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Designing sets for the stage

■ George Caldwell, OSU's theater director, uses his passion for the theater to design sets for productions

By Anney Beauchemin
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"I've been in theater since before the beginning," said George Caldwell, director and set designer of the Oregon State University Theater.

Having grown up in Los Angeles, Calif., Caldwell was close to actors of all stripes.

"I lived in an area where there were quite a few people in films and television," he said. "I guess you could call them movie stars."

What captured him the most, however, were productions on the stage. When he was nine years old, an original theater production of "Peter Pan" came to LA and won Caldwell over for life. "I was awestruck by live theater."

He stuck with theater through school, citing a college production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as another great show that cemented his future. Once out of college, he quickly got a job building sets, which led to his present work as the man behind the technical beauty of OSU plays.

Caldwell has a wall in his office reserved for photos of his work, as this is the only way to preserve full products. Unlike most pieces of art, sets have to be dismantled when the show is over.

The photos show a wide range of styles. The fall 2011 production, "Almost, Maine," ran with a minimalist backdrop of projected snowfall and draped white material which covered and uncovered props relevant to each of the play's multiple love stories. In contrast, the set for a production of "The Pirates of Penzance" recreates the deck of an entire ship on stage, foreshortened to fit.

Caldwell described his artistic range as spanning from ultra-realism to stylized. Among the more experimental are sets that experiment with translucent and transparent walls, which both efficiently let the audience see into multiple "rooms" and give the entire stage a surrealistic look.



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George Caldwell shown here with a model for a set, got involved with the theater after seeing a production of "Peter Pan" as a kid. He is currently working on this summer's production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Caldwell emphasizes that no two shows are alike and that the things that set each apart are the most important.

When he is tasked with a new set to design, the first step he takes after reading the play is to conduct intensive research. He credits the Internet with opening up the range of sources available to him, including photos and videos of past productions of whatever play he is working on.

Next, he talks to the director about their intentions, sometimes sketching the set as he listens or showing them a model of his ideas thus far.

"Sometimes with directors," Caldwell said, "I'll cut out one-fourth-inch pieces of things and I'll move them around — a scale model."

Other times, he is the director. His current directing project is this summer's production of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

In his time directing, Caldwell found the musical "Sweeney Todd" to be the most challenging in both its set and direction, and one of his favorite plays to direct was Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun."

"I had a terrific cast," he said, "and was really pleased with the production."

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A dirty good time



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OSU SAE team is shown here posing with the vehicle it entered into a recent competition at the Portland Expo Center. The team took home second overall in the competition. The team also took second overall in a competition in Auburn, Ala. and will be competing in Wisconsin in June. Pictured from left: Sachin Joshi, Scott Lesage, Evan McColly, Nicole Banning, Ryan Kalb, and Aaron Broussard. Team captain Tom Paasch is sitting inside the car.



Veterans can apply for new educational program

■ Designed to help unemployed vets who are not eligible for GI bill benefits attend school

By Don Iler

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Veterans can apply for a new program beginning tomorrow.

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, passed as part of the Vow to Hire Veterans Act of 2011, will provide for veterans who may not qualify for other educational assistance programs with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"It helps a group of veterans who otherwise wouldn't have any other GI bill benefits," said Gus Bedwell, veterans' services adviser at Oregon State University.

The program allows unemployed veterans who do not qualify for the Montgomery or Post 9/11 GI bill to draw GI bill benefits for a year to attend a program or school in order to improve their employability.

To qualify for the program, veterans must be between the ages of 35 and 60, ineligible for any other

VA educational benefit, and not enrolled in any other federal or state job retraining program.

"We may have veterans at OSU who may not be eligible for other GI bill benefits," Bedwell said. "This opens the door for them to draw up to one year's worth of benefits."

Veterans may begin applying May 15, and it is only scheduled to run through 2014. There is a limit of 45,000 applicants the first year and 54,000 applicants the second.

Veterans accepted into the program will receive assistance of \$1,473 per month, which is based on the current assistance paid under the Montgomery GI bill active duty program.

Students who may qualify for the new program are encouraged to contact Bedwell, who can assist in applying to the program. Bedwell can also help students apply for other VA benefits they may be entitled to. His office is located in the Registrar's office in Kerr Administration Building.

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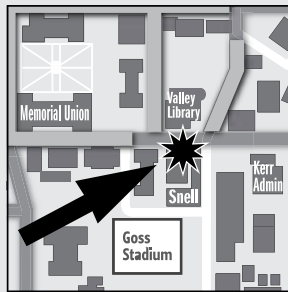
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Romney speaks at Liberty U commencement

Mitt Romney used the commencement address he delivered Saturday at Liberty University to draw lines between the faith of the evangelical university — especially its founder, the late Rev. Jerry Falwell — and his own.

Among the shared values are Romney's view on marriage, which the GOP presidential candidate raised on Saturday for the first time in a speech since President Barack Obama announced on Wednesday that he personally supports same-sex marriages.

"Culture matters. As fundamental as these principles are, they may become topics of democratic debate," Romney said. "So it is today with the enduring institution of marriage. Marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman."

Romney said that "people of different faiths, like yours and mine, sometimes wonder where we can meet in common purpose, when there are so many differences in creed and theology."

"Surely the answer is that we can meet in service, in shared moral convictions about our nation stemming from a common worldview," he continued. "The best case for this is always the example of Christian men and women working and witnessing to carry God's love into every life."

His invitation to keynote the graduation was initially eyed skeptically by some students and others, who took to social media in protest of the Mormon's presence.

But Romney never mentioned his Mormon faith, and both he and the school sought to look past their differences.

The trustee board executive committee chair Mark DeMoss introduced Romney and encouraged the audience to recognize the difference between knowing someone personally, and simply knowing of them.

"You see, you can know about someone simply by reading about him or her," he said. "But you can only know someone by spending time with them."

DeMoss, who is also a senior

advisor to Romney's campaign, recounted a meeting between Romney and the late Falwell, whose son is now chancellor of the school, as well as his own support of the candidate, which stretches back to Romney's term as governor of Massachusetts.

Romney offered a tribute to Falwell, who founded Liberty 40 years ago, remembering him as "courageous and big-hearted minister of the Gospel."

He praised the school for instilling "conviction and confidence" in its students, and lauded the graduates' "moral certainty, clear standards, and a commitment to spiritual ideals," which they share with other graduates from history.

"Christianity is not the faith of the complacent, the comfortable or of the timid. It demands and creates heroic souls like Wesley, Wilberforce, Bonhoeffer, John Paul the Second, and Billy Graham," he said. "Each showed, in their own way, the relentless and powerful influence of the message of Jesus Christ. May that be your guide."

— CNN

Calendar

Monday, May 14

Events

Student Sustainability Initiative, 9am-5:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center. Sustainable Textile Symposium.

Tuesday, May 15

Meetings

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

Events

Disc Golf Club, 8:30-10pm, Reser Stadium. Hosting a Ladies Night Clinic. Free, no experience necessary and equipment will be provided. At the end will be a raffle with great prizes!

The Pride Center, 4-6pm, MU 208. Our Experience, Our Stories. A multicultural panel who identify in the LGBTQ community. Come hear their personal stories and ask questions to learn more of intersecting identities.

The Pride Center, 7pm, The Pride Center. Gaym Night. Come enjoy a night of games, food and fun! A one-hour game night before the Glee event. Everyone is welcome.

Center for Leadership Development, 3:30-4pm, MU Council Room. Officer Transition Series: Join student leaders at OSU for workshops on officer transitions.

Wednesday, May 16

Meetings

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

Graduate Women's Network, Noon-1:30pm, Women's Center. Come celebrate a wonderful year. Sweets provided.

Thursday, May 17

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. "Building a Spiritual Democracy" is the topic for this interfaith devotion, meditation and quiet time. Please share your favorite inspirational material.

Events

Center for Leadership Development, 5:30-6pm, MU Council Room. Officer Transition Series: Join student leaders at OSU for workshops on officer transitions.

Friday, May 18

Events

Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte, featuring Toby Oft, principal trombone of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and OSU's Jay Chen on trumpet. Free noontime concert open to all.

Saturday, May 19

Events

Native American Student Association, 1-10pm, Gill Coliseum. 36th Annual OSU Klatowa Eena Powwow, Grand Entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Native American Student Association, 10am, Native American Longhouse, 311 SW 26th St. Jim Thorpe's Dash for Diabetes 5k Fun Run. Free diabetes screening by Student Health Services.

Sunday, May 20

Events

Native American Student Association, 1-5pm, Gill Coliseum. 36th Annual OSU Klatowa Eena Powwow, Grand Entry 1 p.m.

A month after 'cease-fire,' where does Syria stand?

It's been a month since the "cease-fire" was due to come into effect in Syria as the first step in a U.N.-backed peace plan, with a team of U.N. monitors on the ground to observe the progress.

But clearly, there is no let-up in the violence. Daily reports spill in of bombings, shootings, explosions and more as opposition groups and the regime forces of President Bashar al-Assad battle for more than a year.

So, where does the Syria conflict stand now?

First, it's very difficult to get a clear picture of the extent of the violence in Syria, who's perpetrating it and where. The international media's access is very limited, and the U.N. observer mission — still not at full strength — is unable to monitor all hot spots. But there is certainly no cease-fire; opposition groups report daily attacks by regime forces, which continue to use indiscriminate artillery fire. The London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says 60 people were killed in the first three days of last week.

U.N. peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous told the Security Council last week that

there has been a shift in the military's tactics, according to diplomats, with a decline in the use of heavy weapons and large-scale operations. But there have been widespread arrests recently.

The special U.N.-Arab League envoy, Kofi Annan, echoed that view. Diplomats say he expressed concern that arrests and torture were increasing and that government forces "continue to press against the population."

The Syrian security forces finally broke the back of popular resistance in the Bab Amr district of Homs early in March, but killings continue in the city. There's also been substantial bloodshed in Hama since then, where an uprising in 1982 was savagely put down by the current president's father.

In Idlib province in the northwest, the resistance remains strong. Journalists have reported burned-out tanks near the provincial capital, which is ringed by checkpoints. Soldiers don't enter some towns for fear of ambush. Elements of the Free Syrian Army appear to be able to operate in mountainous areas near the Turkish border. Their aim is to turn it into a "government-free zone."

In the south, where it all started more

than a year ago, there are daily reports of security forces opening fire and using artillery against what the regime deems to be opposition neighborhoods.

What has really changed in the past few months, starting in Damascus in January, is the emergence of a bombing campaign against key government installations. On Thursday, the deadliest bomb attacks yet killed at least 55 people, according to the Interior Ministry, wounded nearly 400 and caused widespread devastation in the Qazzaz neighborhood of Damascus.

A bomb also exploded near a U.N. observer convoy in southern Syria last week.

The Syrian Interior Ministry blamed "terrorist suicide attacks" for the carnage and says most of the victims are civilians. It does seem that jihadist cells are emerging in Syria. One calls itself the al Nusrah Front and provided video evidence of a suicide attack carried out in Damascus in January. It also claimed responsibility for a bombing in Damascus last week. Some of its claims cannot be substantiated, but U.S. officials have expressed anxiety about a growing jihadist element in the resistance.

— CNN

Yemeni military kills 24 suspected al-Qaida militants

Government troops in southern Yemen on Sunday attacked al-Qaida hideouts, killing two dozen suspected militants in the latest push to clear the area of the terror organization, local security officials said.

Four members of the military

were also killed in the clashes, which began early in the morning in the Abyan districts of Zinjibar and Jaar, the officials said, while nine troops were wounded.

Government warplanes aided in the assault.

"We succeeded in taking take-over three strategic posts near Jaar and our forces will continue to go forward," said one of the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Al-Qaida fighters are evacuating areas previously under

their control due to the intensive government bombardment," the official added.

Yemen's government has been fighting al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula for years with mixed results.

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New York police tout improving crime numbers to defend controversial policy

New York police on Sunday touted the impact of their controversial “stop, question and frisk” policy, claiming it has contributed to a spike in the number of firearms confiscated and coincided with what is shaping up to be a historically low murder rate.

Comparing numbers from the first three months of 2012 to the same period last year, the number of such stops increased 10 percent while the number of illicit guns taken away went up 31 percent, according to a New York Police Department statement from Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne.

Meanwhile, New York’s murder rate has plunged 21 percent year-to-date as of last Friday — meaning, if the current trend continues, the yearly number of murders in the city would be the lowest since such statistics first were recorded, as such, in 1963.

“New York City continues to be the safest big city in America, and one of the safest of any size, with significantly less crime per capita ... than even small cities,” the department said.

Police cited Operation Impact and the “stop and frisk” policy as key reasons for the improving crime statistics. But the policy has

been criticized sharply by some as grounds for racial profiling.

Donna Lieberman — executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, which has described the practice as “unlawful and racially biased” — blasted the latest release of data, accusing the police department of trying to “massage the numbers to make this look like an effective and worthwhile program.”

“What (this policy) does is terrorize moms of color about the well-being of their sons, who have to navigate how to survive unwarranted intrusion into their activities by a police department for doing absolutely nothing wrong,” she said Sunday in a statement.

Added Darius Chaney, senior staff attorney for the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, “It is mind-boggling that, after years of public outcry and in the face of strong evidence that stop-and-frisk violates peoples’ rights and does not make them safer, the NYPD has doubled down on this discriminatory and ineffective practice.”

Another critic, City Council member Jumaane Williams, earlier this year questioned how the policy affects the police department’s rela-

tions with minorities in the city.

“Communities are losing trust with the police, which is one of the biggest crime fighting tools that we have,” Williams said.

Minorities are far more likely than whites to be questioned under New York’s program, according to police department statistics. Of those stopped and frisked — all but 7 percent of whom were males — 54 percent were African-American, 33 percent were Hispanic, 9 percent were white and 3 percent were Asian.

Yet the police department, including Commissioner Ray Kelly, has argued that the policy ends up disproportionately protecting those in minority communities. African-Americans and Hispanics made up 96 percent of all New York shooting victims and 90 percent of murder victims last year, police said. Therefore, a drop in such shootings citywide would logically equate to fewer minorities being killed.

New York police pointed out there were 124 murders this year in the city through April 29, compared with 158 in Chicago — which, with about 2.7 million people, has less than one-third of New York’s population.

Those figures couldn’t be

clearly matched on the city of Chicago’s website. Official crime data from Chicago did note 120 homicides in that city through April 20, while the Chicago Tribune’s RedEye website recorded 169 homicides as of May 9.

“The continuing murder decline in New York is vindication of the NYPD’s policy of engagement, which includes Operation Impact, police stop and questioning and use of the Real Time Crime Center to get timely information into detectives’ hands as quickly as possible,” New York police said in their statement Sunday.

Civil liberties advocate Lieberman ceded progress regarding crime, but disputed the idea that this can be credited to “stop, question and frisk” — or that such trends aren’t evident elsewhere without such policies.

“Crime has gone down, and stop and frisk has gone up but that doesn’t mean that stop and frisk is (the) reason for reduction in crime. It’s gone down in almost every city in the last decade,” she said. “It’s time for (Mayor Mike Bloomberg) and Police Commissioner Kelly to treat people of color as if they were their own families.”

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Plane en route to youth conference crashes, 4 die

A recent Oral Roberts University graduate was the only one of five people en route to a Christian youth conference to survive a plane crash in southeastern Kansas, officials said Saturday.

The twin-engine Cessna 401 went down Friday afternoon about 9 miles west of Chanute, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. The small aircraft landed on a field and skidded about 200 feet before hitting a tree line.

A spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board on Saturday said the pilot had been in contact with air traffic controllers, but there was no distress call.

“There was an altitude change and that was the last transmission,” said spokesman Peter Knudson.

The aircraft caught fire after the crash.

Texas-based Teen Mania Ministries said the eight-seat plane, manufactured in 1991, was headed for the Acquire the Fire conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

It had taken off from an airport near

Tulsa, Oklahoma, said Elizabeth Cory, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman. Oral Roberts University is based in Tulsa.

Killed were Luke F. Sheets, 23, of Ephraim, Wisconsin, the pilot; Austin G. Anderson, 27; Stephen J. Luth, 22, of Muscatine, Iowa; all recent Oral Roberts graduates; and Garrett V. Coble, 29, of Tulsa, a former instructor in the College of Business and a participant in mission trips.

Anderson survived the crash, but died of his injuries early Saturday. He had served two tours of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.

Hannah Luce, 22, daughter of Oral Roberts trustee and Teen Mania founder Ron Luce, was hospitalized in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Please pray for all of the families that lost loved ones and for Hannah in the hospital. Pray for God’s peace to be with all of them and pray for Hannah’s healing,” Oral Roberts President Mark Rutland said on the university’s

Facebook page.

Luce on Saturday was in serious but stable condition, with burns on 28% of her body, according to Teen Mania.

Anderson and Luth recently had been hired to the marketing staff of Teen Mania Ministries, a youth ministry organization.

“We are so saddened by what has happened and ask for all those who have been touched by this ministry in some way to rally around the families of all involved in the crash, especially the four young men who passed away. Please lift them up in prayer, and ask for the Holy Spirit to surround them with God’s love and peace,” Ron Luce said in a statement. “They all had a heart for this generation, and were passionately pursuing God’s call on their lives.”

Investigators had not yet identified any witnesses, Knudson told CNN. He did not have information on weather conditions at the time of the incident.

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Editorial

Gay marriage: If the numbers show...

Queer Pride Week, President Barack Obama's affirmation, North Carolina's Amendment One — the issue over same-sex marriage, seemingly never completely out of mind, is once again at the fore.

Whether America should seriously be debating the concept or not — given the economic state of our country — is a worthy debate in itself. But like many other social issues, such as abortion, gun rights, legalization of narcotics or prostitution, same-sex marriage creates a visceral reaction.

Although it may be our situation — on a college campus, amongst our peers with a similar generational stream of thought — but same-sex marriage seems like a non-issue. Certainly, no one demographic can be painted with a broad brush, but this issue would seem to be a generational one — out with the old, in with the new.

And if the numbers are any indication, we may be the generational shift.

- According to the 2010 United States Census, 3.5 percent of the U.S. population identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual.

- There are 131,729 same-sex married couple households.

- There are 514,735 same-sex unmarried partner households.

- Over the last twelve years, this is an 80 percent growth in same-sex couple households.

- Nearly 18 percent of these households have children living in them.

- Six states allow same-sex marriage — Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, as well as the District of Columbia (Washington's recent same-sex marriage measure cannot go into effect until June, and is currently being challenged in court).

- Massachusetts, the first state to legalize same-sex marriage, did so in 2004.

- Five states allow same-sex civil unions, but not marriage.

- 39 states do not allow same-sex marriage

- 11 countries in the world allow same-sex marriage, nationally — The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Canada, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Iceland, Sweden and Argentina.

- According to a Gallup poll, in 1996, 27 percent of Americans believed same-sex marriages should be recognized as valid by law, with the same rights as traditional marriages. Sixty-eight percent believed same-sex marriages should not be valid.

In 2000, 35 percent of Americans believed same-sex marriage should be valid. In 2004, 42 percent believed so. In 2010, 44 percent. The following year, 53 percent.

Earlier last week, in the latest Gallup poll, the number dipped slightly, showing 50 percent of Americans believe same-sex marriage should be valid by law. Forty-eight percent believe same-sex marriages should not be valid.

The times they are a-changin', as we may so construe. It's only been eight years since the first state took a definitive stance on the issue and it may only take eight more for the rest to follow suit — either in concurrence or disagreement.

So as much as we — a student in a university, on campus, of a particular demographic, of a more liberal mindset — stand in awe to the rejection of same-sex marriage or civil union, America is a dense and diverse forum of ideals — not everyone sees a restriction of free-will here.

Society is never a young place; it will always be more old than new. But there is a transitional point, and we may be in it.

There may be many years left before a new generation takes the issue of same-sex marriage in a new direction. Or even sees an issue at all.

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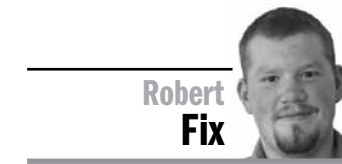
Putting human rights above personal ideology

Last week, President Barack Obama came out in support of gay marriage, granting the LGBTQ community a big victory in this country. While most will rave about the victory that has just been achieved or how we as a country have taken a step forward toward a more equal country, I'm more interested in how quickly and vehemently people stood up against President Obama's decision.

There were a few cardinals from the Catholic Church that came out in opposition of President Obama, believing that the president is dishonoring the sanctity of marriage. We are all free people trying to better our lives; why do some "traditions" have to be upheld?

For instance, marriage was originally introduced outside of religion as a way of creating peace between warring tribes and nations. Even the Bible doesn't mention the sanctity of marriage with Adam and Eve. Adam never "put a ring on it." Granted, according to the Bible, Eve was made with a rib from Adam, so maybe he felt he had given her enough already.

Even presidential candidate Mitt Romney came out against gay marriage, stating that he doesn't believe or agree with the idea. That's fine,



Robert Fix

Rebel without a pulse

people are entitled to their opinion and I won't fault the man for that.

However, if he wishes to be president of the United States of America, Romney will have to understand that the needs of the people are far greater than a single person's opinions. Former President Abraham Lincoln understood that his personal opinions were second to that of the country. Some historians have said Lincoln didn't consider African Americans to be equal, but he knew that a nation couldn't speak of having freedom while at the same time enslaving people. Lincoln took this country to war for a few reasons, but he knew that if the United States was going to be the great nation we claim to be, then all its people have to be considered equal.

I'm talking about the same ideas that were brought about in Plato's "The Republic," that our leaders should be philosophical kings — individuals that can put equality, freedom and other ideals above their own personal ideals and beliefs. The

church should be there to support people in living a free and happy life. Instead, the people in charge and its followers have forgotten that the Lord is the final judge, not them.

There is no legitimate proof in any religious document that shows the Lord's supposed hatred of homosexuals or pro-choice standpoint, but that is another issue altogether. This is a perfect opportunity for Romney to step outside his comfort zone and tell people that he isn't going to play party politics, but do what is best for the nation.

The republicans have tried to knock Romney out of the race this whole time; now that he basically has the nomination, he should turn to the republicans and tell them they are in for a wild ride.

When did human rights become a political issue to begin with? Democrats are in favor of giving people choice and freedom, while republicans are trying not to step on tradition and keep the status quo flowing. The church condemned President Obama for stating that insurers must cover birth control for women. Why? Do they believe that this will corrupt the fewer than 10 percent of the population waiting until marriage to have sex?

Homosexuality, women's rights, education and health care are not

only liberal issues, but issues this entire country should be concerned with. While a national healthcare system may not be the best idea, at least someone is trying to do something instead of waiting for the problem to sort itself out.

Human rights and equality are not issues that lean left or right, but issues every person should agree upon fundamentally. Even if you are of the opinion that an issue may be wrong, the oppression of other people under your beliefs is far worse.

In President Obama's statement, he makes a comment about not wanting to step on a states' rights issue. Well at some point, the president, whether Obama or someone else, is going to have to put human rights above states' rights. If you need further reason to dispel your hatred of someone on the opposite side of an issue, then Henry Wadsworth Longfellow can help: "If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."

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Trust the newspaper, not your search bar

One hundred years ago, the news came to you in two formats: radio and paper. Given that you'd have to go through the hassle of tuning for the radio, you usually resorted to the newspaper. That was your primary source of all the news you needed to know.

But now we're in a world where the news we need to know isn't necessarily the news we want to know. We're in a world where reading the paper can be a hit-and-miss game. Many people find it much simpler to just access the nearest computer or smart phone, pull up an Internet browser and use the power of Google to find something.

James Phillips

The Daily Barometer

Not always the news they need to know of, but the news they want to know of.

This evolution of information delivery has obviously seen its benefits and consequences. With the introduction of the World Wide Web, nearly any kind of knowledge within reach of a fingertip.

You want to know the forecast? Don't turn on the TV, just go to Weather.com.

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zine, just go to Yahoo's homepage.

It's a vault of information about anything, accessible almost anywhere, anytime. That's the world of information today. That's how we get our news.

It's efficient, it's easy and it's simple. But is it reliable?

One of the biggest issues I have encountered, as an Internet enthusiast, is the credibility of what I find in regards to the news. Because of the Internet, news travels at the speed of a click, but that is obviously a double-edged sword. If someone wants to spread a lie, they have the best resource in their grasp and they can ensure their security through

anonymity.

Publish something online and your writing is just words on a screen. Those who question you can't do anything but mentally say, "I'm not so sure." Those who believe you are like contagions, spreading the virus that is the previous lie to anyone susceptible. With just one line of text, someone could successfully convince the majority of Twitter that Justin Bieber is dead.

The constant worry of questioning the authenticity of the online news is not an easy worry to live with, and most of the news I hear

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How healthy is your emergency preparation?

An essential part of a health community is a health emergency response plan and preparation. Emergencies can strike at any moment; we cannot control the "when" and the "where" of a potential emergency, but we can address response to the situation.

Just as our eating habits, sleep patterns and exercise routines contribute to a healthy lifestyle, being prepared for an emergency isn't much different. Creating habits of safety and preparedness should be considered part of a balanced life of health and wellness.

As with starting any new habit or behavior, the first step is often the most difficult. Success starts with a plan. Commit to one step each month and you will be there in no time.

Prepare a personal or community response plan — this is the first and most critical step in personal preparedness.

Most of us can feel overwhelmed by the idea of creating a plan. Where do I start? What makes a plan any good? Does it have to be written down?

A plan begins with ideas.

Take a little time to think about your daily routine: Where do you go on a daily basis? What buildings are you in? Do you travel a lot? Where

Jennifer Stewart

Be Well. Be Orange.

are your loved ones during the day? Knowing your surroundings is the first step in thinking about how you would respond in an emergency.

Plans can cover general readiness and specific emergencies.

In general, do you know how to evacuate your home, your office or other places you frequent? Do you have first aid skills? Do you have a preparedness kit in your car? Do you know where to look for water or how to seek out help from emergency responders in your community? These are always great things to know and be ready for, no matter the situation.

Think about specific situations too. How is a severe winter storm different from a summer power outage? What if you're in a different town when a problem occurs? What if roads are closed and bridges are not open? When you think about different situations, you will notice how your preparedness has different characteristics for specific scenarios.

Above all else, make a plan to communicate with those you love.

It is a great idea to have all the contact information you need at your

fingertips. Smart phones are great for this, but also have a backup; a "good old fashioned" contacts book will serve you well when batteries die.

But phone numbers are not the only thing you need; addresses can be important as well. Also, consider what to do if phones don't work. Do you have a set place to gather so everyone knows where to go in an emergency?

Get trained in how to respond to emergencies. First Aid and CPR training is available from the Department of Recreational Sports. Training can be completed in a prescheduled class, scheduled for only your group or in private sessions. Four hours of training can make the difference to help save a life.

Learn the emergency response plan for the buildings you are often in. Volunteer to participate in the facility evacuation drills. If you are not familiar with the evacuation plan, ask your building manager, supervisor or professor where you can get a copy.

Make new habits.

In order to make new habits you must actually do something. If the idea of tackling this alone seems too much, partner up. Get support from loved ones and friends, place inspirational messages around for yourself, read about preparedness, you know

yourself best — do what you need to create new habits.

As you form those new habits, you can't help but do some things a little differently. You'll have preparedness kits in your home and car. You'll stop and read evacuation route boards in hotels and public buildings. You'll store a little extra food and water in your home (just in case). And as you do these things, others will notice, and that's a good thing.

Talk to others about the changes you've made and the things you're learning. There is no better way to affect change than through the relationships you have.

As with any new endeavor, don't bite off everything at once; select one item at a time, research it and add it to your life.

Talk to others that have already done it, share your ideas and concerns, expand your network. You'd be surprised at how many others are out there doing the same thing as you.

Your personal health and wellness is just that — personal. Jump in and take charge of your safety and preparedness. You never know when an emergency will hit home: be ready, be safe and be prepared.

Jennifer Stewart,
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The descent of (Michael) Mann

The Virginia Supreme Court ruled on March 2 against Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and his renewed attempts to obtain access to the emails and documents used in the research of a former University of Virginia professor.

Michael Mann — who was on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 and is a significant contributor to the theory of anthropomorphic, or man-made, global warming — received taxpayer funded grants from 1999 to 2005. Cuccinelli's move to check Mann's research engendered a good deal of backlash, both from the university and members of the scientific community.

Many see Cuccinelli's efforts as a kind of witch hunt, malicious and counterproductive. Cuccinelli stated, "We were simply trying to review documents that are unquestionably state property to determine whether fraud had been committed."

Many see the ruling as a victory for university research and the end of a protracted, uninformed attack on solid science. But some still doubt Mann and his research. Their reason? A few years ago, in late 2009, a well-publicized incident involving the hacking, and subsequent leaking, of climate scientists' emails gave climate change skeptics room to maneuver.

Some of Mann's emails were brought into question in the breach at the University of East Anglia. In one email, there is mention of a "trick" that had been used by Mann to "hide the decline" in temperature over the years.

Mann explained that the term "trick" in this case refers to a means of solving a problem. Some of the emails seemed to suggest that climate scientists were purposefully withholding information which did not support their theories about global warming.

Those whose emails were

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hacked, and many who follow their work, were able to diffuse the situation and divert many of the accusations coming from climate-change skeptics. The incident could not be entirely forgotten, though, and doubt still exists because of it.

In light of this, I find Mann's response to Cuccinelli's actions a bit confusing. If Mann is competent and confident in his research and findings, then why does he not welcome a closer look at his methods?

If I were in Mann's shoes, I would be more than happy to show those who questioned my work all that I had done to acquire the results. If Mann has nothing to hide, then Cuccinelli's scrutiny would serve to help erase any doubt which remains from the East Anglia hacking of 2009.

And while I would be one of the first to say I have a problem with Big Brother looking over the shoulder of anyone publishing his or her own research, Mann's scientific investigation was funded by taxpayers.

Furthermore, his legitimacy has, in the past, been called into question. That Cuccinelli was requesting to see what are, at least in part, state documents is not the outrage Mann supporters think it is.

Denying global warming is a costly venture for many scientists. Those who speak out often lose government funding for their research and are ridiculed by their peers for taking up the opposing argument.

On the other side, there are those who believe mankind is to blame for rising temperatures, and who feel that something must be done to save us from catastrophe. These individuals, in my experience, take for granted that the problem and its consequences, as they see it, even exist. Their mindset is that the problem exists with-

out a doubt and that detractors from this belief are wasting valuable time with superfluous argumentation.

I will not go as far as saying there has been no temperature change — it is hard to deny the data which suggests the increase in temperatures in recent years. But I am certainly unwilling to sign off on the anthropomorphic version of global warming without further discussion.

Many scientists and climatologists dissent when it comes to the theory of man-made global warming. The strategy of believers, lately, has been to simply ignore those who challenge the idea of man-made global warming and point to the "consensus" reached by the entire scientific community saying it happened. Such a consensus is hard to come by in the scientific community and does not yet exist.

As long as notable professionals around the world — such as Ivar Giaever, a Noble Prize winner and former member of the American Physical Society; Professor Richard Lindzen, an atmospheric physicist meteorology professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Professor Emeritus William Gray, who is well-known for his work in forecasting hurricanes — are challenging this idea, the debate should go on.

I say nothing critical of Mann's research — he is a well-known, respected professional in his field. I merely point out that his approach to the debate and the approach of those on his side, will not yield any progress. If the work he has done is accurate and honest, then there should be no danger in showing it.

In fact, Mann should see Cuccinelli's investigation as a chance to say: "Go ahead — check my resources. Everything I've done is verifiable and well-researched. These are the facts."

Mann should take pride in his work and use it, and the opportunity provided by Cuccinelli's continued doubt, to legitimize his research and further prove his point. He has nothing to lose if he has nothing to hide.

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about does indeed come from the Internet. But I tend to limit my sources to those I trust, those who have proven themselves credible and reliable. They give me the news I want to know, the news I need to know.

These people are, essentially, the newspaper — my choice in information. Because unlike the anonymous individuals, they have a face, they strive for accuracy and they admit when they've made a mistake. They're real people with real beliefs and opinions who want to give the world real information.

I can't say how many times I've heard someone say, "Newspapers are outdated, everything's online now." The statement, while true from a point of view, is so wrong.

Yes, everything is online, and newspapers

are an older method of providing news, but they're a reliable method. They are tried and true, and more importantly, trusted. They, unlike the "news" informants online, are real. And they aren't littered with people who have the singular purpose of spreading a lie.

Sure, there are slip-ups, but they take responsibility. And if they didn't, they can be held accountable.

You can't hold a username with no background information accountable for their false news. That's why we trust certain providers, like the 'ol newspaper. That's why we trust the real people.

Let's just hope those real people can keep on keepin' on against the likes of the World Wide Web.

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Black pastors react to Obama's same-sex marriage support

Addressing his large, mostly black congregation on Sunday morning, the Rev. Wallace Charles Smith did not mince words about where he stood on President Barack Obama's newly announced support for same-sex marriage: The church is against it, he said, prompting shouts of "Amen!" from the pews.

And yet Smith hardly issued a full condemnation of the president. "We may disagree with our president on this one issue," Smith said from the pulpit of the Shiloh Baptist Church here. "But we will keep him lifted up in prayer. ... Pray for President Barack Obama."

And Smith said there were much bigger challenges facing the black community — "larger challenges that we have to struggle with" — bringing his full congregation to its feet, with many more "amen"s.

Days after Obama announced his personal support for same-sex mar-

riage, pastors across the country offered their Sunday-morning opinions on the development, with the words of black pastors — a key base of support for Obama in 2008, that is also largely opposed to gay marriage — carrying special weight in a presidential election year.

But black pastors were hardly monolithic in addressing Obama's remarks.

In Baltimore, Emmett Burns, a politically well-connected black minister who said he supported Obama in 2008, held an event at Rising Sun Baptist Church to publicly withdraw support from the president over Obama's same-sex marriage support.

"I love the president, but I cannot support what he has done," Burns said at the church.

In an interview with CNN, Burns predicted that Obama's support for legalized same-sex marriage would lead to his defeat in November.

The Rev. Calvin Butts, an influential black pastor in New York City, did not endorse Obama's views but denounced those who are ready to "watch others be discriminated against, marginalized, and literally hated in the name of God."

"Our God is love," he said.

And like Smith in Washington, plenty of black ministers talked about distinguishing between opposition to same-sex marriage and views about Obama.

"I don't see how you cannot talk about it," the Rev. Tim McDonald, based in Atlanta, said earlier this week. "I have to. You can say I'm opposed to it (same-sex marriage), but that doesn't mean I'm against the president."

Though African-Americans provided Obama with record support in 2008, they are also significantly more likely to oppose same-sex marriage than are whites. That may be because

black Americans are more likely to frequently attend church than white Americans.

A Pew Research Center poll conducted in April found that 49 percent of African-Americans oppose legalized same-sex marriage, compared with 39 percent who support it. Among whites, by contrast, Pew found that 47 percent supported gay marriage, while 43 percent opposed it.

African-American pastors have been prominent in the movement to ban same-sex marriage. In North Carolina, black leaders helped lead the successful campaign for a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage and domestic partnerships.

In California, 70 percent of African-Americans supported Prop 8, the 2008 state gay marriage ban, even though 94 percent of black voters in California backed Obama.

McDonald, who founded a group called the African-American Ministers

Leadership Council, says he opposes same-sex marriage, but that he is more concerned about issues like health care, education and jobs.

But he says more black pastors are talking about same-sex marriage than ever before. "Three years ago, there was not even a conversation about this issue," McDoland says. "There wasn't even an entertainment of a conversation about this."

In Atlanta, at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church — where Martin Luther King Jr. got his start — the Rev. Ralph Warnock addressed the president's remarks near the end of his sermon.

"The president is entitled to his opinion," Warnock said. "He is the president of the United States, not the pastor of the United States."

Warnock said that there is a place for gays in the church and that "we don't have to solve this today." — CNN

49 decapitated, dismembered bodies found by authorities in Mexico

Mexican authorities found at least 49 decapitated and dismembered bodies along a highway in a northern border state Sunday morning, officials said.

The remains were left along the road in Nuevo Leon state, between the cities of Monterrey and Reynosa.

A message written on a wall nearby appeared to refer to the Zetas drug cartel.

"This continues to be violence between criminal groups. This is not an attack against the civilian population," said Jorge Domene, Nuevo Leon's state security spokesman.

He said it appeared as though the victims were

killed a day or two ago, somewhere else, and that their bodies were then dropped off.

Officials said they had not ruled out the possibility that the victims could be Central American immigrants or residents of another state, telling reporters Sunday that there had not been many local missing persons reports in recent days.

But the area has become a battleground for a brutal conflict between the Zetas and the Gulf cartel, and reports of forced disappearances have become increasingly common in recent years.

Police and troops were combing the area and set up checkpoints after authorities received a report of the remains around 3 a.m. Sunday,

police said.

The remains were found in the municipality of Cadereyta Jimenez, near the industrial city of Monterrey and about 80 miles southwest of the U.S. border, police said.

The middle-class, industrial community where the remains were found is known for a broom factory, an oil refinery and its historic role as one of the first places baseball was played in Mexico.

Last week, a retired military general arrived to take over the city's depleted police force.

At least five municipal employees were slain there last month, the state-run Notimex news agency reported.

Federal forces have stepped up security in Nuevo Leon and the neighboring state of Tamaulipas since November 2010.

More than 47,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence throughout Mexico since President Felipe Calderon announced a crack-down on cartels in December 2006.

Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas are among the most violent, according to government statistics.

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Baseball team narrowly escapes Salt Lake City with series win over last-place Utah

■ In a series where all three games were decided by one run, OSU got the last laugh

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Just when it looked like No. 23 Oregon State would drop a crucial conference series to last place Utah, trailing by one run with only three outs remaining on the road in Salt Lake City, freshman leftfielder Michael Conforto came through with an RBI single to force extra innings.

Sophomore catcher Danny Esposito then walked with the bases loaded in the 10th to give OSU a 5-4 lead that proved to be enough, as the

Beavers clinched their second win in three games.

Sophomore right-hander Dan Child got the start in game three for Oregon State. Child went all 10 innings, to throw 131 pitches, for the complete game win. His performance was massive for the Beavers after the bullpen had been exhausted in games one and two in addition to being shaky all weekend for the Beavers.

Conforto was the offensive hero in game three with four RBIs, including a three-run home run in the third. Conforto had five RBIs and two homeruns in game one, giving him 11 long balls and 63 RBIs on the

season.

Sixty-three RBIs is good for second all-time at Oregon State in a single season, with seven games still remaining in the regular season to add to the total.

Overall, it was an incredibly competitive series with all three games decided by one run and the second two needing extra innings to be decided.

OSU won game one 11-10 after nearly blowing an early 9-0 lead. Sophomore left-hander Ben Wetzler pitched well, allowing four runs in five innings to earn his sixth win of the season.

Junior right fielder Ryan Barnes,

shortstop Tyler Smith and designated hitter Danny Hayes, sophomore first baseman Kavin Keyes and catcher Jake Rodriguez, and Conforto all had multiple hits to produce the 11 runs offensively in the victory.

Utah carried its late game momentum into game two, winning another nail-biter 4-3 in 11 innings. Freshman left-hander Jace Fry was excellent on the hill in game two for OSU, allowing only two runs in nine innings of work, but was credited with a no-decision.

Oregon State was unable to produce at the plate, leaving 12 men on base, and fell 4-3 in game two after junior closer Tony Bryant allowed a

game-winning, two-run single with one out in the 11th.

While OSU's hopes of hosting a regional in the playoffs are now slim — a sweep was likely necessary — its chances of qualifying for postseason play are now almost a sure thing after the big game-three win.

OSU dropped to sixth place in Pac-12 standings after No. 17 Stanford swept Washington State, but remains within striking distance of third place in the loaded conference.

Oregon State is back in action for its last nonconference game Tuesday when it takes on the University of Portland at 5:35 p.m. in Corvallis.

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LaValley and London, as well as sophomore Taylor Nowlin (10:46.47 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase), all set personal bests over the weekend.

LaValley ran the 800-meter race in 2:10.71 (10th place) and London ran the 800-meter race in 2:13.10, which was good for 22nd place.

The key reason all three were able to perform their best on the season's biggest stage?

They were able to deal with their nerves.

Oh, and the adrenaline that comes with racing in front of 5,000-plus fans helped, too.

"When we pulled up, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, look at all the people in the stands,'" Nowlin said. "It made me pretty excited."

"To be honest, I felt really relaxed," LaValley said. "I had adrenaline, but I was able to keep my body relaxed."

London said she was "surprisingly calm" when she stepped onto the track.

Head coach Kelly Sullivan was impressed with how the trio handled themselves.

"They handled the pressure of running with the best," Sullivan said. "That women's steeplechase, that's going to be the national finals in a lot of ways. Lacey, she was a freshman in a sorority [at the University of Oregon] last year, and 12 months later she's running a personal best at a Pac-12 meet. And Emily is a pretty calm personality."

LaValley finished just shy of qualifying for Sunday's seven-person final, coming in three spots — the difference of a second and a half — too late.

There's a possibility that Nowlin's time in the steeplechase was good enough to land her in next week's NCAA West Regional in Austin, Texas.

"I felt pretty good," Nowlin said. "It hurt a lot, but it was so nice to have people to run with. My last two races I've been alone for a lot of it, and that definitely makes it hard. And it was fun jumping over the water barriers, since we don't have that at OSU."

If Nowlin does qualify for regionals, she'll join teammates Laura Carlyle (1,500-meter qualifier) and Obum Gwacham (likely to qualify for high jump).

Seven other members of the OSU women's track team — including Carlyle — competed over the weekend.

Taylor Hunt joined LaValley and London in the 800-meter field. The junior ran a 2:20.82.

Sophomore Erin Jones, who

will be leaving OSU at the end of the academic year because she was recruited by a professional triathlon club, competed in the 10,000-meter run, finishing 18th with a time of 37:23.16.

Three Beavers — freshman Kinsey Gomez, sophomore Sandra Martinez and junior Audrey Botti — competed in the 5,000-meter race Sunday afternoon. Gomez finished first among the trio and 23rd overall with a time of 17:41.80. Martinez was the next person to cross the finish line, coming in at 17:55.77. Botti finished in 18:05.80, good for 26th overall.

Sophomore Kristin Oenning competed in the high jump, but did not record a height.

Considering Carlyle is the only senior of the bunch, and considering Oregon State is in the process of putting in a track, the future looks bright for the program.

"We've got a lot of young talent, and that's what's exciting," Sullivan said.

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Softball makes postseason

By Jacob Shannon

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State softball is back the map.

For the first time since 2007, the program has qualified for the postseason.

The Beavers (34-21) learned last night that they will travel to Norman, Okla. to face off against the University of Tulsa (41-12) Friday at 3 p.m. in the first game of a double-elimination, four-team regional.

"It's great. It's what you try and do all year long," head coach Kirk Walker said. "For us to be back in is a great feeling. We are focused on one game. If we are fortunate enough to get a win, we'll take it from there."

Oregon State will play either Oklahoma or Lehigh in its second game. The Sooners are the tournament's No. 4 overall seed.

"There's no doubt you have to prepare to win and play your game," Walker said. "You can't get too caught up in your opponent. It's playing our game and preparing to play at the level we can play, and then let the game be played."

The seniors in particular are excited that they'll get to experience the postseason for the first time in their collegiate careers.

"It feels great," senior first baseman Erin Guzy said. "It's really exciting, it's fun, and it's something different, so it feels really good. We are putting our team back where we belong, it's a huge first step, and I am happy to be a part of the team that did it."

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runners Becca Friday (4:19.82) and Anne Kesselring (4:17.20).

"I love our conference, it's really competitive," Carlyle said. "The more chances to race, the more chances to be better."

Kelly said there was some concern over Carlyle's health — she didn't feel well last week, and has struggled with allergies in the past, but Carlyle said it was a non-issue.

"I think I got [the allergies]

under control a little bit," Carlyle said. "My breathing has never been great in Eugene, but I've had worse days."

The temperature reached 83 degrees Sunday in Eugene, an experience Carlyle will benefit from considering her next race — NCAA West Regionals — will be in Austin, Texas.

"The heat was a good factor because it's going to be hot in Texas for regionals," Carlyle said.

"We now know she can handle the heat, and when she gets off the plane in Austin, she won't have to deal with allergies," Sullivan said.

"When she got off the plane in Stanford a few weeks ago, her lungs cleared up and she felt like a million bucks."

Carlyle, who has a very realistic chance of reaching nationals for the second consecutive year, is hoping she'll feel like a million bucks after her race in Austin.

"[Sunday was] just another race under my belt, everything's starting to feel good," Carlyle said. "I'm starting to get my legs back, and I feel like everything's starting to click."

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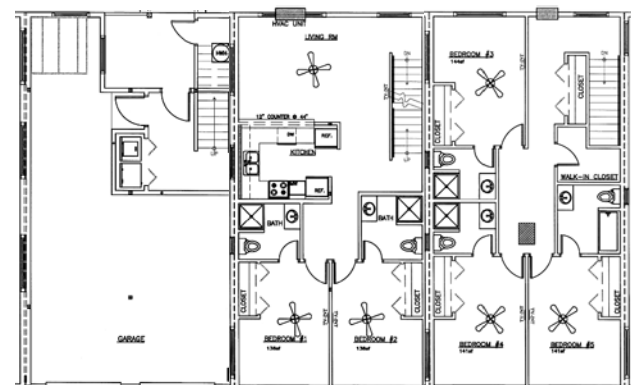
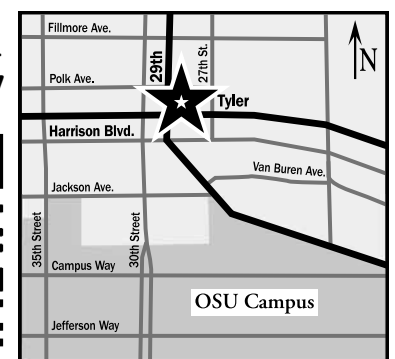
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Sophomore Taylor Nowlin leaps over a steeple during the 3,000-meter steeplechase Saturday.



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Freshman Lacey London recovers after setting a personal record in the 800-meter race Saturday.

■ Laura Carlyle: Star senior finishes sixth in 1,500

By Grady Garrett
The Daily Barometer

EUGENE — Last year, Laura Carlyle ran the 1,500-meter race in 4:20.98 at the Pac-10 Track and Field Championships. That was good for a second-place finish.

Sunday, the Oregon State senior ran two-hundredths of a second faster (4:20.96), but finished sixth.

That shows just how competitive, and how good, the 1,500-meter field was at this weekend's Pac-12 Championships at Hayward Field.

Carlyle — the lone Beaver to score points for the women's team — was happy with her performance, even if she didn't finish as high as she would have liked.

"I'm happy with it," Carlyle said. "I didn't feel great all week, and just went out there and stayed tough, so I'm happy with how it went."



Laura Carlyle
Finishes 6th in 1,500

Head coach Kelly Sullivan thinks there were "seven or so girls" in the 1,500-meter field who could have won the race.

Carlyle, who qualified for the 12-runner final by running a 4:23.56 in Saturday's preliminary race, is included in that bunch.

"She's gotten to a point now where she wants to win these things," Sullivan said.

Oregon's Jordan Hasay won the conference title with a time of 4:13.28. Carlyle, who spent the majority of the race in the middle of the pack, finished just behind Oregon.

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■ Women: 10 Beavers compete, LaValley, London, Nowlin set personal bests

By Grady Garrett
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EUGENE — Freshmen Emily LaValley and Lacey London train together and room together.

So one is left to wonder how many times one of the two has said something along the lines of: "Hey, you know what would be cool? If we both set personal records at Pac-12s."

Because that's exactly what happened Saturday at the Pac-12 Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field.

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■ Men: Relay makes final, Gwacham impresses

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

EUGENE — Asked if they get more nervous before a track meet or a football game, Markus Wheaton, Brandin Cooks and Keynan Parker responded unanimously.

"Football, by a long shot. Football games are a lot more nerve-racking," Parker said. "Track, it's all on you, so you don't have to focus on other stuff. It's relaxing."

"It doesn't compare at all," Cooks said. "Football, that's our job. We have bigger goals."

So forget the fact that the OSU men's 4x100 meter team — composed of Wheaton, Cooks, Parker and sophomore cornerback Malcolm Marable — wasn't perfect Sunday at the Pac-12 Track and Field Championships.

The group — carrying a relaxed, nothing-to-lose swagger — was just happy to be there.

"It's nice to get away from football for a little bit," Parker said.

The Beavers weren't even supposed to be represented in Sunday's eight-team 4x1 men's final.

Parker and company entered the weekend with a qualifying time of 41.78 seconds, slowest in the Pac-12. But in Saturday's preliminaries, they improved their time by nearly a full second, clocking a 40.84 to finish seventh — just ahead of Stanford (41.24), Washington State (41.28) and Cal (did not finish).

Sunday, OSU finished last with a time of 41.71.

"Our leadoff [Marable] ran great, had a great stick to Markus, we were

in sixth place [at the 300-meter mark]. Unfortunately, Keynan left too early on the anchor," head coach Kelly Sullivan said. "You can't do a dead stop and try to run against the fastest 100-meter guys in the conference."

OSU finished spring football just over two weeks ago, so the fact that the relay team hadn't practiced much together is ultimately what prevented them from a higher finish.

"I think they're a little disappointed, because they could have gotten sixth, but at the same time they had three days of practice," Sullivan said.

Three of the four members of the relay team — everybody but Marable — competed in the preliminary round of the individual men's 100-meter dash Saturday.

Wheaton and Cooks each ran a 10.72 — .23 seconds short of qualifying for Sunday's final. Parker ran a 10.86, 23rd out of 27 participants.

"I could have come out a little better," Cooks said. "If I had time, I would work on the end of my race. I felt like the first 50 meters I was up there. I would put my money with anybody in the 60-meter dash."

"I know these guys do it full time, so my goal was just to set a personal record," Wheaton said. "Obviously I didn't do that, so I'm a little disappointed."

Anyone who wanted to see which OSU wide receiver was faster left disappointed, considering they ran the exact same time.

"I'm not gonna lie, when [Wheaton] ran I wanted him to run something hot, but when he finished and I saw the time, there was a little 'yes' under my breath a little bit," Cooks said with a laugh.

Without question, the guy who

had the best weekend for the Beavers in Eugene was the team's lone non-sprinter — 6-foot-5 high jumper Obum Gwacham.

Gwacham, a sophomore wide receiver, finished sixth out of 19 participants Saturday, jumping a season-high 7 feet, 1 ½ inches.

Only one participant, Arizona's Nick Ross, jumped higher.

"It was about time I got over seven feet this season," an enthusiastic Gwacham said afterward.

Asked what got him over the hump, Gwacham pointed out the fact that he jumped against about half of Saturday's field back in high school in California.

"Having that competitive nature, I couldn't let them win," Gwacham said. "I know I'm a football player, but I wanna represent Oregon State track as well."

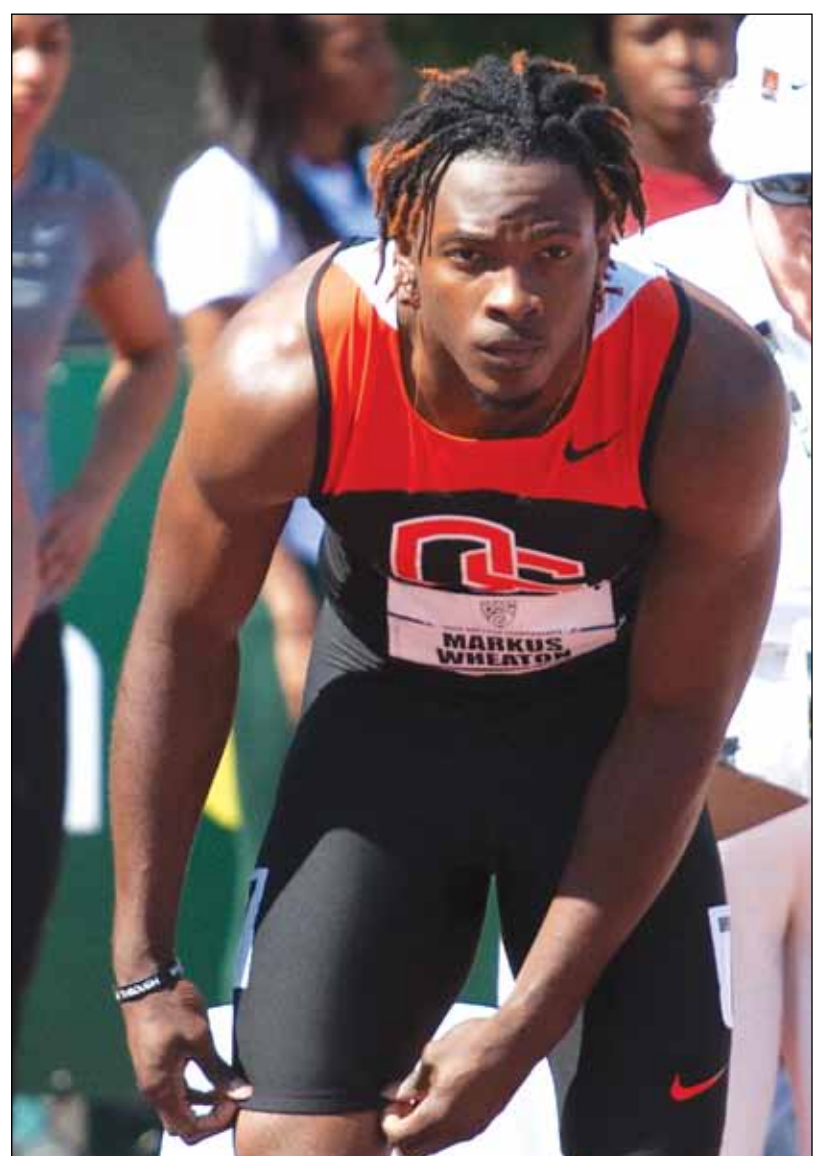
Gwacham entered the weekend right on the cusp of qualifying for NCAA Regionals. His performance Saturday will almost certainly launch him into the nation's top-48, which is what he needs to make regionals.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he goes down [to regionals] and jumps 7-3 or 7-4," Sullivan said.

Overall, Sullivan was certainly pleased with what he saw out of his football players in Eugene.

"The guys, they just put their go-to-work hats on," Sullivan said. "Here are five football kids who don't need to be doing this, at all, yet they wouldn't miss this if their life depended on it."

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Markus Wheaton prepares to run the 100-meter dash Saturday at Hayward Field.