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Michael Beaton stars in the lead role as Oedipus in "Oedipus, the King," which opens tonight at the Withycombe main stage at Oregon State University. Beaton was an offensive lineman for the OSU football team, but left the team in August.

More than a scholar

■ Ferngren, OSU history professor, chose his professorial vocation from an early age

By Ryan Dawes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A junior high school student developed a passion for history and archeology 56 years ago. Today, Gary Ferngren is one of Oregon State University's most beloved history professors.

"It was a joy being in his class," said OSU student Blaise Grant. "His lectures have a lot of information in them, and he can give it to his students in a way that makes sense and is interesting."

Ferngren has been a professor at Oregon State for 43 years, teaching classes on the Ancient Near East, Greece, Rome, the historical relationship between science and religion, and on the writings of C.S. Lewis. Similarly, his research focuses on the history of ancient medicine and the historical relationship between science, medicine and religion.

"What spurred my interest in junior high was reading the Bible and wondering whether or not the stories in it were true," Ferngren said. "I read a lot of books on ancient history and archeology in my high school years, and by my senior year I had decided that I wanted to be a Greek and Roman historian and teach at the college level."

Ferngren set forward with this goal and after earning a bachelor's degree at Western Washington University in 1964, a master's degree in 1967 and a Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia in 1973. He began teaching Greek and Roman history at OSU in 1970.

"I enjoy teaching here in the history department," Ferngren said. "I get to work with a very congenial group of colleagues."

Early on in his career, Ferngren found his interest for ancient medicine and religion, which became a main focus of his research. He has recently written a book on the relationship between medicine and religion dating from pre

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What I cherish is my strength

■ Michael Beaton left the Oregon State football team after dealing with depression, is pursuing theatre arts

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Michael Beaton crouched on his hands and knees, covered in his own blood.

Beaton, as Oedipus, had unwittingly murdered his father and gouged out his eyes in punishment.

Even crippled by theatrical torment at this dress rehearsal, he towers over the rest of the cast with his hulking 6-foot-3, 290-pound frame.

Just three months ago, Beaton was living the life most aspiring football players only dream of —

playing Division I football on scholarship. He was fulfilling his father's aspirations and his own.

Or so he thought.

"I was leading a double-life," Beaton said. "As much as I wanted to do more shows, I couldn't do that because of practice. As much as I wanted to become a better football player, I still wanted to have that other half."

Michael Beaton was an actor. And he was also a football player. Both began when he was a child.

He grew up watching Saturday Night Live and Monty Python, reenacting the skits with his brothers. At school, he always tried to make others laugh.

"He was always outgoing in that way," said Beaton's father Shawn,

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What does Veterans Day mean to you?



"Time to respect and appreciate all those who have gone to war and served our country."

Erin Champman
Sophomore, undeclared



"I have a lot of family in the military. It reminds me of their service."

Sarah Buell
Senior in communications

"The pride that I served my country."

DJ Buell
Senior in communications
Father of Sarah Buell
Occupation, IT director



"Honoring people who have served our country in the military."

Chris Becerra
History undergraduate, MAIS in photography, film studies and Education graduate.
Occupation photography instructor OSU



"It is a good opportunity to show them their actions have not gone unnoticed."

Matt Ruetman
Sophomore, managerial economics

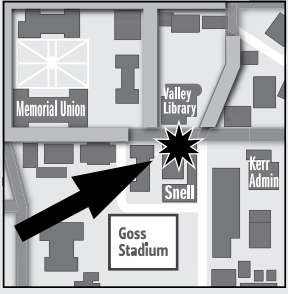
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Wolf packs grow in the Pacific Northwest

■ Organizations voice their concerns regarding the increase of wolves as they navigate the west

By Callie Simmons
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The iconic howls that echoed through the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest are slowly making a comeback. Wolves are a predator symbolic of the American West.

By 1974, wolves were almost completely eradicated from the lower 48 states by means of trapping, shooting and poison, according to a National Geographic article titled “War on Wolves.”

Researchers and wolf advocates fear new legislation passed in Wyoming that may threaten the re-introduction of wolves in Oregon and stem the growing population in the western United States.

Wyoming passed a law in September identifying wolves as predators, permitting them to be hunted. In most areas it is known as The Wyoming Wolf Management Strategy. The organization Defenders of Wildlife responded by calling it “an unjust slaughtering of thousands of vital predators.”

The Cattle Ranchers Association now has the ability to shoot wolves and “protect their means of life and the way they put food on the table for their families.” As the population of wolves fluctuates, the hostility and lawsuits increase dramatically between these opposing groups.

Researchers are most familiar with one wolf in particular — OR7, who made his way across Oregon in fall 2011. According to a report by Oregon Fish and Wildlife, OR7 was the first wolf confirmed west of the Cascades since the last bounty was collected in 1947.

In addition to OR7, a few packs located near the Wallowa National Forest have led the Oregon Game Commission, scientists, ranchers and outfitters to work closely in order to create a proactive wolf management plan based on sound science and non-lethal depredation deterrents. In the

past year experts have struggled with proposed legislation that would enable the state to manage wolves more liberally and allow wolves to be killed humanly when a domestic issue arises.

Cristina Eisenberg, who recently earned her doctorate at Oregon State University, researched the dependence of wolves in food webs.

“The powerful effects of wolves in places such as Yellowstone National Park are well documented,” Eisenberg said. “I wanted to better understand how context might influence the effects of wolves on whole food webs.”

“Wyoming’s recent legislation [is] unlikely to affect Oregon’s Wolf population,” Eisenberg said when asked if the recent legislation passed in Wyoming would affect Oregon’s wolves. “For scientists to identify measurable effects of wolf presence, a sufficiently large population of wolves needs to be present.”

Scientists and researchers in Oregon remain concerned about the welfare of wolf packs in the Wyoming wilderness.

Professors William Ripple and Robert Beschta at OSU’s College of Forestry researched whether wolves played a role in the increased growth of aspen trees in Yellowstone National Park when the wolves were first introduced to the park in 1995 through 1996.

“The only factor we can find coinciding with the failure to grow above the reach of elk, over the period of a decade, is the removal of wolves,” Ripple explained in a documentary for Oregon Wild. “. . . The only factor explaining the aspen taking off is the return of wolves to the park.”

Eisenberg traveled to Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada to investigate a trophic cascade, or food web, described in her book “The Wolf’s Tooth.”

“We know that wolves can affect elk by killing them, certainly, but also by scaring them,” she wrote. “These dynamics in turn change elk feeding behavior, reducing some of the pressure they put on aspen, one of their favorite foods.”

More wolves mean less game for hunters and more risk for ranchers. Wolves killed fewer than 25 Oregon cows in 2011. In a recent article published by the Oregon’s Cattlemen’s Association, Terri Morse describes what the presence of wolves in Wallowa County means to its ranchers.

“[We] wake up each morning with a bit of a sinking and with a dampened enthusiasm,” Morse wrote. “Has the wolf visited our ranch in the night? What sort of ravaging, what sort of ripping of flesh and gutting, might we get to try and accept this morning? And how will we be able to swallow the pain of failing? The failing to protect the gentle animals that depend on us.”

Ranchers in Wyoming have also lost livestock to wolves. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wolves killed 38 sheep and 54 cows in Wyoming in 2006 — which would make wolves responsible for less than 1 percent of all sheep and cattle lost that year.

Oregon Cattlemen’s Wolf Committee Chair, Rod Childers, said in an article on the OCA website that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Wolf Plan has led to “unjust killings” of livestock.

“The Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the plan over the objections of those who will be most affected,” Childers said.

Rather than giving choices to protect our property, it takes them away, putting ranchers at great risk of social, economic and physical loss. It is not fair, it is not balanced and any flexibility is biased toward preservation of wolves.”

In response to the accusations, Defenders became the first organization to offer federal funding to give ranchers compensation for lost livestock.

“At heart, wolf conservation is a human problem,” said Ed Bangs, former director of the Gray Wolf Recovery Program, for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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House revisits student outreach committee

■ House passes ‘Student Outreach Act,’ hears task force reports

By Ricky Zipp
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The seventh meeting of the House of Representatives saw the passing of the “Student Outreach Committee Act,” which clarifies the title and tasks of the student outreach committee, two task force reports and the first reading of a new bill establishing a cultural events and awareness committee.

The student outreach committee will be responsible for hosting town hall meetings. The bill outlines other requirements involved with the ASOSU town halls. They will occur twice a term, the first in week three that will focus on the issues brought forth to the committee by the students. The second will be scheduled for week eight and will focus on ASOSU’s action in response to the first town hall.

Speaker of the House Jacob Vandever clarified that the por-

tion of the bill saying, “All Town Hall meetings shall be held in the Memorial Union” will be stricken.

“This will open up the town halls to be hosted at, possibly, a cultural center,” Vandever said, and will allow other locations on OSU campus as options for hosting the event.

The “Student Outreach Committee Act” passed unanimously and waits to be signed in by the ASOSU president.

Senator Nick Rosoff, reporting on the appropriations and budget committee, updated the House on a meeting that was held with the Student Incidental Fee Committee (SIFC).

The SIFC will be reviewing the summer term Student Fee, “[taking a] more proactive roll”, Rosoff said, “and more hands on in allocating student fees for summer.”

Rather than submitting a simple request, the SIFC will ask for a more detailed breakdown of expenditures.

One issue in discussion is that not all programs will be run-

ning during summer term, and the SIFC “will be looking into eliminating, or at least reducing, summer student fees,” Rosoff said.

The House also heard the first reading of a proposed bill establishing a cultural events and awareness committee. This bill was brought forth by Rosoff and will entail a compilation of information regarding student-ran cultural events on campus.

This committee can be used as a resource for House members who are required to participate in one cultural event a term they would not regularly attend. The bill was read through with minimal questioning and will be open for discussion upon its second reading in next week’s House meeting.

To end the meeting, the House heard two different term reports from task force directors.

Director of international affairs, Naveena Supramaniam, who spoke with the Senate last night, met with the House and gave a

report of next week’s upcoming International Education Week. Events will be held starting this Friday and will run all next week on campus. Scheduled event times and locations can be viewed on the international programs webpage on the OSU website.

Alex Ries, the director of campus affairs, gave a quick rundown of areas that his task force will be looking to focus on now that vote organization is completed. The campus affairs task force will be looking specifically at student concerns with campus lighting, the blue light systems and safe ride. Ries will also be looking at INTO-OSU and attempting to clear up complications and miscommunications involving OSU’s academic dishonesty policies and international students.

Next week the House will not be meeting as usual. Their meeting will become part of the State of the Students event next Wednesday, Nov. 14.

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‘Mother Nature’s one-two punch’ pounds Northeast

NEW YORK (CNN) — Residents of the northeastern United States, still reeling from the havoc Sandy wreaked Oct. 29 on the region, learned Wednesday that the same holds true for snow and wind, which buffeted the coast in the form of a nor’easter.

More than 600,000 households who have been without power since Oct. 29 hunkered down for a long, cold night.

“While this storm is not as dangerous as Sandy was, New Yorkers should still take safety

precautions today and tonight,” New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters Wednesday.

By 10 p.m., some four inches of snow had fallen on Staten Island, the borough of New York that was hard hit by Sandy. Parts of Connecticut saw more than eight inches.

“It’s Mother Nature’s one-two punch,” Cory Baker, mayor of Newark, New Jersey, told CNN’s “Piers Morgan.” “It’s testing the resolve and the grit of my state and my city and,

obviously, this region.”

Some 25,000 residents of Newark had still been without power from Sandy, he said. “Now, this is being dumped; it has the potential to knock out more power within my state.”

Indeed, that is what happened. Power outages in New York and New Jersey rose from 607,000 during the day to 652,000 customers by 10 p.m.

Soon after, Elizabeth Flagler, a spokeswoman for the Long Island Power Authority, said the company had tallied

100,000 new power outages since the storm began, bringing its total to 193,000.

“We’re getting hit pretty hard between the snow and the wind,” she said.

Forecasters predicted gusts of up to 60 mph in shore towns and cities across New York and New Jersey, bringing 2- to 4-foot storm surges just as homes and office buildings had begun to dry out and floodwaters to recede after Sandy.

—CNN

Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 8

Events
Baha’i Campus Association, 12:30p.m., MU Talisman Room. “Life After Death” is the theme of this interfaith meditation, discussion and devotion time. Bring your favorite inspirational reading to share.
Native American Longhouse, 2-4p.m., Native American Longhouse. Bow & Arrow Shooting: Learn the history and importance of the bow to Native American tribes, then shoot a few arrows yourself.
Advocates for Free Thought and Skepticism @ OSU and CRU, 8p.m., MU East International Forum. Is there a reason for God? A friendly conversation between skeptics and Christians.
School of Writing, Lit. and Film, 7:30p.m., New Morning Bakery, 219 SW 2nd St. Emerging Voices Reading. Poetry and prose from OSU’s MFA program.
Lutheran Campus Ministry and Recreational Sports, 8-10a.m., meet at Dixon Rec. Center west courtyard. Spiritual Wellness Week guided morning meditation walkabout.

Friday, Nov. 9

Events
International Programs, 7p.m., LaSells Stewart Center. An Evening of Traditional Korean Dance with Dankook University Dance Troupe.
Air Force ROTC, 11-Noon, MU Quad. Veteran’s Day Ceremony. Reception following from noon-1p.m. in the MU Journey Room.
Latter-Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA), 7p.m., MU Journey Room. World-renowned artist Walter Rane discussing his spirituality through his paintings.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Events
Veterans Affairs, 8a.m.-4p.m., National Guard Armory, Springfield. Free transportation provided. Event for veteran students to receive DOD gear and resources.

Monday, Nov. 12

Meetings
International Programs, Center for Teaching & Learning & ASOSU, Noon-1p.m., 1007 Kelley Engineering Bldg. Classroom Richness: Domestic and international students learn together (panel discussion).

Speakers
Biochemistry and Biophysics, 6:30p.m., Milam Auditorium, 2012 Tsoo King Memorial Lecture featuring Brian Drucker, Director of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute. “The End of Cancer is in Reach”

Events
Veterans Affairs, 3-5p.m., MU Main Lounge. “Women at War” Women veterans give their experiences in a Q & A format. Featuring veterans from WWII/Desert Storm/Iraq.
Native American Longhouse, 6-8p.m., Native American Longhouse. Code Talkers, OSU Veterans: Discuss the Navajo Marines that broke the code during WWII.

Volunteers
Human Services Resource Center and Center for Civic Engagement, 5-7p.m., meet at Snell 156 at 4:15pm. Help Linn Benton Food Share repackage donations for holiday food drive. Transportation provided. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.
SIFC, 8:15p.m., MU Board Room. Meeting to discuss budget-related items.

Events
Native American Longhouse, 1-3p.m., Native American Longhouse. Acorn Processing Event: Come learn about the traditional methods to process acorns. Led by Margaret Mathews from the OSU Anthropology Department.
Human Services Resource Center and Center for Civic Engagement, 7:30-8:30p.m., MU 109B. Watch Josette Sheeran, head of the UN’s World Food Program, discuss global hunger and learn what is going on in your own backyard.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Meetings
Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6p.m., MU 212. Weekly meeting.
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.
Speakers
Native American Longhouse, 5:30-7p.m., Linus Pauling Science Center, Room 125. Keynote Speaker: Sam McCracken, Nike N7.
International Programs, 7p.m., LaSells Stewart Center. The World on a Plate: A Global Photographic Feast lecture and slide show.
Human Services Resource Center and Center for Civic Engagement, 6-8p.m., MU 109B. Local individuals share personal experiences of homelessness.

Editorial

Legalize gay marriage here too

Oregonians seem to care more about marijuana than they do about same sex marriage. Voters in Maine and Maryland voted in favor of same-sex marriage. In Washington, similar legislation passed by 52 percent. At the same time, voters in Minnesota rejected a measure that would have banned same-sex marriage. No such bills appeared on the Oregon ballot.

In 2004, Oregon voters approved a measure that specifically defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

This measure has been in effect long enough. We want Oregon to join the forward-thinking states of Washington, Maine, Maryland, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont — all states that currently have legalized same-sex marriage.

Basic Rights Oregon, an advocacy organization, has fought against the effects of the 2004 legislation — Measure 36 — for nearly a decade.

We asked Basic Rights Oregon about why similar legislation wasn't proposed for the Oregon ballot this year, and a representative said the group had decided to wait. They'd rather wait and gain the support required to pass the legislation than risk it failing in 2012. But they haven't given up. They hope to include an initiative on the ballot in 2014, and will continue polling next week.

In 2007, however, a house bill was passed which allowed for domestic partnerships. Though this is a step forward, a domestic partnership does not have the same benefits as a legal marriage.

We've heard arguments against allowing gay couples to marry, and we've heard the religious standpoint. We don't want to oppress anyone, everyone is entitled to their own opinions. So, if anything should be done, we think we should get rid of marriage entirely, leaving only domestic partnerships. Domestic partnerships would be available to both heterosexual and homosexual couples and be recognized by the state.

After watching our neighbor to the north stand up for gay marriage, we say it's our turn. Let's move past ignorance and rally to support our fellow Oregonians in the quest for love.

Who are we to deny anyone the right to love? This subject is sensitive to most, but breaking past that awkwardness is the key to uniting against discrimination. Let's talk about same-sex marriage. Let's rally and get it on the ballot.

The next time you pass someone in the Memorial Union quad asking for your signature, take a second to hear them out. Chances are they will be asking for your support on legalizing same-sex marriage.

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Selling out is not necessarily a bad thing

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The saying "sold out" is extremely common in the media and entertainment industry nowadays. It is overused, ill advised and should not have the negative connotation it holds in our current vernacular. Not only is the average consumer extremely hypercritical of media's kingpins, it is extremely ironic for anyone to criticize these gifted and talented people for doing this.

Why are you in college?

The average answer and underlying theme (aside from I want to be x, y or z) is you want to have an income that will support yourself, and possibly a family someday. Most would like to have enough money to stimulate their ability to have fun, support hobbies, travel, buy nice material items and not have to do backbreaking labor where you are grossly underpaid working for an arrogant hothead for the remainder of your days.

As a liberal arts student, relatives constantly ask me what I plan to do with my life and how I plan to support myself monetarily, not out of nosiness but sheer curiosity. I understand many members of the cohort above us, and the one above them, did it the "hard way," working their fingers to the bone day in and day out in factories, warehouses and material plants in hopes of advancement in career and income.

How might this relate to actors, musicians, athletes and societal role models selling out? Considering he is, undeniably, a comedic mastermind, let me use Adam Sandler as my prime example.

I'll admit, and as depressed as it

may make me, I have seen many of Sandler's recent films. I will be the first to say they are not to his full acting potential and put a bad taste in the mouth of the loyal fans of Sandler. But he did not sell out.

In fact, most would agree his prime occurred after his first four minor roles in "Shake the Clown," "Coneheads," "Airheads" and "Mixed Nuts." This era began in 1995 with "Billy Madison," where audiences watched a spoiled, freeloading, live-at-home Sandler progress through a series of school tests, bullies and Veronica Vaughn to gain a proper education while gaining life lessons. He then won over the hearts of sports fans and comedy-film enthusiasts alike through his captivating role as the hockey-playing, temper-driven, 500-yard driving, Bob Barker slugging, kindhearted "Happy Gilmore." Following those two blockbuster films, Adam Sandler's career shone brighter than when you look at your phone screen awaking from a deep sleep in the early morning hours.

He then went on to star in movies such as, "Bulletproof," "Dirty Work," "The Wedding Singer," "Waterboy" and "Big Daddy." These effectively solidified Sandler as one of the iconic funnymen of his time, our generation.

After "Big Daddy" in 1999, he began his own American film and television production company entitled Happy Madison, a name compiled of the two films that gave him his respected name in comedy. The filmography of the company I'll leave for you to

look up on your own, but let me add that 11 of the 24 films constructed by the company have grossed over \$100 million during their stint in theaters.

With his ability as an actor and with his ability to consistently stay in business and produce movies, why not? One out of every two movies Happy Madison produces is one voluminous payday for Mr. Sandler, his co-stars, film crew and everyone else involved. I would gladly and joyfully be a Kevin James-esque character in "Role Models" if it landed me a chunk of the \$162 million it earned.

So, maybe fans who exceedingly enjoyed Sandler's classic characters are a bit peeved, irked, annoyed, irritated and upset by his roles that seem to be appealing more towards children or a family audience. But don't sit here and tell me Sandler sold out when he wakes up every morning, brushes his teeth, combs his hair, showers his body, takes a refreshing dip in his indoor, Olympic-sized swimming pool full of Benjamins and proceeds to the studio to manufacture a \$100 million film.

The main reason we are furthering our education at Oregon State University is to better ourselves and, if fortunate enough, to land a job that will financially support our habits, wants, desires and overall way of life. Sandler, and other talents are called "sell outs." They have sold out — and then some.

If you know of a better way to make \$100 million in a year, please, I beg of you, do tell. Do tell.

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At Random by Ryan Mason

Due to an anonymous tip to our HR department, and in effort to be more PC, we are no longer going to refer to cold textured skin as "goose bumps."



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RYAN MASON IS A SOPHOMORE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN.

Drew Pells

The Daily Barometer

Group projects lead to socialism, communism

At least once a term, I've had a class in which a group project has been assigned. Professors and instructors always say, when we get into the workforce, we'll have to work in teams. Granted, I've only had jobs in the service sector, not professional sector, but I hate group projects.

Whenever there's a group project, each team contains an individual who does not do what is asked or assigned to them. To compensate, someone else has to pick up the slack to make sure their own grade stays intact.

Unfortunately, group work sets up the incentive to work this way. Beyond school, when a group has to meet a certain outcome, a slacker will always exist because the slacker lacks the incentive to work hard. So, if everyone gets the same outcome, why should I work hard? Someone else can do it, while I don't do anything. The opposite side has some people working hard and producing everything for the outcome, but then don't reap the benefits of it all.

This happens in schools, but sometimes in other capacities as well. An economics teacher at another university conducted an experiment. Many of his students expressed a favorable view of communism and socialism.

The teacher, after receiving the OK of the students, declared the average grade on each of the three exams throughout the term would be given to everyone. For the first exam, the average was a "C" and everyone received a "C." The second was a "D" and the third an "F" and everyone failed the class.

This produced expected results. Those who got an "A" on their first test didn't receive an "A." Thus, on subsequent tests these top students didn't care so they failed. In the end, everyone failed because those who produced work were not rewarded for their labor.

The same applies to the workforce. When people work a certain amount, but then have a portion taken away, they are discouraged from working harder because they can't take advantage of the benefits that come with it.

The biggest display of lost wages for production is taxation. People work a certain amount of hours at a certain rate, but then have a percentage taken away as "taxable income."

Besides discouraging production, taxing personal income federally is unconstitutional. The 16th Amendment does allow for an income tax, but only on corporations. The wording defines income as making a gain. Corporations buy or make a product at a certain cost and sell it at a higher price. That gap constitutes income.

Employees work at a certain rate for a certain amount of hours, leading to a fair pay. They don't make a gain when working because the wages times hours come from an agreement. Employees don't agree to work a certain amount, work less but get paid for all the time. There is no income to be taxed as defined by the amendment that grants the federal government the right to tax.

The federal income tax on wages is actually unconstitutional, but most people don't know this. Unfortunately, taxing, socialism and communism in general, subconsciously enter our minds in group work.

Group work has the intent for us to learn to work together, communicate, brainstorm and grow more, but unfortunately that doesn't happen. But if we all just worry about ourselves and don't get involved in other people's business, then we can actually grow from benefiting from our own labor and desires.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day

"I love it when someone in my class goes on a rant about their political views the day after the election--said no one ever #stoptalking"

@BrittHeld Brittany Held



Freshman Khadija Toure drives to the basket during OSU's 80-55 exhibition win over Seattle Pacific Sunday. Toure, one of five freshmen new to the team, scored nine points and added five assists in her Gill Coliseum debut.

HANNAH GUSTIN
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Beavers won't fly under the radar

■ The Beavers were picked fifth in the Pac-12 Preseason Coaches' Poll, feature a talented roster, four returning starters

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fresh off of one of the most surprising seasons in recent memory, the Oregon State women's basketball team has high expectations this season.

Prior to the start of last season, OSU was projected by the Pac-12 Preseason Coaches' Poll to finish last in the conference. The team surprised many, ending the season with a 20-13 record and finishing fifth in the conference.

This year, the coaches' poll picked the Beavers to finish fifth, the highest they have ever been placed since the creation of the poll.

"[Being placed that high] shows a lot of respect that feels great," said head coach Scott Rueck. "We won't be able to surprise anyone this year. Last year they had us at 12, so you have to take [polls] with a grain of salt."

Rueck will return for his third year as head coach of the Beavers. Prior to joining OSU, Rueck led George Fox University to an NCAA Division III Championship in 2009.

The Beavers return four of five starters from last year: senior guard Sage Indendi, senior forward Patricia Bright, junior guard Alyssa Martin and sophomore guard Ali Gibson.

Oregon State also features a well-regarded freshman class.

Indendi will be playing her third year at Oregon State. She played out her freshman year at George Fox University under Rueck and won the championship in the process. Indendi was named the D3hoops.com Division III Rookie of the Year in 2009, as well as being named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team.

Returning with her is Bright, named to the Pac-12 All-Defensive Team last year after blocking a total of 115 shots, which is the second-most in conference history, as well as a record for Oregon State.

"I was shocked [to be named to the All-

Defensive Team]," Bright said. "I know there are a lot of good post players in the Pac-12, and I was just very honored."

Also returning is Gibson, who is fresh off of one of the more impressive freshman seasons in OSU history. She averaged a team-high 33.1 minutes per game, and was second on the team in scoring, at a clip of 11.7 points a game. Her 56 three-point makes are the eighth-highest amount ever at Oregon State. Gibson's impressive play earned her a spot on the Pac-12 All-Freshman team as well as being named an All-Pac-12 honorable mention.

"I actually was really surprised [to be named

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Pac-12 women's basketball preview: California schools lead the way



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OSU head coach Scott Rueck and his team were picked to finish fifth in the Pac-12 this season. Rueck said he loves the Beavers' nonconference schedule, because it will help them prepare for tough competition in the Pac-12.

■ Stanford, Cal are the favorites, but OSU players say they can't overlook anybody

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For the 13th year in a row, the Stanford women's basketball team is the preseason coaches' poll favorite to win the Pac-12.

"I think the two most talented teams are Stanford and Cal," said OSU head coach Scott Rueck. "They were picked at the top of the conference and I think UCLA is a great team to jump several rungs up the ladder."

Cal is returning all but one of its players from last year's team, which finished second in the conference.

UCLA finished in the middle of the Pac-12 last year, but has a few promising prospects from its recruiting class and received votes in the Associated Press, ESPN and USA Today Coaches top-25 preseason polls.

Last year, Southern California finished third in the conference; the Trojans are returning 10 players from last season, including two starters.

OSU players say the talent doesn't

end with the teams at the top of the conference.

"I mean, you always have your Stanfords and Cals, but in the Pac-12 it's anybody can win any night so you really can't overlook anybody," said junior guard Alyssa Martin.

In order for the Beavers to make it to postseason play for the second year in a row, they will need to capitalize on their nonconference schedule.

"I love our schedule, it has a really good combination of teams that are going to challenge us," Rueck said. "A year ago we didn't have that on our schedules so this year we are going to be tested early by some really quality opponents that will prepare us very well for conference."

The Beavers will play 12 nonconference games — including games against Michigan State and Texas Tech — before beginning Pac-12 play on Jan. 4 at home against USC.

"We are going to be prepared for Pac-12 when we get there, it's a ways away and we have a lot to work on, but I feel like we'll be there in time," Bright said.

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Volleyball looks to turn things around vs. ASU tonight

■ The Beavers are stuck in the middle of a six-game losing streak

By Darryl Oliver III
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Oregon State takes on Pac-12 opponent Arizona State tonight at 6 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

The last time the Beavers (13-13, 3-11 Pac-12) and the Sun Devils (16-11, 5-9) met, Arizona State took the match three sets to none.

The loss to ASU was the beginning of OSU's six-game losing streak.

"We need to get back into a rhythm," said senior Megan McBride.

With only six matches remaining in the 2012 season, and three of those remaining six opponents being ranked in the top five nationally, establishing a rhythm is what the Beavers are harping on for tonight's game against the Sun Devils.

"Blocking and closing sets," said head coach Taras

Liskevych.

"Sticking with our blocking," McBride added.

Blocking will prove important tonight. Arizona State freshman Macey Gardner leads the Pac-12 in kills with 475 and it will take a combined effort by Oregon State at the net to slow her down.

The Beavers do rank sixth in the conference in blocking, which will play to their advantage.

The Sun Devils are coming off of a loss to No. 5 UCLA, but before that Arizona State managed to upset No. 6 USC, and may still be buzzing from the momentum of defeating a highly-ranked school.

Energy, effort and finishing were the words floating around practice for the Beavers this past week. Oregon State needs to find a way to combine the three to snap its current skid.

Tonight's game will be aired on the Pac-12 Networks.

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VOLLEYBALL

Pac-12 standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Stanford	14-0	22-2
2. Oregon	11-3	20-3
T3. USC	10-4	22-4
T3. UW	10-4	19-4
T3. UCLA	10-4	18-5
6. Cal	7-7	13-11
T7. ASU	5-9	16-11
T7. Arizona	5-9	13-12
9. Colorado	4-10	14-12
T10. OSU	3-11	13-13
T10. Utah	3-11	12-15
12. WSU	2-12	12-14

Recent OSU results

10/26	@ Utah	L (3-1)
10/28	@ Colorado	L (3-1)
11/02	vs. Stanford	L (3-0)
11/04	vs. Cal	L (3-1)

OSU's remaining schedule

11/08	vs. ASU	
11/09	vs. Arizona	
11/16	@ WSU	
11/17	@ UW	
11/20	vs. USC	
11/23	vs. Oregon	



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The Oregon State volleyball team, losers of six straight, will look to get back on track tonight at home against Arizona State.

OSU's starting five vs. Seattle Pacific

(Note: Returning starter Sage Indendi [ankle] did not play)



Mollee Schwegler (G)



Alyssa Martin (G)



Ali Gibson (G)



S. Edwards-Teasley (F)



Patricia Bright (C)

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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to the All-Freshman Team], Gibson said. "I came here as a freshman just hoping to see some playing time and get on the court."

Rounding out the returning starters is Martin, who is a serious threat from long-range. Martin finished last season with 95 three-pointers made, which placed her seventh all-time for OSU. She averaged team highs in minutes and points per game, with 38.1 and 12.4 respectively.

Seniors Thais Pinto and

ShaKiana Edwards-Teasley are the only other returning players who played in every game last season. Both were solid contributors from the bench, and Pinto was named the netscoutsbasketball.com International Player of the Year. She underwent knee surgery over the offseason and will not be ready for the season opener.

Also returning is junior guard Katie Schrock, along with senior guards Quortni Fambro and Mollee Schwegler.

New to the team this year is an impressive freshman class, ranked as the 17th-

best recruiting class in the nation by ESPN HoopGurlz. It features two of the top 100 recruited players. Guard Jamie Weisner ranked 41st and forward Samantha Siegner was 94th. The group also features center Ruth Hamblin, guard Khadidja Toure and forward Deven Hunter. All of them hail from the Northwest.

"This is the first time in my three years that we've recruited all the players on this team," Rueck said. "So it has a different feel this year. This is our team. I love them all."

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Intra-squad meet gives wrestling team tune-up before real action

■ Intra-squad meet serves as warm-up before No. 10 Beavers begin the regular season Sunday

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Fans got to see the No. 10-ranked Oregon State wrestling team in action for the first time this year in an intra-squad meet at Gill Coliseum last night.

The match served as an evaluation test for coaches to look at wrestlers and something of a dress rehearsal to get ready for the first real competition of the season.

Though the team only got to wrestle against teammates, it was the first match-like atmosphere in front of a good turnout, and the wrestlers were excited to get back into the swing of things.

"It feels great," said No. 9-ranked 157-pound junior RJ Pena. "Ever since I've been wrestling we've never had intra-squad. So it was good to get out here and kind of get a warm-up match, get the juices flowing and get prepared a little bit for the season to wrestle like an actual dual."

"It was definitely good to dust off the cobwebs a little bit," added No. 5-ranked 149-pound junior Scott Sakaguchi. "We have to get after it a little more, but definitely good to be back."

The meet featured matches in every weight class besides heavy-weight — senior Chad Hanke was the only healthy competitor at HWT — and included a few surprising victories.

No. 16-ranked 125-pound sophomore Pat Rollins fell to freshman Joey Palmer 10-5, and No. 2-ranked 141-pound senior Mike Mangrum lost to sophomore James Roberts 7-5.

At this point, there is still competition for starting positions, and while the meet is in no way a determinant of what the lineup will look like come the regular season, the young

guys like Palmer and Roberts were impressive.

"The guy that comes out and sets the pace is usually going to win the match," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "Today there were some guys kind of trying to feel things out and some guys came out ready to wrestle. You saw that in a couple of weight classes where some guys were just more ready to wrestle than the other guy."

While some returning starters struggled Wednesday night, a few picked up right where they left off from last year.

Sakaguchi took care of business winning 11-2, and Pena impressed, winning a 17-2 technical fall over 157-pound redshirt freshman Tony Chay. No 11-ranked 197-pound sophomore Taylor Meeks won by the same margin for a technical fall in the final match of the night.

Despite the overall performance, the team knows there are improvements to be made before the first regular season tournament Sunday.

"We've got a lot to work on," Sakaguchi said. "I feel like we have a lot more in us, definitely not everything we have individually for myself or the team. But it's still early and we'll be alright."

Last year Oregon State finished the year ranked No. 10, and carry the same ranking into the regular season this year.

Though the club lost arguably the face of the program in heavyweight Clayton Jack, the team expects the intra-squad match to be a jumping-off point for an even better season this year.

"We set high goals for ourselves," Pena said. "We've had a really good month of training and the coaches have been pushing us hard. We set really high goals for ourselves and I think a lot of people on the team feel great. We're ready to make a run at a national title."

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48 dead after 7.4 magnitude earthquake rocks Guatemala

A powerful earthquake off the Pacific coast of Guatemala on Wednesday sent debris crashing down onto cars, collapsed roads and killed dozens in the Central American nation, officials said.

At least 48 people died in the temblor, President Otto Perez Molina said in a Twitter post Wednesday night, and doctors treated at least 150 others for injuries.

Earlier Wednesday, Guatemala's disaster relief agency said 29 people were missing and hundreds had lost their homes.

Residents felt the 7.4-magnitude quake throughout Central America and as far north as Mexico City. Its epicenter was about 15 miles off the western coastal town of Champerico, at a depth of 26 miles.

It was the strongest quake to hit Guatemala since 1976, the president told

reporters, when a 7.5-magnitude quake killed 23,000 people.

"Fortunately, the damage that we have is not at the same level," Perez Molina said Wednesday.

Roads collapsed in multiple locations around the Pacific coastal region of Guatemala, Perez Molina said.

Photos on the Facebook page of the nation's disaster relief agency showed rubble crushing cars and damage to the ceiling at a school in the department of San Marcos.

There were reports of homes and schools destroyed in western Guatemala, Perez Molina told CNN en Español. Many people fled buildings when the tremor first hit.

Some 60,000 people remained without power in the country because of the

quake, the state-run AGN news agency reported.

It was fortunate that the school year in Guatemala had recently come to end, so that no children were inside the school buildings that were damaged, Perez Molina said.

In Guatemala City, 140 miles away from the quake's epicenter, the quake made the desk and printer sway side to side in Fernando McDonald's home office.

McDonald, who shared a video of the quake with CNN's iReport, described the quake as "strong and long."

Fearing powerful aftershocks, the government issued a "red alert" that warns people to take precautions, such as evacuating tall buildings. The alert stretches along the country's entire Pacific coast.

—CNN

Hu warns of corruption as key Chinese leadership meeting begins

BEIJING (CNN) — Chinese President Hu Jintao, set to begin handing over power to his successor, warned Thursday that a failure to deal with corruption could bring down China's ruling Communist Party and the state it controls.

Hu was speaking at the party's 18th National Congress in Beijing, a key meeting of top officials that will usher in a new set of leaders of the world's most populous nation. After a decade in power, Hu is expected to hand over the party's top job to Vice President Xi Jinping.

"If we fail to handle this issue well, it could prove fatal to the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the state," Hu said of corruption during his speech at the start of the congress in the Great Hall of the People in the heart of the Chinese capital.

His comments to a vast room full of delegates stood out in light of the huge political scandal that has rocked the party this year. The controversy involved the former high-flying politician Bo Xilai who is now under criminal investigation after being

ousted from his posts and the party itself.

More than 2,200 delegates from across China are gathering for the Congress, and they in turn select the 200-plus members of the party's Central Committee, who in turn appoint the Politburo and ultimately the all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee — the country's decision-makers.

But most, if not all, of the outcomes are predetermined after a long period of secretive deal-making between party power brokers.

The congress itself meets every five years. It is designed to assess the country's progress, and set new directions. Every 10 years it selects the new leadership.

This year, the legacy of the Hu years is under the microscope. Under Hu and Premier Wen Jiabao, China's economy has continued to grow, lifting tens of millions of people out of poverty.

China is now the world's second-biggest economy and closing fast on the United States. But there have been disappoint-

ments and discontent along the way, and Hu's much vaunted "harmonious society" is showing signs of cracking.

Chinese leaders have endured a tumultuous year. The veil of secrecy around the party has been lifted, with reports of rifts and infighting. And the fall of Bo brought about China's biggest political scandal in decades.

Bo, once party chief of the massive metropolis of Chongqing, is now in disgrace awaiting trial. His wife, Gu Kailai, is in prison, convicted of murdering a British business associate.

Senior party leaders and their leaders have had to deal with unusual scrutiny of their affairs, with Western news organizations publishing investigations into the wealth accumulated by the families of Xi and Wen.

Chinese authorities responded to the reports by blocking the websites of the news organizations involved: Bloomberg News and The New York Times. But China's army of censors is having to grapple with the rapid rise of social media platforms on which information moves and

mutates at a dizzying pace.

China is treading many fault lines: a widening gap between rich and poor, rising unrest about issues like pollution and land seizures, and a slowing economy that some say is in need of serious reform.

Hu mentioned some of those tensions Thursday along with several other contentious issues — like food safety, health care and law enforcement — acknowledging that "there are a lot of difficulties and problems on our road ahead."

He also made a case for China to strengthen its presence on the seas off its coast. Beijing has become embroiled in a string of territorial disputes with countries like Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam over areas thought to contain large reserves of natural resources under the sea bed.

The leadership should "build China into a maritime power," Hu said, citing the need to exploit marine resources and "resolutely safeguard China's maritime rights and interests" among the goals.

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historic times until the present, titled "Medicine and Religion: A Historical Introduction."

Early in Ferngren's career at OSU, a student recommended him to teach a small discussion class in the honors program. He agreed to do so, and for the past thirty years has offered a reading and discussion class on several books from one of his favorite authors, C.S. Lewis.

"Lewis discusses some of the most engaging topics in philosophy and theology," Ferngren said. "Honors students generally enjoy discussing these ideas."

Also inspired by C.S. Lewis, Dr. Ferngren helped found the OSU Socratic Club 10 years ago, which was designed to offer a forum for the debate of Christian ideas.

"[Ferngren] and I are both passionate about having civil but passionate discussions about key issues, so that everyone can see the best in others' viewpoints and possibly make more informed worldview decisions for themselves," said Matt Rueben, OSU Socratic Club president.

In these debates, people from a variety of backgrounds, usually a Christian and a non-Christian speaker, have a chance to debate a secular topic. The Socratic Club organizes five to six debates per year, their most recent debate regarding Christianity in politics.

"I was initially surprised at how much interest the debates attracted," Ferngren said. "I think the people who attend them appreciate, as I do, the



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Gary Ferngren teaches classes including a seminar in the University Honors College titled, "God, Pain and the Problem of Evil: An Introduction to C.S. Lewis."

free-flowing debate of controversial ideas, something that can be surprisingly rare at public universities."

Even excluding these commitments, Ferngren is incredibly busy. As a professor, not only does he teach classes, but researches, writes essays, journal articles and books about his field and participates in university committee work.

He also travels frequently to see firsthand the places that he teaches about. In fact, he actually spends every August in northern Italy, exploring new cities he hasn't been to before to further his firsthand knowledge of Roman historical sites.

"I believe that travel enhances my teaching," Ferngren said. "I often encourage my students do it as part of their education. I have conducted several trips abroad for alumni."

Ferngren's favorite aspect of his career, above all the others, is teaching.

"I like teaching as much as I did 40 years ago, both lecture and discussion forms of class, in which I present my own opinion, and encourage students to present theirs," Ferngren said. "A friendly dialogue between student and teacher is very important in the educational experience."

Not only does Ferngren teach

and stir up student opinions, he also is willing to advocate and defend them.

"When I had a disagreement with the history department, I went to Ferngren for help," Grant said. "[Ferngren] not only advocated for me to resolve the conflict, but also gave me instruction and encouragement to go to the right people."

Ferngren's rigorous classes, attention to detail and support for his students have contributed to his renown on campus.

"He cares about his students and he wants them to succeed," Grant said.

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Colorado, Washington legalize pot, but don't 'break out the Cheetos' yet

LOS ANGELES (CNN) —Pro-pot groups cheered passage of referendums legalizing recreational marijuana in Colorado and Washington state as the "light at the end of the tunnel" in their 50-year campaign to make the drug legal nationwide.

"Yesterday's elections have forever changed the playing field regarding cannabis prohibition laws in America (and probably in large parts of the world, too)," Allen St. Pierre, executive director of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, wrote in a celebratory blog Wednesday.

But Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper warned it's too soon to "break out the Cheetos," because his state must still navigate federal laws before citizens can legally buy and sell cannabis.

The Drug Enforcement Administration quickly tried to spoil the Rocky Mountain high, issuing a statement Wednesday morning saying the DEA's "enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act remains unchanged."

"In enacting the Controlled Substances Act, Congress determined that marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance," the DEA statement said. "The Department of Justice is reviewing the ballot initiatives, and we have no additional comment at this time."

Voters in Massachusetts — and possibly Montana, pending final vote counts — also approved medical marijuana referendums, allowing doctors to prescribe the drug to patients suffering serious medical problems, which were carefully spelled out.

In Massachusetts, a doctor who has a "bona fide" relationship with a patient would have to certify the patient suffered "a debilitating

medical condition, such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV-positive status or AIDS, hepatitis C, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS, or multiple sclerosis."

Medical marijuana is already legal in 17 states, including California, where it was estimated two years ago that Los Angeles County had more medical marijuana shops than liquor stores.

Salesmen invited tourists walking along the Venice Beach boardwalk into a store, next to the T-shirt and sunglasses stall, to see a doctor who would give them a marijuana license and prescription.

The smell of burning cannabis wafted through the air along Hollywood streets and neon green crosses marked where citizens could get their pot supplies.

In the past two years, however, local city councils have enacted restrictions on where the shops can locate, forcing many to close.

"Some medical marijuana clinics have been taken over by illegal for-profit businesses that sell recreational marijuana to healthy young adults and attract crime," Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said in September.

Federal prosecutors have aggressively worked to rein in the proliferation of pot distribution locations, contending the operations draw criminals because of the large amounts of cash involved.

Three forfeiture lawsuits were filed and warning letters were sent to 71 "illegal marijuana stores" in Los Angeles and Huntington Park, California, in September by federal authorities.

Last month, a federal grand jury indicted 14 people "associated with a chain of nine marijuana stores" in Orange and Los Angeles coun-

ties on federal drug trafficking charges. The indictment included tax evasion and weapons charges.

NORML's main argument is that marijuana is "far less dangerous than alcohol or tobacco," which are the only recreational drugs more popular than pot in the United States.

"Marijuana is nontoxic and cannot cause death by overdose," while hundreds of thousands die from tobacco and alcohol use each year, NORML's website says.

Legalization could save U.S. taxpayers the \$10 billion spent each year on enforcing marijuana prohibition, and eliminate the criminal cases against more than 750,000 people arrested per year for possession, which NORML says is "far more than the total number of arrests for all violent crimes combined, including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault."

"The voters have spoken and we have to respect their will," Colorado Gov. Hickenlooper said in a written statement released by his office.

"This will be a complicated process, but we intend to follow through. That said, federal law still says marijuana is an illegal drug, so don't break out the Cheetos or Goldfish too quickly," he said, referring to two snack food products.

Marijuana could be legal across Colorado within two months, according to a spokesman for the governor's office.

The 536 medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado could begin selling to the general public then, according to University of Denver law professor Sam Kamin.

Whether the federal government allows that to happen is "a billion dollar question," Kamin said.

"Every store that sells marijuana here is violating federal law," he said. "The federal government could come in and seize assets. They could charge people criminally. They could send people to jail for scores of years. They have chosen, so far, not to do that."

With almost half the states now legalizing marijuana to some degree, the federal government will have to make a decision, he said.

"It simply can't go on the way it is," Kamin said. "It can't be a big industry and a Federal crime at the same time."

Amendment 64 in Colorado will alter the state constitution to legalize and regulate the production, possession, and distribution of marijuana for people age 21 and older.

The Washington state measure includes a 25 percent tax imposed when the grower sells marijuana to a processor, again when the processor sells it to a retailer, and a third time when the retailer sells it to a customer.

Supporters estimated it would raise as much as \$500 million for the state — a figure analysts say is overstated.

While Washington and Colorado voters became the first to legalize marijuana for recreational use, a similar proposal was rejected in Oregon Tuesday. And Arkansas voters narrowly said no to a medical marijuana referendum similar to the one that passed in Massachusetts.

"Will there continue to be fits and starts, federal government incursion into state sovereignty and obstinate politicians?" NORML's St. Pierre wrote. "Surely. However, the dye for major cannabis law reforms is now cast."

"The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel is before us all."

High turnout, budget woes fuel Election Day snarls, many in Florida wait for hours to cast ballot

Five hours after the polls closed in Miami, there were still people standing in line to cast ballots.

They were still there when former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney conceded early Wednesday morning in Boston his race to unseat President Barack Obama. Some of them were still there when Obama gave his victory speech nearly an hour later in Chicago, thanking those who "waited in line for a very long time" to vote.

"By the way, we have to fix that," he added.

A dozen years after Florida's presidential recount exposed cracks in the basic machinery of American democracy, peo-

ple who deal with the nuts and bolts of elections say things ran fairly smoothly on Tuesday.

There's no indication that any of the problems that were reported affected the outcome.

But in states where the race for president was hotly contested, high turnout, combined with last-minute rule changes, budget pressure and local factors such as the 12-page ballot in Florida, snarled the process and led to some frustrated voters walking away.

"Everybody's trying to do the best they can not to have the best election or the fairest election, but to screw the opposition," said one frustrated Florida voter.

Paul Herrnson, a government professor at the University of Maryland, said the biggest congestion problems are often in communities that can't afford to streamline voting.

"Those communities, counties usually, have to decide between paying money for voting systems and election administration and roads, bridges, and hospitals," he said. "And of course, voting systems come in last."

After the Florida recount in 2000, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act and created the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the commission has no regulatory authority; all four of its seats are currently vacant; and the money Congress appropriated to improve voting systems has been spent, said Kim Brace, a Washington-area election specialist.

Voting machines purchased after Florida's debacle of

"hanging chads" and "butterfly ballots" that left some voters confused are now wearing down, "and the old operating systems of 2002 are no longer around," said Brace, president of Election Data Services, a consulting firm specializing in election administration.

"People would like to buy better machines or have more of them," he said. "But the financial problems of the last two to four years have really played havoc on local election officials."

Many states overhauled their election laws and expanded the use of early voting.

But this year, Republican administrations in Florida and Ohio led efforts to scale back early voting, leading to late-inning court battles. In addition, in early October, a federal court blocked Pennsylvania's effort to enforce a voter identification law.

"Certainly, changing the

rules at the last minute makes no sense at all if you're trying to make sure your poll workers are trained properly," Brace said. The rules should be set by the spring, so election officials can use primary contests to test their processes "when I don't have 85 percent of my people showing up."

Yes, 85 percent — or close to it. Brace is also a poll worker and a member of the canvassing board in Prince William County, Virginia, on the outskirts of Washington, where Tuesday's turnout at his precinct was 83 percent, he said.

Long lines and wait times are

"not entirely surprising" in a presidential election year, said Carrie Davis, executive director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio. The expansion of early voting helped ease Election Day lines at polling places, she said — but that also led some counties to consolidate voting precincts to save money.

"That only works if that early and absentee voting stays available," said Davis, whose group was involved in earlier court cases over Ohio's voting rules and filed a friend-of-the-court brief in a dispute over counting provisional ballots this year.

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BEATON

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who was an All-Conference offensive guard for Boise State University in 1980. "When he was younger, I didn't put that together. It seemed like his main focus was athletics."

Michael said his father playing college football motivated him to take up the sport.

"I started playing and I was one of the biggest kids out there, so I really started to enjoy it," Michael said, who was an All-Mid-Willamette selection for two years at Dallas High School. "It was my one niche that got me through high school. Everybody's got one, football was my thing."

He was 18 years old when Oregon State University head football coach Mike Riley offered him a scholarship.

In the car ride that day, Shawn and his son were both excited. Michael's father turned to him.

"OK son," Shawn remembers saying. "This is going to be one of the hardest things you'll ever do. And you will be tested."

As a freshman at OSU, Michael was taking classes part time and working out with the other players. He was greyshirted for his first two terms.

"I was easing my way into the experience, which I think helped my transition from being 'High School Mike' to being 'College Mike,'" Beaton said.

By spring, he was officially playing with the team. During the next year, he started taking acting classes and chose theatre arts as his major. He was happy.

Michael thought to himself, "I have a good GPA, I'm on the football team and I can do all these shows. I can do it all."

He would soon realize that he couldn't do it all.

Intensive spring camp began with only eight healthy offensive linemen. The days were long. The work was hard. But it was necessary experience for Beaton, who was vying for a starting spot.

"He had a really good spring and he was competing right there with everyone else," said offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh.

But he missed the theatre.

"I think there was a part of him that was disappointed last year that he couldn't try

out for more shows," said Elizabeth Helman, assistant professor of theatre arts. "He had so many other commitments with athletics, which is obviously like a full-time job as well."

He had to choose football over theatre. Beaton decided to try to be the stage manager for the spring play. The workload became overwhelming. But it was likely just standard for that time of year for football.

"Every single person, I guarantee, when they go through fall camp or spring ball, there's always going to be moments of doubt," Beaton said.

One night in April, after a bad day of classes, football practice and stage manager duties, Beaton fell apart.

"I made the realization that life is going to go on. It's time to hang up my cleats. This happens to everybody. It's just my time."

Michael Beaton

It became a reality that something else was contributing to the stress.

He dropped the stage manager role. He went to the football trainers and was placed on medical absence.

"I came off this rollercoaster and I was at the absolute low," Beaton said. "I was physically exhausted and I wasn't happy. I couldn't do it anymore."

Beaton was depressed. "I lost a ton of weight," he said. "I was sleeping constantly and I wasn't eating anything."

The medical absence took him away from football. Beaton spent time talking with the team therapist, which helped him clear his mind as summer came.

He felt renewed, he said. He felt prepared to return to the team.

Beaton remembers thinking, "Fall camp is tough but I'm going to be ready to go. I am stronger for what I've been through."

And he returned for fall camp in August. But just as in the spring, Beaton broke down after a particularly tough day.

"All those things that I felt when things got really bad just came back," he said.

Quitting the team was never an option for Beaton. Football was his calling. He was on scholarship. He was likely going to receive playing time this year for the Beavers.

"Even when I admitted to myself that I need to stop doing this," he said. "There was still a part of me that said, 'you can't walk away from this. You need to be a football player. You are a football player. Because if you walk away, you're going to regret it.'"

He knew what he had to do.



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Spring football camp was tough for Michael Beaton (51) and the Oregon State offensive line because there were only eight healthy linemen.

In August, Beaton told Coach Riley he would no longer be a football player.

"It was disappointing," Riley said. "We were counting on him and he was right in the mix to be a starter."

Beaton knew it was the right choice, difficult as it was.

"I made the realization that life is going to go on," he said. "It's my time to hang up my cleats. This happens to everybody. It's just my time."

Now his team is winning – against all odds. Beaton sometimes stops at Reser Stadium and reminisces about football. But he doesn't have any regrets.

"It is a bittersweet moment because they're doing really well," he said. "And I still miss the sport. But the realistic thing is I'm still happy. I'm still going on. It was sad to walk away from that, to leave that identity behind."

Without competition from football, the stage can claim most of Beaton's time.

George Caldwell, a theatre arts professor, who is directing "Oedipus, the King," saw his chance when Beaton chose the arts over athletics.

"Next thing I knew I was reading in the newspaper that he dropped out of the football team," Caldwell said. "And I thought,

'good for us. I've got Oedipus coming up and I really want him to try out.'"

Beaton landed the lead role and has been rehearsing six nights a week.

"Oedipus, for me, really needs to be a strong person because he is the king," Caldwell said, likening Beaton and the king. "He's made difficult decisions and some of them rash, irrational decisions. He captured that character that I was looking for and he's able to deliver it."

Beaton's father plans to watch his son perform tomorrow night.

"When I first saw him on stage in a college setting, I couldn't believe it," Shawn Beaton said. "I think he's a really good actor."

At dress rehearsal, a bloodied Oedipus staggers to his feet. The citizens surrounding him step away. He rises with surprising grace given his tall, wide frame.

Michael Beaton takes a bow and smiles before leaving the stage.

"I finally have the opportunity to be the person I want to be, not the person I think I have to be," he said.

"I was leading a double-life. As much as I wanted to do more shows, I couldn't do that because of practice."

Michael Beaton

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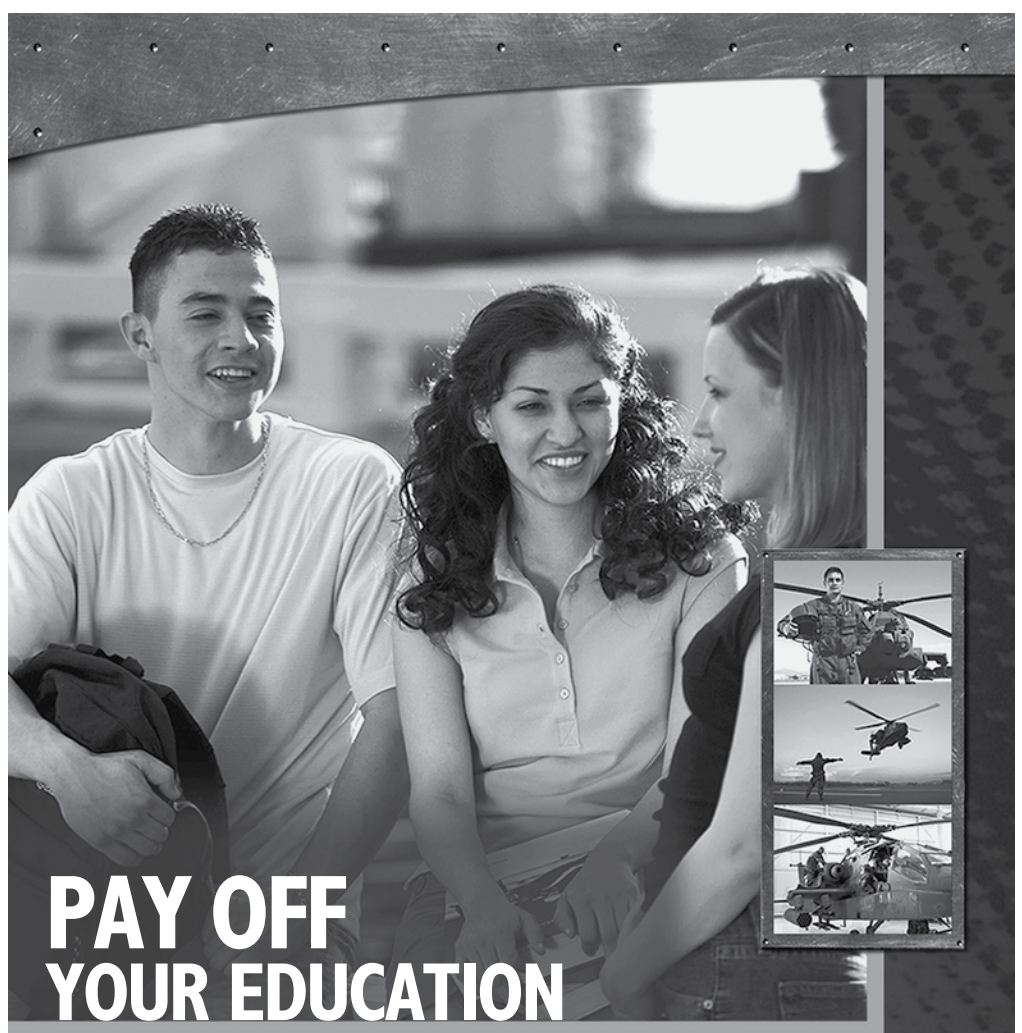


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