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Community remembers a long-serving faculty member

■ A reception for John Maul, late director of OSU's school of arts, communication will be held on Feb. 16

By Alice Marshall
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For friends, John Maul was unconventionally compassionate. For fellow faculty members, he was described as a touch stone for students' creativity and futures.

On Nov. 22, Maul passed away from cancer.

"I would go into his office and talk with John pretty often," said Kim Smith, Oregon State Art alumna. "One time we were both having just a really bad day and he invited me into his office and said, 'I think we should be dancing.' He put on David Bowie and we danced to 'Rebel Rebel.' He was very much a father figure for me."

Maul was a native Oregonian and OSU alumnus. He graduated with a degree in sculpture in 1977, prior to attaining a master of fine arts degree in sculpture at Syracuse University. After teaching there and working as an artist in resident in New York public schools between 1980 and 1985, Ball State University appointed him head of the sculpture program. Soon after, he met his wife Kay Campbell.

The sculptures Maul created explored a variety of scales, forms and themes. Early on, his large, public works were intended for outdoor spaces. His more recent work explored architectural forms with influences from religious iconography and archeology. Surface treatments, cast metals and symmetrical forms shared compositions with organic materials such as untreated wood, paper and encaustics.

Maul returned to OSU in 1991 to teach sculpture and art appreciation. A few years later, he became the founding director in the very successful summer arts program



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John Maul came to OSU as an undergraduate and later as a faculty member.

called Jumpstart.

As a program still active during the summer months, Jumpstart provides high school students an opportunity for hands-on art experiences. Kim Smith was one of the first students who participated in the program.

"I met [Maul] when I was a freshman in high school and he changed my life," Smith said. "As the director [of Jumpstart] he put his heart and soul in to the program. He was kooky and crazy and was always telling jokes."

For students who were fortunate enough to have him as a professor for introduction to the visual arts, his unwavering passion for art was easily recognizable.

"It takes a showman to teach that class," said Jim Folts, OSU photography professor and friend of Maul. "The course has one of the highest enrollment rates on campus. John loved to be in front of the his audience and he put a great amount of

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From state school to state legislature

■ Betsy Close serves in the Oregon State Legislature for Albany, Corvallis residents, has focused on rural development, prison system population

By Gabriella Morrongiello
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Among Betsy Close's fondest memories, is the visit she and her father made to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific [Punchbowl Crater] in Honolulu, when she was merely a child. At the site of this cemetery, where over 60,000 veterans are now interred, Close experienced an overwhelming sense of patriotism.

"My dad was a World War II army captain and our visit to Punchbowl Crater was extremely moving," Close said. "Monuments like that affect me because they show me the true cost of bad decisions. They show me that sometimes, as a nation, we pay for what other nations do. I learned that at a very young age."

With a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and Central Washington University, and a master's from Oregon State University, over the years, this once-young patriot has evolved into an educator, mother of four and respected politician.

While living in Benton County for the last 36 years, Close has taught public school and worked as a job developer and instructor. She also served for six years as a state representative and was chairman of the House Water & Environment Committee and House Business, Labor and Consumer Affairs.

Following the unforeseen departure of Sen. Frank Morse in September, Close began another chapter in her career, being sworn in as Oregon State Senator for District 8.

With her new position, Close became the eighth woman currently serving in the state senate, and the second female republican.

Stan Baker, first vice chair of the Benton County Republican Party and a Ph.D. candidate at OSU, ran against Close for the senate seat.

"I think that with her experience and relationships within Benton County and district 8 she is well prepared for the position," Baker said. "She has the energy, she's a hard worker and I believe she is the right person for the job. I think she's going to do a good job and I am certainly hoping to watch her succeed."

Close's election came as a surprise to many Oregonians who favored Morse, a moderate

Republican with a tendency to reach across the aisle. As a conservative, Close's opinions and proposals have often garnered scrutiny by the press and her senatorial counterparts.

"As the marines say: What doesn't kill me makes me stronger," Close said. "I have learned to accept criticism and to be forthright in defending myself which is better than having an easy road because you learn much more and you grow."

Among her more contentious moments was her drafting of a bill that would require Oregon voters to present proof of U.S. citizenship prior to registering to vote. While opponents of the bill believed it had potential to cause "disproportionate harm" to African American and hispanic voters, Close's main concern regarded non-tax payers being able to vote.

"The Oregon constitution does require citizenship to be involved in voting and it wasn't being enforced," Close said. "I received a letter from the elections commission where they admitted that non-citizens had been voting and that they had not prosecuted a single one. There were people from Canada, Europe and Mexico involved and the question is if you're not a taxpayer, should you be voting for who's to lead this state? That's why I did it."

While this bill has been put on the back-burner, Close's main focus has shifted to rural economic development and the prison population in Oregon. "I am concerned about our prison population in this state," Close said. "We need to come up

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Betsy Close

Food for Thought lecture series kicks off today

■ Prabhu Pingali from the Gates Foundation to talk crops tonight at La Sells Stewart Center

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
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The annual "Food for Thought" lecture series kicks off its eighth season today. Prabhu Pingali, deputy director of agricultural development at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will speak about scientific developments of crop production at LaSells Stewart Center at 7 p.m. The talk will be open to the public.

"The series will be about how new and conventional biotechnologies, including [Genetically Modified Organisms] fit into agriculture, and society's response to them," said Steve Strauss, professor of forest biotechnology, who coordinates the lecture series.

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Annual RecycleMania competition begins this week



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Kevin Leeland, an OSU senior majoring in accounting and finance, looks at the jellyfish sculpture made from scrap film plastic in the Memorial Union quad.

■ OSU has consistently placed in the top five nationwide for its campus-wide recycling, waste-reduction efforts

By Lara von Linsowe-Wilson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This week marked the official kickoff for RecycleMania, an annual competition between universities nation-wide to see which school can recycle the most. To spearhead the event and bring awareness to the Oregon State University community, student volunteers collected recyclable items to create an eye-catching display in the Memorial Union Quad this week.

Displays currently featured include a jellyfish sculpture made from scrap film plastic, a plastic bottle igloo and a display showing the total amount of trash OSU produces every half hour. Each display holds information on recycling and waste reduction, and a calendar of upcoming RecycleMania events.

The RecycleMania campaign is described as a "friendly competition

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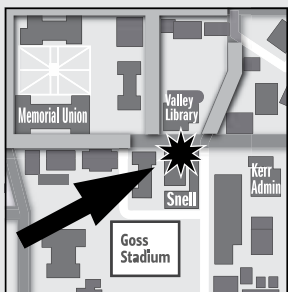
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ASOSU House representatives tread through two meetings

■ House hears new legislation, Ways and Means passes budget

By Ricky Zipp

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Two new pieces of legislation made their way into the House Tuesday night, defining stances more concretely as ASOSU moves closer to the Oregon legislative session. In response to Tuesday night's town hall meeting, Senators Terra Setzler and Dylan Hinrichs presented the "Resolution for Student Involvement in First Year Experience."

The resolution addresses student concerns of their lack of involvement in the planning of the first-year experience with the administration. The main concerns came from members of Greek life and co-op communities. Members of ASOSU are asking for the creation of a forum where communication can be facilitated between ASOSU on behalf of the student body and

the university.

The resolution also states, "if a plan is completed, [may] it be delayed until at least the 2014-15 school [year] to give student groups, incoming students and the university as a whole time to prepare for the change."

Representative LJ Duey was able to clarify questions from last night's town hall meeting. According to Duey, all incoming freshmen are well informed of these changes, and the rules of the plan allow any student who is out of high school for one year to be exempt from the rule.

The second piece of legislation received interest from Representative Matthew Palm in regards to tuition increases at Oregon State and state funding of higher education.

The "Resolution to Oppose Tuition Hikes and Call on the State of Oregon to Reform Budget Priorities" requests the state of Oregon to approve the budget requested by the Oregon University System, as well as calling upon the state of Oregon to

pass all recommendations of the Commission of Public Safety presented to Governor John Kitzhaber.

"This is really important because we are at a crossroads," Palm said. "[As students] we have real power to make real demands for real change, and its time for them [state legislators] to deliver."

Palm went on to say the last year of student voting organization in the state, which registered more student voters in Oregon than ever before, gives students this power.

Each piece of legislation had its first reading and will be up for vote in next week's House meeting.

After the House adjourned some members stayed for the Ways and Means Committee meeting to pass the ASOSU budget for the 2013-14 school year.

The major changes being made are related to cuts in the graduate affairs position and administrative logistics advocate position coming to a total of about \$106,000. Proposed

increases to the budget include: Oregon Students Association, SafeRide, ASOSU's Washington D.C. lobby trip in May and to the Human Services Resource Center.

Representative Michael Robb was hesitant to vote for these changes as a package due to lack of specific information regarding the D.C. trip.

"It seems like an arbitrary increase," Robb said. "I haven't seen any hard data, and this is a lot of money."

Robb also clarified he was in agreement with the other changes, but because they're being voted on in a package he would have to vote no.

After the proposed amendments were voted on and passed by the committee the budget was passed in its totality. Final decisions will be made by the Student and Incidental Fee Committee, and hearings begin Jan. 28.

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Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 24

Meetings

Educational Activities, 2-4pm, Student Media Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Budget presentations to Ed Act.

Student/Parent Advisory Board,

Noon, Small Classroom B009D Kerr Admin. Budget Open Hearing.

Events

OSU Campus Recycling, All day, MU Quad. RecycleMania Kickoff Display. Visit the recycled jellyfish sculpture, bottle igloo and trash display.

Friday, Jan. 25

Meetings

SIFC, 4pm, MU 212. Weekly meeting reviewing budgets and the budget process.

Educational Activities, 2-4pm, MU 207. Budget hearing for Ed Act.

Events

OSU Campus Recycling, All day, MU Quad. RecycleMania Kickoff Display. Visit the recycled jellyfish sculpture, bottle igloo and trash display.

Monday, Jan. 28

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU Journey Room. SIFC Admin/AABC and ASOSU will be presenting their budgets.

Events

OSU Campus Recycling, 6-8pm, Recycling Warehouse, 644 SW 13th St. January Repair Fair. Bring your broken bikes, housewares, electronics and clothing; volunteers will help you repair them!

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU 213. Counseling & Psychological Services and Student Health Services will be presenting their budgets.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Meetings

SIFC, 6:30pm, MU 212. Weekly meeting. Discussion of incidental fee issues and budgets. All students are welcome.

Athletic Dept., 7pm, Student Success Center Rm. 133. Student Fees/Athletic Dept. Open Forum.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. The Equality of Women - Devotions and discussion on the role women are playing in the progress of the global society.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 2pm, MU Journey Room. The Memorial Union and Music Department will be presenting their budgets.

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effort into making art accessible to students."

Smith attested to Maul's enthusiasm.

"Art 101 was his baby," Smith said. "It was a chance for him to reveal his passion to a huge number of students."

In 2006, Maul became the chairman of the Oregon State art department and four years later, became the director of the school of arts and communication which included the art, music, new media communications, speech and theatre departments. Yuji Hiratsuka, a professor of printmaking at Oregon State, recalls John's relatable nature.

"When Kay and John would go to their loft in Portland for a weekend, he would put their cat in a 'cat taxi' and take her with them," Hiratsuka said.

She described Maul as able to do these intimate things while simultaneously organizing and coordinating the department of art. Small gestures, like making sure to bring a beloved pet along on vacations, may seem to contrast with the large-scale role he played in the department but, as Folts said, "John loved everything that he did."

Smith recalled Maul's influence on her.

"So many things happen to you while you're getting where you're going," Smith said. "John and the Jumpstart program and the OSU art department while he was chairman was a big influence on me. I went on to have a good life because of him."

Maul's wife, Kay Campbell, is hosting a tribute reception for him. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. in the C&E auditorium of the LaSells Stewart Center. All are invited to attend.

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with new methods of dealing with prisoners so we can rehabilitate them if possible. A lot of those incarcerated is because of drugs and we need to deal with that."

Close hopes to develop a program similar to Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE), which is an initiative launched in Hawaii in 2004 aimed at reducing probation violations by drug offenders and others at risk of recidivism. Probationers receive immediate sanction such as reincarceration following a failed drug test or missed appointment with a probation officer.

"The state of Hawaii has a very effective drug testing program for their prisons to try and keep prisoners accountable," Close said. "It's very controversial, but these are the things we are learning about."

Regarding rural economic development in Oregon,

Close is willing to do what she can to make sure business and industry are not being over-regulated and therefore unable to make a profit.

Additionally, Close shares the same recent concerns as many OSU students regarding continued increases in tuition costs. With the "Wear the Square" campaign on campus, Close also encourages students to bring their concerns and arguments to ASOSU officers who can relay the information to a lobbyist at the capitol.

While they differ in some areas of the political spectrum, Close and her predecessor, Morse, are both free-market advocates whose primary concerns are for the economy, job production and revenues for the government.

"That's what we need right now," Close said. "Making sure people have jobs and income is the top priority."

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Reclaiming the R{evolution}ary Dream

TODAY! Thursday, Jan. 24

Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity: Defining a R{evolution}ary Agenda

Noon-1pm,
Native American Cultural Center

Over the course of the 2011-12 academic year, Oregon State engaged in a comprehensive self-study of equity, inclusion, and diversity efforts university-wide. The result of this unprecedented effort is a set of recommendations that will guide our collective efforts to make Oregon State a model equitable, inclusive, and diverse university. This program will introduce important goals for the university's equity, inclusion, and diversity agenda that are central to institutional mission, and outline the strategic leadership efforts of the Office of Equity and Inclusion with regard to these and other key goals. Beverages provided; bring your own lunch.

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Music of Hope and Resistance 5-7pm, 101 Furman Hall

Historically, music, song, and dance have been the voice for resistance, protest, and hope. Explore music that was used to focus on slavery, poverty, anti-war movements, women's rights, class struggle, civil liberties, civil rights, economic injustice, politics and wars, and also to resist imperialism and promote revolutionary ideas. In addition, music that focused on hope: idealism, social reform, equal rights, moral improvement, and community activism.

Sponsors: Intercultural Student Services, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Native American Cultural Center, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

Editorial

Obama should repeal DOMA

It's not every day we feel proud to be Americans. Between the ongoing war in Afghanistan, continued criminalization of marijuana in Oregon, and university plans to increase tuition yet again, sometimes we get a little down. But President Barack Obama's second inaugural address made us feel all warm and fuzzy inside, and if he follows through with the promises he made during that speech, we will have even more reason to feel pride in our nation.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law — for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well," Obama said, and we agree with him. But we hope he actually acts on it in his second term and does the right things and doesn't just placate us with some pretty words.

Of course, his first term saw the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which we applauded and was long overdue. But we also saw inaction when it came to other issues affecting gay rights.

Obama needs to make striking down the Defense of Marriage Act one of his primary goals. This act, which defines marriage as between one man and one woman, discriminates against many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered couples who want to spend their lives together and receive the same legal and financial benefits that come with marriage. They should be allowed to marry. It is a travesty this law has been allowed to continue to exist, especially at the federal level.

By allowing this law to exist at the federal level, federal employees who have same-sex marriages aren't afforded the same benefits as married heterosexual couples. It also does not recognize at the federal level those couples legally married in states where same-sex marriage is legal. This is not in the best interest of the United States, and while it might be easy for Obama to ignore this for another four years, the time is now for him to take action.

Repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act would also go a long way in helping to strike down the various bans against same-sex marriage that exist at the state level, including one in Oregon, because it's hard to argue what is legal federally should continue to be illegal and discriminatory at the state level.

Obama can also end discrimination against same-sex couples in the military. Repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" may have given gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens the right to serve openly, but it did not afford these service members and their partners the same sort of benefits it gives to heterosexual couples. This is another easy act the president can fix quickly.

Equal rights for all people, and ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, should be made the law of the land. Obama was right to acknowledge how far we as a nation have come, but we still have a lot further to go.

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Three firsts for Oregon, one for America

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This is a month of firsts for LGBTQ rights in Oregon.

We elected a transgender woman to represent us, swore in an openly lesbian speaker of the house, someone's finally standing up to Fox News and a U.S. president who's done more for LGBT rights than any other president to date is returning to office for a second term.

Laura Calvo of Oregon is the first transgender member to be elected to the Democratic National Committee — the second transgender member overall, as New Jersey's Bab Siperstein was appointed by Tim Kaine, former chairman of the DNC. Calvo, however, is the first to be elected by local party members.

Calvo currently lives in the Portland area, though she is originally from California. Calvo wasn't always in politics — she's had careers as both a paramedic and a sheriff's deputy. More recently, Calvo was honored by Pride Northwest and granted the 2008 Spirit of Pride Award. Her work with Basic Rights Oregon was instrumental in helping pass Oregon's Family Fairness and Equality Acts.

Tina Kotek is the first openly lesbian speaker of the house to be elected in the nation, and it happened in Oregon.

According to KLCC Public Radio, Kotek is not "the first openly gay person to lead a legislative chamber in the [United States]," but she will be the first openly gay woman.

Kotek advocates more for poverty issues and health care than she does for LGBT issues, something fairly uncommon in an openly LGBT politician. I don't know whether to applaud or cringe at her step-back-and-laters-take-care-of-it attitude.

However, when Kotek spoke with KLCC, she said, "[Being a lesbian] is only part of who I am, and I think there are a lot of issues to take on beside LGBT issues," which is definitely a step in the right direction. Regardless of whom we do or don't love, we're all humans first.

It isn't a first for the Fox News network to be intolerant when it comes to the LGBT community, but this time Basic Rights Oregon is speaking up.

According to the petition sent out, Basic Rights Oregon is taking on Fox News regarding their "sensational and dehumanizing coverage" of transgender people. This action was sparked after Fox News' recent coverage of the change in the insurance policies in Oregon and California featured an image of Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire under the headline. The image has since been replaced, but without an apology from Fox.

BRO accused Fox of trivializing the health issues of transgender people — and I agree.

I loved Mrs. Doubtfire as a child as much as anyone, but there's a

difference between a Hollywood comedy and the real-life problems of real people. If Fox News doesn't realize that, well, raise your hand if you're surprised.

President Obama will be remembered for more than being the first black president. He did more for LGBT rights in his first term than any other president, and now he's back for a second term. Think of what that says about the people who elected him back into office — the majority of the voting public — and the gradual shift in the prevailing attitude toward the LGBT community.

Regardless of whether you approve of the rest of his policies, keep in mind Obama abolished "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." He told the Justice Department to cease defending the Defense of Marriage Act because it was — and here's the real pearl — unconstitutional. He has appointed the most openly gay officials of any president ever. Last but not least, he is the first president in office to ever support same-sex marriage.

And the American people have asked him to come back. There's a light at the end of the intolerance tunnel after all.

This month will hopefully prove to be a foreshadowing of the year to come, and we should be proud to be one of the states leading the nation into a more accepting future.

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RYAN MASON IS A SOPHOMORE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN.

Masami Wadama

The Daily Barometer

Art in MU is in poor taste

Artwork is a form of expression, but is not acceptable in bad taste. There is a right time and right place for everything. The Memorial Union building has been tainted by a message against its original dedication to honor those lost at war.

The Memorial Union Building was built in 1929 to serve as a "living memorial to the service and inspiration of the living and the memory of our immortal dead." It was the concept of two student veterans who wanted a building on campus dedicated to the memory and honor of lost faculty, staff and students who served in World War I.

The Memorial Union currently features an exhibit in the concourse gallery titled, "Windows & Mirrors: Memorialize Afghan Civilian Casualties." This seems like an honorable message, however the displays and descriptions question the morals of the United States.

One of the pieces, "The 'Peace' Operations of the U.S. Airstrikes on Weddings," implies sarcasm on the United States' intentions of creating peace between countries by placing the quotes around the word peace. The image is of happy Afghan civilians in celebration of a wedding below a cloud of black smoke and a fleet of the United States' predator drones. Below the image is a list of wedding casualty dates and number of deaths.

Another piece, titled "Foreshadowing," depicts drones flying over children. The description of the piece scandalizes the U.S. Military and CIA by stating we participate in "one-sided robotic warfare" by using unmanned drones controlled by people who "sit at computer screens thousands of miles from their targets." The statement implies our armed forces kill without purpose and without tact.

I spoke with Marine veteran and current OSU student Bret Meloling about what he thought of the exhibit. He said, "I feel that my minority group as a veteran is not being protected. Other minority groups are protected, so why are we the forgotten few?"

There have been numerous complaints from other veterans.

As an employee of the Memorial Union, I've received comments saying, "even though casualties do happen in war and civilians can get killed, soldiers don't make that their agenda." They are doing their job in an effort to protect this country and should not be disrespected in such a way.

I don't know how this propaganda managed to slip through the fingers of the people who accept art for the gallery, but it's appalling.

Yes, art is a free form of expression and can be about anything. Go ahead, draw, paint, photograph, create, but like I said earlier, there is a right time and a right place for it. This was just the wrong place. It was completely inappropriate to feature such an exhibit with messages against our country's war efforts in a building that is specifically dedicated in their honor.

I understand the initial message of the exhibit is to memorialize the loss of innocent civilians' lives, but the way it is being displayed in these images is just blatantly tactful. The images and descriptions were used to attack the United States. Stating your purpose in a message is one thing, but displaying a completely different message in the artwork is very misleading.

As a part of a very diverse and growing community, everyone has to be respectful of the people around us. We need to learn that regardless of whether we like someone, or have different beliefs, respect is the difference we can make.

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"#beavernation..... I miss y'all already. Gonna do what I can to put on for you in Alabama this weekend. My last time in the beaver helmet."
@J_Poyer14 Jordan Poyer

Making a name for herself

■ Freshman Jamie Weisner has stood out for OSU women's basketball, has deep family history of college athletes

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Being the youngest is never the easiest.

It gets harder when your father and four of your siblings are college athletes.

Making a name for yourself in a family rich in athletic blood would seem impossible.

But freshman Jamie Weisner of the Oregon State women's basketball team, the youngest of seven siblings, may be the most distinguished of her namesake.

Jamie's father, Darcy Weisner, was a three-sport athlete for Western Washington before he went on to coach high school basketball for 21 years.

Two of her brothers also played basketball, the oldest for Western Washington and the youngest currently plays for Montana. Her middle brother played football at Central Washington, and her sister was a member of the rowing team for Syracuse University.

Jamie was bred to be tough growing up, with five brothers around the house.

"In the backyard, I could never get anything off easy," Weisner said. "Or they wouldn't just let me go because I was a little girl."

She was always one of the guys.

"They were just as tough on me, like playing one of their friends," Weisner said.

She was surrounded by the game,

going to her dad's practices as a child and playing organized basketball starting in third grade.

Her family still makes basketball a family activity, even playing on Christmas Day.

"Christmas Day, my family went to the gym and we had a little family basketball tournament," Weisner said. "It's just something that kind of brings my family together and we just have fun watching each other."

Weisner's family remains a support system as she continues her basketball career here at OSU. They often make the long drive down from her hometown of Clarkston, Wash., to watch her play.

"My family is my biggest fans," said Jamie. "They have always been there to support me and help me follow my dreams."

She continues her family's tradition of competing at the collegiate level by playing the sport she loves and grew up with.

"It definitely was my dream to play college basketball," Weisner said. "I didn't know at what level. I didn't really care at what level, but that was always my goal."

Weisner's high school years were legendary.

After already being a two-time league Most Valuable Player at Clarkston High School, Weisner put together a senior year for the ages.

She led her team to a state championship, a 25-1 overall record, and was the WIAA Class 2A MVP.

In the state championship, after trailing by nine points at halftime, Weisner scored 26 points and had eight rebounds in the final 16 minutes to give her team a 53-41 win. She finished the game with 33 points, had 12 rebounds and three steals.



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Freshman Jamie Weisner grew up as the youngest of seven siblings. She is the fifth of the seven to play college athletics.

As the No. 12 point guard and No. 41 overall player in the class of 2012, according to ESPN's HoopGurlz, Weisner had many options. Arizona State, Washington,

Washington State and Gonzaga were on her short-list before she decided to become a Beaver.

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OSU holds off Washington for first Pac-12 win



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OSU sophomore Eric Moreland goes up for a dunk in Wednesday night's win over Washington, the Beavers' first Pac-12 win.

■ Beavers show their early-season potential in 74-66 victory over UW Wednesday

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This was the game Gill Coliseum had been waiting for.

Coming into Wednesday night's matchup against the University of Washington, the team head coach Craig Robinson called "the best he ever coached" was riding a five-game losing streak and hadn't won a game at home since 2012. But the Beavers finally found their elusive first Pac-12 win of the season, beating the Huskies 74-66.

"This is a good win," Robinson said. "We needed that win, obviously, and it feels good but the best part about this is that was a complete team effort. This is a complete team effort from top to bottom, scholarship guys to walk-ons."

Oregon State had a strong showing in the first half, but every Beaver fan in Benton County knew that didn't mean squat. In their previous five games, the Beavers had been outscored 55-28 in the first five minutes of the second half.

Despite holding a 39-29 halftime lead, the Beavers allowed the Huskies to pull within one point with 12:17 left but never let them take the lead. For the first time since conference play began, Oregon State made the right plays when it mattered.

"In the second half, what was different was that we didn't have trouble scoring," Robinson said. "We had trouble stopping them but we didn't have trouble scoring right at the beginning

there so that gave us a little bit of confidence on the offensive end."

"We just needed to keep our heads a little bit," junior guard Ahmad Starks added. "We didn't get down on the run that they were making. We were able to run our sets and get easy baskets to stop their run."

With the Beavers clinging to a three-point lead, junior guard Roberto Nelson — who had only made two of 11 field goal attempts up to this point — hit a 3-pointer to put OSU up 61-55 with 8:20 left, and the Beavers never looked back.

"Devon [Collier] did a great job of penetrating and he's money from inside the paint so everybody had to collapse on him," Nelson said. "When they collapsed he passed it out and I was thankful to make one of my 3s tonight because I couldn't buy a bucket tonight."

Nelson and Collier led the Beavers in scoring, with 16 and 15 points respectively.

Sophomore forward Eric Moreland, in his second game back from suspension, returned to his pre-suspension level of play, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. He also added four blocks to move his career total to 114 and tie Steve Johnson for second all-time at Oregon State.

"I just wanted to get back and help the team as much as I could," Moreland said. "We wanted to go for 40 minutes this game and have a little bit more voice out there. So I was trying to be a little bit more vocal out there."

While Oregon State did play well offensively, making 25 field goals on 18 assists, and shooting 47.2 percent

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Inside OSU Basketball ...

Robinson turns starters loose, they deliver

Several times during Tuesday's practice, an Oregon State coach would bark at a player in an orange jersey, informing the player that the orange team was getting its butt kicked by the white team.

The starting unit wears orange jerseys, the second unit wears white jerseys.

The biggest reason the Oregon State men's basketball team started Pac-12 play 0-5 was not because it lacked a bench.

It was because the Beavers' best players did not play to their capabilities, oftentimes getting outperformed by the guys who back them up.

Wednesday night, head coach Craig Robinson gave the "orange" team an opportunity to rewrite that script.

And boy, did they deliver.

Oregon State 74, Washington 66.

OSU led by 10 at halftime, and minutes were distributed in typical fashion over those first 20 minutes: eight players got on the court, each player receiving at least four minutes of rest.

That trend did not carry over to the second half.

Over the final 20 minutes, junior guard Roberto Nelson sat a total of 33 seconds. Sophomore forward Eric Moreland sat for 71 seconds. Senior forward Joe Burton and junior guard Ahmad Starks sat for two minutes and 49 seconds, each. Junior forward Devon Collier played 14 minutes.

I don't remember a time this year when the "orange" unit — Moreland actually wore white in practice this week, but he plays starter's minutes — was relied on that heavily in one half.

Why?

"Because they were playing well," said head coach Craig Robinson.

I think there's a bit more to it than that.

Whether he admits it or not, I think Robinson was sending his upperclassmen, his best players, a

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COMING SOON

Friday, Jan. 25

Women's Track @ UW Invitational, 1 p.m., Seattle, Wash.

Swimming vs. Washington State, 5 p.m., Corvallis, Ore.

Women's Basketball @ Washington, 6 p.m., Seattle, Wash.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Women's Track @ UW Invitational, 10 a.m., Seattle, Wash.

Swimming vs. Idaho, 1 p.m., Corvallis, Ore.

No. 10 Wrestling @ Lehigh, 11 a.m., Bethlehem, Pa.

Men's Basketball vs. Washington State, 2 p.m., Corvallis, Ore., Pac-12 Networks (TV)

No. 16 Gymnastics @ Metroplex Challenge, 5 p.m., Fort Worth, Texas

Sunday, Jan. 27

No. 10 Wrestling @ No. 8 Cornell, 11 a.m., Ithaca, N.Y.

Women's Basketball @ Washington State, 1 p.m., Pullman, Wash.

MEN'S HOOPS

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from the field, defense won this game for OSU. The Beavers held the Huskies to 29 first half points — their best first-half defensive effort since the holding UT-Pan American to 24 points in the first half on Dec. 31. That game, coincidentally, was the Beavers' previous win before Wednesday night.

"With our length and our size in the back and then the guards putting pressure, all that put together, that'll help us get more wins going forward," Starks said.

Starks bounced back nicely from a dismal Los Angeles trip, scoring 10 points to go along with four assists and no turnovers against the Huskies.

"The poor kid has just been up and down," Robinson said. "And whatever it is that gets him up I've got to figure out, and whatever it is that brings him back down I've got to get rid of,

because Ahmad is one of those players on our team that when he does well everybody feels good about our team."

The question that remains is whether or not the Beavers can continue to play like this in their 12 remaining regular season games.

When asked whether OSU is capable of Wednesday night's level of play all season long, Joe Burton picked up a piece of paper off the press room table, held it up for the media and flipped it over.

"This is a leaf, turned it over," Burton said.

The rest of the team wasn't as poetic, but they still believe there is nowhere to go but up now.

"This is what we're capable of. This whole team, this coaching staff, nobody thought we'd be 0-5 starting off," Nelson said. "This is just a little bit of how we can play."

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Q & A: JOE BURTON with



Burton

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Q: What's your favorite place to eat here in Corvallis?

A: The Bee's — Applebee's. I go to Applebee's and get some wings. Elmer's is a good place also. I take it back, Applebee's is not the top place I go, Elmer's is the place. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack.

Q: What's your favorite kind of sandwich?

A: I just get the biggest sandwich that I can find on the menu basically. At Flat Tail I get the Beaver Dam sandwich. It has a little grilled egg on it, it's pretty good. It's a two patty with the bun, the lettuce and all that good stuff.

Q: Favorite sports movie of all time?

A: It's either "Coach Carter," "Friday Night Lights," or "The Express." No, no, no — all time favorite: "Remember the Titans." Denzel Washington kills it.

Q: If the whole team played a game of H.O.R.S.E. who would win?

A: I would win because I've got the trick shots under my sleeve.

Q: What's your best trick shot?

A: I don't know, I just come up with them on the spot.

Q: What's been the highlight of your whole athletic career so far?

A: I'd have to say the N7 game, because freshman year we didn't have it, and then my sophomore year, and my junior year and my senior year we did it again, so just seeing N7 striving — that's the highlight of my athletic career here.

Q: One of your signature moves is called the "native tornado." When did you develop that move and how has it worked for you?

A: I developed that move probably 6th grade. I've just always liked to spin baseline, and it just affects them because they get caught in my tornado tunnel and they just bounce off me.

Q: I'd say you hit the deck more than any other big man in the nation, is that just a part of your style of play?

A: I've got bad knees and a bad ankle, and I try to keep myself up, but if I have room to fall I'm falling to the ground, because it takes more energy to keep my big body up. So if there's room to fall, I'm fallin' down to the ground. I don't fall gracefully sometimes, but it's way worse to hold myself up than just flat out fall.

Q: If you weren't playing basketball, what would you be doing?

A: Be at home on the reservation, probably on the couch, bigger than I am right now ... playing my PS3 and yellin' at my cousins. Basically that's what I'd be doing.

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WEISNER

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"She chose a program coming off of just two conference wins, and so that says a lot about her too," Rueck said. "That she loves a challenge."

She chose Oregon State not because the program was thriving and could place her in the spotlight of an established, dominating force. It was the overall atmosphere and the team's character that brought Weisner to Oregon State.

"I loved all the coaches and the players and just the community," Weisner said. "And I just loved everything about it. I just knew this was the place for me."

Weisner was the big catch for Rueck.

"That was exciting to go through the process to get her, and now actually see her wearing the Oregon state uniform," Rueck said.

Weisner is not only playing at the highest level of college basketball — Division I in a major conference — but she shows the competence of a veteran in her first year.

"We knew Jamie would have a significant role immediately on the court," said head coach Scott Rueck.

Weisner took the transition in stride, and has developed into one of the conference's top scor-

ing threats.

She is averaging a team-high 12.3 points per game overall, but has averaged 16.2 points per game in six Pac-12 games.

In the Pac-12 opener on Jan. 4 against Southern California, Weisner dropped 27 points.

She is also one of the most potent players in the conference from behind the arc, cracking the top 10 in 3-point shooting percentage (4th) and 3-pointers made (7th).

"We knew we were getting a special player in her," said Rueck. "We knew we were getting one of the best scorers, not only on the West Coast, but also in the country."

Jamie brings more to the court than the tangible numbers. It's the scrappiness and determination shown when she fights for rebounds and loose balls.

"She brings a dynamic that makes everyone want to be better," said fellow freshman Deven Hunter.

Weisner's style of play is contagious, too.

"She is always going and being crazy everywhere on the court, and that makes you want to play to that level too," Hunter said.

The OSU women's basketball team had a historic turnaround last year. After seasons of 11 and nine wins, the 2011-12 Beavers won 20 games. Weisner and the

four others in this year's freshman class are the future for a team that needs to prove last year was not a fluke.

She is the type of player who sparks others to action, and pushes teammates to challenge themselves in the way she does.

"She brings a lot of energy all the time," said backcourt-mate Ali Gibson. "She is always working hard and running hard. She makes a lot of the hustle plays."

Weisner's endless energy this season has not gone unrewarded. She has earned back-to-back Pac-12 Freshman of the Week honors.

"It is a big honor, but it doesn't stop here," Weisner said.

In her last two games — both wins against Oregon — Weisner averaged 18 points and 5.5 rebounds.

Her teammates have complete faith in her ability to play at such a high level, and expect her play to only get better.

"It is always awesome because, obviously, she is a great player and she could keep getting [Pac-12 Freshman of the Week] every week because she has the potential to do that," Gibson said.

Halfway through Pac-12 play, the Beavers stand at 3-3 in the conference, placing them in the middle of the pack.

There is still improvement to be sought from the team, but Weisner has proven she can play with the best of them in her first year.

As a true freshman, Weisner is showing herself to be a player Beaver Nation can turn to in hopes that the program is at a turning point. She has the skill and determination to take this emerging team to the next level.

"The fact that she is putting the points up that she is . . . that she is improving, it says that she is motivated and wants to be a part of turning our program around," Rueck said.

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message.

A, "We're 0-5, this is your season... now go save it," kind of message.

One win certainly doesn't save the season, but it could serve as a springboard toward bigger and better things for a team that was stuck in a rut some figured it wouldn't get out of.

If OSU is going to turn this thing around — and last night was a start — it's going to be because of Starks, Nelson, Moreland, Collier and Burton. The Beavers won't win on a night when at least three or four of those five guys aren't clicking on all cylinders.

Against Washington, Collier led OSU in scoring (16 points) and assists (5). Moreland registered his eighth double-double of the season (12 points, 10 rebounds) and blocked four shots. Burton added 13 points and six boards. Starks, who played a season-low 21 minutes in last Saturday's loss to USC, shot 50 percent from the field and didn't turn the ball over.

Nelson was a paltry 3-of-14 from the field, but played well otherwise.

All five of those guys finished in double-figures for the first time since Dec. 31 against Texas Pan-American.

That was also the most recent game the Beavers had won prior to last night.

Sophomore guard Challe Barton spelled both Starks and Nelson several times throughout last night's game, playing a total of seven minutes. Freshman forward Jarmal Reid played 16 minutes, a large chunk of which came in relief of Collier late in the game for defensive purposes. In the first half, freshman forward Olaf Schaftenaar knocked down two 3-pointers to give the Beavers a boost.

Freshman Langston Morris-Walker didn't

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Box score

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OSU	39	35	74
UW	29	37	66

OSU individual stats

Collier: 16 pts. (4-5 FG), 7 reb., 5 ast.
Nelson: 15 pts. (3-14 FG), 3 reb., 3 ast.
Burton: 13 pts. (6-10 FG), 6 reb., 3 ast.
Moreland: 12 pts. (5-7 FG), 10 reb., 4 blk.
Starks: 10 pts. (4-8 FG), 4 ast., 2 steals

play for the first time in 16 games, but he's a part of that second group, too.

That distribution of minutes is the recipe for success for this Oregon State team.

At this point in their careers, those second-tier guys can't, and shouldn't, be relied on for more than spelling the top guys when they need a breather.

Their other job is to push the starters in practice, which is exactly what they did this week.

"I think the scout team did a great job of getting our heads right," Nelson said. "I think some of the guys who didn't get in the game, like Langston, played one of the biggest parts of getting us ready for this week. Langston was out there killing it, Victor [Robbins], too."

For the Beavers, hopefully the trend of the white team taking it to the orange team in practice continues.

That way, come game time, the orange team will be ready to deliver.

And a bit motivated, because no competitor likes to be told they're getting outplayed by their back-up.

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Jamie Weisner scored 22 points in a Jan. 15 Civil War win for the OSU women's basketball team.

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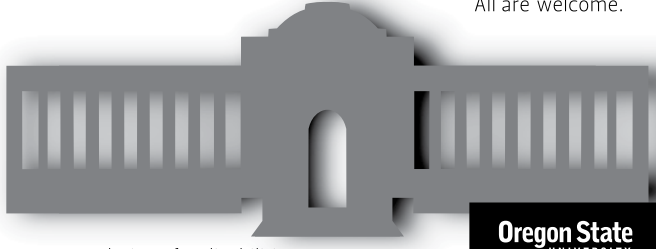
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Men's soccer notebook:

Welshman picked 16th, Mitchell drafted, OSU has 3 new recruits

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Emery Welshman was selected 16th overall by Toronto FC in the MLS Super Draft last Thursday.

Welshman was the fifth Beaver to be selected in the MLS Super Draft, joining the ranks of Danny Mwangi (1st in 2010), Robbie Findley (16th in 2007), Ryan Johnson (26th in 2006), and Alan Gordon (53rd in 2004).

Playing for Toronto not only means going home for Welshman, but also returning to the field with former Canadian Academy Sigma FC teammate Kyle Bekker.

The two players were first reunited at the MLS combine where they played on the same team. After scoring a goal and then assisting his former teammate in a goal at the combine Welshman's stock rose quickly.

"Then all of a sudden his stock goes through the roof and I am getting pelted," said head coach Steve Simmons, about teams calling about Welshman during the combine.

Prior to Welshman's success at the combine, he was scheduled to go to Spain for a trial the day after the draft.

However, after his successful showing he called off the trip when it looked like he could possibly go

in the first round of the draft.

Welshman was the first Pac-12 player to be picked in the draft, continuing the conference's tradition of producing next-level athletes.

"It's an exciting time for Emery and his family, exciting time for us here at the program," said Simmons. "When you are able to produce kids that are able to go onto the next level, that is free advertising."

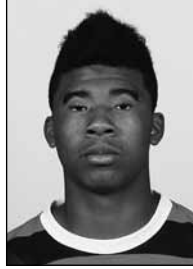
The Beavers have already been active this year in recruiting. They added three new players at the beginning of this academic term: Forward Matt Arbogast and Borce Atanasov, and midfielder Eric Johanson.

Simmons stayed local for the two forward recruits with Arbogast coming out of South Eugene High School early and Atanasov from Aloha High School.

"I think local is huge," said Simmons. "For men's soccer we are the state institution here. I am always a big believer to protect the backyard."

The San Jose Earthquakes also went to their backyard on Tuesday to select Oregon State senior midfielder Colin Mitchell in the MLS Supplemental Draft.

Mitchell will be playing for a spot on the team in a preseason training camp starting on Thursday.



Welshman



Mitchell

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Q & A:
with
SAMANTHA SIEGNER

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Q: When was the first time you picked up a basketball?

A: Probably when I was about four or five-ish, just as soon as I was coordinated enough to do so.

Q: How long was it before you fell in love with the game?

A: Not very long, it was quick. I fell in love quick.

Q: If you weren't playing basketball what sport would you play?

A: That's a good question. I played soccer in high school, and I kind of liked that. So maybe I'd play soccer, I don't know though.

Q: Were you any good at it?

A: I was decent. Not, like, the best. I played it through my sophomore year and then I quit to play basketball more, but it was something I kind of enjoyed.



Siegner

Q: What hobbies do you do in your spare time?

A: I don't know if I have a lot of spare time, but shopping mostly. Just relaxing whenever I can, I guess.

Q: What sort of music do you listen to?

A: Everything, but I'm kind of partial to the 80s and older rock.

Q: Favorite television show?

A: Probably "Grey's Anatomy."

Q: What do you think is the most overrated? (Siegner turns the question back on the writer)

A: Twilight, probably.

A: Oh yeah, Twilight, that's a good answer.

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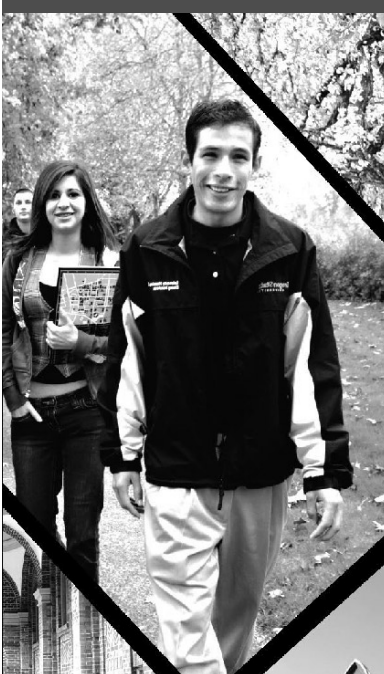
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and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities," according to the group's official webpage.

The competition takes place over a 10-week period in which colleges across the United States and Canada report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week to receive rankings in various categories. Last year, OSU ranked fifth overall in the electronics category.

During this same time, OSU competes in an annual Civil War recycling competition against the University of Oregon — OSU has won each year since its start in 2010.

There are multiple ways students can get involved with campus-wide RecycleMania competition efforts, and the first is simply to throw away less and recycle more.

"Use the RecycleMania competition as a time to revisit your own habits and do what you can to improve, so you can help OSU compete while creating new habits to continue year-round," said Campus Recycling Outreach Coordinator Andrea Norris. "What makes RecycleMania so great is that it helps educate and encourage individuals to take action, it helps OSU compete nationally, and it helps the environment. Our events are educational, fun and useful."

Student Outreach Assistant Lindsey Almarode is a senior in environmental science, and has been involved with OSU's sustainability program for all four

of her years here. This is her second year with the RecycleMania competition, and her first year working for Campus Recycling.

"In my opinion, the most important thing students can glean from RecycleMania as a whole is the importance of reducing the amount of waste they produce," Almarode said. "I hope that students will change their habits of consumption to minimize waste in their lives and encourage others to do the same."

For students and community members who wish to recycle throughout the year, there are numerous locations in the Corvallis area where this can be done. The First Alternative Co-op, which is located on SW Third St. in south town, accepts hard-to-recycle items, such as film plastics, hard plastics, corks, batteries, ice cream containers and Styrofoam. In addition, they have recycling bins outside for items that are recyclable at curbside.

Another great place to take recycling year-round is the Republic Services Recycling Depot, located on Northeast Walnut Boulevard. They accept many things that cannot be easily recycled on campus, such as electronics, ink cartridges, compact fluorescent bulbs, motor oil and cooking oil.

On campus, batteries can be recycled at any time at the Valley Library or any of the three dining centers.

The first campus-wide RecycleMania activity will be the January Repair Fair, a monthly effort to encourage students and community members to fix and reuse their broken belongings, instead of buying new ones. The January Repair

RECYCLEMANIA UPCOMING EVENTS

January Repair Fair:
Monday, Jan. 28, 6 to 8 p.m.,
Recycling Warehouse, 644 SW 13th St.

Res. Hall Eco-Challenge Month:
Feb. 1 - March 1, all residence Halls

OSU Recycle Fashion Show:
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., MU Ballroom

OSUsed Store Food Drive Discount Sale:
Wednesday, Feb. 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
OSUsed Store, 644 SW 13th St.

Career Wardrobe Makeover:
Thursday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
MU Ballroom

Fair will take place on Monday, Jan. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Recycling Warehouse, located at 644 SW 13th St.

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Strauss defines biotechnologies as "any technology-assisted modification of an organism."

Funding for the series comes from the American Society of Plant Biologists, Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences, and the College of Forestry. The series is part of OSU's Outreach in Biotechnology program, of which Strauss is the director.

"The program was created about 12 years ago when biotechnologies were rapidly growing in application as well as controversy," Strauss said. "The College of Agricultural Sciences and the OSU extension service decided that they needed to help the public and practitioners understand the science behind agricultural biotechnologies."

Today's speaker, Prabhu Pingali, spe-

cializes in agricultural economics, with a focus on developing nations, according to John Antle, professor of agriculture and resource economics, a former colleague of Pingali's.

Pingali's lecture will be about the need for another "green revolution."

"The series will be about how new and conventional biotechnologies including genetically modified organisms, fit into agriculture"

Steve Strauss
Professor of Forest Biotechnology

He will take a historical perspective of the first green revolution as well as the need for a second one, according to an Oregon State University press release.

"The green revolution was the development of higher-yielding crop varieties in the mid-20th century," Antle said. "One of the things Pingali will focus on will be sustainably increasing food supply."

Pingali has a Ph.D. in economics from North Carolina State University, according to a biography provided by OSU. He began his career at the World Bank, and has since has worked for the United Nations, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico, and the International Rice

Research Institute in the Philippines.

In addition to his main lecture at LaSells, Pingali will deliver a science lecture focused on the technical aspects of these policies at noon today, in Ballard Extension Hall room 200C.

Upcoming lectures in the series will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and Wednesday, March 13. Both will be at the LaSells Stewart Center at 7 p.m., and will be free and open to the public. The Feb. 13 lecture features Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes, director of the Center for Economics and Management of Agribiotechnology at the University of Missouri.

His lecture is titled "Global economic and environmental impacts of agricultural biotechnology," according to the press release.

On March 13, OSU will host Joy Mench of the University of California Davis. Mench is the director of the Center for Animal Welfare at UC Davis. Her lecture is titled "Technology and food marketing in the age of animal welfare."

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Pentagon to open combat jobs to women for first time in history

WASHINGTON (CNN) — The U.S. military is ending its policy of excluding women from combat and will open combat jobs and direct combat units to female troops, multiple officials told CNN on Wednesday.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta will make the announcement Thursday and notify Congress of the planned change in policy, the officials said.

“We will eliminate the policy of ‘no women in units that are tasked with direct combat,’” a senior defense official said.

The officials cautioned, however, that “not every position will open all at once on Thursday.” Once the policy is changed, the Department of Defense will enter what is being called an “assessment phase,” in which each branch of service will examine all its jobs and units not currently integrated and then produce a timetable for integrating them.

The Army and Marine Corps, especially, will be examining physical standards and

gender-neutral accommodations within combat units. Every 90 days, the service chiefs will have to report on their progress.

The move will be one of the last significant policy decisions made by Panetta, who is expected to leave in mid-February. It is not clear where former Sen. Chuck Hagel, the nominated replacement, stands, but officials say he has been apprised of Panetta’s coming announcement.

“It will take a while to work out the mechanics in some cases. We expect some jobs to open quickly, by the end of this year. Others, like special operations forces and infantry, may take longer,” a senior defense official explained. Panetta is setting the goal of January 2016 for all assessments to be complete and women to be integrated as much as possible.

The Pentagon has left itself some wiggle room, however, which may ultimately lead to some jobs being designated as closed to women. A senior defense official said if, after

the assessment, a branch finds that “a specific job or unit should not be open, they can go back to the secretary and ask for an exemption to the policy, to designate the job or unit as closed.”

The official said the goal remains to open as many jobs as possible. “We should open all specialties to the maximum extent possible to women. We know they can do it.”

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican who spent six years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War, said he supports lifting the ban on women serving in combat, pointing out women are already serving in harm’s way. But he said the move should not fundamentally change the military.

“As this new rule is implemented, it is critical that we maintain the same high standards that have made the American military the most feared and admired fighting force in the world — particularly the rigorous physical standards for our elite special

forces units,” McCain said in a statement.

Thousands of women in the military have already found themselves in combat situations, said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington. Recent wars such as Iraq and Afghanistan have lacked a real front line, and women serving there have come under fire and had to fight back alongside male counterparts, she said.

Murray, who leads the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee and is a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, called Panetta’s decision a “historic step for equality” that recognizes the role women play in the military.

The Pentagon must notify Congress of each job or unit as it is sent up to the secretary to be opened to women. Then the Defense Department must wait 30 days while Congress is in session before implementing the change.

It is a marked difference from the way the military ended the exclusion of gays

serving openly, or the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. In that case, there were no stipulations attached to openly gay service members. There was no staggered approach that integrated openly gay troops into units. It was instead done all at once, across the board.

A senior defense official explained the Pentagon’s reasoning behind the different approach: “You’re talking about personal choice of behavior versus physical capability. And they were already in the units. If you take a unit that’s never had women before, that’s quite a culture change.”

Another senior defense official said the goal is “to provide a level, gender-neutral playing field.”

The American Civil Liberties Union recently filed a federal lawsuit against the Department of Defense, charging that combat exclusion is unfair and outdated, harms America’s safety and prevents women from receiving training and recognition

for their work. The plaintiffs, who include women awarded Purple Hearts, say the exclusion places them at a disadvantage for promotion.

The ACLU said it is thrilled about Panetta’s planned announcement.

“But we welcome this statement with cautious optimism, as we hope that it will be implemented fairly and quickly so that servicewomen can receive the same recognition for their service as their male counterparts,” Ariela Migdal, senior staff attorney with the ACLU Women’s Rights Project, said in the statement.

Earlier this month, the Army opened the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment to women, and it has begun recruiting female pilots and crew chiefs. The Navy has put its first female officers on submarines in the past year, and certain female ground troops have been attached to combat units in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 800 women were wounded in those wars, and at least 130 have died.

Clinton takes on Benghazi critics, warns of more security threats

WASHINGTON (CNN) — At times angry and choked with emotion, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday took on Republican critics of her department’s handling of the September terrorist attack in Libya that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, but repeatedly distanced herself from a direct role in specific situations.

“As I have said many times since September 11, I take responsibility,” Clinton told two long-anticipated congressional hearings examining the attack that became a major issue in the November presidential election.

Conservative Republicans challenged Clinton on the lack of security at the diplomatic compound in Benghazi, where Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others were killed, as well as the erroneous account provided four days later by U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice that

the attack grew spontaneously from a protest over an anti-Islam film produced in the United States.

Sen. Ron Johnson, a tea party backed Wisconsin Republican serving his first term, persistently questioned Clinton on Wednesday morning about what he described as Rice “purposely misleading” the American people.

“We were misled that there were supposedly protests and something sprang out of that, an assault sprang out of that and that was easily ascertained that that was not the fact,” Johnson said, adding that “the American people could have known that within days.”

Shouting and gesturing with her arms in frustration, Clinton shot back: “With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest or was it because of guys out for a walk one night decided they’d go kill some Americans?”



Pop star Beyoncé sings at 57th Presidential Inauguration.

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Inaugural official says Beyoncé ‘did not sing live’

(CNN) — An inaugural official who asked not to be identified told CNN Wednesday that pop star Beyoncé lip-synced her performance on Inauguration Day.

“She did not sing live,” the official told CNN. A pre-recording of the artist’s rendition of the National Anthem was played instead. What was heard by spectators and viewers was the sound of that recording, according to the official.

The official said Beyoncé made the decision herself the night before Inauguration Day.

Beyoncé arrived so late Sunday night she did not have time to rehearse with the U.S. Marine Band, which was asked to accompany the pop star’s performance, according to the inauguration official.

“Because she didn’t have time to rehearse with the Marine Band, she decided to use her recording with the Marine Band,” the official added. “It was all Beyoncé.”

The official was somewhat puzzled by Beyoncé’s decision, noting when she made the pre-recording, “she was spot on.”

She recorded her part separately from the band and her rendition was married with the band’s music, the official said.

The taped performance should take nothing away from her skills as a live artist, the official said. “She’s actually a very good live singer,” the official added.

CNN has still not received comment from Beyoncé.

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