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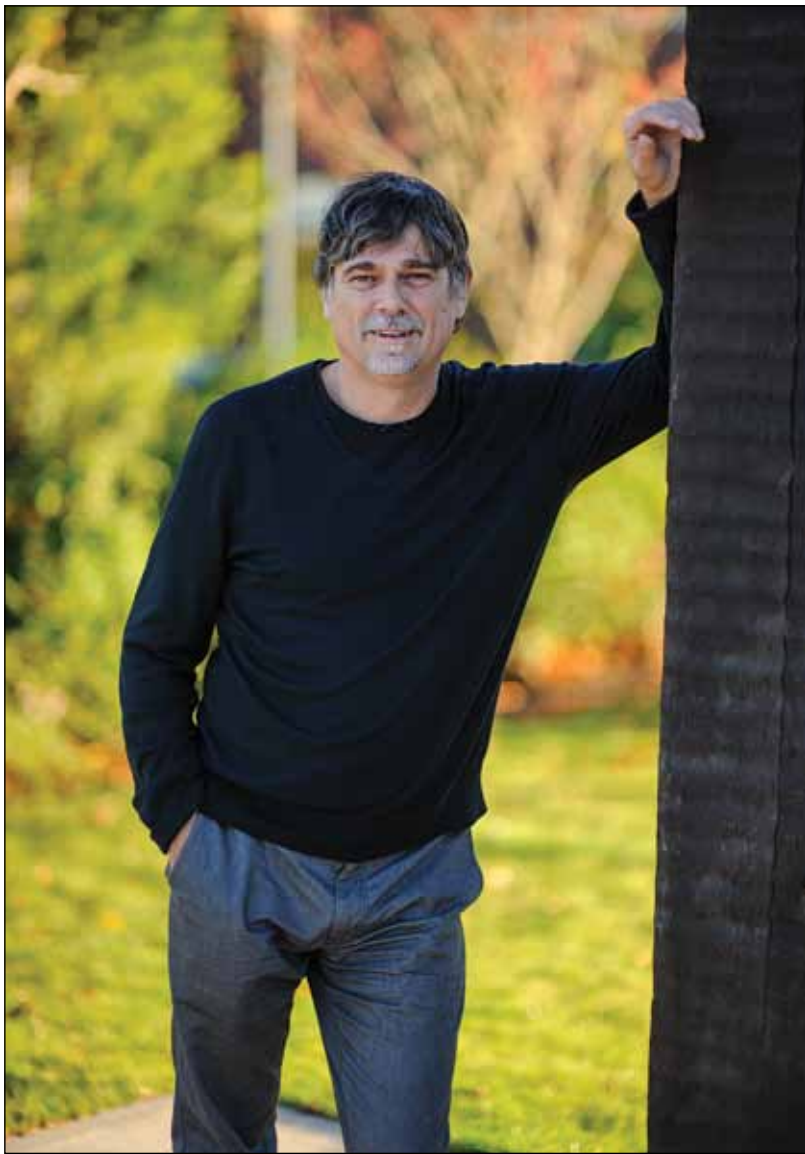
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Thomas Manness is in the middle of his first academic quarter as dean of the College of Forestry.

■ Thomas Manness begins his position as dean of Oregon State's College of Forestry

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This year Thomas Manness, head of the department of forest engineering, resources and management, has been named dean of the college.

Manness assumed his position as dean on Aug. 1, succeeding Hal Salwasser, who held the position for the past 12 years. He joined Oregon State University in 2009, after spending 20 years at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia. Prior to working at UBC, Manness worked at Weyerhaeuser in Seattle for seven years.

"I feel excited and energized," Manness said.

A national search was conducted for a new dean, and among all the candidates, Manness was selected.

"He's an excellent choice," Salwasser said, who has now returned to teaching in the College of Forestry. "We had excellent candidates, and he rose to the top."

Manness feels he was chosen due to his diverse background, especially because he worked in Canada for 20 years.

"I think that they really wanted to bring in someone who had an outside perspective," Manness said. "My years in Canada brought a very different experience to OSU."

Manness has many major goals for his tenure as dean of the College of Forestry. His goals center around expanding the college's reach inter-

nationally, changing the way the college is structured and making the college a place where students and faculty will want to come.

"We're a regional school now, for the western United States," Manness said. "My goal is to make us an international school."

Manness plans on drastically changing the student experience.

"We're changing over our professional forestry programs to a pro school approach," Manness said. "[In] The first two years, students can take anywhere, including a community college or e-campus."

Under the new system, students will have to apply to the professional school, once they have completed their first two years. Manness describes the new professional school experience as being different from the traditional classroom experience.

"The first class students take when they come to the pro school is out in the forest, over in the Deschutes National Forest," Manness said.

Manness began working on the pro school concept when he came to OSU in 2009. It is expected to begin a year from now, in the fall of 2013.

Another one of Manness' objectives is to give students work experience while they're in school.

"Our pro school is going to be a co-op education program," Manness said. "Students will take classes and then they'll go to work. We'll have companies that have agreed to give certain learning outcomes to students, and students will be working and getting experience."

Manness has a very positive out-

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Akili King, OSU Leadership Institute Student Athlete Development intern.

Akili reaches from athletics to armed forces

■ Akili King returns to OSU to obtain a degree after a life in athletics, military service

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The last time Akili King was a student at Oregon State University, he was a fullback under then-head football coach Jerry Pettibone.

That was 16 years ago.

Now, the 39-year-old liberal arts major is back in Corvallis in pursuit of a degree before beginning the next chapter of his military career.

King's ties to Corvallis date back to 1996, when he enrolled at OSU as a transfer student and starred on the gridiron for one season after playing three seasons at Army in West Point, N.Y.

King rushed for 740 yards and seven touchdowns as a Beaver in 1996, which was good enough to earn him an invite to the East-West Shrine game, a college football all-star game. King left school without his degree in pursuit of the National Football League, and was signed in 1997 by the San Francisco 49ers as an undrafted free agent.

King made it to the last round of cuts in training camp, but did not make the Niners' 53-man roster. It was a gut-churning shock for King, who compared the feeling to being thrown around by an 800-pound gorilla.

"You don't necessarily understand the business side of being an athlete when you're that age," King said. "If someone asks you what your plan B is, you're going to get mad. If someone asked me that, I would have said, 'Get away from me, I'm 25, I have an opportunity to make a minimum [NFL] salary. I don't need to finish my degree.'"

But there King was, without an NFL paycheck, in need of a plan B.

"I was familiar with [the military], and had [a] need to eat and generate an income," King said. "I understood the military, I had done it since I was 18 [at West Point]."

King enlisted in the Oregon National Guard, where he spent the next four years. Then he went on active duty in 2002 as part of the 75th Ranger Regiment, deploying four times — twice to Afghanistan, twice to Iraq — over the next five years.

Though it wasn't the NFL, King was

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Student sustainability groups unite to clean Corvallis

■ Student Sustainability and Campus Recycling pair up to stop unnecessary waste in honor of America Recycles Day

By Lara von Linsowe-Wilson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Each year the United States recognizes America Recycles Day, a national campaign designed to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and buying products made with recycled materials. To celebrate, Oregon State's Student Sustainability Initiative and Campus Recycling reached out to help students, staff and community members dispose of their hard-to-recycle items free of charge in an environmentally conscious way.

Volunteers sorted out many oddball items including Styrofoam, packing peanuts, microwaves, batteries, electronics and scrap metal to be driven off later to a nearby recycling facility.

Even some of the most basic household items can have special recycling and disposal instructions, and according to volunteers, consumers should be wary of this in order to avoid any unwanted fines in addition to creating negative environmental impacts.

Lindsey Almarode, an environmental science major, has been involved with Campus Recycling throughout her college career, working as the student outreach assistant for the center for the past two years.

"Usually for America Recycles Day we do a special collection event, such as this one, where we collect recyclables that normally aren't recyclable on campus for the general public," Almarode said.

Possibly one of the most important aspects



Oregon State student Brodie Davis reuses a plastic bottle, adding to the plastic bottle igloo set up on the Memorial Union quad yesterday.

to any outreach or educational group looking to spread their message to others are the volunteers that make these events happen, and environmental causes are no exception.

"The volunteers who really make things work for this event come from our Waste Watchers group, a volunteer organization with both the Student Sustainability [Initiative] and Campus Recycling," Almarode said.

The student group Waste Watchers coordinates



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events and other outreach related to waste reduction for students and staff on campus.

According to a survey by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregonians recovered approximately 52.3 percent of the municipal post-consumer waste generated in 2011, the highest recovery rate the state has had since the survey began in 1992.

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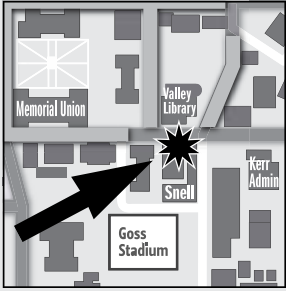
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4 killed after train hits truck during west Texas parade saluting US troops

A train rammed into a flatbed truck carrying participants in a West Texas parade saluting U.S. troops on Thursday, killing four people and wounding several others, a police spokesman said.

The incident happened around 4:30 p.m. CT (5:30 p.m. ET) Thursday, during the "Hunt for Heroes" event in Midland, Texas.

According to the group Show of Support, these festivities — including a banquet and, after that, an "all expense paid whitetail deer hunt" — are to honor members of all branches of the U.S. military.

The last flatbed truck in the parade was crossing tracks when an eastbound train slammed into it, said Midland, Texas

police spokesman Ryan Stout.

Some people were able to jump off the truck in time.

First responders arrived and found two dead at the scene, while two others were later pronounced dead at Midland Memorial Hospital, said Stout.

Ten other people were treated and released at the hospital. Five others remained hospitalized Thursday night, with one of them being in critical condition.

Troops were among those participating in the parade, and were on the flatbed truck that was hit, but the police spokesman couldn't say how many of those killed or injured were in the military.

Authorities don't yet know what caused

the crash, said Stout.

The gates and lights at the intersection were working at the time, and the train's two-member crew sounded the horn prior to impact, according to Tom Lange, a spokesman for Union Pacific Railroad.

The train involved included more than 80 rail cars carrying double-stacked containers, Lange said.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of those affected," he said, adding that additional Union Pacific employees are on site and more are heading that way to investigate.

Lange said the train itself is operational and its crew was not injured, adding they are being offered counseling.

—CNN

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having the time of his life.

"I got to jump out of airplanes, play with guns ... what kid doesn't want to play with guns?" King said. "I wouldn't call it work, because it was fun."

In 2009, King went to officer candidate school, where he spent the next 18 months training 220 future infantry soldiers 15 weeks at a time. After bum ankles and knees forced him to switch jobs, he graduated from intelligence school and became an intelligence officer.

As he prepared for deployment nearly a year ago, his plans suddenly changed drastically.

"I was getting ready to go into deployment and my boss was like, 'Nope, you got to finish up school,'" King remembered. "So I called up [associate athletic director] Marianne Vydra here at Oregon

State and said, 'Hey, I need to come to school, how do we make that happen?'"

After eight months of jumping through hoops between the army and OSU, King enrolled for fall term.

Without much of a plan — other than the 13 credits of classes he was signed up for — King rolled into Corvallis from Tucson, Ariz. the morning classes began Sept. 24. For the first time in a decade, he found himself in a non-military environment — but he didn't let the unfamiliar setting prevent him from hitting the ground running.

He immediately got involved with the Oregon State leadership organization, and currently serves as an OSU Leadership Institute Student Athlete Development Intern, where he'll mentor and teach student athletes winter term.

"Doing what I'm doing right now, I can take the life experiences that I've had and share it with athletes, share it with other students," King said. "When you're play-

ing ball, you're playing ball. Now I'm a bit older, I understand you need a diverse set of friends, a network. You never know who you can help and who can help you."

King expects to graduate at the end of winter term, and then plans on continuing his military endeavors.

For now, as he looks back fondly at the experiences that have gotten him to this point, he's making the most of his second stint as an OSU student.

"There were two things I wanted to do: play football and blow stuff up," King said. "How many people can say, 'I got to do what I wanted to do as a little kid?' Now it's like, what next?"

"I got to hang out with Jerry Rice, Steve Young, I got to play Division I football, play with guns, jump out of airplanes ... it was awesome. Now I get to help kids because somebody helped me."

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Those who didn't have any items to recycle but still wanted to show their support brought in plastic bottles filled with hand-written messages to add to the bottle igloo put up in the Memorial Union quad yesterday, in exchange for a sturdy and more ecologically sound reusable water bottle.

"It can sometimes be hard to do what's best for the environment, especially in college," said freshman Andrew West. "I think it's important to have easily-accessible recycling options available on campus."

Andrea Norris is the Outreach Coordinator for Campus Recycling, and she worked as the head of the recycling event Thursday.

"The goal of this event was to give people a one stop shop at a convenient location for hard to recycle items," Norris said.

Although there are many places in the general Corvallis area where these items can be recycled, they are not always in the same place and some can be hard for students to find and access.

"We are actually the only place in town that takes all of these items in one place," Norris said.

Volunteers answered ques-

tions about recycling year-round and not just at the event itself. As a reminder: Styrofoam, cardboard and plastics with food on them cannot be recycled, as they can contaminate other clean recycled materials, deeming them unusable.

As far as year-round sustainability projects, the clubs will work together to compete in the National RecycleMania competition, in which universities compete to see who can recycle the most. This competition will begin during week three of winter term and lasts until the end of the term, with events happening every week to help OSU rise to the top of the charts. Last year, Oregon State came in first overall among the nine competing Oregon universities, and was also ranked fifth nationally in the electronic waste category.

Waste Watchers meets weekly on Monday nights from 5-6 p.m. at the Student Sustainability Center, located on campus at 15th Street and Western Boulevard.

For those who are looking for more information or how to get involved or on any of these student clubs and organizations, visit the Student Sustainability Center in person or online at oregonstate.edu/ssi.

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Oregon State's Student Sustainability Initiative and Campus Recycling helped dispose of hard-to-recycle items, including batteries, free of charge in recognition of America Recycles Day.

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look for current graduates.

"I think that the opportunities in forestry as a profession are fantastic," Mannesse said. "Many people who were hired in the 1980s are retiring now."

Mannesse' professional background is in forest policy issues, land-use planning and ecosystems services. A native of Missouri, Mannesse became interested in forestry at a young age.

"I kind of grew up in a forestry environ-

ment," Mannesse said. "My family owned a sawmill in the Ozarks. It was a small family business, but that certainly helped me understand what was important about forestry."

Salwasser stepped down as dean last year after holding the post for 12 years. He cited fulfillment of his accomplishments as his reason for stepping down.

"I'd been there 12 years," Salwasser said. "I'd accomplished everything I set out to do, except for getting funding secure."

Mannesse is very optimistic about the future of the College of Forestry.

"I want to make this the kind of place where every student wants to be, and I also want to make this as a place where everybody wants to work," Mannesse said. "If those two things are true, I believe that the funding will take care of itself."

Mannesse did not seem concerned about funding for the college, often a major concern for college deans.

"I'm a believer that if you build a great organization, the funding will come," Mannesse said.

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Calendar

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.

Freehold of Turris Nimborum, 7-9p.m., Corvallis Scout House, SW Allen St. Weekly fighter practice - heavy fighting and fencing practice. No experience required.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Meetings

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

Thursday, Nov. 22

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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

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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

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30p.m., MU Talisman Room. "Elimination of the Extremes of Wealth and Poverty," an interfaith discussion. Bring your favorite quote to share.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Meetings

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

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Meetings

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

Thursday, Dec. 6

Meetings

Vegans and Vegetarians at OSU, 6p.m., Student Sustainability Center, 738 SW 15th St. Potluck-style meetings. All people are welcome, but only vegetarian food is allowed.

Events

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30p.m., MU Talisman Room. Interfaith Devotions - Bring your own meditation, devotion, prayer or inspirational reading to share.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Editorial

Yeas & Nays

- Y**ea to snow.
- N**ay to having to drive in it.
- Y**ea to sweaters.
- N**ay to all-nighters.
- Y**ea to oh god, swerve, true.
- N**ay to inside jokes once again.
- Y**ea to fire safety.
- N**ay to being informed by a building inspector that your house is a death trap.
- Y**ea to group texts.
- N**ay to unannounced arrivals from maintenance people at your house. You need to give us 24-hour notice. It's sort of Oregon law, a frantic phone call earlier that morning doesn't cut it.
- Y**ea to Santa Khan. It's like Santa Con, but with Khan, from "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan."
- N**ay to the Cardinal. And that dumb tree they have for a mascot.
- N**ay to condescending looks from Stanford fans. Sorry we don't have the money, privilege or arrogance that you have.
- Y**ea to veterans.
- N**ay to the university not giving us Veterans Day off. University officials should honor veteran's service by giving us a day off.
- Y**ea to veterans. We know all the free dinners in the world and awkward "thank you for your service" doesn't quite sum it up, but hey, we're trying here.
- Y**ea to going out on dates.
- N**ay to being distracted all the next day in class thinking about the next date. That midterm the morning after wasn't pretty.
- Y**ea to how close is too close.
- N**ay to students who have rich parents who buy them expensive cars.
- N**ay to people who talk constantly about money.
- Y**ea to turning 21. We think those who did this week handled it pretty well.
- N**ay to a fun gymnastics intrasquad meet.
- N**ay to the Barometer getting snubbed on being a media celebrity judge. Come on, you know we respect the heck out of you all.
- Y**ea to the summer of 1996. Really good year. There was this one girl who we rode the bus with. We loaned her our dad's copy of the Beatles "Rubber Soul." We didn't get it back and never saw her again.
- N**ay to continued inaction on the part of the university to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Y**ea to student power.
- Y**ea to bumping some 90s R&B and having a dance party with your roommates. This is how we do it.
- Y**ea to Thanksgiving being next week. We are looking forward to gorging ourselves and spending the time we would have like to have spent with our family working on papers and projects and other things that are all due the Monday we get back.
- N**ay to rude people.
- Y**ea to America.
- Y**ea to it finally being the weekend. Stay out of trouble children, leave the hell raising to us.

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Blame the Republican Party for Romney's loss

President Obama beat the Republican nominee Mitt Romney pretty handily last Tuesday night in his second presidential campaign. For me, the surprise wasn't the fact he won, but by how much. The popular vote was somewhat close, but the electoral count wasn't close at all. Obama blew Romney away 332 to 206. He won every swing state but North Carolina. He also only lost two states he didn't in the last election, when he won North Carolina and Indiana. How in the world did Obama manage to pull this off when circumstances made him incredibly weak?

I fully believe it was the Republican Party brand that hurt Romney the most and cost him the election. I voted for Obama, but not because I thought Obama was a better candidate or would be a better president, but because I was so damn scared of the Republican Party and what kind of policies they would try to implement. I also was extremely mad at their style of governance over the past four years, which has been to block anything that could put the president in a good light, regardless of whether it was good policy or not. A two-party system involves compromise, and they failed to compromise at all. This led to people who felt Obama hasn't been a success, but still did not want to vote for Romney because they didn't want to reward the Republicans.

I do think Romney would have been a better president than Obama. Once you look closely at Romney and his life, he has been an incredibly successful person and an amazing manager. Romney, like Obama, is a



Brad Alvarez

technocrat, just a better and smarter one. If you don't believe me, look at his turnaround of the Salt Lake City winter Olympics. He successfully ran and was elected governor of Massachusetts as a Republican, and Massachusetts is a liberal oasis. He is also one of the most successful people in private equity ever based off his management of Bain Capital; private equity is an extremely hard and cut-throat industry. He has all the qualities of being a great president, but the Republican Party brand screwed him from the beginning.

Mitt Romney couldn't be the Massachusetts moderate he was at heart. During the Republican primary race, he had to convince the nutty right-wing media he was a real conservative Republican, and not a Republican-in-name-only the powerful right-wing media created a while ago to get rid of moderates in their party. He was able to achieve the necessary conservative credentials by having the most extreme immigration policy in which he advocated for "self-deportation" of undocumented immigrants. Romney also proclaimed himself to be a "severe conservative" during a debate, which is a very weird sounding statement. He also changed many policy positions he held as a governor, which he accomplished by veering hard right on many social issues.

You also had two candidates at the

Senate level that decided they didn't want to become a U.S. Senator by making nutty claims about rape. Both Todd Akin and Richard Murdock, who are against abortion in cases of incest or rape, said very distasteful things about the possibility of pregnancy resulting from rape, "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down", while the latter said, "I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen". These are extreme statements, and both of these candidates lost in what should have been an easy win for them. These kinds of statements by Republicans hurt Romney significantly, in part because the Obama campaign did such a superb job of tying Romney and other Republicans to these statements.

The problem for Republicans is extreme views on all sorts of issues from immigration to economics do not just stem from the fringe of the party, but from their base. This view is then promoted by the right-wing media as a central tenet to being a Republican. These views then drive moderates away from the party, and this was evident because Obama won over moderates in the election by a margin of 15 points. This will continue to hurt them at a national and statewide level for years to come, unless Republicans will moderate their message. I hope they do, because an irrelevant Republican Party is bad for our future.

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Don Iler



American Hero

Burning trash, hand sanitizer, baby wipes: An Iraq remembrance

I can't use hand sanitizer. It's the smell, like cheap vodka and antiseptic. I can't eat hot pockets. It's the chewy texture, the molten hot cheese.

I can't use porta potties. It's not the urine and the feces, it's that blue substance in the tank and its smell. That blue liquid waiting to leap up at your behind to give you a smurf kiss.

It's the little things that set off memories.

When a jet flies over at a football game it reminds me of the day special forces snuck into Abu Kemal, just across the border in Syria from where I was in Iraq, to capture Abu Ghadiyah, who was supposedly in command of al-Qaida in Iraq. There was gunfire across the border in quiet Syria, and then helicopters. Jets flew low overhead, the power went off in Husaybah and our outpost went on alert.

That night I went outside of our compound to relieve myself. I walked to the toilet hut, draped one of the "wag bags," which were plastic bags with kitty litter at the bottom, over the seat and got down to business. I had my rifle with me, my flashlight and a copy of "The Short Stories of John Cheever."

A jet flew over and I noticed the smell of burning trash wasn't in the air. After the jet passed, it sounded quiet outside the hut. I turned my flashlight off and set the book down on the floor. I thought I heard Arabic spoken outside. I grabbed a little packet of toilet paper — that came in our food rations — from my cargo pocket.

I pulled my pants up slowly, holding my belt so it wouldn't rattle. I grabbed my rifle, zipped up the wag bag and unhooked the door to the hut. I cracked the door open and tried to adjust my eyes to the darkness. I could make out a few bodies near a pickup truck by the gate. They were speaking Arabic in hushed voices and I could make out the outlines of rifles.

Cold night desert air blew slowly through the rows of huts. I walked slowly to my team's compound, punching in a key code on the door and hoping the Iraqis hadn't seen me. With a mission that big, entering a non-combatant country like Syria to swoop in and snatch a prisoner, all sorts of things were possible. Would Syria launch rockets at our little border outpost? Would the local al-Qaida cell try to drive a bomb-laden truck through the gate? Would some local militia try to attack us? I was afraid.

After getting inside the compound, I climbed one of the HESCO barriers that surrounded it. HESCO barriers are large wire-framed containers lined with a burlap type material and filled with dirt, thick enough to supposedly stop a round from an AK-47. I crawled on top, laying low, and perked my ear to listen in on the Iraqis. Suddenly, a light on top of the truck came on. It flashed red and blue. The truck was just an Iraqi police truck. I had scared myself for nothing.

Even body odor when I sweat too much reminds me of Iraq. We didn't get a resupply convoy for a month and water ran low. There was enough water to drink, but not enough to wash clothes or take a shower. So, combine a bunch of sweaty dudes, the heat of Iraq, no showers and changing from

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Mannion in as QB, OSU faces Cal

■ Cal boasts physical, talented secondary, Beavers not taking them lightly with 3-8 record

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For the fourth time this season, the Oregon State football team made a switch at starting quarterback.

Head coach Mike Riley announced after Wednesday's practice that it will be sophomore quarterback Sean Mannion making the start for Saturday's home game against Cal.

After going down with an ankle injury at the end of OSU's (7-2, 5-2 Pac-12) 27-23 loss at Stanford on Saturday, junior Cody Vaz missed every day of practice this week.

Mannion hasn't started since Oct. 27 in Seattle against Washington, but is eager to get back on the field as the starter.

"I'm just excited for the opportunity," Mannion said. "It's been good to be back and playing again, I'm just doing everything I can to help our team get a win."

Players and coaches have been impressed with Mannion's week of practice.

"Sean was lights out," said sophomore wide receiver Brandin Cooks. "Sean's been great at practice this week, he's been throwing a lot of great balls and putting the ball on the money. We're excited to see what he can do."

Mannion has taken all of the snaps with first-team offense with Vaz sidelined this week.

"Just typical Sean," Riley said. "Great preparation, a lot of good work [and] great practice I thought."

Mannion's poise has been obvious this week in practice now that he knows he'll be the starter on Saturday against Cal (3-8, 2-6).

"A lot more pep in his step and a lot more confidence," Cooks said. "It's been a couple weeks since the injury, and I feel like he's not worried about that anymore. His ball was on fire this week and it's coming with heat."

It's unclear what Vaz' status will be for Saturday's game. Riley said he will be dressed in uniform, but isn't sure whether he'll be considered Mannion's backup yet.

"[Vaz is] getting a lot better," Riley said. "He couldn't play today. But we've got quite a bit of time until Saturday night so we'll see if he can maybe back up."

If Vaz is unable to be the back-



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Sophomore quarterback Sean Mannion will be the starting quarterback for the No. 16 Beavers Saturday night when they take on Cal at Reser Stadium. In Mannion's last start, pictured here on Oct. 27 against Washington in Seattle, he threw four interceptions.

up quarterback, those duties will be passed on to sophomore Richie Harrington, who has only taken one snap in his collegiate career. The snap occurred in the Oct. 13 game this season at Brigham Young, when Vaz lost his helmet and was forced to leave the field for one play.

"He's an experienced vet," Riley said with a laugh. "He's ready to go, been under the lights."

Mannion and the rest of the offense won't have as easy a task against the Golden Bears.

"Cal has probably one of the best defensive back corps that we've seen this year," Cooks said. "They've got great guys on that side of the ball. A lot of guys are going to go to the long run."

That talented defensive backs corps is led by cornerback Steve Williams. Williams is tied for the team lead in interceptions with three, leads with 10 pass breakups and is third in total tackles with 71.

"Their corners are real physical," said senior wide receiver Markus Wheaton. "I think this is the best group of corners we've played against, that'll be a challenge for us. They're really physical on the outside."

"They've got a lot of athletic guys at every position on the field," Mannion added.

Cooks said Cal's record doesn't define them, and the Golden Bears are much stronger than the 3-8 win indicates.

But he doesn't feel empathetic toward Cal, because they're going through the same type of season the Beavers went through last year, when they finished 3-9.

"No empathy going on with that, it's college football," Cooks said. "But we're not going to take them lightly, because they're a great team."

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Markus Wheaton called Cal's secondary "the best group of corners we've played against." Wheaton has 878 receiving yards this year.

Oregon State wrestling opens season with No. 16 Michigan

■ Beavers expect to compete in every weight class against Wolverines, new wrestlers will make debut

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 9 Oregon State will start out the season with a big challenge. No. 16 Michigan comes to Gill Coliseum for OSU's first duel of the season on Friday night.

While Oregon State (0-0) will be competing in its first duel of the season, the Wolverines (2-1) have already wrestled three; taking two of three, including wins over Olivet College and No. 18 Pittsburgh.

Being ranked No. 16 in the nation, and having already beaten a ranked team, Michigan promises to be a tough first test. OSU is more focused on its own performance rather than what the Wolverines will come out and do.

"I know that all of us, everybody wrestling, we just want to go out and outwork everyone that we're wrestling against," said 141-pound

senior Mike Mangrum. "That's our coach's philosophy, to just work hard and never be satisfied with a one or two point victory. We want to go out there and get [technical falls] and falls, because that will set us up to do better in the long run."

The Beavers are coming off an impressive performance in the Mike Clock Open, where they took first place in nine of 10 weight classes, and even finished in second in a few categories.

It was expected that Oregon State would do well considering the level of competition, but the experience was still good for the Beavers in preparation for Friday.

"It was good to get out of the room," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "I expected a lot of guys to be in the finals against each other, and wanted to see how they would battle against each other up there. Most guys got four or five matches besides the ones against their teammates."

While OSU is ranked higher than Michigan, the matchups are relatively even across the board, and feature a lot of ranked wrestlers.

In the lighter weights, No. 14 Sean Boyle from

Michigan will take on No. 16 Pat Rollins in the 125-pound weight class, UM's No. 11 Steve Dutton will take on No. 2 Mike Mangrum from OSU in the 141-pound weight class and No. 11 Eric Grajales from Michigan will take on OSU's No. 5 Scott Sakaguchi.

The heavier weight classes feature good matchups as well, including Michigan's No. 20 Max Hundley and OSU's No. 13 Taylor Meeks in the 197-pound weight class, and UM's No. 9 Ben Aplund will take on No. 7 Chad Hanke in the heavyweight division.

Oregon State is excited for the challenging opener and expects to compete in every weight class.

"We kind of believe you have to wrestle the best competition," Zalesky said. "Sometimes you have to work your way into a season, but sometimes it's better to start out with a tough team, who I think finished one spot behind us last year at the NCAA tournament. So we'll wrestle those guys, see where we're at, and then go from there."

One question for Oregon State is the amount of newcomers taking the mat, and their inexperience that could potentially pose problems in

the early season.

The Beavers expect to start 165-pound red-shirt sophomore Alex Elder, 133-pound redshirt freshman Drew Van Anrooy and 174-pound junior transfer Austin Moorehead for the first time as members of Oregon State.

Despite the inexperience, OSU is confident their young wrestlers will be ready from the get-go.

"We've got good young guys, they're just good," said Sakaguchi after OSU's intra-squad meet Nov. 7. "There's a lot of competition in the room. That's what we want and we need those guys to push us."

While the matchups and inexperience both promise to be key components, ultimately the winner will be determined by who wrestles better.

"I think a lot of it just depends on how we wrestle," Zalesky said. "They've got some ranked guys and we have some ranked guys, but to me it's more about how we wrestle when we step on the mat."

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OSU gymnastics enjoys relaxed intra-squad meet

Guest judges, no opponent made for casual Orange and Black Exhibition meet

By Warner Strausbaugh
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The Oregon State gymnastics team hosted the annual Orange and Black Exhibition meet Thursday night at Gill Coliseum, and the meet itself was far from typical.

The purpose of the intra-squad was to have a laid-back atmosphere while the team is still in the preseason.

"It was so much fun," said junior Brittany Harris. "We had a bigger crowd than we did last year, so I was super excited to see everyone supporting us early."

The team was divided up into two separate teams: Orange and Black. The scoring of the meet was decided by guest judges from different Oregon State sports, local media outlets and fans from the audience. The Orange side won 10-6 over Black.

"I thought the format was a lot of fun tonight with the guest judges and that interaction," said associate head coach Michael Chaplin. "It was a good night overall."

The celebrity judges from Oregon State were Pat Casey (head baseball coach), Jim Zalesky (head wrestling coach), Mark Banker (defensive coordinator for the football team) and Mike Cavanaugh (offensive line coach for the football team).

A lot of the guest judges were witnessing a gymnastics meet

for the first time.

"I thought watching gymnasts on TV was really impressive," said guest judge Stephen Nelson from KEZI Sports. "But if you want a true vision for how impressive these gymnasts are, you've got to watch a meet in person."

"I pulled a groin just watching," Nelson added.

The intra-squad also offered an opportunity for the gymnasts to show their competitive side for the first time since the 2012 season ended. Matchups paired some of the best gymnasts on the team against each other, like seniors Kelsi Blalock and Makayla Stambaugh.

"I have a really competitive personality myself," Blalock said. "Especially going up against Makayla, we're really close and I can play around with her more than I can with anyone else. But when it comes down to it, we are fighting for spots for lineups and we want to show [the coaches] that we are the best choice."

Both coaches and gymnasts were impressed with how well the team looked in mid-November — a month and a half until the regular season commences.

"There was a lot of consistency," Chaplin said. "They looked strong for this time of year."

"We have work to do, yes," Harris added. "But for where we're at, we just have to touch up a few details and we'll be pretty ready."

There were some humorous moments throughout the meet, given the casual nature of the annual exhibition.



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Junior Hannah Casey finishes her routine on uneven bars in Thursday night's Orange and Black Exhibition meet.

Blalock completed her vault and made an attempt to swoon Coach Casey so he would side with her team for the point.

"Before the meet, [head coach] Tanya [Chaplin] gave us the O.K. to have fun with it," Blalock said with a laugh. "I'm just a goofy person and vault's my thing so I wanted Black to get a point. Maybe I did give Pat Casey some googly eyes, but it

worked, obviously."

The best thing about Thursday night's meet? The Beavers were guaranteed a victory.

"I knew we were going to win tonight, that's for sure," Chaplin said.

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Volleyball heads to Washington this weekend

Oregon State faces WSU tonight, No. 6 Washington Saturday

By Darryl Oliver III
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Oregon State volleyball travels north for its final road trip of the season to face Washington State and No. 6 Washington.

The Beavers (13-15, 3-13 Pac-12) are hoping to snap their eight-game losing streak in their next game against the Cougars (12-16, 2-14) in Pullman, Wash., who have the worst record in the conference.

"We've been working on finishing games," said redshirt freshman Haley Clarke.

One of the Beavers' main problems during this long losing streak has been finishing games — losing their most recent match after five sets against Arizona last Sunday. Oregon State had taken an early lead in the fifth and final set, only to allow Arizona to come from behind and steal the set and the match.

"We had to find a way to win in the end, and we just didn't," said head coach Taras Liskevych.

"We just haven't been ourselves on the court, and because of that, lately we've



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Camille Saxton (3) and Megan McBride (10) face a challenging test this weekend.

been putting too much pressure on ourselves," Clarke added.

Washington State has the worst record

in the Pac-12, only defeating Colorado and Utah. The last time the Beavers and Cougars met, OSU took the match three sets to one. Both OSU and WSU did well in nonconference play, but both began to suffer once Pac-12 games started. This may be the best chance for the Beavers to break their losing streak.

"We need to take a deep breath, relax and play like ourselves," Clarke said.

Oregon State has lost 24 of its last 30 sets. The losing streak has slowly been taking its toll on the team.

"It isn't easy, we are a little on edge," Clarke said.

Although the Beavers may be on edge, they continue to play hard in hopes of putting a halt to their misfortunes.

After facing WSU the Beavers take on Washington (20-5, 11-5) in Seattle on Saturday, which will prove much more of a challenge. The Huskies have only lost five games, all of which were to ranked teams.

"We're definitely ready to get back on the court and prove ourselves," Clarke said.

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Oregon State loses 2K Sports Classic Opener 65-62

Too many turnovers cause Beavers lose by three points Thursday night to Alabama

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It's hard to win a basketball game when you turn the ball over 20 times.

It's even harder to win when your leading scorer shoots 1-for-6 and finishes with only three points.

Despite the setbacks, the Beavers had a chance to tie the game with 5.2 seconds left after trailing by as many as 15

points in the second half.

Oregon State's comeback fell short, and the Beavers lost to Alabama 65-62 at Madison Square Thursday night in the 2K Sports Classic, benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project.

After the Crimson Tide opened up the second half on a 10-2 run, the game looked to be solely in their control, but the Beavers tied it up with 43 seconds to play on two free throws by Devon Collier, who finished with 21 points.

Alabama guard Rodney Cooper then hit a three-point shot with 12.2 seconds left to give Alabama a 65-62 lead —

despite having Devon Collier's hand directly in his face.

The Beavers had a chance to tie on the next possession, but proceeded to commit their 20th turnover of the night. They got one more shot when Alabama missed its ensuing foul shot, but Roberto Nelson's contested deep heave was off the mark.

It was a good night for the Beavers' tallest starters. Angus Brandt had his first career double-double for the Beavers, finishing with 10 points and 11 rebounds — including two points on what was easily the best dunk of his

career — and Eric Moreland grabbed 14 boards.

Rebounds were a concern following the NMSU game, but Oregon State outrebounded the Crimson Tide 32-21. It was the guard play that hurt the Beavers on Thursday night. Ahmad Starks, Roberto Nelson and Challe Barton combined to score only 15 points.

The Beavers will look to bounce back tonight when they play Purdue tomorrow night in the third-place game of the 2K Sports Classic.

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Desruction should not be in a positive economic light

Drew Pells

The Daily Barometer

With the damage done from Hurricane Sandy along the east coast, optimism has emerged. Many people are looking at the glass as half full, that although Sandy brought great destruction, the rebuilding efforts to come will help "stimulate" the sluggish economy. Granted, yes the areas hit by Sandy will receive reconstruction and rebuilding, but that doesn't mean it's a positive for the economy.

Many Keynesians — followers of the economist John Maynard Keynes — believe destruction leads to economic growth because the manufacturing of products increases with demand. Sure, this is true, but the resources to rebuild and carry out this task are misallocated.

When it comes to Sandy, applying the Keynesian idea infers the hurricane helped and now the economy can grow because many cities need rebuilding. But, what is missed in this scenario is the materials used to rebuild could've been used to build something better.

Billions will be spent to repair buildings, sidewalks, lights, etc., but without the destruction, the billions could be spent on something more productive. Keynesians had nothing to do with the hurricane, but it's seen as a positive when it clearly isn't. This idea that destruction helps boost the economy carries the name of "the broken

window fallacy."

Frederic Bastiat came up with the idea that the purchase of the new window, or rebuilding in Sandy's case, gets noticed by everyone, but that the money could've been spent on creating something new goes unseen.

This also deals with the economic idea of opportunity cost. Opportunity cost means when time and or resources are spent on a certain activity, the cost is the next best alternative.

A construction company could get paid to rebuild roads in towns due to the devastation from the hurricane, or it can sign a contract to build new roads between two cities.

Keynesian economics does not account for either the broken window fallacy or opportunity cost. It only cares about what can be seen, and that money and resources are being consumed to build something — even though it's rebuilding.

Destruction of goods never produces benefits, unless the owner views the goods as worthless and in need of destruction for an improved version to take over. But destruction in general doesn't serve the needs of the economy.

If Keynesians still believe that destruction

brings prosperity to the economy, why don't we knock down Reser every offseason and rebuild it? Why don't we take a wrecking ball to Gill? We don't because we'd waste precious, scarce resources on continually rebuilding, instead of building more and creating more wealth.

Any production created from destruction presents artificial improvement in the economy. The economy runs inefficiently when resources are used twice to build and rebuild, instead of building and moving to something else.

Hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters will occur and we have no power over that. But never look at these disasters as stimuli to the economy. The only real stimulus from the economy comes from the private sector utilizing resources to create new and improved products consumers want.

Regardless of how many articles come out on Yahoo Finance, Huffington Post, the Oregonian, etc., the effects of Hurricane Sandy remain negative. Looking at the glass as half full helps us feel warm and fuzzy inside, but eventually, the real economic issues and losses need to be dealt with.

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one dirty pair of underwear to the next, and you can imagine nothing smelled good.

This is also why I can't use baby wipes. One whiff of baby wipes and I think of sand and desert, and no showers for weeks and the only thing available to wash up with is a package of baby wipes that eventually disappeared before we got water.

Or hand sanitizer. When you can't wash your hands for weeks on end, you end up using hand sanitizer in a fruitless attempt to stave off infection and disease.

Then there are hot pockets. When we finally did get food, the logistics guys loaded a deep freezer in the chow hall full of hot pockets. In the middle of the night, the other guys in my team and myself stole most of them, put them in our own freezer and ate a hot pocket a day for weeks. The first sergeant from the grunt unit knew it was us, but since he didn't have a security clearance; he couldn't enter our compound to prove it.

I had my French press too, making at least two pots a day with beans I had taken with me from a roaster back in Oregon. And every morning TJ Stofko and I would play chess, him kicking my butt as I finished off the first pot before everyone else woke up. I haven't played chess since then, and I never use my French press anymore.

And the porta potties. First deployment, that's all I could go to the bathroom in. And there

is nothing worse than having to do a number two in the middle of the day in Iraq in a porta potty. Stuffy, sweaty and smelly with the largest flies you've ever seen.

When the power went out in the city, the already bright desert stars became even brighter. I would lay on top of the vehicle, and stare at the sky for hours and think about anywhere else in the world.

One night during first deployment, the illiterate mechanic on my team was watching a hog hunting DVD on a laptop in our vehicle. He had a dip in and was using his pocketknife to carve a hole into the wooden shelf in the vehicle. I was reading the final pages of "The Brothers Karamazov," and after a week of slogging the epic Russian novel, at the end, I put the book down with all sorts of ideas flowing through my head that I wanted to talk about. I needed to tell someone about it. But I looked over at the mechanic, saw him scratching his nut sack, and spitting on the floor of the vehicle and snorting and laughing at the action in the hog hunting vehicle. I realized then that I needed to go to college, and decided I would once I got out of the Marines.

This past week we've looked at the lives of some of the student veterans here at Oregon State University. Veterans all have different stories, different experiences and there isn't one overarching veteran experience.

I'm not going to lie, it wasn't entirely easy going from the Marines to college. It's odd sud-



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Before Don Iler attended OSU, he was in the Marines for five years. He is shown here in Rutbah, Iraq in October, 2007.

denly being surrounded by 18 and 19 year olds, fresh out of high school, who barely seem weaned from their mother's teat, and being the creepy looking old dude looking disinterested in the back of class. It's frustrating when professors talk down to you, assuming you're just another spoiled 20 year old. It's annoying when you're at a party and someone finds out you're a veteran, and they ask if you were in Iraq and their next questions are, "Did you get shot at? Do you have nightmares? Did you kill anybody?" Don't be an idiot and ask those questions. Instead ask, "Hey, where were you? Did you do anything cool? Do you have a funny story?"

Because veterans do have stories, and honestly the ones that stick out in my head the most are the funny ones. Like the time I won a milk drinking contest. Or the time I got

some yeast from an Iraqi and started turning grape and apple juice into alcohol. Or the time it snowed in January while we were at Haditha Dam along the Euphrates.

Be understanding. Be respectful. Don't assume we are all blood thirsty killers, or we all suffer from PTSD, or that we are gun toting, arch-conservatives or homophobic. Most of us are pretty average and we didn't do anything heroic. We also span a broad spectrum, with everyone from racist illiterates from the South, to liberal, bisexual Obama supporters.

So get to know us, because we got a whole ton of memories. And chances are, you've never seen half the shit we've seen.

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Bombs pound Gaza City as rockets launch towards Israel

GAZA CITY (CNN) — Explosions rumbled through Gaza City all night into Friday, and shortly after sunup, two detonations landed just 500 to 600 yards away from CNN's team sending it running for cover inside the hotel.

A litany of bombardments provided for a sleepless night of hearing and feel incoming ordinance exploding and watching rockets leaving Gaza for Israel.

Falling bombs made doors clatter and sometimes even one's bones. Clouds of smoke sprouted into the sky paralleling the repetition of thunderous booms.

New destruction will await Egypt's new Prime Minister Hesham Kandil, when he arrives Friday morning in Gaza to meet with Palestinian officials.

Many Israeli airplanes passed by overhead in Ashkelon, Israel, and once a civil defense alarm sounded to warn of possible incoming fire. The bomb clouds in Gaza could be seen from Askelon in the morning light, the rumble of their explosions loudly heard.

Israel reported three people were killed, and Palestinians reported 19 deaths, including at least three killed late Thursday. Hamas gave conflicting information as to how many of them were Hamas militants.

At least 422 rockets from Gaza have been fired into Israel since "Operation Pillar of Defense" began Wednesday, the Israeli military said. Israel's Iron Dome defense system has intercepted 130, the Israel Defense Forces said. The al-Qassam Brigade, Hamas' military arm, said on its Twitter feed that it had shot 527 projectiles at Israel in that time.

Q&A: Gaza strikes could be beginning of ground attack

One rocket struck an open area near Rishon LeZion, an Israeli city with more than 200,000 residents just south of Tel Aviv, the IDF said.

Also, air sirens went off inside and outside the Israeli Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv. The building was evacuated briefly, and employees were allowed back in when the sirens stopped. An explosion was heard far off in the distance.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in the building at the time of the evacuation, ministry officials said.

Israel has targeted more than 300 "terror sites" in Gaza, the IDF said. The military said it targeted scores of "medium and long range rocket launch and infrastructure sites across the Gaza Strip." The Israeli navy has taken aim at targets along Gaza's shoreline, the IDF said.

Airstrikes continued overnight, with planes striking sites in Gaza City.

Sources with Hamas, which controls the government in Gaza, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad said that more than 140 strikes had hit Gaza.

The al-Qassam Brigade said

its operatives downed a military drone east of Gaza. An Israeli military spokeswoman told CNN that no IDF aircraft was shot down.

At least three Israelis were killed and four were wounded when a rocket struck an apartment building in the town of Kiryat Malakhi on Thursday, an Israeli police spokesman said.

Israeli military spokeswoman Avital Leibovich tweeted a photo that she said was a baby wounded from a rocket attack in Israel. The baby's face is blurred, but the child appears to be splattered with blood.

The al-Qassam Brigade tweeted a screen shot from Hamas-run al Aqsa TV, showing the mangled body of a child. "Israel's military kills Palestinian children in cold blood in #Gaza," the tweet said.

Al-Aqsa TV quoted the health ministry as saying 19 people had been killed, among them six children and two "elderly."

The channel said more than 180 people have been wounded since the Israeli strikes began this week in Gaza. Israel has reported several people wounded, including another three soldiers injured Thursday morning by rockets from Gaza.

Israel denies attacks linked to upcoming election

Hamdan insisted that Israel "started the war."

"We are defending ourselves," he said, arguing that Netanyahu was looking to cement support in advance of an election in two months.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak denied that any politics are involved in the decision.

Speaking to CNN, Barak said Israel has destroyed most of the "heavy long-range rockets" used by militants in Gaza and is working to "systematically destroy" installations in which other rockets are produced.

"It will take some time," he said.

Israeli forces are going after Hamas weapons, storage bunkers, weapons labs and workshops, an Israeli official told CNN. The official has direct knowledge of Israeli plans but declined to be identified because of the sensitive nature of the information.

The Israeli army moved nearly a division's worth of troops — perhaps 1,500 to 2,000 — to the border, the official said.

While multiple militant groups are behind the rocket attacks, Israel holds Hamas responsible ever since it took control of Gaza, Barak said.

Hamas' military wing has claimed responsibility for numerous operations in the past. The U.S. government and the European Union consider Hamas a terrorist organization.

Netanyahu issued a statement Thursday saying, "In recent days and weeks, Hamas and the other terrorist organizations in Gaza have made normal life impossible for over 1 million

Israelis. No government would tolerate a situation where nearly a fifth of its people live under a constant barrage of rockets and missile fire."

He added, "The terrorists are committing a double war crime. They fire at Israeli civilians, and they hide behind Palestinian civilians. And by contrast, Israel takes every measure to avoid civilian casualties."

Ghazi Hamad, Hamas' deputy foreign minister, told CNN that Hamas was sending rockets toward Israel's population because Israel thinks "that it is easy to kill people in Gaza," enter the area and "do everything" it wants in Gaza. "We send a message to them that Gaza is not an easy bone. ... You can't eat Gaza in one minute. If you do something, we will react."

Palestinian lawmaker Mustafa Barghouti said the Israeli government has "proven that it is a government of war and not peace."

Israel is "the oppressor," not the victim, he said.

Concern over possibility of a ground assault

The sudden increase in violence has raised fears of a widening conflict that could lead to an Israeli ground assault.

Tony Blair, envoy for the Middle East Quartet, which is working to bring about a peace agreement, said on Thursday: "I don't think we should be of any doubt at all that if this situation continues and it escalates, it's going to be really serious and tragic — not just for Israelis and Palestinians, but actually it will cause a huge amount of upheaval right across the region, and this is a region, as you know, that doesn't require more upheaval right now."

British Foreign Secretary William Hague issued a statement saying he is "gravely concerned" and calling on all sides to avoid civilian casualties.

"Hamas bears principal responsibility for the current crisis. I utterly condemn rocket attacks from Gaza into southern Israel by Hamas and other armed groups. This creates an intolerable situation for Israeli civilians in southern Israel, who have the right to live without fear of attack from Gaza. The rocket attacks also risk worsening the plight of Palestinian civilians in Gaza, which is already precarious."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who leads the Palestinian Fatah movement based in the West Bank, is cutting short a visit to Europe to follow developments of "the Israeli aggression on the Gaza strip," PLO Executive Committee member Saeb Erakat said.

Israel says it has called thousands of residents in Gaza to warn them of strikes and dropped leaflets in Gaza warning Palestinian civilians to "avoid being present in the vicinity of Hamas operatives," the IDF said.

It also uses "roof knocking" — targeting a building "with a loud but nonlethal bomb that warns civilians that they are in the vicinity of a weapons cache or other target. This method is used to allow all residents to leave the area before the IDF targets the site with live ammunition."

Roar of planes followed by 'kaboom'

At one point Thursday morning, 13 rockets were fired in quick succession from Gaza into Israel. A CNN crew could see trails of smoke as they reported from the Israeli side of the Erez Crossing on Gaza's northern border.

The crew was forced to take cover after rockets struck near the border crossing.

Later, reporting from Gaza City, the crew witnessed airstrikes and plumes of black smoke in many parts of the city.

Egypt watches with interest

The escalating violence is likely to further erode Israel's fragile relationship with Egypt, which recalled its ambassador to Israel on Wednesday in protest over the ongoing strikes. It also delivered a formal protest to the Israeli government.

On Thursday, when asked by CNN's Hala Gorani if treaties between Egypt and Israel are in danger, the chief of the Egyptian presidential cabinet said no.

"Not at all. Because we have declared several times, repeatedly, that we abide by our international commitments," Mohamed Refa'a al-Tahtawi said. "But respecting a peace treaty does not mean to stay idle or indifferent to what is going on along our borders."

A spokesman for Egyptian President Mohamed Morsy said the Arab League will meet Saturday in emergency session to discuss the violence.

"Egypt is taking all diplomatic measures with all parties involved to reach some sort of immediate truce or cease fire," Yaser Ali added.

A senior official in U.S. President Obama's administration told CNN that the White House is asking Egypt and Turkey — two nations that have influence with Hamas — to urge the group to de-escalate the rocket attacks.

But a Hamas deputy foreign minister told CNN: "I am in touch with the Egyptians they are very angry and very upset because they feel that Israel put a knife in their back" by attacking sites in Gaza.

Egypt's Prime Minister Hesham Kandil will travel on Friday morning to Gaza with a team of presidential advisers and ministers to meet with Palestinian officials.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon also will go to Egypt and Israel next week, because of the rising tensions between Israel and Hamas, a Western diplomat told CNN. The diplomat said the Secretary General has canceled a trip to go to the Middle East.

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OSU cuts into some new cheese

Parker Cooper makes Beaver Classic Cheese and works as a teacher's assistant for a food science technology class where students learn how to make cheese.

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Beaver Classic Cheese is the university's first try at selling branded student-made food products

By James Shrieve
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last week Oregon State University launched sales of a new artisan-style cheese produced in an on-campus creamery by students in the department of food science and technology. Beaver Classic Cheese is an alpine-style product, which seven students and multiple faculty make using milk from the university's dairy herd.

"We wanted to produce a cheese that nobody else was doing in Oregon, said Lisbeth Goddik, a dairy processing extension specialist and professor at OSU. "Alpine style cheeses are very challenging to produce because they involve so much work during aging or affinage.

"This is a traditional cheese type from Europe so we know what it should taste like. However, we want it to have a slightly unique flavor to reflect the terroir effect of being from the Willamette Valley. We want a balanced flavor that's slightly nutty with hints of cream, caramelized onion and butter aromas."

Goddik, Marc Bates and Bob McGorin comprise the faculty management and production team that helped coordinate the launch of the student-made product.

The OSU dairy foods program is deeply rooted in extension, working closely with the dairy industry. The cheese industry on the west coast is growing rapidly and attracting qualified employees.

"[The program started] to help train qualified graduates for this industry," Goddik said. "However, our cheese makers are also trained in food safety and they will be successful in all types of food processing."

This is the university's first venture into branded sales of student-made food products. Yet this may change in the future. There are degrees and facilities in place for students to learn how to produce beer, wine, fermented vegetables, fruit products and breads.

By making a commercial product, the students can be paid for their work, ideal for acquiring meaningful jobs right on campus.

Bates, a new faculty member at OSU assisting with production start-up, is the manager of the on-campus creamery where the cheese is made. According to Bates, a particularly special characteristic of this venture is the depth of student involvement. "They are making the cheese, packaging and selling it for the first time."

According to both Bates and

Goddik, the cheese has been extremely successful.

"We are delighted," said Goddik. "Right now we sell it as soon as it has aged for six months and we have not been able to build up inventory because the demand is so high."

In the future, they hope to be able to age the cheese for another three months before selling it. The plan is to continue producing this cheese and hopefully to add a second type of cheese next year.

"That's really up to the students to decide," Goddik said.

Apart from providing extra training for students who are interested in careers in dairy processing, the OSU cheese program has extensive courses on the subject. According to Goddik, the industry is supportive of the training being provided, which is why they have financed the remodel and purchase of new cheese making equipment.

"It's certainly a way to get occupational experience, but I've had a great time with it too," said Tyler Linscott, a post-baccalaureate student in food science.

In addition to online sales, Beaver Classic Cheese will be available at OSU home football games.

The cheese can be ordered online at: <http://oregonstate.edu/main/cheese>

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