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## ASOSU confronts ADA violations

ASOSU calls for assessments of ADA compliance through House, Senate legislation

By Ricky Zipp

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Since June 1, ASOSU President Amelia Harris and Vice President Dan Cushing have been working with Jeffery Evans and other members of Oregon State University's Able Student Alliance to fix OSU's violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Safety and access were a part of the presidential campaign for Harris and Cushing, who made it one of their main platform points.

"One of our priorities was accessibility, because we knew that there was a big problem with accessibility," Cushing said. "After talking with Jeffery [Evans] and other members of the Able Student Alliance, we made it a priority campaign platform."

Since then, there have been countless conversations pertaining to ADA compliance all around campus. These conversations include the development of new buildings, building renovations, a universal path of travel, sloped pathways, ramps and entrances into buildings.

In the last two weeks, the ASOSU House and Senate have been addressing a piece of legislation which asks for the university's assessment of the interior of campus buildings. The assessment regards the campus's lack of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, HR 04.01.

The bill, which has passed in the House and will move onto the Senate Tuesday, calls for OSU to do an internal survey of the buildings on campus. Along with the survey, a comprehensive plan helping OSU to become fully accessible under ADA requirements will need to be developed as well.

Jeffery Evans, president of ASA, has spearheaded this campaign for accessibility over the last few years. However, the problem has existed since the early '90s, with the federal passing of the ADA.

"Where it started was in 1992," Evans



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The ASOSU House and Senate have called for assessments of building interiors. Earlier this year, an OSU assessment of building exteriors found more than 5,000 violations.

said. "It was a requirement by the ADA that by Jan. 26, 1992, all facilities had to comply with the ADA, and had to do an assessment of all programs and identify all items... preventing students, faculty and staff with disabilities from being able to participate in programs completely."

Instead of a full, comprehensive self-assessment, OSU put out a survey to all departments. Representatives from the departments were to evaluate their buildings and identify items of concern.

"The problem is that the people they were sending this to had no training whatsoever," Evans said, "and that's reflected in the transition plan. The plan they developed was four pages [long] and included 32 items. I can go out into this room and find 100 violations alone."

The Americans with Disabilities Act

was signed into law June 26, 1990, and holds similar rights for citizens with disabilities as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 granted for citizens discriminated because of color, sex and religion.

The portion of the ADA being addressed in this current bill is Title II. Title II prohibits "discrimination on the basis of disability in all services, programs, and activities provided to the public by State and local governments."

Earlier this year, OSU completed a self assessment of the exterior of buildings and found more than 5,000 violations, showing there is still a great need within compliance 20 years after the act was signed in as law.

ASOSU's "ADA Compliance Act" states, "The ASOSU request that the university complete a comprehensive assessment and transition plan by December 31, 2014."

The internal assessment of buildings and a transition plan will be used to establish the needs for equal access to public education for all students inside and outside of OSU's buildings which house programs, services and activities.

A third-party consulting firm has quoted a cost of \$2.5 million to complete a full assessment of the interior of all buildings on the OSU campus. In order to establish a foundation for the development of an appropriate transition plan, ASOSU and the ASA feel the assessment must be completed, even at the high cost.

"How in the world can you make a transition plan if you don't have a record of what the problem is?" Cushing said. "You can't just jab at it."

The university sees the situa-

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Julie Stewart, veterans affairs task force director for ASOSU.

## Student veteran overcomes tragedy

Despite tragic event, OSU student Stewart says military experience "made her"

By Don Iler

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Julie Stewart looked through the peephole on her barracks door.

It was late at night in 1987 and Stewart had been awoken by a man banging on her door. She recognized the man from earlier. He was a man from her squadron who had come by earlier with a friend before they went to a concert. Stewart opened the door. The man appeared drunk, and asked if Stewart's roommate was

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## Finding secular support

The Advocates for Freethought, Skepticism defend their own views, those of others

By Ryan Dawes

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Oregon State University is rich in its diversity of beliefs and religions, and in the discussion that these bring together. Just more than a year ago, a group brought another aspect of the discussion to the table.

The Advocates for Freethought and Skepticism (AFS) was founded in September 2011, with Travis Anderson as president and Harrison Pride as vice president.

"At first, the group was so small that it really didn't need a president or vice president role," said Pride, an OSU senior in microbiology who became president of the group this year.

AFS meets about twice a month — usually at a restaurant or pub — to discuss matters of faith, religion, philosophy, ethics, skepticism, atheism, anti-theism, theism, agnosticism, freethought, the separation of church

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## Joint session addresses state of the students



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The ASOSU House and Senate met yesterday in a joint session in the Memorial Union lounge. The meeting included speeches from task force directors and other members of ASOSU government.

The State of the Students address focused on challenges, opportunities involving ASOSU

By McKinley Smith

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The fourth annual State of the Students address dominated the proceedings of ASOSU last night as both the Senate and House held a joint session.

There were enough representatives in the House present to be a quorum, but not in the Senate.

Following the singing of the alma mater, task force directors gave presentations about their past, current and upcoming projects.

The Director of Government Affairs, Victoria Redman, reported that the Oregon Student Association (OSA) registered more than 50,000 students to vote in the 2012 election; 4,000 of those students were from Oregon State University.

Following the speeches of the task force directors, other members of the ASOSU government gave talks that focused on the effectiveness of ASOSU and the current challenges facing the student government.

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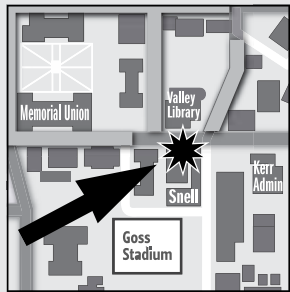


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tion much differently. Two weeks ago, on Halloween night, Angelo Gomez, interim executive director for the office of equity and inclusion, spoke at the ASOSU House meeting. He established a clear line of disagreement between the students and the institution.

"What you are asking is to use all the resources to assess all the facilities," Gomez said. "It might take us three years, the unintended consequence is that there will be no resources to make improvements."

Gabriel Merrell, interim associate director for accessibility, reiterated this point.

"[If the interior assessment were done]

you would have a great knowledge of the campus, but in all likelihood that data would sit on a shelf," Merrell said. "We have conversations to talk about these needs, but [the university] has to weigh those with other needs across the campus."

However, ASOSU and the ASA refuse to believe that resources are unable to be gained for this problem.

After conversations between Harris, Cushing and the university's administration, 10 percent of the currently projected deferred maintenance budget, which is distributed by the state legislature, will be allocated to ADA compliance.

The deferred maintenance budget will be about \$8 million. This will leave somewhere around \$800,000 for ADA compliance, a

number that is far below any total needed to make a dent in currently addressed and unknown violations.

"This is not going to do the job whatsoever, and more importantly, there is not a push from the administration to get funding," Harris said. "The university's foundation is currently doing a race for \$1 billion for capital development and none of it [is] going to accessibility improvements. It's really concerning when we have a huge deficit of money needed for accessibility improvements and they are fundraising for capital construction, and yet nothing is going to such an important need."

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## STEWART

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there. He then asked if he could come inside to use the head — or bathroom in naval parlance.

When he left the head, the man grabbed Stewart and threw her, bashing her head on the brick wall of her barracks room. She lost consciousness.

Like many, Stewart joined the Navy straight out of high school with a sense of pride and patriotism. But all the training, the camaraderie and dedication to her job and her fellow sailors did not prepare her for one of the most traumatic things that can happen to anyone, and something that happens to far too many men and women in the military.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 1 in 5 females and 1 in 100 males in the military are affected by rape or sexual assault. Experts say these numbers vastly underrepresent the problem, since they come from self-reporting provided to the Veterans Affairs during a separation survey.

In recent years, the military has taken steps to address Military Sexual Trauma, establishing the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office in 2005. The office provides training and education about sexual assault for Department of Defense personnel, helps treat and support victims and ensures that those who commit sexual assault are held accountable.

But sexual assault in the military is still a problem, with 3,192 assaults reported last year, according to a Department of Defense report. And because the military's system of justice relies heavily on the unit's commander, many assaults likely go unprosecuted or unreported because of fear of retaliation.

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When Stewart regained consciousness, she was being raped by the assailant. Her head was bleeding and she was terrified.

"When he finally left, I was at a loss of where my place in

## The Invisible War

**When:** Tonight, 5:30-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Memorial Union East International forum (behind Snell Hall)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Why come?** Support our troops, hear their experiences and challenges, military sexual trauma awareness

the world was," Stewart said. She considered calling the police, but as a young sailor, she was worried about losing her job and did not know how her superiors would respond. "I didn't say anything," Stewart said. "I thought I would be punished if I did."

Later, one of the other sailors in her unit at Moffett Airfield, south of San Francisco, disappeared and attempted to kill herself. The sailor had been raped by the same man who had raped Stewart.

"When the LPO [leading petty officer] said she was raped and told us who it was, it felt like a truck had fallen from the sky on me," Stewart said. "If I had said something this wouldn't have happened."

Stewart told her LPO what had happened to her. The petty officer said she needed to go to Naval Criminal Investigative Services. Though Stewart was still worried about what would happen to her career, she told the investigator what had happened.

The commander of the squadron launched an investigation and the rapist was arrested and sent to the brig (naval jail) at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

"I felt relieved he was gone," Stewart said. "And then I thought maybe this court martial can happen, we're supported, they're going to listen to us."

While the investigation went forward in early 1988, another sailor came forward saying she had been raped by the same man. He was eventually found guilty, but Stewart said the response from her unit was anything but supportive.

"They hated us. They called us names, told jokes, said we deserved it. They said we didn't belong in the military," Stewart said. "Fearing for my

life while I was being raped was bad, but feeling disconnected from daily life was worse."

In 1988, being a woman in the military was relatively isolating. While women have served in various roles in the military since World War I, it was only after Vietnam that more roles were opened to them.

"During that time the military was still trying to define what it means to have women in the military," Stewart said. "They were trying to figure out what it meant."

Stewart served four years of active duty in the Navy, and four years in reserve. She worked on the flightline as airplane handler. She launched and recovered aircraft and conducted preflight checks.

"I continue to stay proud that I served," Stewart said. "I think the military is a wonderful institution and it was a pivotal experience in growing as an individual."

That world of experience now goes into her studies as an ecological engineering student at OSU and veterans affairs task force director for ASOSU.

"She is so determined and dedicated and helpful," said Andrew Kearney, an ecological engineering student and a friend of Stewart. "She is a wonderful friend who has got your back and is willing to sacrifice for others."

Stewart says she hopes that as task force director, she can help make the university community more aware of veteran's issues. She thinks professors should be educated about post-traumatic stress disorder so they know how they can help students.

After Stewart completes her degree in environmental engineering, she plans to go to Africa to help build water treatment facilities.

But Stewart still looks back on her time in the Navy as a pivotal moment in her life.

"It made me," Stewart said. "It allowed me to push myself to limits I didn't know I had."

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## ASOSU

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Speaker of the House Jacob Vandever discussed the previous year's impeachment trial and the lack of communication, noting that the present ASOSU has made communication a top priority.

"Bridges in ASOSU have been rebuilt," Vandever said.

Vandever was followed by Dan Cushing, the vice president of ASOSU and president of the Senate. Cushing stressed that students and student government have an impact on the issues. As an example, Cushing explained how students' effort in 1980 closed the South African Consulate in Portland and stopped money from Oregon going to South Africa, to protest the apartheid regime.

"It is clear that students right here in Oregon had a direct role in shaping history," Cushing said.

Amelia Harris, ASOSU president, gave an address about the struggles that students still face at OSU, such as the rising cost of tuition, the failure of the administration to meet the needs of students with disabilities and the support of survivors of sexual violence.

"Students in April voted for leadership that would make the hard decisions, communicate with the student body and represent issues that students face effectively to the university, state and federal government. On behalf of the Harris-Cushing administration, we look forward to working with each of you to ensure that Oregon State University students are represented and advocated for in this university and in the community," Harris said in her speech.

The floor was then opened to other members of the House and Senate, who discussed the Southwest Asia and Northern Africa Centers, and talked about the issues neglected by ASOSU in previous years now being addressed.

Marc Friedman, the executive director of Access the Law, took to the podium as the last speaker and briefly touched upon the legal assistance provided to students, including landlord-tenant problems and minor criminal issues.

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## SKEPTICS

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and state, secular humanism and other related topics. It also hosts movie nights — usually documentaries on various matters of faith or secularism, discussions with OSU professors and mock debates in which one or both participants will defend a point of view that they don't necessarily believe in. For example, someone believing in evolution may debate in the favor of intelligent design or creationism, or vice versa.

"One thing that the secular world tends to lack is community or fellowship," Pride said. "With Christianity, and most other religions, there's typically some sort of weekly meeting where everyone can socialize. That's one thing we wanted to provide with AFS."

OSU student Chris Sundahl agrees with this. He is a member of both AFS and the Socratic Club — a debate club on campus.

"AFS provides a place to be able to discuss big topics without stepping on anyone's toes," Sundahl said. "Most importantly, it gives atheists and agnostics on campus a sense of community."

Several other different reasons arise for

people being a part of AFS as well. For Sundahl, he has a deep interest in the discussion of faith versus lack of faith.

"Big topics, such as faith, appeal to everyone," Sundahl said. "Coming from a multi-religious background, thinking about religion is something I've always done. The more I discuss, read and think about it, the more I realize I need a solid basis to talk about any other subject, such as human rights or politics."

For Pride, his interests in the group are split between his own personal interests and his interests as the group's president.

"I personally want to challenge myself and discuss topics with people who disagree with me," Pride said. "The exchange of ideas is incredibly valuable."

As for Pride's reasons for taking on the role of president in the organization, he noticed that Corvallis is an extremely secular community. In fact, Benton County ranks as the least religious county per capita in the United States. It was, for him, the perfect place to bring together a freethinking community.

"I wanted other freethinkers to know that there are more people out there with our

same ideas," Pride said. "I wanted to create, in a sense, a tribe of people who enjoy talking about these certain things."

Students joined the group for a variety of different reasons. Some, like Pride and Sundahl, enjoy challenging themselves in deep and intellectual discussions, while others in the group believe religion to be harmful to society and want to express this. Some of the members of the group had religion forced on them growing up, and now are seeking a community away from that.

However, one thing the group doesn't stand for is trying to offend people or tear them down.

"AFS is not about a bunch of gung-ho atheists who are going to punch other people's thoughts and beliefs down," Pride said. "In fact, while some of us may disagree with other worldviews, we're not really against anything."

Instead, AFS seeks to explore, examine and critique different aspects of the topics it looks into.

"To keep seeing is so worth it," Pride said. "I could never imagine stopping it."

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# Calendar

## Thursday, Nov. 15

**Meetings**  
**Women's Center**, 10:30a.m.-Noon, MU Board Room. Women's Center Advisory Board monthly meeting.

**Events**  
**Baha'i Campus Association**, 12:30p.m., MU Talisman Room. "Science and Religion - Which is Right?" is the theme of this interfaith discussion. Bring your favorite devotion or inspirational reading to share.

**Veterans Affairs**, 5:30-8p.m., MU East International Forum. Showing of "The Invisible War" documentary promoting education and support of military sexual trauma. Powerful film with adult content. Children should not attend.

**Native American Longhouse**, 2-3p.m., Native American Longhouse. 2-Spirit/LGBTQ & Tribal Rights: Learn about the 2-Spirit LGBTQ Tribal Toolkit and hear some experiences about what tools helped OSU students come out.

**Campus Recycling**, Noon-4p.m., MU Brick Mall. To celebrate America Recycles Day, bring styrofoam, film, plastic, electronics, and more for free recycling.

**International Programs**, 7p.m., LaSells Stewart Center Construction Engineering Hall. Crossing Borders: Video and discussion follows the story of four American and four Moroccan students.

**International Students of OSU (ISOSU)**, 5-6:30p.m., MU Lounge. International Meet-'n-Mingle, a cultural reception for campus leadership and the international student community. Come engage and enjoy multicultural foods. All students welcome. Cultural dress or semi-formal attire recommended.

## Friday, Nov. 16

**Events**  
**Native American Longhouse**, Noon-3p.m., Native American Longhouse. Earring Workshop: Come make beaded earrings.

**Pride Center**, 3-5p.m., Pride Center. True Colors tie-dye event in celebration of Transgender Awareness Week. Bring white t-shirt. Snacks and other supplies provided.

**Our Little Village and Dixon Recreation Center**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., Dixon - 1st floor. Open House. Opening celebration of Our Little Village/Dixon, OSU's newest student fee funded drop-off child care center.

## Monday, Nov. 19

**Events**  
**Native American Longhouse**, 4-6p.m., Native American Longhouse. Alaska Native Games: Learn how to play some traditional Alaskan Native games.  
**Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez**, 5-6p.m., Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center. Learn about graffiti in Latin America in a political perspective. There will be a community art project.

## Tuesday, Nov. 20

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Senate**, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.

**Events**  
**Native American Longhouse**, 3-5p.m., Native American Longhouse. Medicine Bag Making: Join us for a cultural & spiritual celebration as we make traditional medicine bags.

## Wednesday, Nov. 21

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.

## Thursday, Nov. 22

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OSU CLOSED**

**Events**  
**Vegans and Vegetarians at OSU**, 3-6p.m., 2311 NW Van Buren Ave. "Veggie House." Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. All are welcome, but please bring only vegan food to share.

## Friday, Nov. 23

OSU CLOSED

## Monday, Nov. 26

**Events**  
**Native American Longhouse**, 5p.m., Native American Longhouse. Native Movie Night: Take a break from studying and come watch Native movies. Popcorn provided.

## Tuesday, Nov. 27

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Senate**, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.

**Events**  
**Peer Health Advocates**, Oregon State Fashion Organization, 7-9p.m., MU Ballroom. A fashion show that coincides with increasing awareness about HIV/AIDS worldwide.

## Wednesday, Nov. 28

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7p.m., MU 211. Meeting.

## Thursday, Nov. 29

**Events**



Editorial

## Spiritual groups for all

There are, honestly, too many spiritual, religious or philosophical groups on the Oregon State campus to list them all. Though it may seem overwhelming to tab through 30-plus webpages, it's fantastic to know our campus thrives with the opportunities for a diverse community.

It's funny though, that despite the abundant churches throughout Benton County and the Oregon State campus organizations, Corvallis has the fewest people involved with religious activities in the state.

In the most recent U.S. Religion Census (2010), it showed that out of the 84 congregations evaluated, 74 percent of the population of Benton County had no affiliation with religious groups. Instead of calling for the OSU student body to chill out with the number of clubs created, we'd like to inform the "unclaimed" 74 percent about the groups we found most interesting offered on campus and in Corvallis.

After all, the U.S. Religion Census board wants to make it clear, the "unclaimed" populations "are those that are not adherents of any of the 236 groups included in the Religious Congregations and Membership Study, 2010. This number should not be used as an indicator of irreligion or atheism, as it also includes adherents of groups not included in these data."

The Baha'i Campus Association promotes the spiritual principles proclaimed by the Baha'i Faith. The BCA applies these principles through social involvement for the betterment of the world through friendliness among all people. For more information visit their website at <http://osubahai.wordpress.com>.

The Westminster House is another hot spot. They serve food! They do ask you RSVP to any event, but ultimately everyone is welcome.

On Dec. 3, the Monday of finals week, WestM will have a pancake party — ham and coffee will be offered as well. Students must bring their student ID.

Reaching out to students in this way paints WestM in a generous light. It's nice to know organizations offer a place for students to fill their bellies with pumpkin goodness. Offering such safe spaces, and opening an opportunity for students to study—or not—is why WestM makes the top three of spiritual or religious places to go.

The Hillel, the largest Jewish campus organization in the world, according to its webpage, also has food fests. On Jan. 14 they will have their Shabbat potluck.

These are just three examples of the diversity and fun spiritual groups offered on campus.

We've seen the crazies on the street tainting the name of their congregations, but those are a select few jading the perception of normal religious people. If you're interested, we encourage everyone to take a second look at the numerous spiritual outlets offered here at Oregon State.

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# Donate today in the Memorial Union Quad

Masami Wadama

## The Daily Barometer

This week is the 2nd Annual Poverty Awareness Week on campus. This event is school-wide and is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and help out for a huge cause.

In an article written in September, CNN Money found that approximately 46.2 million people in the country fell below the poverty line last year. From this, further data was found that 1 in 5 children were poor. So, what can you do to help?

In the Memorial Union Quad, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, you can donate to: a food drive, a clothing drive, a canned food drive, a cat food drive and a money drive. All donations will be given to a variety of organizations such as Community Outreach, Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Heartland Human Society and College Hill High School.

The greatest thing about this event is the variety. Yes, we've seen canned food drives or money drives that only accept those two things, but this drive has a much wider range of acceptable donations.

Any student, teacher or family member can help. Found a decent shirt that you don't want anymore? Donate it! Stocking up on on-sale canned soup for the winter season? Grab one or two extra to donate!

Little things like this will go a great deal further than you expect. There will be someone in need that you will help by donating.

I got the opportunity to speak with a current liaison for this event, Amanda Ott, and she told me a

little bit about her thoughts on this project.

"I do this simply to give back to the amazing organizations in the local community that help so many different people and animals," Ott said. "I wanted to find a way to show that the Greek and Oregon State University wants to support as much as possible. I am hoping to continue this each and every year."

This event has mainly been run by the Greek Panhellenic and the Inner Fraternity Council, but is open to all.

This event has great potential to recur every year, and more student groups should get involved. Sometimes we find ourselves too busy with other things to go out and gain community service hours. If you want to help, but you don't have a lot of time, this is a quick and easy way to give a little. Everything

adds up in the end.

The season of giving is here and as we go on to celebrate with our friends and family, think about what families and animals you can help. If you have family members or friends outside the Oregon State University community interested in helping, talk to someone working the donations booths at the Memorial Union.

Poverty is not a myth. There are plenty of people within, and outside, this community in need. Make their holiday season possible and take a moment to donate this week to a wonderful cause.

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# Politics don't come to a halt once the election ends

Kristy Wilkinson

## The Daily Barometer

It's over kids, the election has been finalized and the 60 percent of Americans who actually voted have chosen President Obama. He will reclaim his position as America's patriotic punching bag. Many of you who have watched the last few months closely are quick to jump up and down in political uproar. Most of you will go back to making the mistake of staying minimally informed. To clarify, the

political system doesn't just affect you once every two to four years. Remaining informed means the officials you elect into office have to remain accountable. Not staying informed means the government gets to act like an army of menstruating teenage girls faced with a

chocolate shortage.

This election, with all of its hilarious moments, was far from sparkling. On the Democratic side, you had a weak incumbent president. Obama faced a limping economy, 7.9 percent unemployment and a marginally popular health-care system. Republicans had an equally lackluster performance; conservatives had to combat a ridiculous Republican primary, an unlikable

candidate in Mitt Romney and an inability to silence its crazies.

The election prompted many angry and overjoyed Facebook posts, fiery tweets and flame wars when the uninformed bloggers hit the Internet world like Lindsey Lohan at an open bar.

On the cable networks, a beautiful mental breakdown from Super PAC analyst Karl Rove happened when he refused to accept that Ohio had in fact turned blue.

Conservative reporter Megyn Kelly responds with, "Is this just math you do as a Republican to make yourself feel better, or is this real?"

While I find reactions such as these hilarious, as a nation we should take a moment of silence for the level of incompetence we allow the broadcasting networks. What we demand from our sources of information, political officials and pundits should be nothing less than exemplary. We live in a society that cares more about Kim Kardashians emotional state than a Social Security bankruptcy.

Left and right we have the uneducated and the angry speaking to the American people about how our government works. Americans aren't informed enough to take a bulldozer to their podium of stupid.

The quality of our candidates should be the best, the pinnacle of what our society has to offer. Frankly, if this is the best we have, I'm concerned. If we are continuously uneducated, why should our leaders care what we think? More importantly, if we are uneducated, how informed do our candidates need to be?

As a country, we allow our media to compare balancing the national debt to balancing a checkbook. As if the defense budget is comparable to Brittany Spears on a spending spree. Are you kidding? In no way is the complex infrastructure of our American tax system similar to a household budget. Media, government and policymakers are only as intelligent as we require of them.

This election, TLC's hit TV show "Honey Boo Boo" beat out the Republican National Convention in views, and tied the Democratic National Convention. This caused me to spit out a perfectly good glass of wine and embark on an evening of judgment that rivals my one time viewing of "Jersey Shore." Remaining informed is like personal hygiene: It's important, and it should be a daily occurrence. Not staying informed is as embarrassing as being the smelly kid in class.

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## At Random by Ryan Mason

"Link" is the name of the character you play to rescue the princess named "Zelda." If you can't grasp the significance of this, I don't know what it is we're even doing here.



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# Beavers face Alabama in New York City

Beavers aim for 3-0 start, play second game against a team that made last year's NCAA Tournament

By Alex Crawford  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For the second consecutive year, the Oregon State University men's basketball team has started the season 2-0.

The Beavers path to 4-0, however, will be tougher than last year as they take on two formidable opponents at Madison Square Garden in New York City over the next two days.

Tonight, Oregon State plays the University of Alabama at 4 p.m. Pacific Time in a nationally-televised game on ESPN2 as part of the 2K Sports Classic.

For the second game in a row, the Beavers are playing a team who went to the NCAA Tournament last year. The Crimson Tide was a nine-seed in March and lost to Creighton in the first round.

"They are an extremely athletic, tall team," said head coach Craig Robinson. "They play a lot like [New Mexico State] in that they bring a lot of defensive pressure and grab a lot of rebounds."

Although the Beavers do average more rebounds per game than Alabama (42.5 versus 32.5), OSU was outrebounded 46-33 by New Mexico State in their last game. Robinson said a team like the Beavers can often rely on pure athleticism to out-muscle less-athletic teams and grab boards, but that won't be possible against Alabama.

"I think both teams are equally athletic but they are longer than us," Robinson said. "We've got to be a lot better at executing our blockouts."

OSU's two big men, 6-foot-10 Eric Moreland and 6-foot-10 Angus Brandt, will have their hands full with Alabama's two centers, Moussa Gueye and Carl Engstrom. Gueye is 7-foot-0 and Engstrom is 7-foot-1. It is worth noting that New Mexico State's 7-foot-5 center, Sim Bhullar, was held to one point and two rebounds by the Beavers.

## OSU vs. Alabama

When: Tonight, 4 p.m. PST  
Where: Madison Square Garden (New York City)  
TV: ESPN2

The nation's eyes will be on OSU junior point guard Ahmad Starks, the current Pac-12 Player of the Week. Starks put up a career-high 33 points against NMSU on Sunday to go along with five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Starks will have his hands full tonight, going up against sophomore Alabama guard Trevor Lacey. Lacey had 23 points against West Alabama on Sunday and hit the game-winning three-pointer for the Crimson Tide against South Dakota in their season-opener.

Still, Alabama has taken notice of Starks's magnificent start to the season.

"[Starks is] a guy, another veteran guy for their team, that we've got to do a good job of being aware of where he is and trying to prevent his opportunities," Alabama Head Coach Anthony Grant told rolltide.com. "They return the majority of their guys from last year and I think they have a lot of different weapons. He, obviously with the way he started the season, is very impressive."

Experience is one area the Beavers have a definite advantage in. Alabama starts four underclassmen including true freshman Devonta Pollard, who was a McDonald's All-American and a five-star recruit according to Rivals.com. The Beavers, on the other hand, return four starters from last year and start two seniors, two juniors and have junior Devon Collier coming off the bench.

Regardless of what happens against the Crimson Tide, OSU will play either Purdue or Villanova on Friday. If the Beavers win tonight, they will be in the championship game of the 2K Sports Classic.

Robinson couldn't express how glad he was for his squad to have the opportunity to play in this tournament.

"Playing in a tournament like this



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Senior forward Joe Burton makes a move toward the basket during an exhibition win over Lewis and Clark College. Burton and the Beavers will look to improve to 3-0 tonight against Alabama on ESPN2.

prepares your team for the rigors of road play in conference," Robinson said. "You have to travel and get acclimated to the pressures of playing in a different place."

The 2K Sports Classic benefits The Wounded Warrior Project, which is a charity that raises awareness for and aids injured service members. Robinson made a point, several times in the last week, of bringing up his support for the Wounded Warrior

Project. In fact, he brought up The Wounded Warrior Project before mentioning up the usual answers when asked what playing in this tournament meant for the Beavers.

It's been a solid start to the season for Robinson's squad and the next two days should show just how legitimate the Beavers are this year.

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## OSU-Alabama questions

1. Who's going to embrace the spotlight?

Last year, playing a similar early marquee nonconference game in a familiar setting — New Jersey's IZOD Center — Jared Cunningham put Oregon State on his back, scoring 37 points in an upset win over the University of Texas.

The spotlight wasn't too bright for OSU's star, and his performance vindicated the hype that surrounded him entering the season.

No such hype surrounds any one OSU player this season, and I'm anxious to see who — if anyone — uses today's nationally-televised contest as a coming-out party.

This will be our first true look at how the Beavers will deal with the loss of Cunningham. If someone's going to be "the guy" this year, he'll likely emerge there.

2. How much will Craig Robinson use his freshmen?

This will also be our first true look at how much trust Robinson has in his freshmen.

In the first two games, Robinson was reluctant to put a freshman in at key junctures — unless foul trouble forced him to.

At some point, Robinson will have to throw his freshmen into the fire and see how they react.

Why not do it at Madison Square Garden?

3. Can OSU get to 3-0?

If OSU beats Alabama, it'll advance to Friday's championship game against either Purdue or Villanova.

Alabama is better than both of those teams, which is why I think we'll soon be talking about the Beavers' 4-0 start if they get past the Crimson Tide.

- Grady Garrett

# Orange and Black Exhibition at Gill tonight

## CELEBRITY JUDGES TONIGHT

- Pat Casey, baseball — head coach
- Jim Zalesky, wrestling — head coach
- Mark Banker, football — defensive coordinator
- Mike Cavanaugh, football — offensive line coach

Oregon State gymnastics hosts its annual intra-squad meet tonight, which will give the Beavers their first chance to show off their improvement

By Warner Strausbaugh  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State gymnastics team opens up its season with the annual Orange and Black Exhibition tonight at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

The exhibition will be an intra-squad match for the Beavers, and will be the team's first real competitive event to simulate a meet.

Although it won't be against another school, the Beavers value the first exhibition because of the opportunity to see where they have progressed in the offseason.

"It gives the coaching staff an advantage to see what some additional things we need to do over this

next month and a half to get them prepared for the season to start," said head coach Tanya Chaplin.

The team has been practicing at the Gladys Valley Gymnastic Center for the past few months in preparation for the season, which officially begins Jan. 4, when the Beavers take on Michigan and Brigham Young at the Cancun Classic in Cancun, Mexico.

## OSU gymnastics intra-squad

When: Tonight, 7 p.m.  
Where: Gill Coliseum

The Black and Orange Exhibition will provide gymnasts with an opportunity to put what they've worked on in the offseason on display, something they're all eager to do.

"Black and Orange Exhibition is always a good time, a good opportunity for us to get out there and kind of shake off some nerves," said senior Makayla Stambaugh.

Stambaugh is one of four captains on this year's team. Seniors Melanie Jones and Stephanie McGregor and junior Hannah Casey are the other three.

This offseason has been better than expected for gymnasts and coaches, especially considering the team is now without two-time Pac-10/12 Gymnast of the Year Leslie Mak, and Olivia Vivian, a 2012 All-Pac-12 and 2011 All-American selection for uneven bars. Both graduated from OSU after last season.

"I'm really excited because we just have such a strong team, and so much depth," said senior Kelsi Blalock. "It'll be really fun for the fans to see where we're at so early in the



Casey



Jones



McGregor

## COMING SOON

Thursday, Nov. 15

Men's Basketball vs. Alabama, 4 p.m., Madison Square Garden, New York City, ESPN2 (TV)

Friday, Nov. 16

No. 10 Wrestling vs. No. 16 Michigan, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum  
Volleyball @ Washington State, 7 p.m., Pullman, Wash.  
Men's Basketball vs. Purdue or Villanova, Time TBA, Madison Square Garden, New York City, ESPN2 (TV)

Saturday, Nov. 17

Volleyball @ No. 6 Washington, 7 p.m., Seattle  
No. 16 Football vs. Cal, 7:30 p.m., Reser Stadium, Pac-12 Networks (TV)

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Women's Basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara, 11 a.m., Puerto Vallarta, Mexico  
Volleyball vs. USC, 8 p.m., Gill Coliseum, Pac-12 Networks (TV)

Thursday, Nov. 15

Women's Basketball vs. Winthrop or Mississippi State, Time TBA, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

## NEW SIGNEES

- Megan Jimenez - Temecula, Calif. (Precision Gymnastics Academy)
- Kaytianna McMillan - Coburg, Ore. (National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics)
- Taylor Ricci - North Vancouver, B.C. (Flicka Gymnastics Club)
- Kana Kobayashi - Salt Lake City, Utah (Olympus School of Gymnastics)



# Men's basketball signs two on first day of early period

■ New Jersey guard Hallice Cooke, 7-foot center Cheikh N'diaye sign on first day of early signing period

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball program received two letters of intent Wednesday on the first day of the early signing period.

Hallice Cooke, a guard from New Jersey, and Cheikh N'diaye, a center from Carlsbad, Calif., made good on prior commitments to join the Beavers next season.

"It's definitely exciting to officially know I made it, to know I'm a part of the fanbase and to know I'm going to college for free," Cooke said in a phone interview from his home in New Jersey.



Hallice Cooke

Cooke is rated a three-star prospect on both Scout.com and Rivals.com, which has him listed as the 45th-best shooting guard prospect in the nation. ESPN.com ranks Cooke the 12th-best prospect in New Jersey.

Last year, the 6-foot-3, 185-pound guard averaged 7.1 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.1 assists at St. Anthony's High School, where he plays under legendary high school coach Bob Hurley.

"We are really excited to get Hallice Cooke," said head coach Craig Robinson in a press release. "Number one, it's great to get another player from Bobby Hurley's St. Anthony's program. To get a quality player like Hallice who can shoot, defend and run a team is really exciting for us."

"He's going to bring a lot of leadership to this team, too. We are moving through this generation of players so we are going to lose a lot of leadership over the next couple of years. We need to figure out who is going to be the next floor general for us."

Cooke said he can run the point or play off the ball, and OSU coaches have told him to be ready to play both as a Beaver.

"People were recruiting him as a spot-up shooter and a kid who played more off the ball," Hurley told osubeavers.com. "He's worked hard since the end of last season until now adding complete

elements. He's a driver now. He can handle the ball. He's more of a [point guard] than anyone would've ever imagined. I think ultimately that will be his position."

Asked what his biggest strengths are, Cooke said his "ability to make the right play, make open jump shots and extend the floor with my long-range game." He added that he's hoping to improve his on-the-ball defensive skills, ball handling and strength before arriving in Corvallis.

Robinson has said Jared Cunningham getting picked in the first round of June's NBA Draft has helped recruiting tremendously, a sentiment Cooke echoed.

"[OSU coaches] talked about [Cunningham] all the time," Cooke said. "He wasn't a big scorer at first, and he just kept improving and improving, and that's kind of like me because I think I can improve, too, and hopefully play in the [NBA] one day."

"It's big for recruiting when you see someone make it from a school like Oregon State."

Cooke agreed with another Robinson statement: Cunningham's success has a bigger influence on recruits than the fact that Robinson is the brother-in-law of President Barack Obama.

"Of course it's cool he has ties to the White House, but it wasn't really about that," Cooke said. "Just the coaches and how they talked to me, helped me, made me feel comfortable. I felt a real bond with them, and felt I could become a better person on and off the court if I went to Oregon State."

Cooke said he had several other offers, mostly from Atlantic 10 schools.

OSU junior forward Devon Collier also hails from St. Anthony's, where the two attended for the 2009-10 school year.

"[Collier] was a clown, always in the hallway, making you laugh," Cooke said. "He made me comfortable on my visit [to OSU], and just having him there for my first year will be huge. He'll be able to put me under his wing."

The second player OSU received a letter of intent from, N'diaye, is a 7-foot-0, 230-pound center. If his listed height is correct, N'diaye is two inches taller than anyone on OSU's current roster.

"We are very excited to have Cheikh N'diaye joining the program," Robinson said. "To have a legit seven-footer who can get in the game and make some athletic plays is going to be important for us going forward. His length, ath-



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Craig Robinson, pictured during Sunday's game vs. New Mexico State, was excited to receive letters of intent from guard Hallice Cooke and 7-foot center Cheikh N'diaye Wednesday.

leticism and his basketball IQ are going to help us tremendously."

As a junior, N'diaye averaged 11.5 points, 11.2 rebounds and 5.3 blocked shots per game at Army-Navy Academy, where he arrived in 2009 from Dakar, Senegal. Scout.com rates him a three-star prospect, and ESPN.com ranks him the 36th-best center in the nation.

N'diaye could be pressed into early duty at OSU, considering senior center Angus Brandt and senior forward Joe Burton will have graduated and sophomore forward Eric Moreland and Collier are guys Robinson has said may bolt to the NBA if all goes well this year.

North Salem High School point guard L.J. Westbrook is expected to join Cooke and N'diaye as members of OSU's 2013 recruiting class, according to several recruiting websites. Westbrook, a

three-star prospect on both Rivals.com and Scout.com, has not signed his letter of intent.

Recruits have until Nov. 21 to sign during the early period. The next chance to sign after Nov. 21 is the regular period, which runs April 17 through May 15.

Last year, OSU signed three players during the early signing period: guard Langston Morris-Walker, forward Jarmal Reid and center Maika Ostling.

Guard Victor Robbins signed with OSU in May, and forward Olaf Schaftenaar signed in September after a scholarship opened up when Ostling didn't qualify academically.

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## GYMNASTICS

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season. We've exceeded all my expectations at this point."

It's also a chance for the gymnasts to get accustomed to competing in a larger setting with fans in the crowd.

"It's definitely important for them to get used to the fans and the environment because it allows us to see how they acclimate to changes," Chaplin said.

Depth was always an issue last year. Mak, Vivian, Stambaugh, Blalock and Jones were responsible for 22 of 24 routines last season.

With McGregor returning from a torn Achilles tendon she

suffered last December that forced her to miss the 2012 season and Hailey Gaspar — who transferred from Boise State this year — being inserted into the lineup, as well as having five new freshmen on the team, the Beavers shouldn't have the depth concerns they did last year.

The intra-squad meet will be an opportunity for the new gymnasts to have their first meet under the lights of Gill Coliseum.

"With six newbies, they're going to acclimate to Gill," Chaplin said. "It's their first time in Gill Coliseum and in front of a crowd. This will help us get another step in the process of trying to determine lineups as

we start the season."

"It's really important for the freshmen to get that first experience before an actual home meet," Stambaugh added.

The offseason has looked promising to the team, but the Orange and Black Exhibition will serve as an official beginning to a season filled with promise for the Beavers to return to the NCAA Championships for the eighth straight year.

"As a coach, you always want more," Chaplin said. "They're on schedule, I'm pleased with that. I'm really excited to see what this season brings this team."

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## Gymnastics roster

Gymnast	Year	Events
Makayla Stambaugh	senior	all-around
Melanie Jones	senior	all-around
Stephanie McGregor	senior	vault, uneven bars, floor
Hailey Gaspar*	senior	vault, beam, floor
Kelsi Blalock	junior	all-around
Brittany Harris	junior	all-around
Hannah Casey	junior	vault, uneven bars floor
Chelsea Tang	sophomore	all-around
Cerise Witherby	sophomore	all-around
Kailie Ponto	sophomore	vault, beam, floor
Katelyn Ohlrich	sophomore	all-around
Taylor Keecker	sophomore	vault, uneven bars, floor
Jaime Wright*	freshman	all-around
Nicole Turner*	freshman	all-around
Sarah Marquez*	freshman	all-around
Sarah Cerami*	freshman	all-around
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# Price, Dickey win Cy Young Awards

The Cy Young Award winners as Major League Baseball's best pitchers in 2012 couldn't be more different.

In the American League, a young left-hander with a blazing fastball, entering the prime of his career, narrowly topped the 2011 recipient.

In the National League, a 38-year-old knuckleballer with a mediocre track record until 2010 made his mark on history.

The Tampa Bay Rays' David Price garnered just enough votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America to win the AL prize. Price, 27, tied for the American League lead with 20 wins, against only five losses, and led the AL with a 2.56 earned run average. Both those marks were career bests for the former Vanderbilt

University star, who the Rays chose with the top pick in the entire 2007 amateur draft. Price also struck out 205 batters, sixth-most in the league.

Price earned 14 first place votes, 13 second place votes and one third place nod from the baseball scribes. That acclaim was just enough to edge 2011 AL Cy Young Justin Verlander, who picked up 13 first place votes, 13 second place votes and two third place votes for his 17-8 won-lost record, his 2.64 ERA and his league-leading 239 strikeouts.

The writers' association says the contest was the closest since writers first started listing more than one pitcher on their ballots in 1970.

Price's teammate, relief pitcher Fernando Rodney, garnered the final first place

AL vote, and finished fifth in the overall AL voting, among nine pitchers who gained mention.

Unlike Price, the New York Mets' R.A. Dickey dominated the competition in the NL Cy Young voting, just like he did from the mound this year.

Dickey became the first knuckleball thrower to win the game's most prestigious individual pitching award, earning 27 first place votes and five second place votes for his historic season. Dickey went 20-6, with a 2.73 ERA, and his dancing pitches baffled a National League-leading 230 hitters. In addition, Dickey led the NL in innings pitched, complete games, and shutouts.

Mirroring the AL, the 2011 NL Cy Young Award winner was this year's runner-up.

Los Angeles Dodger Clayton Kershaw was rewarded for his outstanding season, which included a league-best 2.53 ERA and just one fewer strikeout than Dickey, with two first place votes, and second place overall.

The Washington Nationals' Gio Gonzalez, the Cincinnati Reds' Johnny Cueto, and the Atlanta Braves' Craig Kimbrel each claimed one first place nod.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America is comprised of two beat writers representing each of the 14 teams in the American League and each of the 16 teams in the National League. Each writer ranks his or her top five pitchers in order, with points allocated on a 7-4-3-2-1 basis.

—CNN

## Two high-profile governors races ensure 2013 won't be quiet year

Take a larger than life governor who may have designs on the White House and a battleground state crucial in presidential politics, and guess what: 2013 might not be as quiet a political year as you thought.

New Jersey and Virginia are the only two states to hold gubernatorial contests in the year after a presidential election, and in both states, the campaign clocks are already ticking.

"Virginia and New Jersey are going to get a lot of attention because they are the only games in town in 2013," said Nathan Gonzales, deputy editor of the non-partisan Rothenberg Political Report.

"The eyes of the world are on these two races," agrees Colm O'Comartun, executive director of the Democratic Governors Association, who adds that "next year in Virginia and New Jersey we're going to play a significant part."

And the two races will be a hot topic as the Republican Governors Association begins two days of meetings on Wednesday in Las Vegas.

In the wake of big Democratic victories in the 2008 election, the GOP swept both races in the Old Dominion and the Garden State from Democrats.

"In 2009, the victories in Virginia and New Jersey kick-started the GOP comeback in the 2010 midterm elections," said RGA Communications Director Mike Schimpf, who suggested that Republican victories in 2013 could have a similar impact on the 2014 midterms.

He added that "it's a great opportunity for the Republican Party to get its focus back on results oriented leadership."

While both races will get tons of attention, New Jersey may steal more of the spotlight thanks to its tough-talking Republican governor, Chris Christie, who may also, down the road, be a contender for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination.

Christie says his decision on running for re-election has been slowed by Hurricane Sandy's devastation to parts of his state. The governor has spent the past two weeks dealing almost exclusively with the powerful storm and its aftermath. At a news conference earlier this week, he offered no timetable for a decision, but did say he'll soon give the 2013 race some serious consideration.

While Christie has yet to make any announcement, some GOP strategists are convinced the first-term governor,

who's very popular among Republicans and who served as a key surrogate for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign and was seriously considered as Romney's running mate, will run for re-election.

"The governor's race in New Jersey is ultimately going to be decided on the strength of Governor Christie's record," Schimpf said. "He's shown a tremendous ability to get big things done in a bipartisan fashion, including education reform, pension reform, and most recently with his leadership after Sandy. What voters want in their governor is a leader who can get things done, and there's no doubt that Governor Christie has gotten a lot done in his first term as governor."

Democrats see it a different way, and highlight the state's 9.8% unemployment rate.

"On the economic front I think he's failed to deliver again and again and again. He's got a huge raft of negatives against him that is sometimes hidden by the rhetoric and theater and side show that is Governor Christie," said O'Comartun, who added that "New Jersey is a state that's brought down big characters before."

The big question in New Jersey is which Democrat will take on Christie. Much speculation centers on Newark Mayor Cory Booker, a rising star in the Democratic Party. Others considering bids are state Sen. Richard Codey, who served as governor for 14 months following the November 2004 resignation of then-Gov. Jim McGreevey, State Sen. Barbara Buono and Assembly member Lou Greenwald.

A Quinnipiac University poll conducted last month indicated that 56% of New Jersey registered voters approved of how Christie was handling his duties, and by a 52%-40% margin thought he deserved re-election next year.

In hypothetical matchups, Christie had a 46%-42% edge over Booker and a 47%-41% advantage over Codey, with double-digit leads over Buono and Greenwald.

In Virginia, where governors cannot run for consecutive terms, the question right now is whether Mark Warner wants his old job back. A new poll suggests if he does, it may be his for the taking.

A Quinnipiac University survey released Wednesday indicated the first term U.S. senator would be the favorite

candidate as the 2013 Virginia gubernatorial campaign gets under way.

Warner, who was elected Virginia governor in 2001 and to the Senate in 2008, has said he'll announce by Thanksgiving if he'll stay in the Senate or make a bid for governor.

According to the poll, Warner holds large leads over the two leading Republican candidates in hypothetical showdowns. Among registered Virginia voters, Warner leads Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, 53%-33%, and tops Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, 52%-34%.

"If Senator Mark Warner decides to run, he begins the campaign as the prohibitive favorite," says Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "He is much better known and much better liked than either of the Republican aspirants and his job approval rating - 60% - is the highest of any statewide elected official."

But the general consensus among some Democratic strategists is that Warner will keep his current job.

Terry McAuliffe, the former Democratic National Committee chairman and former top adviser to Bill and Hillary Clinton, announced last Thursday that he'll make a second run for Virginia governor. McAuliffe came in second to state Sen. Creigh Deeds in a three-candidate battle for the 2009 Democratic nomination. Deeds ended up losing by a landslide in the general election to then-Republican Attorney General Bob McDonnell.

If Warner stays in the Senate and McAuliffe is the Democratic nominee for governor, the poll indicates the race is much closer, with McAuliffe at 38% and Bolling at 36%, and McAuliffe at 41% and Cuccinelli at 37%.

The battle for the GOP nomination could get very interesting, with Cuccinelli, a conservative tea party favorite, squaring off against Bolling, who is more moderate than his rival.

Bolling, the two-term lieutenant governor, has McDonnell's endorsement. But the nomination will be decided next year at a state party convention, often dominated by more conservative activists, which favors Cuccinelli, rather than a primary, which could favor Bolling.

While preparing for either outcome, the DGA relishes facing off against Cuccinelli, with O'Comartun saying he's "the wrong man at the wrong time."

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# Texas judge in video beating is back at work

A judge, who was suspended after an online video showing him beating his teenage daughter went viral, was reinstated by the Texas Supreme Court this week.

Judge William Adams was back working Wednesday at Aransas County after his suspension was lifted by the state's high court, a court clerk said.

The state's Commission on Judicial Conduct earlier ruled that Adams would receive a public warning for the incident, which cleared the way for the suspension to be lifted.

The move to allow the judge back on the bench angered Adams' former wife and daughter.

"My first feeling is extreme

sadness," said Hallie Adams, the former wife. "I feel sad for the public. I see the justice system is failing and justice review system is failing."

Hillary Adams, the judge's daughter, was also upset.

"I'm embarrassed to live in Texas," said the girl who was the buzz on the Internet last year after releasing the beating video.

Adams was suspended last year after the 2004 video went public. It showed him beating his then-16-year-old daughter because she downloaded online music and games.

The beating occurred when her father was punishing her for using the Internet "to acquire music and games that were unavailable

for legal purchase at the time," Hillary Adams, wrote on the Internet posting. She said she released the video after being harassed by her father.

"It was the straw that broke the camel's back," she said last November. "It wasn't any huge happening or anything."

She said she told her father she had the video, "and he didn't seem to think anything of it, and basically dared me to post it."

The video posting said, "Judge William Adams is not fit to be anywhere near the law system if he can't even exercise fit judgment as a parent himself. Do not allow this man to ever be re-elected again. His 'judgment' is

a giant farce. Signed, Hillary Adams, his daughter."

The 7 1/2-minute video is punctuated by cracks of the man's belt and the girl's screams and cries.

At one point, the man says to his near-hysterical daughter, "What happened to you, Hillary? Once you were an obedient, nice little girl. Now you lie, cheat and steal."

At another point, he yells at her, "You want to put some more computer games on? You want some more?"

William Adams has acknowledged that the man in the video was him.

As a judge, William Adams handles misdemeanor cases, including family-related and juvenile court issues.

—CNN

# Obama: Republican criticism of Rice 'outrageous'

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama called out Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham and John McCain for their "outrageous" comments saying they would block U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice if she is nominated for secretary of state.

"If Senator McCain and Senator Graham and others want to go after someone they should go after me," Obama said at a White House news conference on Wednesday. "When they go after the U.N. ambassador apparently because they think she's an easy target, then they've got a problem with me."

Earlier Wednesday, Graham and McCain said they would block Rice's nomination, should it be made, over her characterization of the September attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Rice was dispatched to several talk shows, where she said the incident involved a "spontaneous" demonstration. Senior administration officials later said Rice was speaking from talking points prepared for official use and the word "spontaneous" was a poor choice to describe

what is now understood to have been a terrorist attack.

Rice is among the potential nominees to replace Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who has said she does not wish to serve in Obama's second term but is willing to stay on until her replacement is confirmed by the Senate.

McCain took to the floor of the Senate about an hour after Obama's remarks and said that the president and other statements by officials on the attacks were "not true."

"The president of the United States did not tell the American people the truth about the attacks that took four brave Americans' lives that went on for eight, seven hours, for which we were totally unprepared. Mr. President, four brave Americans died. It has now been eight weeks. The American people have received nothing but contradictory statements from all levels of our government," he said, pounding his hand on the lectern.

McCain charged that "this president and this administration has either been guilty of colossal incompetence or engaged in a cover up, nei-

ther of which are acceptable to the American people."

Graham responded to Obama with a sharp statement of his own: "Mr. President, don't think for one minute I don't hold you ultimately responsible for Benghazi. I think you failed as commander-in-chief before, during, and after the attack."

"We owe it to the American people and the victims of this attack to have full, fair hearings and accountability be assigned where appropriate," he continued. "Given what I know now, I have no intention of promoting anyone who is up to their eyeballs in the Benghazi debacle."

In his remarks on Wednesday, Obama defended Rice's earlier comments, saying "she made an appearance at the request of the White House in which she gave her best understanding of the intelligence that had been provided to her."

He said he is open to the appointment for Rice, although he said has not yet decided who he will advance when Clinton steps down.

Rice previously served as assistant secretary of state under former President Bill Clinton and was a foreign

policy adviser to Obama's 2008 campaign.

Graham, at a news conference earlier Wednesday, said he he didn't think Rice "deserves to be promoted."

"There are a lot of qualified people in this country the president could pick but I am dead set on making sure we don't promote anybody that was an essential player in the Benghazi debacle," the senator from South Carolina said.

Graham and other Republicans have not only questioned her statements, but also why the administration put her forward, rather than another top official who might have been more directly connected to the Libya situation.

"The reason I don't trust her is that I think she knew better, and if she didn't know better, she shouldn't be the voice of America," Graham said.

Both Graham and McCain have called for a select committee to investigate the Benghazi attacks, including the U.S. response and preparations, such as whether the consulate had adequate security.

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Rachel Hines (right), OSU alumna, meets with fine arts majors Ana Swan, Dane Miner and Daniel Johnson.

# Former OSU student presents artwork

■ Rachel Hines, OSU class of 2006,  
discussed her work in front of  
students Wednesday

By Alice Marshall  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Rachel Hines, an artist whose work focuses on performance and connecting the viewer with the artwork, visited Fairbanks and Cascade Halls yesterday to discuss her work and give art students a first-hand experience with performing art exercises.

Hines is originally from L.A. and earned her BFA in painting from Oregon State University in 2006 before earning an MFA from Pratt. Since then, involving herself and contributing to the many facets of art have been consistent and significant parts of her life. Hines has experience teaching painting in Beirut at American University, has had 20 solo exhibits in the United States, and, if that isn't enough to keep her busy, she is a certified yoga instructor and is taking flying lessons on top of her work as an artist.

Hines' experience at Oregon State left a lasting impression during her endeavors as a fine arts student, as she involved herself as president of the student art club, Montage, for two years. In her presentation Wednesday, she made a point to mention the positive influence she received during her time at OSU from her professors such as Julie Green, her painting instructor, and Ellen McCumsey who teaches art history.

Hines included her choice to pursue performance as her primary artistic path in her presentation, as well as discussing how performance art gives her the opportunity to connect with the viewer in ways that she couldn't find in another traditional media such as painting.

Her piece titled "the Sympathetic Listener" exemplifies this connection as

the artist films herself from the shoulders up, as if sitting across the table from the viewer. She maintains sympathetic eye contact as well as her silence, while the occasional and convincingly consoling nods give anyone on the other side of the screen confidence that if she were to hear a word uttered by them, it would be held in secrecy. Her concepts are varied and include influences from cultural activities such as yoga and camping, to intangible ideas such as love, loss, sympathy and, as the students in her seminar were exposed to, self-reflection.

"I have common threads which I keep tapping into," Hines said. "I try to find different ways to exploit all of the facets of that content whether it is intimacy or family or another theme I would like to explore."

Her passion for performance started as a student at Oregon State when she was asked to create a self-portrait.

"This was my first experience with having to deal with variables such as time and the tension that comes with it," Hines said. "These are two of the elements that I didn't have to consider as much in painting."

She explained the difference between performing and acting is that when acting, the actor is embodying another person, but when performing the artist is embodying yourself. This fascinated her and so began her exploration as a performing artist.

Much of Hines' work encourages viewer participation. A modified love seat titled "Inclined" is situated in a gallery space, the upholstery worn from participants who choose to sit with a partner and who are inevitably brought closer by the inclined ramps that have replaced the cushions. Her work is intimate and her performance titled "Will You Spoon With Me?" epitomizes this concept. In the performance, Hines installs herself in a monotonous

white bed as well as a vulnerable position by encouraging museumgoers to spoon with her. One student asked her what reactions she received and if people actually participated. Her reply was interesting:

"Some people asked what I was doing and upon my response of asking people to spoon with me, they would turn and walk out of the gallery space," Hines said. "However, many people did spoon with me and it turned into a sort of therapy for them. There's something anonymous about spooning, all of your body is touching the other's, but you are not facing each other. People would end up staying for hours and some would come back every day that the exhibit was running."

The exhibit, which was in New York, addressed the habit of city dwellers to avoid contact with strangers at all cost, this theme recurs in an ongoing performance she documented where she sought out passive contact with strangers in settings where it sometimes happens, such as on the subway.

The concept of "Play" is a big influence on her work. As she explains, "there is something magical about being able to use what ever you want in your work." The artist takes advantage of this and the evidence is visible in her piece titled "Back and Forth." A set of swings connected by a link of chains hangs in a spacious gallery, inviting two people to come and swing. Although the concept of swinging is simple, the piece was conceptualizing the notion of marriage and a childhood game that instilled participants with an idea of it.

In the closing of her presentation, Hines expressed her appreciation for painting.

"Painting feels more private, I am able to control the aspects of it and make it look exactly as I want it to," Hines said.

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