menstrual Pad Movement. Collaborative stitch in to make reusable menstrual cloth pads for girls in Africa. Movement is held to help keep girls in school. Sewing machines and expertise needed!

Monday, May 7

Speaker

Socratic Club, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center. The Socratic Club will sponsor a debate titled, "Is Curiosity Anti-Science?" The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit oregonstate.edu/groups/socratic or "Like" us on facebook at facebook.com/socraticclub.

Tuesday, May 8

Meetings

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

Events

SOL: LGBT Multicultural Support Network, Pride Center, DHE Staff, 5-7pm, MU 206. Gender & Fashion. Event and discussion on how fashion constructs gender and queering this concept.

The Pride Center, 7-9:30pm, MU 208. "Lord, save us from your followers" Director Dan Merchant is joining us to screen his film. This film discusses many topics and how people felt about Christianity. A good portion of the film focuses on the LGBTQ community and Dan's conversations to get to know many people from the community.

Wednesday, May 9

Meetings

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

Vegans and Vegetarians at OSU, 5:30pm, 330 NW 23rd St. All are welcome to potluck-style meetings where we share recipes and have great conversation.

Events

Childcare & Family Resources, Noon-1pm, MU 211. Talking to your kids about sex. Dr. Kathy Greaves will be speaking.

SOL: LGBT Multicultural Support Network, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, 6-8pm, APCC. Queer People of Color meeting. An informal social gathering of queer people of color with discussion and refreshments.

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7 dead as Syrian forces storm university

Syrian security forces unleashed a deadly push on a prominent university to clamp down Thursday on student dissent, the opposition said.

Violence flared at Aleppo University, a sprawling institution in the country's largest city. It is one of several schools across the country where demonstrators have turned out in recent days to protest government policies.

Seven people, including six students, were killed Thursday in the university city area, the opposition Local Coordination Committees of Syria said. They were among a total of 32 Syrians killed nationwide by security forces, the LCC said.

Another opposition group, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said at least

28 people were wounded and about 200 students were arrested.

Soldiers also fired at the hospital where the wounded were taken, leading to more casualties, said Mohammad Hareitan, 25, a student at the university. It was unclear how many more people were wounded in that attack.

The campus website said the school will be closed until final exams start on May 13 "due to the current situation."

The unrest came as the United Nations continued to try to impose a cease-fire in Syria and organize an observation force to monitor adherence by the regime and the opposition. Amateur videos posted on the Internet show demonstrators and burned

campus rooms at Aleppo University. Student demonstrators also turned out at Deir Ezzor University, the Daraa branch of Damascus University and other towns.

Rafif Jouejati, LCC spokeswoman, said the ferment is a sign that the regime is turning its focus to campus dissenters.

"They have pretty well hammered farmers and villagers. They have targeted many of the professionals," she said of the regime. "They are just shifting their attention."

Jouejati said students have been staging protests since the uprising began in March 2011 but now "more and more university students are coming out as the barrier of fear is eliminated."

—CNN

ARP

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level would not have a big effect on student experience.

"He (Ramaswamy) brought his signature, and I will bring mine. We had very similar passions about student experience. We both were very enthusiastic about experiential learning," Arp said.

Arp plans on doing some teaching in his new post but says that it will be limited. "It will be very limited, but I do hope to teach this new food IQ course that is offered through the Honors College."

For the past four years, Dr. Arp has served as dean of the University Honors College. Reflecting on his tenure, he cites his strongest accomplishment as doubling its enrollment.

"During a four year period, we had a very careful but consistent increase in the size of the

incoming class," Arp said.

During his tenure as dean of the Honors College, Dr. Arp started a series of courses. The first one was a course called energy IQ, and two more courses on water and food IQ are in the works.

Dr. Arp began his OSU career as an associate professor in the department of botany and plant pathology in 1990. Before coming to OSU, Dr. Arp was a faculty member at University of California, Riverside. He received his bachelor of science in chemistry from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Arp completed his post-doctoral work at the University of Erlangen, in what was then West Germany, in 1981-82.

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MOMS AND FAMILY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 5

9AM

Tour of Trees
Begins in front of MU
Enjoy the notable trees and blossoming shrubs on campus, all ages welcome

9AM to 10:15AM

Mom's and Family Brunch for Honors College students
La Sells Stewart Center
Free

9AM to 11AM

Mom's Weekend Brunch
MU Lounge
\$12 - Buffet, tickets available at door

Hot Air Balloon Rides

MU Quad
FREE - sign up in advance in MU 103

9AM to 12PM

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9AM, 11PM, 1PM & 3PM

Pistol Club Fundraiser Shoot
OSU Indoor Target Range
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\$5 - OSU Students, \$10 - Non-students

9AM to 5PM

Welcome Table
MU Concourse
Schedules, T-shirts, and wine glasses for sale

9AM to 10PM

Dixon Recreation Center and McAlexander Fieldhouse
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Fit Pass Classes

Dixon Recreation Center
Free for family members accompanied by a Fit Pass-holding student

10AM to 1PM

O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Lab Open House
35th & Jefferson
Learn about ocean engineering, waves and tsunami research

10AM to 2PM

Fairbanks Gallery of Art presents Cara Tomlinson
Free art exhibition

10AM to 3PM

Upper Back Massages
MU 211
Sign up in advance in MU 103 or call (541) 737-6872

10AM to 3PM

Mom & I Photos
MU 109
Photos by a professional photographer - \$10 or 2 for \$18

Pet Day

Magruder Hall
Petting zoo, activities, tours of the College of Veterinary Science

10AM to 5PM

Mom's Weekend Art Festival
MU Brick Mall
Wide variety of handmade crafts

10:30AM to 12PM

Talent Show
La Sells Stewart Center
Free - Sponsored by the University Honors College and University Scholars Program

11AM

Fashion Show: Beyond the Edge
MU Ballroom
\$15 - Tickets available at door

5k Fun Run

Avery Park
Free for students, Moms, and RecSports Members. Sign up at the Sports & Special Programs Office in Dixon

11AM to 2PM

Silkscreen your own T-shirt
OSU Craft Center
\$10 - First come, first served

Pottery Making on the Wheel Workshop

OSU Craft Center
\$10 - First come, first served

11AM to 5PM

SCREEN Presents: "Mother Knows Best"
MU Board Room
A breast cancer awareness event

Women's Center Presents: Menstrual Pad Movement
MU 213 & 211
Presented by the Women's Center

12PM to 5PM

OSU Showcase
MU Quad
Food, entertainment, and booths

12PM to 11PM

Bowling
MU Basement
Free for students and their families

12PM

Softball Game
OSU vs California
Coleman Field

1PM

Fashion Show: Beyond the Edge
MU Ballroom
\$15 - Tickets available at door

Baseball Game

OSU vs Stanford
Goss Stadium

1PM to 3PM

Jewelry: Enameled Pendant
OSU Craft Center
\$10 - First come, first served

1:30PM to 3PM

Afternoon Tea
MU Lounge
\$11 - Tickets available at door

Clay Explorations: Handbuilding

OSU Craft Center
\$10 - First come, first served

1:30PM to 5PM

Wine Garden
MU Quad
Willamette Valley Vineyards
Free entry - Priced on consumption

2:30PM to 4:30PM

Pottery Making on the Wheel Workshop
OSU Craft Center
\$10 - First come, first served

3PM

Fashion Show: Beyond the Edge
MU Ballroom
\$15 - Tickets available at door

Outspoken Concert

Milam Auditorium
(26th & Campus Way)
Acapella concert featuring Divine.
Tickets will be sold at door starting at 1pm
\$7 - students and moms
\$10 - for general public

4:30PM

Hui-O-Hawaii
57th Annual Lu'au
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\$20 - Just show and concert

5:30PM to 9PM

Wine Bar by Willamette Valley Vineyards
LaSells Stewart Center
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6:30PM

Comedy Show
LaSells Stewart Center
Comedians Alonzo Bodden and Comedy Sportz - \$38/\$34

7PM

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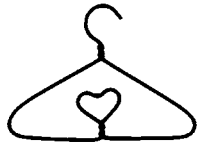
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Yeas & Nays

Nay to a most painful break-up. Anna Mackowiak, a dentist, is facing jail time after she surgically removed all of the teeth of one of her patients, who happened to be her ex, who had recently dumped her. We would like to know why you would let the woman you just dumped near your mouth with dental tools?

Nay to not remembering what we were always taught as young boys: There is nothing worse than a woman scorned.

Yea to some nice mother-daughter bonding.

Nay to that bonding including taking your 5-year-old daughter to a tanning salon so she can get a little fake sun. There are lots of things you can do with your 5-year-old; fake tanning should not be one of them.

Nay to taking the tanning a little too far. When you start looking like an Oompa Loompa, you've taken things too far.

Nay to passive-aggressiveness. It's not a good look.

Yea to listening to the guy behind you bragging that he knows exactly what's going to be on the midterm because he took the class the term before and failed it. Stupidity never ceases to amaze.

Yea to ASOSU for finally fighting back against the smears and falsehoods put out about them. They are putting together a website that will start correcting and fact checking any misinformation about them. Good for them. You can't let those fact-filled stories continue to run in the Barometer and have students believing that ASOSU is a complete mess at the moment. We're rooting for you, ASOSU. Let us know what we can do here to help.

Yea to Mom's Weekend! Some mothers will enjoy spending time with their kids at their respective Greek houses, some will go to the MUPC events and others will spend their time enjoying the oh-so-crazy night life Corvallis provides.

Nay to that last sentence being too true. This weekend you will see mothers out and about at the Top of the Cock and Impulse, shaking their groove things and trying to get with gentlemen half their age.

Nay to the horror daughters will feel watching their mom, once again, get all the attention from guys and feeling like they're back in high school when all the guys thought their mom was hotter than them. It could be worse...

Nay to the guy who has to watch their best friend, or even fraternity brother, spit game to their mom and she actually seems to be into to it. You talk yourself out of the possibility of anything happening until later that night while lying in bed you, um, hear your mother and your friend in the next room...

Yea to therapy. We hear CAPS is pretty good; they have a Mind Spa.

Yea to competition. One of the great things about Mom's Weekend is watching a 40-something mother battle her 20-something daughter for attention. Nothing brings two people together like a good, friendly competition.

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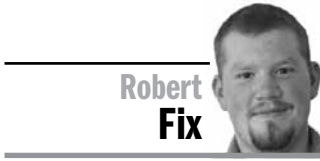
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What should happen to Megaupload's users and owner



Robert Fix

Rebel without a pulse

support.

The issues for the U.S. government are who is going to pay the bill to turn the servers back on, and can the users be trusted not to break copyright.

As to the first issue, the government could always charge the owner of the site who is currently awaiting trial the bill of turning all the servers on for a few hours. That way the government gets to continue ruining that man's life while showing a little compassion to the people who were using Megaupload.com innocently.

For the second issue, who cares if the users break copyright laws the second Megaupload.com is turned on again? The government got the owner of the site; they can make a point with him by sending him to jail for hosting a site that people used to violate copyright.

This is just one of the millions upon millions of sites that people around the world use to violate copyright laws. Megaupload.com is a meaningless site in this issue, because people will always find a way to get the data they want. People shouldn't be denied access to their property because of

the off chance that some other users might be in violation of copyright laws.

The part that bugs me the most is the charges posted against the owner of the site. Of all the sites and hubs for illegal downloading and uploading, Megaupload.com was one of the weakest options to pursue. Sure, this is a high profile case because this guy has made a lot of money off the site and is better known than owners of a torrent site, but publicity shouldn't be the main motivating factor.

If the government wants to strike hard against copyright infringement, they need to take down a torrent site, because torrent sites are more commonly used for illegal downloading than Megaupload.com. Of course, taking down a torrent site won't do anything, because there are millions of alternative sites, but it would allow the government to go from site-to-site to tear them all down.

The only problem that the government is going to run into, including during their current trial of the owner of Megaupload.com, is that the owners of such sites are unable to control what their users do. That is why I thoroughly disapprove of the method that the Feds are using to convict the owner of Megaupload.com. The man owned the site, but he can't control what people do on it.

The government argues that he encouraged users to violate copyright

laws. Megaupload.com is a file-sharing site that allows people to transfer files from one person to whoever wants them. These files can be anything that a person wants to share as long as they own exclusive rights to the data being shared. The owner of Megaupload.com may not have actively sought out those users violating copyright, but that doesn't mean he approved of the illegal activity.

That may sound like a Nuremberg defense, but the truth of the matter is that the owner of any type of file-sharing site is merely creating a hub for people to interact in a manner they see fit. Owners may be responsible for trying to stop people who violate the law, but when you have 50 million people visiting your site a day, how can a person really be expected to monitor all that traffic? Technology may make it easier to track people, but 50 million people a day is an impossible number for a small team to track to ensure nothing illegal is happening.

The government will not solve anything regardless of how this case turns out, nor will they ever stop people from sharing data, even if they created a police state to watch our every move. The Feds should admit defeat on this issue and let bygones be bygones.

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Taking in all of Mom's weekend, enjoying the opportunity

Brayden Johnson

The Daily Barometer

for Mom's Weekend?

For those of you that are not excited, I suggest you get pumped, because you only have four, maybe five, Mom's Weekends total.

First, Mom's Weekend will be great because moms like to take care of their kids. That means having a mom fussing about your room tidying up the things you were too lazy to clean, taking you to the store to buy you everything on your grocery list and buying you real food instead of the cheap microwave burritos and ramen you have been eating for the last three days.

Second, Mom's Weekend means you get to stop pretending you do not like your mom. It might just be people trying to be cool, but for some reason people try to act like they cannot stand their parents.

The nice thing about Mom's Weekend is that everyone will be with

their mom, so you don't have to worry about not looking cool. No one is going to be paying attention to you, so you can even give her a hug. Everyone else will be just as busy as you and will be dragging their mom around campus to all of the events that will be happening.

Third, Mom's Weekend is one of the most eventful weekends of the year. Not only are the standard pastimes available all across Monroe and at Dixon, but the university lines up all sorts of fun events, including a fashion show and comedy show.

Mom's Weekend is also the weekend for the Sing performance, which will definitely be a blast. The university pulls out all the stops to entertain our moms and prove that college is worth spending money on. Enjoy all the money the university spends on frivolous things this weekend, because they probably would not be doing it if it were just for us.

Finally, Mom's Weekend is a great chance to spend time with your mom. College is a time where a student

undergoes a great deal of change, and for many students it will be their first chance to spend time with their mom on a more even level, instead of just knowing her as a superior. She's more than just a person who makes you cookies and buys you things, so finish your homework early and spend some time with her. What she really wants is to see you for a few days before she goes back home and waits for you to return, crying over baby pictures with a five gallon ice cream bucket.

Make some great memories together. Because like I said, you only get four or five of these weekends. Make this weekend count.

If you don't know what to do, just follow the crowds, because there will be no lack of excitement - especially on Friday.

It should be a lot of fun, and if the nurse I spoke to is to be believed, it will be one crazy weekend.

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Texting fails to establish a real, intimate connection

Although I spent much of my previous column criticizing texting as a form of communication, I do feel texting has some merits.

It allows us to leave someone a quick message when they're busy or send brief information that doesn't require an entire phone conversation.

And, well, that's it. That's the only thing that's truly positive about texting. All of the other "benefits" of texting are just veiled taints to our society.

For instance, it lets us have full conversations with our friends while we're in class. We can flirt with that guy or girl without having to worry about coming up with a response that's immediate and genuine, or hide the fact that we're with his or her best friend at the time of texting. It allows us to tell others we're bored spending time with our families — something that those around us

Alexander Vervloet

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won't be able to read.

I don't know about you guys, but I'm starting to see a pattern here: these are all allowances that are selfishly positive, and most people would consider negative.

In my previous column, I argued that texting doesn't fulfill any sort of formed connection between the two individuals messaging one another. To make my point clearer, I want to delve into this a bit more.

Let me preface by saying I do not consider myself an expert on the fol-

lowing information. These are purely my thoughts and opinions and most of it I've learned purely through observation.

As humans we all desire social acceptance, bonding and connection — the ABCs of our social needs, if you will. We get acceptance by fitting some role that is considered positive to a group — whether that's benefiting it through talents, having a valued trait or having similar interests.

Currently, in terms of societal standards, texting is the "accepted" form of communication between friends, spouses, potential dates and even some families.

We bond by sharing experiences together. Usually it's the most extreme of good and bad experiences that forms the strongest bonds between people.

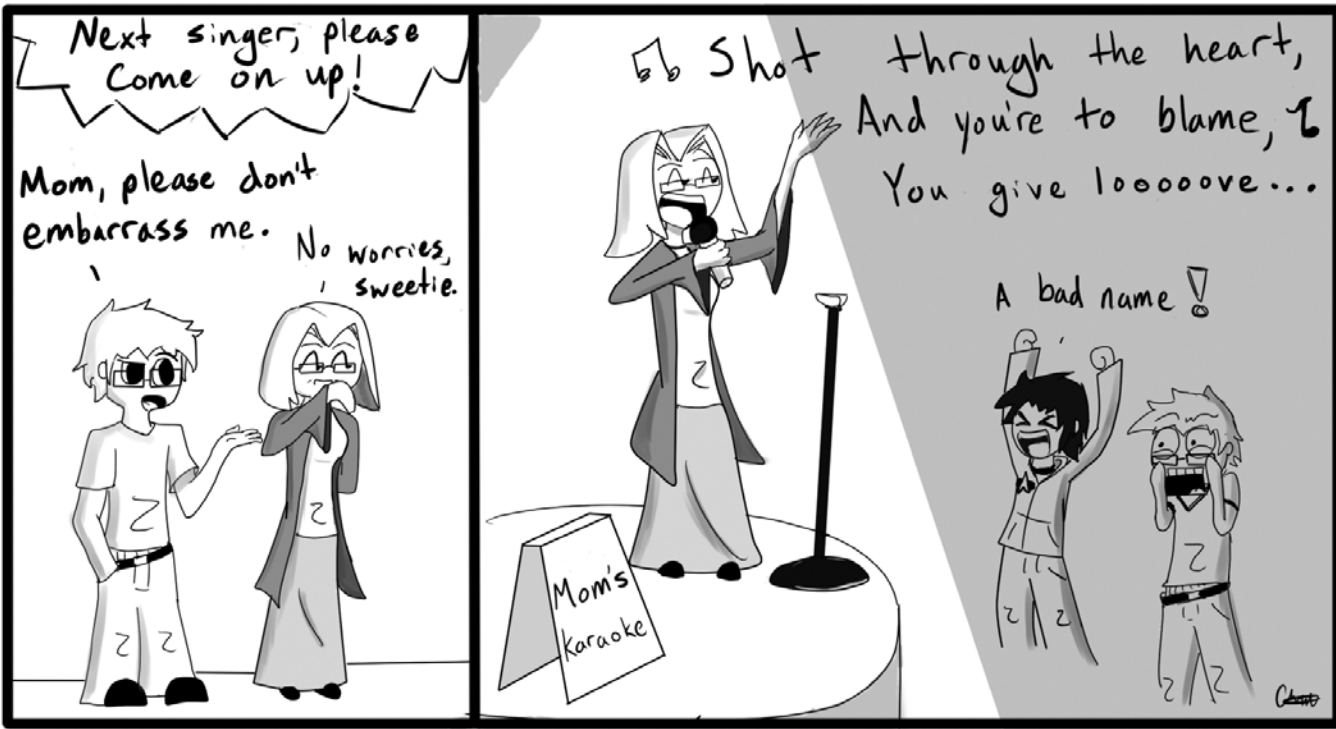
Families bond over the death of

a loved one. Military buddies bond through the hardships of war. A group bonds from going on a trip they were selected for to a foreign country far from home. Potential bonds are strongest the further away from the familiar and comfortable we are.

When it comes to connection, everything stems from deep, meaningful conversation. In order for this to occur, we must feel fully empathized with and understood. None of that comes from reading some words on a screen.

When we're forming a deep and meaningful connection, we are at our most vulnerable state. I know each and every one of you reading this right now can think of the last time you were forming a connection. There was probably touch involved, eye contact,

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Letter to the Editor

Corvallis, OSU bicycling community growing Benefits by bicycle, SSI progress

With winter in the rear-view mirror, spring is upon us. This means more members of the Oregon State University community will take advantage of the nice weather and bike lanes, leaving their cars at home and commuting on bike.

Commuting by bicycle is beneficial for many reasons. Not only does it reduce traffic and save the rider gas and parking money, but it is great exercise. A male that weighs 180 pounds riding under 10 miles per hour can expect to burn 327 calories per hour.

The city of Corvallis has had an active alternative transportation culture. According to the city, 97 percent of Corvallis' main roads have bicycle lanes on them. The city of Corvallis also has the

highest rate of commuting by bike in the country.

This culture has spread to the OSU campus. In fact, in a recent survey, the university reported that 40 percent of OSU employees ride the bus, walk or bike to work. Similarly, students follow the same pattern with 30 percent biking and more than half using alternative forms of transportation.

Over the past year, the Student Sustainability Initiative in partnership with the OSU Sustainability Office has been working on making the campus even more bicycle friendly.

We have installed over 600 new bike parking spots around campus and are installing signs reminding motor vehicles to share the roads with bicyclists. The Student Sustainability Initiative and the Department of Recreational Sports are

working together to provide a long-term bicycle rental option to the OSU community. The project is in its final stages of development and will likely be available September of 2012.

As the OSU administration, the SSI and Dixon Recreation center continue to work to make bicycle commuting easier and more convenient for members of the OSU community, we hope to see more people take advantage of it.

So what are you waiting for? Grab some friends and dust the cobwebs off your bike. Commuting by bicycle is a fun way to enjoy the sun, get some exercise and do your part to protect the environment all at the same time.

EVAN SORCE

Transportation Projects Coordinator at the Student Sustainability Initiative

VERVLOET

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you may have been comforted by smiling or laughter, or even crying, and you were probably very self-aware. This is communication at its fullest.

So I just described a connection, but what does that have to do with texting? We're just talking to each other after all.

Every one of us has been or knows multiple people in relationships that text their significant other constantly. Not only this,

but many of us spend the getting-to-know-each-other phase when we pursue someone through texting. This is ridiculously unhealthy. We aren't truly getting to know that other person; we're getting to know a person's thoughts, at most.

In order to get to know people and connect with them, we need to spend time with them in person, and have the majority of our conversations in person where we can see their reactions and get the feedback that's required in communication.

None of this happens through text mes-

sages and it really does need to stop. I want to talk to people, not screens.

While reading this, at least five people stopped to text someone (because if you don't reply instantly, you must be ignoring them. Stop what you're doing, someone just texted you!).

I'm going to go break a few cell phones now.

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Letters show bin Laden feared drone strikes

The dire impact of CIA drone missile strikes against suspected terrorists in Pakistan certainly did not go unnoticed by Osama bin Laden, prompting the al-Qaida leader to repeatedly warn associates to take appropriate security measures, according to documents seized during the raid on the al-Qaida leader's Pakistan compound last year.

The letters written by bin Laden were among a number of documents released to the public on Thursday by West Point's Combating Terrorism Center.

In an October 2010 letter to Atiyya Abdul Rahman, al-Qaida's top operational planner, bin Laden noted the experience the United States had in using drones to monitor activities in the tribal areas of Pakistan where many of al-Qaida's core members operated.

"They can distinguish between houses frequented by men at a higher rate than usual. Also, the visiting person might be tracked without

him knowing," he wrote.

Drones had primarily been used for surveillance purposes in Pakistan, but in 2004, the CIA upped the ante by firing the first missile from a drone at a terrorist target in Waziristan. Hundreds of attacks have been launched since then.

In a May 2010 message to Rahman, bin Laden wrote, "I had mentioned in several previous messages ... the importance of the exit from Waziristan of the brother leaders, especially the ones that have media exposure. I stress this matter to you and that you choose distant locations to which to move them, away from aircraft, photography and bombardment while taking all security precautions."

He offered advice on where to live in Pakistan: "Kunar is more fortified due to its rougher terrain and many mountains, rivers and trees, and it can accommodate hundreds of the brothers without being spotted by the

enemy. This will defend the brothers from the aircraft ..."

Bin Laden explained in an April 2011 letter to Rahman that people should live on the outskirts of cities so they will be less obvious and reduce the security dangers. For those in cities he had a particular worry: "And one of the important security issues in the cities is controlling children, by not getting out of the house except for extreme necessity like medical care, and teaching them local language; and they do not get to the yard of the house without an adult who will control the volume of their voices."

Bin Laden suggested other ways to improve security. On transportation, he warned about traveling in cars and added, "A warning to the brothers: they should not meet on the road and move in their cars because many of them got targeted while they were meeting on the road."

He recommended the timing for movement: "He should move only when the

clouds are heavy."

He indicated how often they should meet: "The brother should visit you no more than once or twice a week."

Bin Laden wrote about the need to use code words and aliases and said, "Remind your deputies that all communication with others should be done through letters."

He even warned his colleagues to get rid of the bag that money might be exchanged in because the bag might have a tracking chip.

Sometimes his instructions were quite detailed. In the April 2011 letter to Rahman, bin Laden spoke about how a message to his son should be handled. "This thumb drive contains a phone number of one of our brothers contained in the message for Hamzah, so please do not copy the message for Hamzah and after Hamzah copies the phone number on paper, destroy the card for fear of compromise."

— CNN

Chen case is another human rights issue for Obama

Iran, Syria and now China. President Barack Obama faces a third front of vulnerability on his administration's record of defending human rights with the muddled situation involving activist Chen Guangcheng.

With his re-election campaign just hitting full stride, Obama hoped to capitalize on foreign policy successes such as last year's raid that killed Osama bin Laden to blunt Republican attacks on the sluggish U.S. economic recovery.

However, the increasingly strange and challenging case of Chen provides potential fresh fodder for opponents to continue their attempts to portray the Obama presidency as soft or acquiescing to brutal regimes that abuse their own people.

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney led the attack Thursday, saying at a campaign event that circumstances of the incident — if true — meant a "dark day for freedom, and it's a day of shame for the Obama administration."

Conservative Republicans such as Sen. John McCain of Arizona have criticized the

Obama administration for not providing strong support for Iranian protesters last year or the Syrian opposition movement in its ongoing conflict with forces of President Bashar al-Assad.

"Ultimately, ending violations of conscience requires the political will and moral courage of world leaders, especially the president of the United States," McCain said last week. "Unfortunately, that will and leadership are lacking in the case of Syria today."

Chen's case casts new light on China's history of political persecution and rights abuses and came at a particularly delicate time as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Treasury Secretary Paul Geithner arrived this week for long-planned talks on strategic and economic issues.

The blind, self-taught human rights attorney has been persecuted by Chinese authorities for years for his work exposing the government's one-child-per-couple policy, mistreatment of disabled people and other abuses.

He escaped from house arrest last month

and took refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, setting off a behind-the-scenes diplomatic effort intended to prevent the situation from derailing the top-level meetings with Clinton and Geithner.

On Wednesday, all seemed resolved when the 40-year-old Chen left the embassy to join his family at a Beijing hospital, with U.S. officials saying that he never requested asylum and that China gave assurances that he and his family would not face further persecution.

That quickly unraveled at the hospital, where Chen said he wanted U.S. help to flee China with his family because he feared for their safety.

The situation has tested the Obama administration's approach to relations with China, straining its commitment to uphold human rights even as it strives to maintain steady ties with Beijing.

Last week, when Chen was still inside the embassy, U.S. officials refused to confirm his location and Obama declined to comment directly on the case when asked about it at a news conference.

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FAMU hazing suspects turning themselves in

Eight of the 13 people facing hazing charges after the death of a Florida A&M University band member had turned themselves in by Thursday afternoon, a state police spokeswoman said.

All eight who have surrendered so far face felony charges in the November death of 26-year-old Robert Champion, said Gretl Plessinger, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Of the remaining three who face the same count, two are in Georgia and one is in Delaware, she said.

"We're in contact with their attorneys or their families, and are expecting them to turn themselves in," Plessinger said.

Champion, a FAMU Marching 100 drum major, collapsed on a band bus after a November 2011 football game in Orlando. Medical examiners reported his death came within an hour of his being badly beaten during a hazing incident.

Prosecutors announced charges in Champion's death Wednesday. Eleven of the 13 people are charged with hazing resulting in death, a felony, while two others face a misdemeanor hazing count.

Champion's mother said her family is disappointed that the suspects didn't face more serious charges, and she told reporters Thursday that authorities botched the investigation into her son's death.

Pam Champion said authorities didn't properly process the bus for evidence and failed to immediately question students who were on the bus. And the family's lawyer, Chris Chestnut, said the family believes FAMU alumni coached the students on how to answer questions from police.

"We know they were caucusing to determine how to get away with murder," Chestnut said. He said the family plans to sue the school soon.

Deputy Ginette Rodriguez,

a spokeswoman for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, defended its investigation.

"I know our deputies questioned everyone available," Rodriguez said. "I can assure you our detectives conducted a thorough and complete investigation, as we do in every case."

Champion's death brought renewed public scrutiny to hazing, a practice that has gone on for years despite what the Tallahassee university said had been efforts to eradicate the problem. Champion's mother called for FAMU's famous marching band to be disbanded for the upcoming year, saying the school "cannot go on with business as usual."

"They need to clean out the filth to move forward. How can they allow the band out there?" she said Thursday. "They haven't done anything to safeguard students — certainly not my son. My son was murdered."

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Obama ahead of Romney in Virginia

As President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney campaign in Virginia this week, a new poll shows the president with a seven point advantage over his likely opponent in the Commonwealth.

Fifty-one percent of voters said they would vote for the president if the election were held today, while 44 percent said Romney, according to the Washington Post poll released Thursday.

Virginia will be crucial battleground territory this fall, as Obama attempts to capture the state as he did in 2008, with 53 percent of the vote. He was the first Democrat to win Virginia in a presidential election since 1964.

In the last four years, however, the state has elected a

Republican governor, Bob McDonnell, and the GOP picked up the state's House of Delegates and three U.S. House seats. Some of the traditionally Democratic districts in the state especially turned out for McDonnell in 2009.

A major Senate race is also underway in Virginia between two former governors — Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican George Allen. Despite the two candidates actively campaigning for months, recent polls show the race in a dead heat.

Romney has been courting votes and money in Virginia this week, making campaign stops with McDonnell and touting an endorsement from Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann in Portsmouth on

Thursday. "Now politics is underway, it's underway again. You're going to hear it all right here in Virginia," Romney said at the Portsmouth event. "This may well be the state who decides who the next president is."

Meanwhile, Obama will officially kick off his re-election campaign with rallies in Virginia and Ohio on Saturday, with the Virginia event scheduled to be at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

The Washington Post interviewed 1,101 adults in Virginia by telephone, including 964 registered voters, between April 28 and May 2. The poll has a sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. — CNN

Judge postpones liability trial in BP Gulf oil spill

A federal judge in Louisiana on Thursday rescheduled the liability trial in the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and postponed it to early next year from later this year.

BP earlier asked the court to delay the liability trial until it decides whether to grant final approval to a class-action settlement that BP reached with attorneys representing thousands of businesses and individuals who made claims after the 2010 spill.

The new trial date is scheduled for Jan. 14, 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Carl J. Barbier ordered. The trial had been scheduled for Nov. 8, 2012.

The oil disaster began on April 20, 2010, with a rig explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon.

Eleven workers died. The proposed settlement totals about \$7.8 billion, including associated costs and expenses, but the company, in a statement, cautioned the final tally could be higher.

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Widow of man who freed exotic animals to get them back

Five exotic animals once owned by a Zanesville, Ohio, man who let loose dozens of animals last year before committing suicide will be returned to the man's widow Friday, the Ohio Department of Agriculture said.

Two spotted leopards, two Macaque monkeys and a brown bear will be returned to Marian Thompson, widow of farmer Terry Thompson. He set off a wide scare in October when he released 50 potentially dangerous animals from his farm before shooting himself.

Of the 50 animals Thompson released, 48 were killed by law enforcement, while two primates were killed by the other animals, zoo officials said.

The five animals being returned to Marian Thompson were never released from their cages by her late husband. A sixth unreleased animal, a leopard, died in January at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, where all of Thompson's remaining animals had been housed for safekeeping since the incident.

A state review board concluded Monday that the animals are free of "dangerously infectious or contagious diseases." The finding required them to lift a quarantine imposed in a move in October to delay their return.

State officials said they were concerned that Marian Thompson has said she would put the five remaining animals into the same cages they previously inhabited on her Zanesville farm.

"This raises concerns, as she has indicated the cages have not been repaired, and has repeatedly refused to allow animal welfare experts to evaluate if conditions are safe for the animals and sufficient to prevent them from escaping and endangering the community," said Erica Pitchford, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

State officials have no legal power to inspect the cages before the animals are returned, but they are hoping the local sheriff will seek a court order to inspect the farm "to ensure the safety of the ani-

mals and the public," Pitchford said.

Thompson had not allowed local law enforcement onto the farm to check the pens, Muskingum County Sheriff Matthew Lutz told CNN Monday.

Thompson's lawyer did not immediately respond to a CNN call for comment.

Deputies are ready to deal with any problems with the returned animals, Lutz said.

"We have the zoo on speed dial," Lutz said. "If we are pushed to do what we had to do the last time, we would take care of it."

Legislation that would tighten rules regarding private ownership of exotic animals passed the Ohio Senate in April and is now being heard in the House of Representatives. "Zoo officials encourage lawmakers to pass a bill quickly to ensure public safety and protect the welfare of animals," the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium said in a news release.

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BASEBALL

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have struggled scoring runs all year, especially last weekend when they only scored a combined four runs in their two losses to the Trojans.

The Cardinal will start right-hander Mark Appel, who has been one of the best pitchers in the Pac-12 all year with a record of 6-1 and ERA of 2.73 in game one. Oregon State will need to get the bats going early if it wants to win the pivotal first game.

"We've left 350 guys on base this year," Casey said. "It's hard to score runs if you're not driving anybody in. We didn't execute last week or do the things we need to do to score runs. We get guys in scoring position, but fail to move them over and that's cost us."

Oregon State may get an offensive lift with the potential return of junior first baseman Danny Hayes, who has sat out the last six weeks with a shoulder injury. He took batting practice Wednesday and Thursday, and could return sometime this weekend.

In addition to the added left-handed bat of Hayes, Casey has toyed with the idea of letting junior reliever Matt Boyd see some pitches at the plate. Boyd is another left-handed hitter with power.

"We're looking for somebody that will drive in some runs," Casey said. "Matty hit for us as a freshman and he's a left-handed batter who's got some power, and we're not doing the job so we're trying to find somebody that

will drive in some runs."

One of the bright spots for the OSU lineup, hitting in the three-hole this year, has been another left handed-hitter in freshman left-fielder Michael Conforto.

Conforto has driven in 54 of the 270 runs that the Beavers have scored this year and hopes to add to that total this weekend.

"We haven't seen our bats come alive since the beginning of the season," Conforto said. "We're all good hitters, we just need to keep our confidence and swing at the right pitches. I expect guys to get on base and for us to drive them in this weekend."

On the mound is where OSU has shined all year. Sophomore left hander Ben Wetzler will throw game one for the Beavers.

The southpaw enters the weekend with a record of 4-2, despite not getting a great deal of run support.

"I feel like days that we pitch well sometimes we don't score runs, and then some days when we don't pitch well, we score a bunch of runs," Wetzler said. "I just think we need to put it all together as a team. I still don't think we've played our best baseball yet, so that's encouraging to me that we can still play better."

Oregon State will need to put all of the pieces together if they want to knock off Stanford. The first pitch of game one is slated for 5:35 p.m. today at Goss Stadium.

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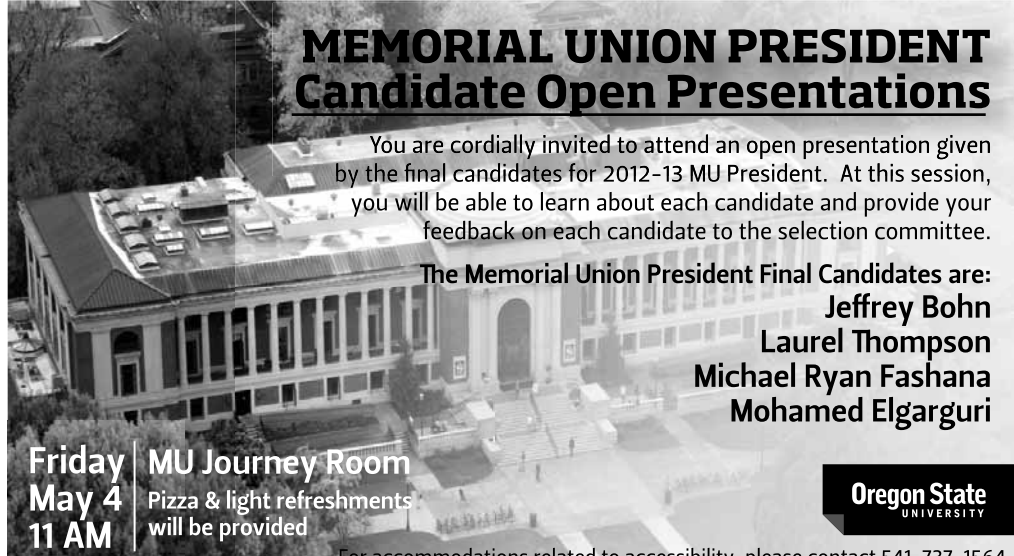
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“Nothing to lose” vs. No. 1 Cal

■ With the postseason looming ahead, the Beavers will face Cal in their final home series

By Jacob Shannon
THE DAILY BAROMETER

“All to gain and nothing to lose” is a clean-cut interpretation of what to expect over the next couple weeks from the Oregon State University softball team.

The No. 22 Beavers (33-16, 8-9 Pac-12) have all but assured themselves of an NCAA bid, so the last two conference opponents are only an opportunity to climb the national rankings and better their postseason positioning.

This week, it will be about rising to the challenge that is facing the best team in the country.

OSU will look to further its case as a national contender when it hosts No. 1 California (45-3, 16-2) this weekend.

Game one is today at 3 p.m., and games two and three are Saturday and Sunday at noon and 11 a.m., respectively, with senior ceremonies to follow Sunday's contest.

“We have nothing to lose, we might as well go all out and risk it,” freshman second baseman Ya Garcia said.

OSU did learn a valuable lesson with one unexpected loss to Utah — which hadn't won a Pac-12 game up to that point — last weekend, and it can make this upcoming matchup more achievable.

“It's tough to play on the road. They learned pretty quickly that there is no team in this conference, regardless of ranking or standard that isn't capable of beating you every single day,” head coach Kirk Walker said. “You have to bring your focus, your intensity, your fight, every pitch of every inning.”

“Any given day you can get beat,” Garcia said. “I don't care if you're the No. 1 team in the nation. And that only builds our confidence that we are going to go out and hopefully get a win.”

If history is any indication of what is at stake, there is a lot to be determined from this high caliber series.

The last time the Beavers beat a team ranked No. 1 was in 2006 against UCLA. The 2006 Beaver



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The No. 22 Oregon State softball team has had a lot to celebrate this year.

squad is the only squad in program history to have reached the College Softball World Series.

Also, the last time OSU beat Cal was in March '09, which was the senior players' freshman year.

“We are going out to win, and that's what we are about,” Walker said. “Certainly, the seniors have been getting playing time and certainly getting some opportunities. I don't see that changing. As much as it is about Senior Day, it is [also] about us knocking off a team that is No. 1 in the country.”

In Walker's almost 30-year career, his teams' focus in these media-hyped games isn't on what Cal brings to Corvallis, but much more of the

opposite.

“You look back at any year and there will always be those kinds of things when you're playing in the Pac-12. You will always play the No. 1 team in the country at some point,” Walker said. “We are focused on playing our game and going out after it. You cannot change how you play just because it's No. 1.”

The Golden Bears dominate the Pac-12's team and individual statistics. But half of Cal's blemished conference record is by way of Oregon, which OSU took a series from early in the regular season.

Oregon State has found a way to match every Pac-12 team it has played, and preparing for Cal

shouldn't feel any different.

“They are going to be good and they are going to bring everything they got, and we are preparing just the same as every team we face. It's business as usual and I think it will be pretty fun,” senior first baseman Erin Guzy said.

Preparing for Cal's pitcher, Jolene Henderson, has proved a tough task for every team, as she leads the conference with a 1.45 ERA and has 220 strikeouts on the season. She was last year's conference pitcher of the year.

“We are working on hitting their pitcher,” senior Mary Claire Brenner said. “Jolene is great, she mixes it up a lot with her changeup, and [keeps us] on our toes. They are fast and aggres-

sive so we have to expect it all.”

Only time will tell how much the mental preparation will pay off. Until then, we can only expect more of the same strong pitching and defense that has carried the Beavers this far into the season.

“We are working on the specifics, Cal's game — they have got speed, they have got power, they have got pitching,” Walker said. “So we are really focused on us being better at what we are and hopefully bring our 'A' game this weekend.”

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Baseball ready for “must-win” series vs. loaded Cardinal



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Junior shortstop Tyler Smith dives back to first base in a game against UCLA earlier this year. Smith, who leads OSU with a .384 batting average, and the Beavers will look to redeem themselves this weekend after losing two of three to USC in Los Angeles last weekend.

■ Pat Casey said No. 12 Stanford, which has won six of eight, is the most talented team in the Pac-12

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After losing two of three to Southern California last weekend, head coach Pat Casey called this weekend's three game series in Corvallis against No. 12 Stanford a “must-win” if Oregon State wants to remain in the Pac-12 title hunt.

Overtaking Stanford (28-12, 10-8) is no small task considering their national ranking and talent-loaded roster. The Cardinal have also been one of the hottest teams in the Pac-12 as of late, winning six of their last eight games.

“I think they're the most talented team in our conference,” Casey said. “I really do. Stanford's going to be extremely talented, they're going to have tremendous pitching and we're going to have to play much better baseball than we did last weekend if we want to play with them.”

Stanford has lights-out starting pitching, which could pose a serious problem for Oregon State. The Beavers (28-14, 8-8)

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